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**Dues are requested for Calendar '95**

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WED, 12/21/94  
6:30 PM  
REUBEN H. FLEET  
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## December Meeting

On December 21, 1994, the SDCWRT will hold its 107th meeting at the Reuben H. Fleet Space Theatre Lecture Hall at 7:00 p.m. This meeting is our annual *show and tell* meeting.

We have had many interesting things shared with us in the past, ranging from rifles, swords to buttons to musical performances. Each person will have five minutes to share their Civil War moments through sight sound and touch - don't miss this fun, fast paced night.



## November Meeting

A big thank-you goes out to the wonderful panel members who made the preservation presentation at the November meeting! In case you missed it, panel members were: Mark Henry, Dave Tooley, Cathy Ancinec, Keith Pick, Mark Miller, and Phil Arnold. After all the votes were counted, the three winning sites were: **Brice's Crossroads**, **Pea Ridge**, and **Sabine Crossroads**. We'll be helping them out, by means of our preservation efforts this year. (Don't forget to add some money for preservation when you send in your annual membership dues!)

Quite a few members indicated an interest in the Mt. Hope Cemetery project. For those of you who can help out, we'll meet at the cemetery at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, **January 21st**. While some of us will be trimming the grass away from the stones, some will be cleaning the stones, and others will be walking in designated areas to write down information about Civil War veterans who are buried there and the location of the tombstones. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the December meeting, so that I'll know who will be coming on the 21st.



**Carla Schwartz**  
Preservation Chairperson

**Mr. President - Can I have an Interview?**

*(Editor's note: Brought to you my proper demand from last month's meeting- Mercury News Reporter at Large, ala Carla Schwartz, interviewing President Abraham Lincoln, ala Bill Peck)*

**At Large:** Well, this is a real thrill, Mr. Lincoln. Can I call you Abe?

**Lincoln:** Who are you?

**At Large:** I'm Carla Schwartz, the highly esteemed at large writer for the Mercury News.

**Lincoln:** Call me Mr. President.

**At Large:** Sure. You can me Carla.

**Lincoln:** Carla? Is that a 20th century name? There has certainly been a disintegration in the distinction of christian names since my time.

**At Large:** Yeah, like your name. I prefer Abraham. I had a grandpa Abraham. He had a beard too. Lots of distinction there.

**Lincoln:** Thank you. To what do I owe this interview? I have not been politically active in some time.

**At Large:** Yes, and we are the worse for it, sir. I blame it on television. That's just one of the changes since your time. It's been kind of downhill. With your 185th birthday, I figured you might have something important to say.

**Lincoln:** I haven't had anything to say in four score and 49 years. Although that 'four score' speech was certainly impressive, don't you think? Wrote it myself on a paper bag. Do you know the one I mean, young lady?

**At Large:** Oh, I sure do. We still recite that one. The Civil War is talked about all the time. Lots of movies. You should have seen 'Gettysburg' with Martin Sheen, great flick.

**Lincoln:** I don't remember a Martin Sheen.

**At Large:** He was Robert E. Lee.

**Lincoln:** Really? The old imposter!

**At Large:** Sheen is a modern actor.

**Lincoln:** I do not care for actors.

**At Large:** I know. What I wanted to talk about was our civil rights movement, the way it is now in 1994. Of course, civil rights owes a lot to you, Mr. President. Well, in truth, it owes everything to you.

**Lincoln:** What is a civil rights movement?

**At Large:** It's an effort to ensure the rights of the Black community. To create equality.

**Lincoln:** I thought I did that.

**At Large:** Well, you certainly got it started, sir. But there have been hitches.

**Lincoln:** You mean, slavery has returned?

**At Large:** Oh, no, not at all. Nothing like that. It's just that making a man free doesn't necessarily make him--well, you know--free. I mean Martin Luther King Jr. said, "free at last, free at last" and he was talking about his dream, his unfulfilled dream.

**Lincoln:** Ah, the blacks have an important spokesman.

**At Large:** Unfortunately, he was shot and killed. We still have that sort of thing, just as in your time.

**Lincoln:** When a great voice is stilled, it does not still his cause. There are other voices to carry on.

**At Large:** Yes sir. That's the truth. Though the other voices only get heard once in a while. And sometimes there are opposite voices. It gets very noisy. At least, that's the way it's been around here in the last few decades.

