

SEP 7

Event Title: Lincoln's California Ally: The Golden State and the Civil War with Ronald Rietveld

Date: Wednesday, September 07, 2011

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Fullerton Arboretum Orange County Agricultural and Nikkei Heritage Museum

Sponsor: COPH, Fullerton Arboretum, Associated Students, CSUF Missions and Goals Initiative, History Department, California Council for the Humanities

Description: Civil War and President Abraham Lincoln specialist Dr. Ronald D. Rietveld, Professor of History Emeritus at California State University, Fullerton, and a member of the History Advisory and Content Team for the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Illinois, argues that California, notwithstanding having no direct involvement in the Civil War, greatly aided the Union's defeat of the Confederacy. It did this by providing manpower for volunteer regiments, sending gold east, replacing regular forces in territories of the Western U.S., establishing camps and fortifications, suppressing secessionist and Confederate activities within California, and securing the New Mexico territory against the Confederacy. As for President Lincoln, he enjoyed a friendship for the land beyond the Sierra Mountains. He told an old Illinois friend that he had "long desired to see California" for various reasons, but especially because of "her stand for the Union." In fact, on the last day of President Lincoln's life, California was very much on his mind.

Preregistration appreciated (but not required) / Call by Fri, Sept 2 / 657-278-3407

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Propriate: All.