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From the President's Desk:

President's message:

Happy New Year to all members and friends; indeed, what a historic day. Everything that the Civil War came to stand for has culminated in the election of Barak Obama to the Presidency. It could not have happened at a worse time, however. He and the country faces its worst financial crisis in a century. We will all have to pray for a smiling Providence and hope for better days. We have seen our country come through a worse crisis as we have studied the Civil War, so we know that all things are possible.

Our January meeting begins with an evening of sharing. Reflections on the past are welcome. The full year's schedule should be included in this newsletter. Congratulations on David Davenport for his work on the 2008 Conference in November and our 2009 schedule. Also, on the back side see the line-up of great speakers for the 25th Annual West Coast Conference put together by Evan Jones.

Brian Clague, MD

P. S. Contact Bryce Kuykendall if you are planning to attend our January meeting on Thursday, the 29th so the caterers at the Ramada Inn at 41 and Shaw Avenue have a better idea of how many meals to prepare. His number is 787-3632 or you can RSVP by dropping him an e-mail at bryce.kuykendall@gmail.com.

**Check out our website at
sjvcwrt.com**

Webmaster Walt Schulze has made some great changes while designing a new site. He can be contacted at wschulze1@sbcglobal.net. Check it out as well as some of its links.

**San Joaquin Valley Civil
War Round Table Website at
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The 2009 Liberty University Civil War Seminar

The Reel Civil War: The Civil War in the Cinema

March 27-28, 2009, Liberty University will present its 13th annual Civil War Seminar. This year's program is entitled 'The Reel Civil War: The Civil War in the Cinema.'

Featured speakers include the following nationally renowned authors whose books are familiar to all Civil War enthusiasts:

- Bruce Chadwick--The Reel Civil War: Myth Making in American Film A Dramatic Homage to Gone with the Wind
- Ken Elston-- Raising the Ghost: Composing Engaging Theatre from the Story of John S. Mosby
- Mel Reid--Glory, Twenty Years after the Fact
- Katharine Lane Antolini-- Scarlett O'Hara as the Confederate Woman
- Paul Ashdown-- From Cold Mountain to the Carpathians: Filming a Civil War Odyssey in Transylvania
- Dr. Brenda Ayres--Reconciliation in Civil War Movies: The Colt, Shenandoah, Mosby's Marauders, Little Colonel, Little Rebel, Johnny Shiloh
- Kevin Hershberger of Lions Gate Films--Filming The Civil War Documentary
- Kenny Rowlette--Civil War Films of the Centennial Celebration (1961-1965)
- Dr. Brian Wills-- Screening History: Hollywood's Depiction of the American Civil War

In addition to the speakers' presentations, there will be numerous exhibits of Civil War artifacts and memorabilia for the public, vendors of Civil War items, and a special exhibit of Civil War movie posters. The Seminar will conclude with a special period church service on Sunday, March 29, led by the Reverend Alan Farley of Reenactor's Mission for Jesus Christ.

The event will be held at the Kirkley Hotel on Friday, March 27, 2009, and the Saturday, March 28, 2009, session will be held in DeMoss Hall on the campus of Liberty University, located in Lynchburg, Virginia. Everyone is encouraged to secure reservations for this seminar by Wednesday, March 25. Admission to the seminar is \$65 (which includes all of the seminar sessions, the Friday night banquet, and Saturday's luncheon). Admission for Friday only is \$35; admission for Saturday only is \$40. Special lodging rates at the Kirkley Hotel of Lynchburg are available for those who will be attending the seminar. For pricing and location of lodging, call 434- 237-6333.

You may also access more info at <http://www.liberty.edu/index.cfm?PID=8516>.

Dear Friends,

I am writing to let you know that "The Teaching Company" has a new course about Abraham Lincoln by Allen Guelzo of Gettysburg College. I have purchased it and will be willing to loan it to anyone who wants to learn more about our 16th president. There are 12 lectures, each 30 minutes in duration.

If it arrives before the 29th I will bring it with me to our first meeting of 2009.

David Davenport



I notified Wayne Scott that one of the activities for our January 29 meeting is a party in honor of Mr. Lincoln's 200th Birthday. He responded with a formal letter accepting my invitation to attend. I've attached it in the hope that you might be able to include it complete with the White House letter head in the Jan issue of Bugle Calls, given that it is worded as per Lincoln's "downhome" wit.

