

Annual President's Message

Happy New Year

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I blinked and 2009 was over, finis, done. Where does time go? I need to know so I can stay their awhile.

The North Coast Round Table begins its new year on January 20, 2010 with a lecture by :

Fred Bahmfalk, Sacramento Round Table, on
General William J. Hardee "Old Reliable"

The story of General William J. Hardee's career as an officer in the pre-Civil United States Army is a full one. He emerged from the Mexican War

as a hero; he won acclaim for his light-infantry tactics manual; and he was recognized as an able disciplinarian and administrator while serving as commandant of cadets at the United States Military Academy. His book on tactics influenced a whole generation of soldiers before the war and during the war. In 1861, Hardee linked his fate with the Confederacy. Like the Army of Tennessee that he was to serve and love, he had to subsist on a long diet of failure, leading at last to surrender. His story is significant in more than a personal sense, however. It is felt by many that the Civil War was decided in the West; the West was the responsibility of the Army of Tennessee; and William J. Hardee was one of the key figures of that army.

Hopefully one of your New Year's resolutions is to attend as many meetings as possible and perhaps to invite at least one guest during the year. All organizations need growth to survive. January's meeting would be a good time to start.

This year's Christmas Party was a success and was hosted by Rebekah Thomas. We appreciate her efforts and you won't believe the cake she made. There will be pictures of it at the meeting. Rebekah's note on the party is as follows:

“Despite the difficulty some people had finding the location, once there, lots of holiday cheer was happily enjoyed by all who attended this year's Christmas party. There were 13 who attended the party at the Golden Tee Clubhouse where hors d'oeuvres, wine, punch and conversation was shared by all. Charles Christian gave the invocation; he also shared some poignant stories.”



Our speaker line up for 2009 was exceptional. We are fortunate to have speakers come from afar to enlighten us. What more motivation does one need?... except to remember...you can't ask the History Channel a question.

2009 Recap

January	Civil War Foods	Stahr/Hanson
February	Civil War Uniforms	Chuck Seekamp
March	Animal, Vegetable, Mineral	Members Forum
April	Lincoln's Last Days	David Schleeter
May	Civil War Contest Winners Cook Jr. High	
June	“Conrad Wise Chapman” artist	Wayne Padgett
July	Duncan Mills Reenactment	Sonoma County

August	Berdan Sharpshooters	BBQ
September	Lincoln Douglas Debates	Brad Schall
October	The Lincoln Secret	John McKinsey
November	Civil War Small Arms	Ted Stahr
December	Annual Christmas Party	Golden Tee

This year speakers should be just as interesting. So once again make that extra effort to attend. Your dues help support our club but your participation makes it dynamic.

This years donation to the Civil War Preservation Trust is \$250 and will be forwarded this month.

Dues statements will be going out in February. They are due April 30, 2010. They remain \$20 for an individual and \$30 per family.

The **Third Annual** Lawrence Cook Junior High Civil War subjects contest winners will be announced at May's meeting with individual presentations by the students.

Mark your calendars for the 2010 Annual West Coast Civil War Conference. This year it will be held in San Francisco on November 13, 2010. James McPherson, Craig Symonds and Jim Stanberry are among some of the speakers. The subject: Coastal Defense: Blood on the Ramparts.

Ladies only question: What do the initialisms GAR, SUVCW, and SCV mean?

One last note. I would be remiss in not asking all of you to thank out officer volunteers for the work they do. Chuck and Pam Seekamp, Bill Bergin, Vern Gullickson and Judy Lubas.

See you on January 20, 2010 !!!

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2630 Cleveland Ave.
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6:00 pm 6:45 pm Food service
6:45 pm 7:00 pm Round Table Meeting
7:00 pm 8:00 pm Speaker

Tom Lubas, President, North Bay Civil War Round Table

