

"The Late Unpleasantness" October 2008



South Bay Civil War Round Table

San Jose, California

October 30th Meeting
Speaker: Fred Bohmfalk
**on "Baseball during the Civil
War"**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from the Far East. I hope this finds each of you doing well. I'm writing this message from Hong Kong, as it was my first opportunity to gain access to the Internet - and I wanted to get this message to our Newsletter Editor, Bob Krauth, before the deadline.

I regret I was unable to attend our September meeting. My thanks to Larry Comstock for conducting the meeting in my absence. I sincerely hope that many of you were in attendance to hear Tom Roza's presentation on "John Buford at Gettysburg". My appreciation to Tom for his thorough research, planning and preparation for his presentation related to Buford's vital role and contribution to the Union victory at Gettysburg. An outstanding job, Tom.

Our October meeting will feature Fred Bohmfalk's presentation on "Baseball during the Civil War".

In addition to focusing on the state and role of baseball during the civil war, Fred will trace baseball into the modern era with an array of facts and figures related to baseball teams and personalities. This should be a real treat for both "Civil War buffs" and avid fans of baseball. This is a presentation I am sure you will not want to miss.

In the meantime I encourage each of you to take note of and make plans to attend the West Coast Civil War Round Table conference in Clovis, CA on November 7-9. Information related to registration, location, etc. is included in this newsletter.

I will look forward, not only to my return from this trip, but to seeing each of you at our October 28th meeting.

Gary Moore, President

September Quiz Answers by Gary Moore

The Civil War in Books, Movies, and Television

The Red Badge of Courage

1. Who Wrote "The Red Badge of Courage"?
Stephen Crane
2. What was the name of the young boy who was the central character of the book? **Henry Fleming**
3. Who played the role of the young boy in the 1951 film? **Audie Murphy**
4. Who played the role in the 1996 remake of the movie? **Richard Thomas (of "The Waltons" fame)**
5. What Civil War battle was the setting for "The Red Badge of Courage"? **Battle of Chancellorsville**

Gettysburg

6. The 1993 movie, "Gettysburg" was a film adaptation of what book? Who was the author of the book? **The Killer Angels; Michael Shaara**
7. Who played the role of Gen. Robert E. Lee in the movie? **Martin Sheen**
8. Who starred as Joshua Chamberlain? **Jeff Daniels**
9. Who played the role of Gen. John Buford? **Sam Elliott**
10. Who starred as Gen. James Longstreet? **Tom Berenger**

Gone With the Wind

11. Who wrote "Gone with the Wind"?
Margaret Mitchell
12. What was the name of the O'Hara plantation? **Tara**
13. Everyone knows that Clark Gable played Rhett Butler and Vivien Leigh played Scarlett O'Hara. Who played Ashley Wilkes and Melanie Hamilton? **Olivia De Havilland and Leslie Howard**
14. This film, "Gone with the Wind" is notable because the first black person to win an Oscar was in it. Who was this person? **Hattie McDaniel**
15. At what battle did Rhett Butler distinguish himself, even though this was not a scene in the film? **Battle of Franklin**

Movies, Television related to Lincoln

16. Who played the title role in "Abe Lincoln in Illinois"? **Raymond Massey**
17. What famed actor played Abraham Lincoln in the TV miniseries "The Blue and the Gray"? **Gregory Peck**
18. Who played Lincoln in the TV special "Sandburg's Lincoln"? **Hal Holbrook**
19. Who played the title role in "Young Mister Lincoln"? **Henry Fonda**
20. Who played John Wilkes Booth in the 1977 movie entitled "The Lincoln Conspiracy"? **Bradford Dillman**

October Quiz by Bob Krauth "A horse is a horse, of course..."

Match the horse's name with the description on the right.

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| <i>Fire-eater</i> | Ridden by this famous Confederate spy, Belle Boyd |
| <i>Almond Eye</i> | Killed at Perryville while being ridden by General Cleburne |
| <i>Old Whitey</i> | Much cherished steed of Lt. Gen. Richard S. Ewell |

Nellie Gray

Robert E. Lee's famous mount

Virginia

Mount of Stonewall Jackson

Billy

Thoroughbred ridden by Gen. Albert S. Johnston when he was killed at Shiloh

Dixie

Mare credited with having prevented the capture of Jeb Stuart by jumping an enormous ditch

Baldy

Steed ridden by Benjamin "The Beast" Butler

Rifle

U. S. Grant's favorite horse

King Philip

Hooker's mount acquired at Chattanooga and named after battle

Old Sorrel

White horse used in battle by Kearny against the advice of his colleagues

Fleeter

A favorite mount of George McClellan

Moscow

Wounded at First Bull Run and Antietam, this horse later took Meade to Gettysburg