**Lincoln:** It was always thus. Douglas was noisy. I was heard.

**At Large:** Beautifully put, Mr President. Unfortunately, we've had a lot of killing. Guns going off all the time. We lost President Garfield and President McKinley and President Kennedy.

**Lincoln:** And what were the reasons?

**At Large:** Well, that's a strange thing. We're not always sure of the reasons. We're still debating who killed Kennedy and why. You would have liked him, Mr. President. He too, asked the nation for sacrifice. But he was assassinated. I'm really sorry to tell you all this.

**Lincoln:** I was always worried about America. We are an admirable, but violent people, I fear.

**At Large:** Yes.

**Lincoln:** Tell me, young lady, was this martin Luther King fellow at all like me?

**At Large:** Oh, yes. He was a great orator. Like you. And he was a magnificent leader. You know, we celebrate his birthday now, just as we do yours.

**Lincoln:** Indeed. You celebrate a Black man's birthday? That does seem to indicate that the emancipation procla-

mation had its effect.

**At Large:** Oh, you ought to see our times. We have famous Black writers and athletes. We have Blacks-many prefer to be called African-Americans - in congress. And we've had two African-Americans on the Supreme Court.

**Lincoln:** Indeed. So our brave soldiers did not die in vain.

**At Large:** Well, we do have a ways to go. Blacks on the whole still have an awful struggle. Some don't live much better than in your time. There's a lot of hate in our land still. A lot of racism still.

**Lincoln:** Still? But what of the government of the people, by the people and for the people. Surely that has not perished?

**At Large:** Oh no. But, well, you know people. We're working on it.

**Lincoln:** Young lady, it is a long time since 1865. You should have perfected it by now.

**At Large:** Well, I think the problem is the Republicans.

**Lincoln:** Young Lady, I was a Republican!

**At Large:** I'm sorry, no offense. Maybe politics has changed.

**Lincoln:** Nonsense. Politics never changes. You must be resolute. It is for you, the living, to be dedicated to the great task remaining. Remember our new nation was conceived in liberty, dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

**At Large:** All *persons*, sir.

**Lincoln:** You must see to it that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom!

**At Large:** That's beautiful, Mr President. That's the quote I was looking for. I'm so glad you gave me this interview. It'll blow my editor's mind.

**Lincoln:** Pardon me?

**At Large:** She'll be impressed. She thinks I do it a lot.

**Lincoln:** It's my pleasure, young lady. Journalists have their place. By the way, who is it that reads your writings? Will the world know of this? It is my first interview in some time.

**At Large:** Oh, indeed. I am renowned. Well, sort of. Sometimes. Well, my friend reads me.

**Lincoln:** Alas, I feel the world will little note nor long remember what we say here, ..uh, Carla.

**At Large:** Yes, Mr. President. That's how it's been. But thanks anyway, and happy birthday come next February.

**This was an article by Murray Frymer in the San Jose Mercury news, Thursday, February 10, 1994.**

*(Editor's Note: Thanks to Carla Schwarz and Bill Peck for being the thesbians in this innovative and inciteful interview).*

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**10th Annual West Coast Civil War Conference**  
**Tenaya Lodge, Yosemite National Park**  
**November 4-6, 1994**  
**Sponsored by San Joaquin CWRT**

Photos by Jordan Detzer and David Taylor

Friday's activities consisted of registration, a social hour to get reacquainted with old friends, a well served dinner and a panel discussion moderated by Ted Savas from the San Jose CWRT. However, the really heavy discussions took place afterward in the Tenaya Lodge Bar where Kevin O'Brien (President of the Phoenix CWRT), Rich Marcell with uncle in tow, and myself [Harry Thaete] plus many others tried to figure out why Robert Krick (conference speaker and noted authority on



the Army of Northern Virginia) had not read the historical novel, Killer Angels, or viewed the popular movie *Gettysburg* which was, after all, the subject of our three day conference. We never did answer that one. But as luck would have it, I had the chance the following evening to present Mr. Krick with the audio book tapes from the Killer Angels which I had just won during the dinner raffle. I guess some messages were just meant to be hand delivered!

