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SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE APRIL 2002

**"The war is over....the rebels are our countrymen again."
Ulysses S. Grant, April 9, 1865**

April Program

Andrew Quist was born in California but grew up in Connecticut. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of West Alabama. After graduation he became a staff historian at historic Carnton Plantation in Franklin, Tennessee. He worked with Thomas Cartwright, director of the Carter House. His interest in the Civil War has been focused on the western theatre of operations, specifically, the Confederate Army of Tennessee. He edited a set of memoirs written by Captain Samuel H. Sprott of Company A, Fortieth Alabama Regiment, entitled, *Cush: A Civil War Memoir* which can be found online through either Amazon.com or Barnes and Noble.com.

His topic for April will be "The Common Foot Soldier in the Confederate Army of Tennessee". His talk will focus on the Atlanta Campaign. Mr. Quist will be a speaker at this year's Conference in November.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25 at the Ramada Inn located at Shaw & Hwy 41 in Fresno. Please send your check for \$15 made out to SJVCWRT to Gloria Carter, P.O. Box 5695, Fresno, CA 93755 or call her at 559-322-9474.

President's Corner

I have good news to share with you regarding the West Coast Conference to be held in November. Our chairman, Bill Head has received confirmation from Richard McMurry, Craig Symonds, Ed Bearss, Jim Stanvery, David Davenport and Andrew Quist. Our slate of speakers is now complete. We are fortunate to have such an all-star list of guest speakers

Shortly after the March newsletter was printed, we received word of the passing of fellow member, Bob Ritchey. Bob was a member of our club for the past two years and made the trip from McFarland on a regular basis to attend our monthly meetings. His enthusiasm, knowledge, and friendliness will be missed.

Mike Carter, President

Richard McMurry Will Speak At Conference

Richard M. McMurry is an independent scholar and author of Atlanta 1864: Last Chance for the Confederacy. Other books by McMurry include John Bell Hood and the War for Southern Independence and Two Great Rebel Armies: An Essay in Confederate Military History. Mr. McMurry is one of the most sought after speakers in the country.

Book Review

Atlanta 1864: Last Chance for the Confederacy by Richard M. McMurry. The book brings to life this crucial campaign of the Civil War, as federal armies under William T. Sherman contended with Joseph E. Johnston and his successor, John Bell Hood, and moved steadily through Georgia to occupy the rail and commercial center of Atlanta. Sherman's efforts were undertaken as his former commander, Ulysses S. Grant, set out on a similar mission to destroy Robert E. Lee or drive him back to Richmond. The struggles were the millstones that Grant intended to use to grind the Confederacy's strength into dust. By fall, Sherman's success in Georgia had assured the re-election of Abraham Lincoln and determined that the federal government would never acquiesce in the independence of the Confederacy. Mr. McMurry examines the Atlanta campaign as a political and military unity in the context of the greater struggle of the war itself.

Bob Ritchey Died Last Month. Bob was born in Kern County and raised in McFarland, attending both elementary and high school there. He developed his interest in history while attending Pepperdine. He was an active member of our RoundTable and served on the Board of Directors. We will miss him.

Conference Scholarships

We have received two donations of \$150 each for high school and college scholarships. We need to bring our youth into the study of the American Civil War. If you would like to sponsor a student please call Bill Head at 559-855-2678 or make out a check in the amount of \$150 payable to SJVCWRT and mail it to Bill at 29223 Spence Lane, Tollhouse, CA 93667.

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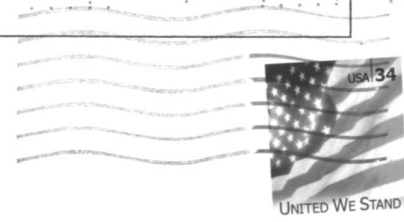
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