

"The Late Unpleasantness" November 2008



# South Bay Civil War Round Table

San Jose, California

## November 25th Meeting

**Speaker: Jean Libby on  
"John Brown - A History and  
Photo Chronology"**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As many of you may have heard, on October 30th, two days after our October meeting, I suffered a minor stroke - if there is such a thing as a "minor stroke." My stroke was located in the cerebellum which controls such functions as movement, sensation, balance, perception, and co-ordination. In my case, the stroke has left me with extreme weakness on both the left and right side, difficulty with balance/co-ordination, and some minor slurring of speech. So far all intellectual processes appear to be unaffected. I have started rehabilitation at home and starting to see progress, My appreciation to Larry Comstock, Bill Noyes, Bob Hubbs, and others who are "keeping the ship afloat" in my absence.

If you missed our October meeting (and happen to be both a Civil War buff and a fan of baseball) you missed a most enjoyable and fact-filled presentation by Fred Bohmfalk on "Baseball during the Civil War." My sincere appreciation to Fred for a job well done.

Our November program promises to be a most interesting, as well as informative, presentation, as our speaker, Jean Libby, will present "John Brown - A History and Photo-Chronology." This is a presentation I am sure you will not want to miss.

Inasmuch as I will be unable to attend the November meeting and remembering there will be no meeting in December, I hope to be with you again in January. In the meantime, my best wishes to each of you for a Happy Thanksgiving and a most enjoyable holiday season.

Gary Moore, President

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**REMINDER** *There will be no meeting in December.*

### FUTURE PROGRAMS - LOOKING AHEAD

*December - no meeting/program*

*January - Charles Sweeny "Aspects of Slavery in the Civil War"*

*February - Larry Comstock "The Other End of the Line"*

### IN MEMORIAL: Ormand Eckley

The SBCWRT wishes to extend its sincere condolences to Beverly Eckley and family members on the recent passing of Ormand Eckley. Ormand is to be admired for his devotion and contribution to a wide range of Civil War causes and activities. We will all miss Ormand.

## October Quiz Answers by Bob Krauth

**Match the horse's name with the description on the right.**

<i>Fleeter</i>	<b><i>Ridden by this famous Confederate spy, Belle Boyd</i></b>
<i>Dixie</i>	<b><i>Killed at Perryville while being ridden by General Cleburne</i></b>
<i>Rifle</i>	<b><i>Much cherished steed of Lt. Gen. Richard S. Ewell</i></b>
<i>Traveler</i>	<b><i>Robert E. Lee's famous mount</i></b>
<i>Old Sorrel</i>	<b><i>Mount of Stonewall Jackson</i></b>
<i>Fire-eater</i>	<b><i>Thoroughbred ridden by Gen. Albert S. Johnston when he was killed at Shiloh</i></b>
<i>Virginia</i>	<b><i>Mare credited with having prevented the capture of Jeb Stuart by jumping an enormous ditch</i></b>
<i>Almond Eye</i>	<b><i>Steed ridden by Benjamin "The Beast" Butler</i></b>
<i>Cincinnati</i>	<b><i>U. S. Grant's favorite horse</i></b>
<i>Lookout</i>	<b><i>Hooker's mount acquired at Chattanooga and named after battle</i></b>
<i>Moscow</i>	<b><i>White horse used in battle by Kearny against the advice of his colleagues</i></b>
<i>Kentuck</i>	<b><i>A favorite mount of George McClellan</i></b>
<i>Baldy</i>	<b><i>Wounded at First Bull Run and Antietam, this horse later took Meade to Gettysburg</i></b>
<i>Winchester (or Rienzi)</i>	<b><i>Revered mount of Philip Sheridan</i></b>
<i>Lexington</i>	<b><i>a favorite of William Sherman, who also rode Dolly and Sam</i></b>
<i>Billy</i>	<b><i>bay war horse of Maj. Gen. George Thomas</i></b>
<i>Old Whitey</i>	<b><i>Usual mount of "Mother" Bickerdyke, famous nurse</i></b>
<i>King Philip</i>	<b><i>a favorite horse of Nathan Bedford Forrest</i></b>
<i>Slasher</i>	<b><i>Maj. Gen. John A. Logan mount depicted by an artist as dashing along a line of battle with all four feet off the ground</i></b>
<i>Nellie Gray</i>	<b><i>Maj. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee's mare among the dead at Opequon</i></b>