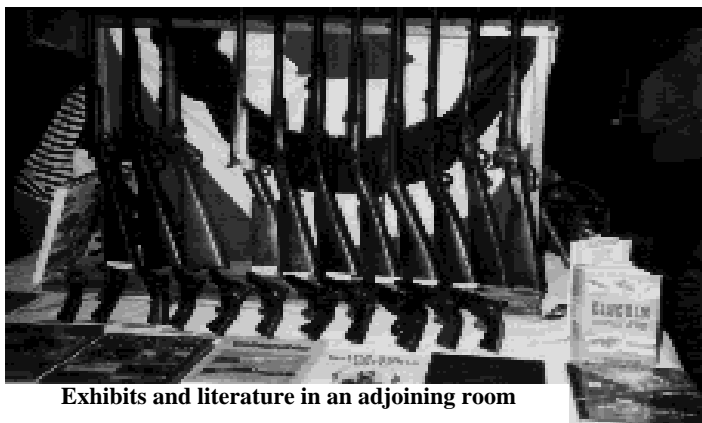
Below and in chronological order are the presentations given by presenter and title, plus a brief comment.



Jeanne & Jordan Detzer (SDCWRT Chaplin) & Lloyd Cottingham (past SDCWRT Pres)

four died (426 were killed or died of their wounds and 54 died of disease).

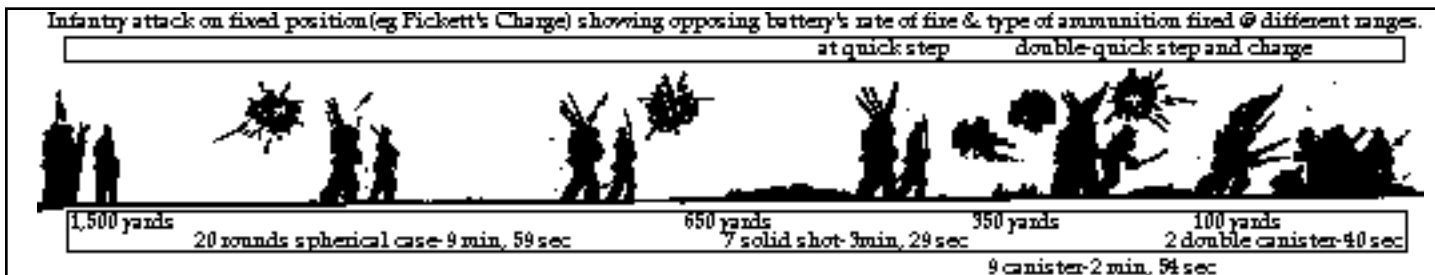
Scott Hartwig - *The Iron Brigade* - This 5 Reg., Midwest Brigade outfitted with regular uniforms and the Hardee hat went



Exhibits and literature in an adjoining room

into action on July 1st with 1898 men and suffered 948 casualties.

Robert Krick - *Three Confederate Disasters at Oak Ridge* - If you were in Davis's, O'Neal's or Iverson's Brigade on July 11st you were at the wrong place at the wrong time with little or no



John Ewald and Roy Marcot - *Arms and Munitions at Gettysburg* - Infantry attacking a fixed artillery position from 1500 yards would expect from each cannon: 20 rounds of spherical case, 7 solid shots and 2 blasts of double canister. Have a nice day!



Robert Krick - *Lawyers, Politicians and Clerks: The Regimental Command of Lee's Army* - Out of the 2000 Colonel's who served in the Army of Northern Virginia one in

brigade leadership.

Ed EmmanuEL - *Dead Letters at Gettysburg Address* - A very dramatic and moving look at the subterfuge behind the Gettysburg Address.

Zoyd Luce - *Jeb Stuart and The Gettysburg Campaign* - Where was Lee's "eyes and ears" when he was needed most.



Zoyd Luce discussing Stuart's role

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**10th West Coast CW Conference**

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Scott HARTWIG - Kershaw's Brigade on the Second Day - When you go in without maps and updated intelligence you sometimes run into a "stony hill" and find your left flank begin shot to pieces by artillery.



**Dad (Bill Dato) and Son (Christian)**

Ron Marcot - *The Berdan Sharpshooters at Gettysburg* - On July 2nd the men in green helped convince General Sickles to advance his III Corps and held up Col. Oates's 15 AL reg. attack on Little Round Top.

Scott Hartwig - *Caldwell's Division in the Wheat Field* - the right man at the right time b briefly captures the Wheat Field before being of overwhelmed.

Robert Krick - *The Parallel Lives of Two Virginians, Generals Lewis Armistead and Richard Garnett* - The former commanded Co. I and the latter Co. F of the 6th US regulars before the



**Phil Arnold (past Pres), Jeanne Detzer & Jan Arnold**

war and saw much duty out west including

California.