I would like the announcement of the meeting to indicate that anyone who attends who would like to provide a toast to Mr. Lincoln or to relate their favorite Lincoln story should feel free to prepare to do so.

Program Chair and Vice President David Davenport

*Executive Mansion
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington City, D.C.*

January 6, 1864

*Dr. David Davenport
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Fresno, California*

Dear Sir,

I am now in receipt of your's instant regarding my upcoming birthday. Why you folks wish to celebrate the birth of a sucker such as me is beyond sensible reckining but if you're set in your minds to it, I will be most happy to attend this bit of Tom Foolery.

Your Humble Servant,

A Lincoln

Lincoln and the West

In celebration of the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birthday, the Bill Lane Center for the West at Stanford is hosting a two-day public discussion of Lincoln's legacy in the American West. Join a select group of the nation's most respected scholars of the Civil War and the American West for lectures and panel conversations about the legacy of the Lincoln administration and the effects of the Civil War and its aftermath on race, nationalism, economic development, and culture in the West.

Thursday, February 5 - 7:30 pm
James M. McPherson
Keynote Address, "Lincoln, Slavery, and the West"
Kresge Auditorium
FREE; no registration required
Open to the public

David Davenport will try and arrange a carpool for those interested in attending.

JAMES M. MCPHERSON

George Henry Davis 1986
Professor Emeritus of United States History, Princeton

James M. McPherson taught at Princeton for forty-two years until his retirement in 2004. He is the author of numerous books on the era of the American Civil War, including **Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era**, which won the Pulitzer Prize in History in 1989, and **For Cause and Comrades: Why Men Fought in the Civil War**, which won the Lincoln Prize in 1998. He has served as president of the Society of American Historians and the American Historical Association.

Schedule for 2009

Thursday, January 29. Show and Share including Jason Cheng on Cavalry tactics, Mike Gatley on favorite Union Generals, and a birthday cake in honor of President Lincoln's 200th.

Thursday, February 26. Evan Jones: "A Malignant Vindictiveness" the 16 year rivalry between Ulysses S. Grant and William S. Rosecrans."

Friday, March 6 to Sunday March 8. Reenactment at Visalia's Mooney's Grove.

Thursday, March 26. Drew Gilpin Faust, President Harvard University. "The Republic of Suffering". C-SPAN Book TV episode.

Thursday, April 30. Chris Waldrep, San Francisco State University. "The Vicksburg National Military Park".

Thursday, May 28. Shaun Ardemagni will host "The Boheman Brigade: Civil War Correspondents", a C-SPAN Book TV episode.

Saturday, July 4: Annual Fourth of July party, at Shaver Lake.

Thursday, September 10. Fred Bohmfalk. "Baseball in the Civil War"

Thursday, October 8. Ginny and Tim Karlberg. "The Cal 100, in fact and legend".

Friday, October 16 to Sunday, October 18. The Civil War Revisited: Fresno's Kearney Park

Friday October 23 to Sunday, October 25. 25th Annual Civil War Conference. "the Campaigns for Chattanooga". Clovis Veterans Memorial Building.

Thursday, November 12 Mary Townsend. My great-great-grandfather Major General Peter Osterhaus.

Thursday, December 10. Christmas Party.

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The 2009 25th Annual West Coast Civil War Round Table Conference SJVCWRT Will Again Serve as Hosts

Evan Jones has lined up noted speakers, Park Rangers, historians and authors to come to Fresno-Clovis on October 23-25, 2009 at the Clovis Veterans Memorial Building to examine 'The Campaign for Chattanooga'. His conference line-up of speakers-historians include:

Steven Woodworth - [Keynote Speaker] Professor, Texas Christian University

Evan Jones - Former Park Ranger, Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park

James Ogden - Chief Historian, Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park

Glenn Robertson - Director, Combat Studies Institute, Ft. Leavenworth

James Stanbery - Professor, Los Angeles Harbor College

Wiley Sword - Author/Historian

Lee White - Park Ranger, Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park

Chris Young - Former Park Ranger, Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park

Save the date and plan now to attend the
25th West Coast Conference in 2009.