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SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello again to all and Happy New Year! Here's hoping that the upcoming year brings you and yours good health and happiness.

In reviewing SJVCWRT's year 2003, it was a good year indeed. The highlights of the last year include the addition of 11 new members and donations for battlefield preservation totaling approximately \$8,400. Note that SJVCWRT donations for battlefield preservation since start up total over \$32,000. Last year we were able to contribute approximately 25% of the total monies contributed since our founding. We should all be proud of our efforts.

As a reminder, our meeting this month on January 29th will be our annual share and tell along with our first ever book sale.

Members are encouraged to bring books from your personal libraries that you would like to sell or swap. Each member selling books will set their own price. We do ask a \$5 donation from each member who will be selling or swapping books. Please bring lots of books to sell and lots of money to buy books for this upcoming meeting.

Looking ahead into year 2004, we have a number of excellent speakers scheduled and we look forward to seeing all of you at the monthly meetings.

Tom



**It's that time again - 2004 Membership dues time
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JANUARY 29TH MEETING

SHARE AND TELL AND SELL

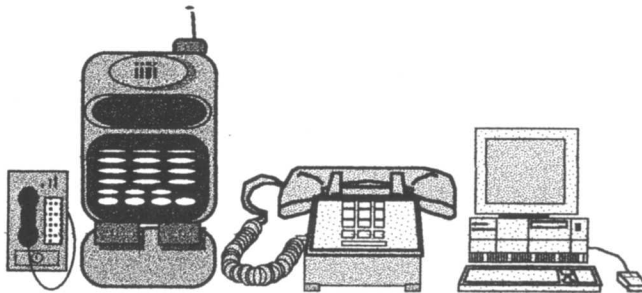
Ramada Inn - Shaw at Highway 41 - No-host
Social Hour 6PM - Dinner 7PM (\$16) -
Program at 8PM - PLEASE CALL FOR
RESERVATIONS

Traditionally, the January meeting is given over to a Share & Tell program. As time allows, members may share a book, photo, story, letter from an ancestor who fought in the Civil War, or other Civil War related items. The general rule is to prepare for 5 minutes although this is up to the Program Chair's discretion.

As a first, this is also an opportunity to sell, trade (or give away) some of your Civil War books. Tables will be available around the room for this purpose. There is a fee of \$5 if you want to display books. Please come prepared with price stickers on your items. Hagglng OK.

Contact Brian Clague, Program Chair,
(Before January 25th) if you plan to
participate. Phone: 438-8768 or e-mail
clague@comcast.net After January 25th
call Tom Carr 642-4204

FOR RESERVATIONS



Please let us know if you are coming as we need to get a count for the hotel.

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AFTER ACTION REPORT SJVCWRT MEETING 11/20/03

By Ron Vaughan

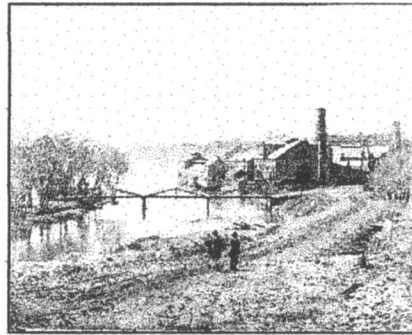
There were 22 persons present at this meeting, including two new member couples, one from Fresno and the other all the way from Lemoore! This gives us four families from Kings County.

Our featured speaker was Keith Poulter, who presented a interesting history of his magazine "North & South". Keith came to the U.S. 20 years ago and became hooked on the American Civil War after reading Bruce Catton's "Grant Takes Command". He now has a library of over 2,000 CW books. He was involved with publishing a wargame magazine "Command", but dropped it when it became apparent that video and computer games were supplanting the map and cardboard counter strategy games.

Keith started his new magazine with just \$1000. 50% of the new mags do not make it to issue #2 AND 90% last only one year. His investment has paid off, as "North & South" is growing in popularity, and is considered by most to be the best of the many CW mags. This is primarily because the articles are more analytical and thought-provoking. Keith edits the articles carefully for grammar and checks the facts and annotations. He passed around files of articles in progress. We could see the many comments and corrections in red pencil. He said it takes about 7 weeks to put together one issue. He offered our members 50% off for the 1st year's subscription.