Scott Hartwig - *The 69th Pennsylvania, July 3, 1863: The Face of Battle* - "Don't shoot until you see the whites of their eyes." The 69th PA in the thick of it stops Garnett's men in front of a "corpse of trees."

Rich Rollins - *Pickett's Charge: The Plan and its Failure* - A great overview of this famous attack with an updated map to boot!

Panel (Savas, Krick, Hartwig & Marcot) - *What Might Have Been* - The title says it all.

For me, the conference was an opportunity to hear some excellent talks by some very learned speakers on one of my favorite bat-

tles. I was fortunate enough to share a Sunday lunch table with Scott Hartwig, the Supervisory Park Historian at Gettysburg



**Stephanie Wertz, a National Gettysburg Military Park costumed interpreter.**

(GNMP). Scott's a "real person" and truly has an understanding of the battle, right down to the individual soldier whose diaries and letters still fascinate us today. Scott was nice enough to answer several questions about the park that I hadn't been able to find elsewhere. The park is expecting a record breaking 2,000,000 visitors this year and that is putting a tremendous strain on the park and its staff, rangers, guides



**Bob Smith (original founding member of SDCWRT), Dave Taylor (Skirmish Line Editor) & Jordan Detzer.**

and maintenance personnel. Also the continuing issue of the "Railroad Cut" will have to be dealt with in such a manner that all parties can live with the end visual product.

Finally, our conversation ended on a very positive note. GNMP's newly assigned superintendent, Dr. John



**Tony English, recipient of SDCWRT scholarship**

Latschar, is being well received and looks like the right man for as big job. It is my hope that this national treasure will remain in the best possible hands for generations to come.

**Harry A. Thae III**

**West Coast Civil War Conferences**

Long Beach.....	1985
San Diego.....	1986
Pasadena.....	1987
San Diego.....	1988
Burbank.....	1989
San Francisco.....	1990
Long Beach, Hollywood and the Civil War.....	1991
San Jose, The War in the West.....	1992
San Diego, The Civil War Navies..	1993
San Joaquin Valley (Yosemite), The Gettysburg Campaign.....	1994
To Be Determined, ????????	1995

## CWRTs in California

### CAMPBELL- South Bay

Last Tue/7:30 pm, Banquet Room/Coco's Rest, 330 Hamilton Ave @ Hwy. I 880, Campbell

Contact: Ted Savas, 1475 So Bascom Ave, Suite 204, Campbell, CA95008 (408) 927-0455/879-9039

### DUBLIN- Tri-Valley

2nd Thu/7:30 pm, Conf Rm/Zendex Corp, 6780-A Sierra Court, Dublin

Contact: Ormand Eckley, Pres., PO Box 5076, Pleasanton, CA94566 (510) 846-1957

### ELCENTRO - Imperial Valley

1st Wed/7 pm

Contact: Bob Hayes, The Gun Shop, 510 Main St, El Centro, CA92243 (619) 353-7777

### FRESNO-San Joaquin Valley

Alternate mths(except Dec),last Fri/11:45 am @ Downtown Club, 2120 Kern St. or last Thu/6 pm @Remington Rest., 927 So. Clovis, Ave, Fresno

Contact: Bill Head, 39857 Pierce Lake Dr.,Oakhurst, CA93644 (209) 638-0279

### HAYWARD - Hayward

1st Tues/7:30 pm; meeting place varies

Contact Bruce Herein, 25753 MeadowlarkDr., Union City, CA94587 (510) 489-7216

### LONG BEACH - Long Beach

4th Wed/7:30 pm @Auditorium, Bancroft Middle School, 5301 E. Centralia, Long Beach

### Los Angeles - Los Angeles

3rd Tue (except July-Aug)/7:00 pm,Community Room @ Westside Pavilion (Shopping Mall), 10800 W. Pico Blvd, LA

Contact: Tom Nolan, 11672 McDonald St., Culver City, CA90230 (310) 391-9458

### PASADENA- San Gabriel Valley

3rd Thu (except Dec & Feb)/8:00 pm, Hill Ave. Branch Pasadena Public Library, 55 So. Hill Ave., Pasadena

Contact: James Kingman, V-P, PO Box 80680, San Marino, CA91118

### REDLANDS - Inland Empire

2nd Wed (except July-Aug)/7:00 pm, A.K. Smiley Public Library, 125 W. Vine St., Redlands

