

President's Message  
February, 2011



David Schleeter  
North Bay Civil War Round Table

The speaker for February, 2011 was David Schleeter. David's talk centered around President Lincoln's last day. It was a very interesting and thoughtful presentation. To enhance the theme David also described other infamous events that have happened in the month of April. (Alex, I would like April for \$800 please).

The speaker for March will be Paul Rudd. Paul is a graduate of the West Point Military Academy, a retired college professor and a past president of the Sacramento Civil War Round Table.

His topic is: "Antebellum West Point" - an update of the earlier lives of Civil War officers we all know plus an insiders's view of West Point when he was a cadet.

Charles Christian donated a DVD to the round table summarizing the American Civil War, which he says is a well done refresher. If you are interested contact the new club librarian (Judy) for a copy.

Remember the April meeting !!!

Round Table members will be the speaker/participants for the annual AVM meeting.

Animal, Vegetable, Mineral (Round Table Participation Event)

For those new to the RoundTable the guidelines are as follows: On a strictly volunteer basis, for two minutes or slightly more, present a subject that is NOT, a general, battlefield or person, that had a positive or negative impact on the American Civil War. Do not worry if your selection has been presented before. Every one has their own impressions. Some examples of topics in the past have been: coffee, habeas corpus, pontoon bridges, baseball and letters. Participation is fun and you will be surprised at what the members present. This is our fifth year of AVM and some members have been known to search all year for their civil war nugget.

Thank you to those who have paid their dues ahead of the April 1 due date. It helps plan the year.

Our raffles are going quite well. Member book contributions are appreciated.

Speaking of books. I encourage you, if you experienced a good read lately regarding the American Civil War, to consider an old fashioned review for the round table. Forward a brief summary to me and I will post it in the newsletter with the appropriate acknowledgments.

Ladies' Only Question:

Name the founder of the West Point Military Academy, its first Superintendent, the year it was established and the number of and year of admittance of the first female cadets.

Tom Lubas  
President

"I sat down by a fire in company with three young women all cleanly dressed and powdered to death. Their ages were from 18 to 24. Each of them had a quid of tobacco in her check about the size of my stone inkstand, and if they didn't make the extract fly worse than I ever saw in any country grocery store, shoot me. These women have so disgusted me with the use of tobacco that I have determined to abandon it."

Charles W. Wills  
Captain  
103rd Illinois Infantry