## November Quiz by Hal Hubis

1. When ordered to return to Winchester, VA in March 1862, what commander of a wing angrily offered his resignation?
  2. What general gave up poker as a penance after three of his children died of scarlet fever in a single week during January, 1862?
  3. Who spent his first thirteen months in Confederate uniform without coming under fire or taking part in a general engagement?
  4. What Ohio-born guerilla leader was rewarded for his acts of robbery and plunder by being made a CSA captain?
  5. A US Army fort was named for what Georgia lawyer and CSA brigadier general who Lee called "rock"?
  6. What West Point graduate, class of 1830, was the first and only commandant of the CSA Marine Corps?
  7. When Robert E. Lee's youngest son entered the army what was his rank and duty?
  8. What Confederate general was a constant sufferer from migraine and dyspepsia?
  9. What famous Confederate cavalryman refused anesthesia when surgeons removed a ball lodged close to his spine?
  10. What Major General, who graduated 44th in a West Point class of 52 was severely wounded in the left arm, then lost his right leg?
  11. How many regiments wore Federal blue uniforms at First Bull Run?
  12. Who had as subordinates the Comte de Paris, the Duc de Chartres and the Prince de Joinville?
  13. Who was the last surviving full-rank Civil War general?
  14. When the Civil War began, what future general tried to answer the call for volunteers but was rejected?
  15. What grandson of a President of the United States entered service as a 2nd lieutenant of the 17th Regiment of Indiana volunteers and rose to the rank of brigadier general by the end of the war?
  16. What did the following military leaders - *Gen. Montgomery Meigs, Adm. David Farragut, Gen. Robert Anderson, Gen. Lorenzo Thomas, and Gen. Jesse Reno* - all have in common?
  17. What brigadier promoted after Antietam faced a court of inquiry in the aftermath of five Forks?
- Bonus Question:**  
Approximately how many men donned blue uniforms after having been hired as substitutes for those who did not want to fight?

### Summary of **"John Buford at Gettysburg"** by Tom Roza

John Buford left an enduring legacy with was his embodiment of the dismounted, dragoon-style fighting that he so splendidly executed on July 1, 1863 at Gettysburg. Buford opted for operational flexibility and versatility over devotion to a particular tactical model. Above all, he strove to enhance and promote the basic qualities of the mounted soldier, which are speed and mobility.

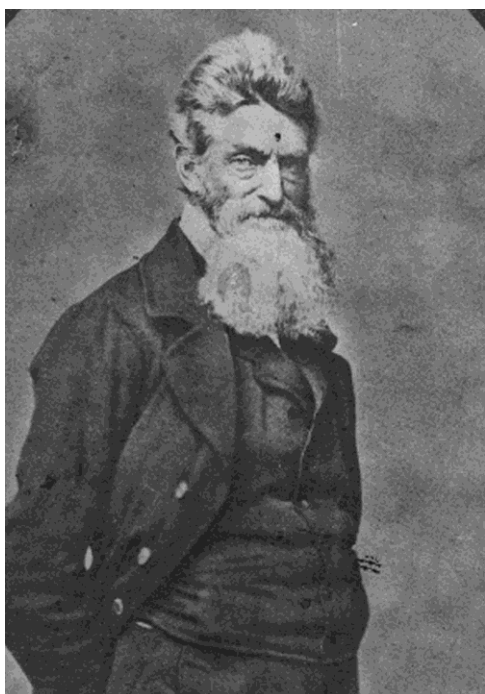
In place of mounted saber shock tactics the Army had borrowed from the Age of Napoleon, Buford substituted light cavalry tactics he had mastered during prewar campaigns against the Plains Indians. His emphasis on dragoon-style operations featuring dismounted troops fighting with carbine and pistol helped transform the Yankee horsemen

from ineffective screening forces into a potent, mobile, versatile arm of the service.

