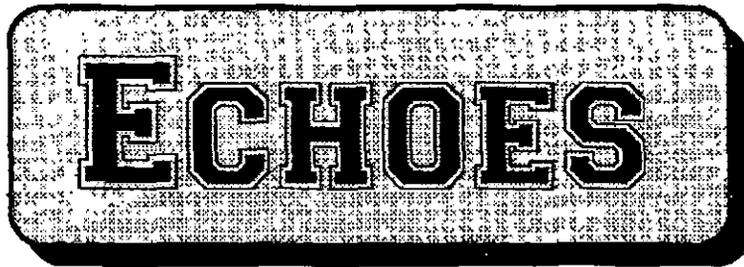


Bugle Call



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Election Meeting Called On Nov. 18

Because of the Thanksgiving holidays, the November meeting date for the San Joaquin Valley Civil War Round Table has been changed to Nov. 18, the third Friday of the month, instead of the traditional last Friday for luncheon meetings. The Downtown Club will not be available at that time, so the meeting now is scheduled at noon in the Remington restaurant on Clovis Avenue just south of Kings Canyon Ave.

Two important issues will be decided: the election of new officers for the coming year and a constitution that will guide the organization in years to come.

A nominating committee has proposed that John Taylor be the next president. The rest of the proposed slate: Bill Head, vice president; Barbara Moats, secretary; Wayne Bowen, treasurer; Linda Clague and Rick Kubiak, directors for two-year terms, and Tim Johnson and Verne Cole directors for one-year terms. Kubiak is proposed to continue as historian and Cole as newsletter editor. Nominations may be made from the floor. President

Reservations

Checks (\$10 each) as luncheon reservations should be made out to the Remington and mailed to: SJVCWRT, 8665 N. Cedar #112, Fresno, CA. 93720.

All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting. Guests are invited, although the number of reservations will be limited. Reservation deadline is Thursday, Nov. 17.

Charles Jorgensen, whose term will end Dec. 31, will serve on the board next year as ex officio.

There is a change in the proposed constitution, as enclosed. Article III, Board of Directors, Section 1, should read: "four elected members of the organization" and Section 2, "the four elected members . . . At the first election" two members shall be elected for a one-year term and two for a two-year term."

Jorgensen said members unable to attend, but wishing to vote on the constitution and/or the election of officers, should give written proxies to members who will attend. Only written proxies will be considered.

Round Table Conference

President Charles Jorgensen declared the 10th annual West Coast Civil War Round Table Conference with the theme "Gettysburg," which was hosted by this Round Table, "a complete success."

Jorgensen said there were more than 160 registrants, by far the largest conference of the series, exceeding Long Beach's 1991 "Hollywood and the Civil War," which had 140 registrants. He complimented those who worked on the conference and promised an accounting at the Friday luncheon.

All profits from the conference will go to battlefield preservation.

January Meeting Planned

Actress Marci Baun will portray "Libby Custer -- Life with George Custer," at the Jan. 26 evening meeting of the SJV Round Table in the Remington restaurant. Details will be announced later.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE CONSTITUTION

Article I Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the San Joaquin Valley Civil War Round Table.

Section 2. The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the serious study and discussion of all aspects of the American Civil War among people of all ages, so that this part of our common heritage may be preserved for ourselves and our posterity.

Article II Officers and Duties

Section 1. The organization shall have the following elected officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. It shall also have a Board of Directors.

Section 2. **President:** The President shall be elected for a term of one year or until a successor has been elected and may not serve more than two successive terms. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the organization and the Board of Directors, and to supervise the other officers and committee members in the carrying out of their duties. The President, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint the Chairman and members of all committees. Upon the election of a new President the past President will serve one year on the Board of Directors.

Section 3. **Vice President:** The Vice President shall be elected for a term of one year or until a successor has been elected. It shall be the duty of the Vice President, in the absence of the President, to preside at all meetings of the organization and the Board of Directors. In addition the Vice President shall be responsible for arranging and implementing the programs and any special duties assigned by the President.

Section 4. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall be elected for a term of one year or until a successor has been elected. The Treasurer shall keep a record of all financial transactions, receipts and disbursements, collect all dues and assessments and make payments therefrom of all expenses approved by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall make regular financial reports to the organization.

Section 5. **Secretary:** The Secretary shall be elected for a term of one year or until a successor has been elected. The Secretary shall take minutes at each Board or General meeting, and be responsible for keeping a record of all communications issued or received by the organization or its officers.

Article III
Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers, the immediate past President and two elected members of the organization.