Also, his graphics and especially the maps are excellent- they are colorful and show the terrain and troops' dispositions clearly! The other CW mags often have articles on battles or campaigns with either no map at all or a map that provides very little info. (Footnote: I will never forget the day I was sitting in Dr. Cole's Historical Geography class at FSU, and a student was starting to make well researched presentation to the class. Professor Cole, interrupted him with the question "where is your map?" The student said he was unable to find one. Professor Cole dramatically tossed his papers into his brief case, slammed it shut, and shouted, "You cannot have a report without a map! You may give your report when you bring us a map. Class dismissed!" Enough said!

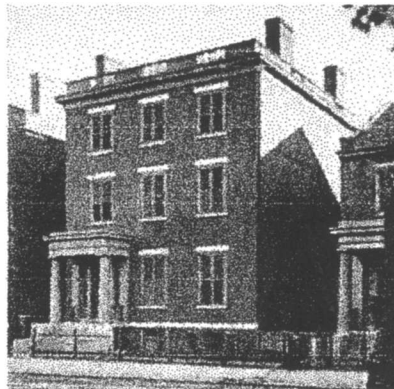
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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Richard & Dorothy Cmaylo, Armona, CA

Richard Rosenthal, Clovis, CA

FURTHER INFORMATION ON JERRY RUSSELL:

<http://www.heritagepac.org/cwptaward.htm>

<http://thecwrt.org/nevins.htm> (NOTE PAST
WINNERS OF THIS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD)

<http://www.indianwars.com/>

The following is a brief excerpt from *Civil War Artillery Projectiles* by Jack W. Melton, Jr.

This material seems to be well put together and informative. If you are at all interested in this subject, I can recommend it for further study. <http://www.civilwarartillery.com/>

**"Robert Parker Parrott
1804-1877**

Robert P. Parrott is known to many Civil War artillery researchers and collectors for his inventions of the projectile and cannon which bear his name. Born in Lee, New Hampshire, October 4, 1804, Parrott graduated 3rd in his class at West Point Military Academy in 1824. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the 3rd United States Artillery and was assigned to the southeastern states where he participated in the Creek Indian War. He was later assigned as assistant to the Chief of the Ordnance Bureau and, later, as an inspector of ordnance at the West Point Foundry at Cold Spring, New York.



The foundry was a private firm and administered by civilians. Parrott, by this time a captain, resigned his rank and accepted the civilian position of superintendent of the foundry on, October 31, 1836. (Image courtesy of Chuck Ten Brink.)

Parrott served the foundry well during the next 41 years. He became the lessee and operator of the foundry and experimented with the manufacturing of artillery. As a private citizen Parrott was able to experiment with cannons and projectiles without the usual red tape involved in government

foundries. His accomplishments during his tenure included the perfection of a rifled cannon and its corresponding projectile (both named after him) patented in 1861, and the Parrott sight and fuze which were developed during the Civil War years. The fact that his foundry was used to manufacture his weapons is proved by the letters WPF (West Point Foundry) found on the Parrott gun tube, along with his initials RPP. Parrott's cannons were distinguished by a single reinforcing band around the breech of the cast-iron tube. His first rifled cannon design, a 10-pounder, was turned out in 1860 and later patented in 1861. By the next year he had developed the 20- and 30-pounder versions. To see a list of Parrott projectiles click here. Parrott's patents # 33,099 and 33,100 are his first projectile patents.

In 1867, Parrott turned the operation of the foundry over to other parties, but he continued to experiment with projectiles and fuzes until his death on December 24, 1877."

Coming

Soon

Sacramento CWRT

Thomas Cartwright, Curator and Historian for the Carter House at Franklin Battlefield in Franklin, Tennessee, will speak in Sacramento on the Battle of Franklin.

Date: February 18, 2004 at 7PM.

Coco's- 1830 Arden Way, Sacramento, (916-922-6741). No host dinner at 5PM. Questions: 916-965-4776. Map available upon request.

Our good friend Fred Bohmfalk was kind enough to tell us of this first rate program coming up. I would hope some of our members would be able to attend.

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MEMBERSHIP FORM MEMBERSHIP YEAR - JANUARY TO DECEMBER

Please begin/renew my membership in the San Joaquin Valley Civil War Round Table
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