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An Exploration of Sacramento and the Civil War

Sacramento, CA – December 1, 2013: On Thursday, January 16th, the Center for Sacramento History, in association with the [Sacramento History Foundation](#), will debut a photographic exhibition exploring how Sacramentans reacted and responded to the Civil War. Historian Glenna Matthews will deliver a lecture entitled, “The Civil War at 150: Remembering the Sacramento and California Stories,” and Elk Grove teacher Karen Richey will discuss her [award-winning](#) Civil War [curriculum](#). The event, *Devoted to the Union: Sacramento and the Civil War*, will be held at the Center (551 Sequoia Pacific Blvd, Sacramento); doors open at 6:45 p.m. and the presentation begins at 7:00 p.m.

Despite being far removed from the scenes of desolation occurring in the east, Sacramentans took active roles during the Civil War. Home guards were quickly organized, patriotic torchlight parades were held, and gun salutes announced Union victories. Sacramento’s Union League campaigned for loyalty oaths while vigilantly watching for secessionist agitation and rebel flag flying. Orator Thomas Starr King regularly lectured in the city, upholding the union cause and appealing for charitable donations to the soldier aid societies. *Devoted to the Union* commemorates the sesquicentennial of the Civil War and Sacramento’s role in the conflict.

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ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY with LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE! The event is open to the public; tickets are \$15.00 per person and can be purchased at the Center's website, www.centerforsacramentohistory.org. A donor package is also available for \$100.00.

Dr. Matthews will sign copies of her book, [The Golden State in the Civil War: Thomas Starr King, the Republican Party, and the Birth of Modern California](#), at the conclusion of her presentation; cost is \$26.00.

Those purchasing the donor package are invited to attend the exhibit preview and author reception from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Guest lecturer Dr. Glenna Matthews and speaker Karen Richey will be available to answer questions. The package includes two tickets to the author reception and lecture, a signed copy of Dr. Matthew's book, and light refreshments. A portion of the package is a tax deductible gift to the Sacramento History Foundation.

For more information or to schedule an interview please call Dylan McDonald at (916) 808-7072 or e-mail at dmcdonald@cityofsacramento.org. Digital samples of the photographic exhibit are available upon request.

The Center for Sacramento History educates and enriches the public by collecting, preserving and making accessible the region's vast cultural heritage. Founded in 1953, the Center is administered by the City of Sacramento and is jointly funded by the City and County of Sacramento. Learn more at www.centerforsacramentohistory.org.

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