



SEPTEMBER 1996

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

George H. Thomas

(1816-1870)

George H. Thomas, known to his men as "Pap" or "Old Slow Trot," was one of the Union Army's most brilliant corps commanders. A Virginian who stayed loyal to the Union he could conduct an almost indestructible defense on the battlefield, as he proved at Chickamauga. Later, he led his troops to take Missionary Ridge, marched with Sherman on Atlanta, and annihilated J. B. Hood's Army of Nashville.



FROM THE SJVCWRT PRESIDENT

If you are able to attend one program this year, make certain that you do not miss Dr. Don Elder's outstanding presentation on General George H. Thomas - "The Rock of Chickamauga." I heard Don speak at the West Coast Civil War Conference last November - he is truly dynamic! See you on September 26th.

BRING A FRIEND!

Bill Head

The meeting will be held at the Remington Restaurant on Clovis Avenue on Thursday, September 26th. The no-host cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m.

Cost is \$15 (\$10 for students under 25). Send your check, made payable to the SJVCWRT, to P.O. Box 5695, Fresno, CA, 93755, or contact Wayne Bowen at 291-4885 to advise him you will be attending the meeting. Seating cannot be guaranteed without a reservation.

Don Elder will be here from Eastern New Mexico University. Don is a professor of history, a Civil War enthusiast, a published author, and a dynamic speaker. George Thomas, his topic, is described as, "third of the triumvirate who won the war for the Union," in Ezra Warner's *Generals in Blue*. Don is looking forward to being here and welcomes questions.