Section 2. The two elected members shall be elected for a term of two years or until a successor has been elected. At the first election, one member shall be elected for a one year term, and one for a two year term.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall meet at the call of the President, or upon a call of the majority of the Board. A majority of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. It shall arrange all meetings of the organization, approve all financial transaction, act upon all proposals for membership, and perform all other acts necessary for the preservation, prestige, and well being of the organization.

Article IV
Nominations and Elections

Section 1. The President shall appoint a nominating committee whose duty shall be to submit nominations for officers, including the Board of Directors, prior to the election meeting. Nominations and elections may be held on the same meeting date.

Section 2. In addition to the nominees presented by the nominating committee, nominations for all elected officers and Board members may be made from the floor.

Section 3. Elections shall be held at the last regular meeting of the year and the officers and Board members shall take office at the beginning of the next calendar year.

Section 4. The actual number of members in good standing present at a regular meeting of the membership shall constitute a quorum and a majority vote of the members present shall govern.

Section 5. Any vacancy occurring during the year among the officers or on the Board of Directors shall be filled through appointment by the president with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Article V
Special committees

Section 1. Special committees appointed by the President shall function until the end of the year or conclude sooner if not needed. Members of such committees may or may not be appointed from the members of the Board.

Article VI
Fiscal Year

Section 1. The fiscal year shall run from January 1 through December 31.

Article VII
Membership and Dues

Section 1. Membership in this organization shall be open to all persons genuinely interested in furthering its purpose.

Section 2. The membership shall comprise the following classes:

- a) Active members
- b) Associate members: Associate membership in this organization may be offered persons who have formerly been active members and who, because of circumstances beyond their control, can no longer maintain active membership. Associate memberships may also be offered to people who would like to be on the mailing list to receive the newsletter.
- c) Student members: Student membership in this organization is available to any full or part-time student under 21. The student member shall have full rights of membership.

Section 3. The dues shall be set by action of the Board of Directors and are for the calendar year. If the member joins after July 1st, the dues for the remainder of the year shall be 50% of the full year. The annual dues are currently \$25 for Active members and \$12.50 for Associate and Student Memberships. Five dollars from the Active members and \$2.50 from the Associate and Student members dues goes to a battlefield preservation fund, selected by the Board of Directors. The dues will be set by action of the Board.

Section 4. An individual may be dropped from membership for failure to pay dues if more than two months delinquent.

Article VIII
Policies and Procedures

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall determine all policies and procedures of the organization.

Section 2. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern at all meetings either of the organization or the Board of Directors, although it is the intention that meetings be as informal as decorum permits.

Article IX
Amendments

Section 1 This constitution and bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of all active members present at any meeting, provided that written notice of the proposed changes has been furnished to the membership at least two weeks in advance of the meeting at which the changes are to be acted upon.

Lessons From a Little Book

By Verne Cole

One of the smallest books in my history library is the 128-page book, "America Goes To War, An Introduction to the Civil War and its Meanings to Americans Today," published in 1958. This little book, written by the late Bruce Catton, who won a Pulitzer Prize for his Civil War histories, has some outstanding gems for thought. These are examples:

"We are people to whom the past is forever speaking. We listen to it because we cannot help ourselves, for the past speaks to us with many voices. Far out of that dark nowhere which is the time before we were born, men who were flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone went through fire and storm to break a path to the future. We are part of that future they died for; they are part of the past that brought the future. What they did -- the lives they lived, the sacrifices they made, the stories they told, the songs they sang, and finally, the deaths they died -- make up our own experience. We cannot cut ourselves off from it, as real to us as something that happened last week. It is a basic part of our heritage as Americans..."

"We have paid and will continue to pay tribute to the men who fought in the Civil War, and will commune with them as their voices reach us from the past. Although we have heard their story a great many times, it is always worth a re-telling. . . ."

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"The Civil War soldier was quite an ordinary human being rendered extraordinary by his confrontation with fate, coming to grips with something larger than himself. He never quite managed to look like a European-model soldier; incurably he looked precisely like he was -- a civilian who had put on a uniform and taken up a weapon because there was a job to be done . . .

"If he did nothing else, this soldier in blue or gray at least proved something about the way Americans react in the great moments of history. He displayed heroism without indulging in heroics. Perhaps the best way to get the true feeling of him is to visit one of our Civil War battlefields -- those park-like expanses of lawn and trees with their military cemeteries where white headstones are ranked with such truly admirable military precision: the only real touch of military precision, I suppose, that our Civil War soldiers ever attained."

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