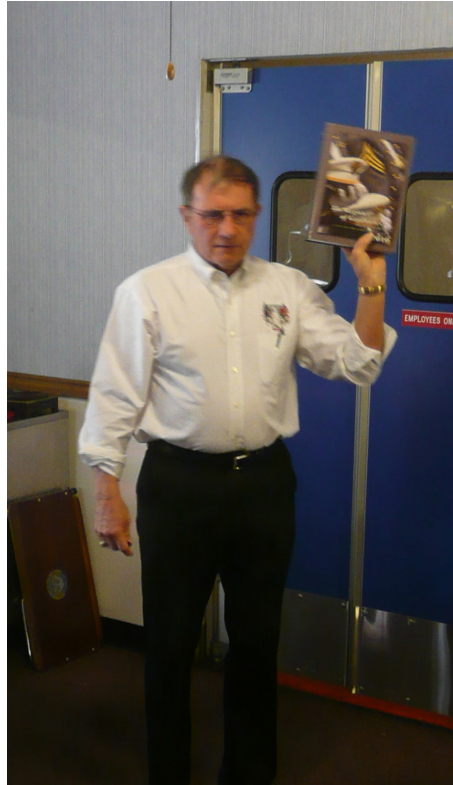


President's Message
March, 2011



Paul Rudd
Sacramento Civil War Round Table

The speaker for March, 2011 was Paul Rudd past president of the Sacramento Round Table. His talk centered on West Point graduates of the civil war era coupled with a colorful description of what life was like at the academy then and now. Paul's talk was very enlightening as he also is a graduate of the academy.

The annual round table forum (animal, vegetable, mineral) will be the program for April. This forum is in its fifth year. It is one of the year's highlights.

Our annual middle school project is being reviewed by the school district. Do to budget cuts they are forced to look at all projects from a cost/benefit stance. I do not believe there will be a problem in that our round table pays all costs. However, they will confirm in the next few weeks.

Annual dues should be received by April 1, 2011. It appears that we will have a net gain to the membership. Remember as a part of the round table you are our best resource

for new members. This is very important in that all organizations sustain themselves on growth.

Ladies only question answers:

Thomas Jefferson founder of West point
Sylvanus Thayer was its first superintendent
119 female cadets were admitted in 1976

Animal, Vegetable, Mineral Forum Guidelines

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.

Mark your calendars for the 150 year commemoration of the beginning of the American Civil War to be held at the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery on April 9, 2011 at 12:30 pm. Chuck Seekamp will be firing his cannon to begin the ceremony. There will be a Lincoln address, historical narrations and Union and Confederate volleys. We will have a sign up table at the event to solicit new members.

Once again if you experienced a good read lately regarding the American Civil War, 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.

Tom Lubas
President

“There is a history in all men's lives.”
Shakespeare