Traveler

Revered mount of Philip Sheridan

Cincinnati

A favorite of William Sherman, who also rode Dolly and Sam

Slasher

Bay war horse of Maj. Gen. George Thomas

Lookout

Usual mount of "Mother" Bickerdyke, famous nurse

Kentuck

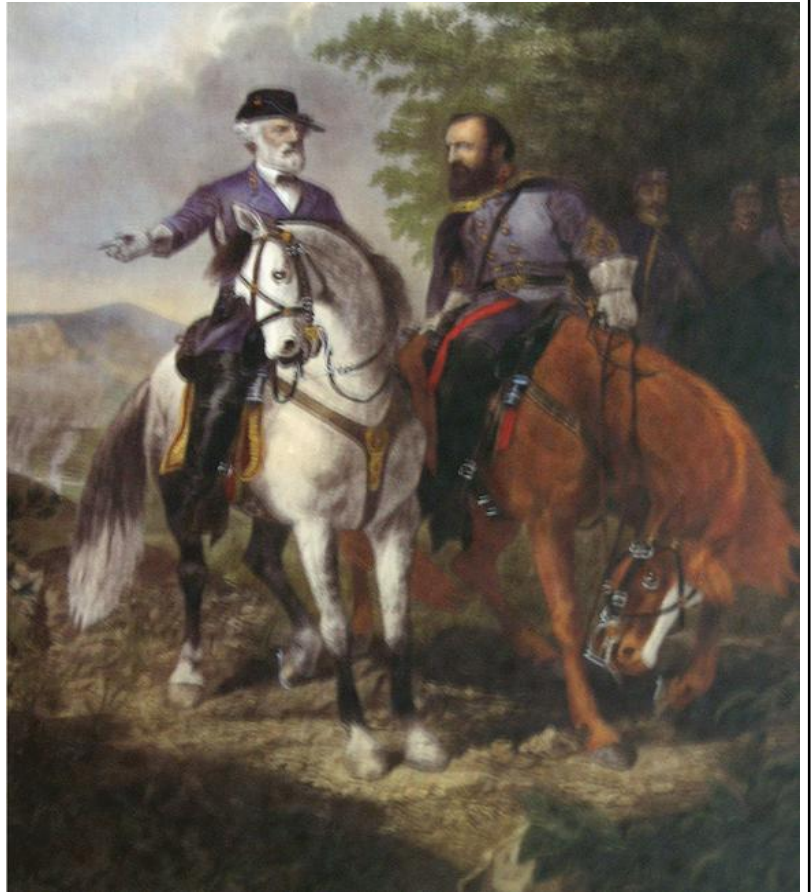
A favorite horse of Nathan Bedford Forrest

Winchester (or Rienzi)

Maj. Gen. John A. Logan mount depicted by an artist as dashing along a line of battle with all four feet off the ground

Lexington

Maj. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee's mare among the dead at Opequon



24th Annual West Coast Civil War Round Table Conference
November 7-9, 2008 Clovis, California (adjacent to and northeast of Fresno)
"Civil War in the Shenandoah Valley"

Featuring:

Robert K. Krick, Jeffry Wert, Jim Stanbery, Peter Cozzens, Evan Jones, Don and Bill Bennett, David Paul Davenport, and Emily and Olivia Moats, in a one act play based on the Civil War diaries of Laura Lee, Secessionist, and Julia Chase, a Unionist, residents of Winchester, Virginia.

The Brass Band of the Central California Chapter of the Association of the United States Army will regale registrants with music of the period on Friday the 7th before dinner.

A special showing of Shenandoah with Jimmy Stewart will be presented in the barely a year old theater/auditorium of the Veterans Memorial Building on Friday the 7th at 9 pm.

An optional tour on Saturday the 8th from 9 am to noon features a tour of the Fresno home of Dr. Meux (portrayed by Charles Baley), an assistant surgeon in the 9th Tennessee Vol. Inf. (C.S.A.) who moved to Fresno after losing his slaves and other valuables as a result of the war, and a tour to the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial and internments of Union Veterans of the War at Fresno's Mountain View Cemetery, led by G.A.R. historian Fred Bohmfalk of Elk Grove.

Bloody Shenandoah, narrated by Burgess Meredith, will be shown at approximately 9 p.m. following the Keynote Address after dinner on Saturday the 8th. Hundreds of books will be for sale, information about a tour of the Shenandoah Valley in 2009 will be available, and civil war artifacts and weaponry will be displayed.

Comfort Suites (143 Clovis Ave, 559-299-9992) and Best Western Clovis Cole (415 Clovis Ave, 559-299-1547) hotels in Old Town Clovis have reserved blocks of rooms for us at only \$109.00 for a double room. Ask for the Civil War Conference Rate. The meeting will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Building at Hughes and 6th less than two blocks from the two hotels. The registration fee of \$175.00 includes six meals (Dinner on Friday the 7th, breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday the 8th, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday the 9th).

