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SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE
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Our Civil War fraternity lost one of its leading lights when earlier this month Jerry Russell passed away suddenly in Little Rock after surgery. Jerry was 72 and had been one of the principle leaders in the battle to preserve our Civil War battlefields. Many others fought the fight but nobody was as



relentless and driving as Jerry was in defending a hill, or a meadow, or a field against the enemy "progress". His many opponents never quite understood why Jerry couldn't just move the

cannons a few miles away when the new mall was coming to town. I think the major strength Jerry brought to the fight was his ability to marshal a lot of people from all over the country to write, call and show up to attempt to save some historical place from total destruction. He was a tireless advocate. I first met Jerry at one of his historical conferences - The first Confederate Historical Institute in Montgomery, Alabama - April 1979. He had me hooked. I attended about 15-20 of his Civil War Round Table Associates and Confederate Historical Institute conferences during the years I lived in the Midwest. Jerry's conferences always had several things that stood out: 1) They ran on schedule, 2) Every last minute was taken up with excellent speakers and 3) Jerry would be working to imbue the group with more fervor for preservation - even going so far as to save some of his best door prizes to be given away after the main preservation talk. (To make sure everybody stayed to hear every word.)

Besides the historical conferences and the thousands and thousands of appeals to preserve our Civil War sites, Jerry was instrumental in creating dozens of Civil War Round Tables all over the country, including ours.

He was very helpful in securing excellent speakers for the three conferences our Round Table put on. These conferences contributed greatly to our ability to raise over \$32,000 for historic site preservation.

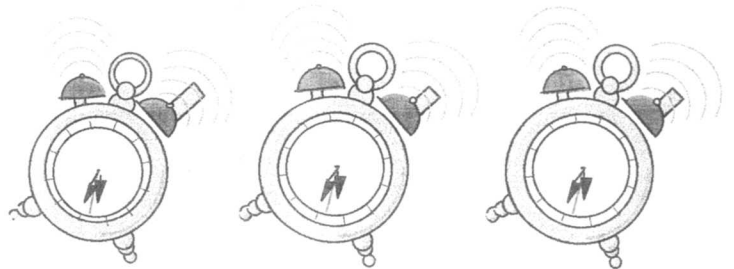
I have known Jerry for years, but most of our members got to know him through conferences. We will all miss him greatly.

Our condolences to his wife Alice Ann and the Russell family from the San Joaquin Valley Civil War Round Table, Fresno.

Charles Jorgensen

Our January 29th meeting will be a modified Share/Tell meeting with an opportunity to sell or trade some of your books - More details later

January 6th 7PM -Victor David Hanson Will be at the Central Branch, Fresno County Library to discuss his new book *Mexifornia*. Questions - Call 559-488-3195 (Ext. 5 then 3)



It's that time again - Membership dues time

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