Contact: Don McCue, A.K. Smiley Public Library, 125 W.Vine St, Redland, CA92373 (714) 798-9275

### SACRAMENTO - Elk Grove

3rd Wed of odd-numbered mths/7:00 pm @ Frasinetti's Winery, 7395 Frasinetti Rd, Sacramento

Contact: Chuck Davis, PO Box 1864, Elk Grove, CA95459 (916) 685-7428

### SAN CARLOS - Peninsula

3rd Tue/12:00 Noon @ Salvatore's Rest., 1000 El Camino Real, San Carlos

Contact: Bill Jackson, Pres., PO Box 1274, Palo Alto, CA94301 (415) 367-8404

### SAN DIEGO - San Diego

3rd Wed (except March)/7:30 pm, Reuben H. Fleet Space Theater, Balboa Park, San Diego

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### SAN FRANCISCO - San Francisco

1st Thu (except June-August)/8:00 pm @ Officers Club @ Presidio, San Francisco

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Reprinted from *Insight*, 12/5/94, by Martha M. Boltz

## 100 Years After Its Founding, the UDC is Going Strong

**Celebrating its centennial anniversary,  
the United Daughters of the  
Confederacy still shows its fighting spirit  
as Congress recently discovered.**

For many Southern women, the Civil War never ended. They had lost husbands, brothers and sons during the bloody conflict while working farms, sewing uniforms and rolling bandages for the wounded and staffing hospitals throughout the devastated South. Afterward, they aided the survivors and honored the dead, forming memorial societies, cemetery associations and homes for Confederate veterans.

One of the largest of these organizations is the 25,000-member United Daughters of the Confederacy, which in October celebrated its 100th anniversary in Richmond-the capital of the Confederacy. The UDC's members, aged 16 and older, are descendants of men and women who served Dixie in the armed services or who provided material aid to the South.

Originally, there were three large women's groups: The Daughters of the Confederacy in Missouri, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Confederate Soldiers' Home in Tennessee and the Savannah Auxiliary to the Confederate Veterans in Georgia. Ann Davenport Raines, president of the Georgia group, suggested that the various state groups "should have one name and one badge all over the South," and they agreed to honor Varina Anne "Winnie" Davis, daughter of Jefferson Davis, who in 1886 had been introduced by General. John B. Gordon to an applauding throng as "the daughter of the Confederacy."

In 1894, the various groups met in Nashville and created the United Daughters of the Confederacy. In that meeting, the group described its objectives as "social, literary, historical, monumental, benevolent and honorable in every degree, without any political signification whatever."

The UDC has been called the monument-builder of the South: Nearly every court-house lawn in the South boasts a memorial erected by the organization - those that grace Arlington Cemetery and Richmond are of

particular interest. Last year, when the deplorable condition of Ulysses Grant's tomb in New York was revealed, the group was among the first to contribute restoration funds.

But by the time the UDC was incorporated in 1919, its goals had become more attuned to the times: with patriotism and benevolence of foremost importance. The UDC has undertaken numerous good causes and helped out during the two world wars. During World War I, for example, the UDC donated money and assistance to the American Military Hospital in France and sent donations to help care for French and Belgian orphans. It also was a top seller of US War Bonds - more than \$24 million worth.

More recently, the UDC sent thousands of care packages to Desert Storm troops, and the group continues to donate thousands of dollars and hours to Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals and nursing homes.

In addition, the group awards more than \$220,000 in scholarships each year to young men and women of Confederate descent - on of which is earmarked for women over the age of 30 who have never been to college. The UDC also bestows merit awards upon students at the service academies.

In short, the UDC prides itself on a low-key approach to charitable work, history and patriotism. Although the group is firmly apolitical, it was drawn unwittingly into front-page prominence two years ago.

The brouhaha concerned the UDC's insignia, which is under a patent that must be renewed by Congress every 14 years. The renewal had been a routine matter since 1900, but in the summer of 1992, Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, a Democrat from Illinois, translated the patent vote into a pro-racism vote. After a vitriolic attack on the UDC, Moseley-Braun was able to convince enough senators to cancel the renewal.

For the "gentle ladies of the UDC," the charge of racism came as a rude shock - the first such criticism the group had faced in its 100-year existence. In response, the group's members did something uncharacteristic: They fought back.

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**Caroline Meriwether Goodlet,  
the UDC's first president....**



**.....and today's leader,  
Tommie Phillips La Cavera**