Please fill in the information below to register for the conference. Registrants should make hotel reservations by directly contacting the conference hotels.

Name _____

Street Address _____

City & Zip _____

E-mail _____

Attending Friday only, \$50.00

Attending Saturday only, \$100.00

Attending Sunday only, \$50.00

**Those who wish to go on the tour of the home of Dr. Meux
add an additional \$10.00 to the registration fee.**

Make checks for \$175.00 to SNCWRT P.O. Box 5695 Fresno, CA 93755

FUTURE PROGRAMS - LOOKING AHEAD

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
November	Jean Libby	"John Brown - A History and Photo Chronology"
January	Charles Sweeny	"Aspects of Slavery in the Civil War"

Preservation Report Good News; Bad News

Bad news first...the first article is an editorial regarding development at Cedar Creek, and the second reports news of a grant for Shiloh. (Both articles have been edited for space.)

OPINION

"Why Belle Grove Plantation and Cedar Creek Battlefield Matter" by Richard Moe and Anne Buettner
Winchester Star 09/04/2008 <http://www.winchesterstar.com/>

Virginia's historic Belle Grove Plantation and Cedar Creek Battlefield are under threat from an international corporation's rush to expand mining operations in the middle of some of the nation's most hallowed ground.

The plantation is a National Historic Landmark and... an essential element of a National Heritage Area and a National Historical Park. As for Cedar Creek, the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program considers it "one of the most important Civil War battlefields in Virginia and in the nation."...These places (Belle Grove and Cedar Creek) are tangible links with the history of the Shenandoah Valley – from its early settlement and agricultural development to its pivotal role in the brother-against-brother bloodshed of the Civil War. In short, these places matter.

But now Carmeuse Lime & Stone, a Belgium-based mining conglomerate, wants to triple the size of its industrial operation at the Middletown Quarry, immediately adjacent to Belle Grove and the National Park. On May 28, Frederick County approved the quarry expansion plan...The quarry is located outside the National Park boundaries, but the American Battlefield Protection Program has confirmed that it actually occupies part of the 6,200-acre core battlefield where men in blue and gray fought and died in the autumn of 1864...

Carmeuse's quarry expansion is vigorously opposed by a broad coalition of public agencies and private organizations – including not only the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Belle Grove, Inc., but also APVA – Preservation Virginia, the National Park Service, the National Parks Conservation Association, Preserve Frederick, the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation, the Shenandoah Valley Network, and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources...

The radical quarry expansion is opposed also by 20 homeowners who have sued Frederick County to protect their private property. On Friday, Aug. 29, the National Trust for Historic Preservation filed a motion with the Circuit Court of Frederick County asking to join the homeowners' lawsuit...

We do not seek to shut the quarry down. However, in order for us to support any expansion of the quarry's operations, careful impact analysis must be completed and the necessary protections put in place. We will not cede our commitment to preserve Belle Grove Plantation and the Cedar Creek Battlefield for posterity.

Authors: *Richard Moe is president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation; Anne Buettner is president of Belle Grove Inc.*

"Shiloh Park Awarded \$1M Grant" *The Jackson Sun (MS)* 09/23/2008

<http://www.jacksonsun.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2008809230314>

Gov. Phil Bredesen joined state and local leaders at the Shiloh National Park Monday to award a transportation

enhancement grant totaling \$1 million for Phase 1 of the preservation and interpretation of the Battle of Shiloh in

Hardin and McNairy counties, according to a press release.

The grant funds will be used to acquire additional areas of the battlefield at both Shiloh and Fallen Timbers, properties considered to be in the core and study area of the battlefield...

"The Battle of Shiloh site is not just an important piece of Tennessee history, it is one of the most significant battlefields in the nation," Bredesen said... "It is imperative that we preserve these areas and I'm pleased the state can contribute to those efforts."

State Rep. Randy Rinks, D-Savannah, stated, "This battlefield draws visitors from around the nation and has a positive impact on the economies of both Hardin and McNairy counties. This is an important investment in preserving our nation's history for future generations."

"The preservation of this battlefield will ensure that future visitors will learn about this pivotal point in the Civil War and how this battle had a direct impact on the course of American history," said state Sen. John Wilder, D-Mason...

"This grant will allow us to acquire and interpret some of the most endangered Civil War battlefield property in Tennessee," said Fred Prouty, director of programs for the Tennessee Wars Commission. "We're thrilled to be able to partner as co-applicants with the Civil Wars Preservation Trust and utilize this grant to protect these significant sites for future generations."

The grant is made possible through a federally funded program administered by the Tennessee Department of Transportation.

The federal grant program was established by Congress in the early 1990's to fund activities designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic and environmental aspects of the nation's transportation system.

(These articles were part of email received from "Jim Campi" jcampi@civilwar.org - Editor)



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