Those qualities have carried forward to the mechanized warfare of today. Buford's deathbed wish – that he might live on in his profession – has been granted as his tactics have become part of the modern military's mode of operation.



## Preview of November talk by Jean Libby



(This article is part of an email received from Jean Libby describing the subject that she will be presenting on the 25<sup>th</sup>.) I've attached a photo of John Brown which can be published. (museums & archives are really sticky about permissions). The photographer is J.W. Black of Boston. He and Perez Mann Batchelder copyrighted it in the District Court of Massachusetts in 1858, and again at the Library of Congress on December 10, 1859. That's eight days after Brown was hanged. This photo is part of the national treasures fine arts photos that at the Library of Congress.

The presentation charts twelve photographs of John Brown the abolitionist through three time periods: the organization of the Underground Railroad and resistance to the Fugitive Slave Law (1846 - 1850); Free State vs. Slave State (1854 - 1857), and the Harpers Ferry Raid (1858-1859).

There are several versions of the dozen photos studied, including "how many photo portraits are there of John Brown with his beard?" which is the most common artists' rendering. Ms. Libby is the author of "John Brown, Bearded Patriarch" published by Palgrave Macmillan in a collection entitled *The Afterlife of John Brown*, and "The John Brown daguerreotypes, a leader uses his likeness for remembrance and promotion" in *The Daguerreian Annual 2002-2003*. She is also the publisher and principal author of *John Brown's Family in California*, an illustrated pamphlet-style book which features Santa Clara County history and locations.

This workshop examination produces high resolution images of the first two John Brown daguerreotypes made in 1846 or 1847 by African American photographer Augustus Washington of Hartford, Connecticut.

The Washington daguerreotype which is the first image in the chronology, was placed for auction in December 2007 by descendants of John and Mary Brown to help defray medical expenses. It garnered \$97,000 and was donated to the Nelson-Atkins Museum in Kansas City, Missouri. The second daguerreotype, made within weeks or even days of the first, portrays Brown holding an abolition banner and raising his hand in an oath. It was discovered at an auction in Pennsylvania in 1996, and sold to the Smithsonian Institution for \$115,000.

### Preservation Report

The future of the National Historic Park at Harper's Ferry for the next 15-20 years has been outlined in 3 alternative visions of the park described in the Environment Impact Statement released by the National Park Service. Essentially, the first proposed alternative would make no changes to the park other than general maintenance. The two other proposals would make changes to enhance visitor experience – new visitor center, trail improvements, other visitor amenities. Some private, commercial services would be developed under the third plan. The bottom line to implementation of any of the plans, as pointed out in the EIS, is future funding and the problems associated with general government budget deficits.

# Remembrance Day Ceremony

**Oak Hill Memorial Park**  
**300 Curtner Avenue, San Jose, California**  
**Saturday, November 22, 2008 at 1:00pm**

**The Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) cordially invites you to the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San Jose, California on the occasion of the 145th Anniversary of the dedication of the Gettysburg National Cemetery.**

Each year The Sons of Union Veterans, and Civil War re-enactors from throughout the country, hold an annual Remembrance Day ceremony and parade in Gettysburg. This San Jose event will be hosted by the Brothers and Sisters of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, its Auxiliary, and the Daughters of Union Veterans, assembled here as the Allied Orders of the GAR on this day to

remember and pay tribute to our ancestors and commemorate the 145th anniversary of the Dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg.

The Service will begin at 1:00PM on Saturday, November 22nd at the Oak Hill GAR burial plot where over 420 Union Veterans of the late unpleasantness are buried. A presentation on the establishment of the Gettysburg National Cemetery will be given along with the reading of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Following the placement of wreaths at the GAR monument, the American Legion's District 13 Honor Guard will provide a three-volley salute.

Join us at Oak Hill on this Remembrance Day and bring the family and friends. If you have any questions, contact Bob Kadlec (Past Camp Commander), Ceremonial Observance Committee Chair, Sons of Union Veterans, at (408) 267-3249 or E-mail: [philsheridan4@aol.com](mailto:philsheridan4@aol.com).



***Best Wishes for the  
Holiday Season***

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