A Night at the State Library presents:
California during the Civil War

SACRAMENTO – After taking a break during the month of July, the California State Library's cultural series, **A Night at the State Library**, returns on Wednesday, August 15. This free evening program includes light refreshments and an author talk, followed by a discussion.

Dr. Robert J. Chandler, a widely recognized authority on the American West, will discuss California during the Civil War years. A public historian for Wells Fargo Bank for over 30 years before retiring, Dr. Chandler has written over 50 articles and several books, including *California, an Illustrated History* and *Wells Fargo (Images of America)*.

In late April 1861, ten days after the Civil War began, the Pony Express brought the news to California. Although far from Eastern battlefields, the Golden State played a significant role in support of the Union. Its wealth from the gold fields bolstered credit; its thousands of troops guarded the Overland Mail routes; and its generous citizens, rallied by Thomas Starr King, gave a million dollars to aid sick and wounded soldiers. More significantly, the war brought a political revolution to California. It inaugurated black legal rights and squelched Secessionists.

An exhibit of Civil War related historic and archival material drawn from the State Library's collection will be on display in the lobby.

WHERE: 900 N Street in Sacramento

WHEN: Wednesday, August 15. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Presentation begins at 6:00 p.m. The event is free with RSVP.

RSVP: rfontaine@library.ca.gov or 916.653.9942

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