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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Hello all:

First I want to apologize for missing last month's meeting. I understand that Brian did an excellent job and I am sure that Ron will have a full report in his part of the newsletter. I appreciate Ron for taking over and running the meeting for me.

I was having cataract surgery that day and didn't get out of surgery until about 4 P.M. There was just no way that I was going to be able to make the meeting.

FYI, I had surgery on both eyes, scheduled a week apart, and I am very happy with the results. I have noticed that I need sun glasses when the sun is bright and that I don't need my old glasses as much. In fact two weeks ago I was out doing my hobby of photography, and I saw a bald eagle flying close to my car. I parked the car and got out to take some photos of the magnificent bird, and noticed that I was having trouble in seeing him through the viewfinder with my right eye. I quickly took off my glasses and had no problems after that. Interesting!

I just finished writing checks to several of the civil war organizations that I belong to. I believe that even though I will most likely not be able to get to their

facilities in the near future, I feel I need to support them by being a member. Some of the organizations that I am a member of include the Civil War Trust, the Blue and Gray Education Society, the Friends of Raymond, the Museum of the Confederacy, the Mariners Museum, the National Civil War Naval Museum, and of course the San Joaquin Valley Civil War Round Table.

Again I want to remind you to pay your 2014 dues to the SJVCWRT. We need your support to enable us to continue presenting information about the Civil War to people of the valley.

Ron and I continue to work on the West Coast Civil War Conference for 2015 that will be held in Tulare. I am in the process of working on speakers for the conference. More on that, when information becomes available.

**Please remember to mark your calendars for November 7 - 9, 2014, the 2014 West Coast Civil War Conference** that is being put on by the Sacramento Round Table. I am hoping that a goodly number of our members will join me in supporting our sister round table in their venture. I will be informing you about what is going to happen at the conference as soon as more information becomes available.

I am looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at our next meeting on April 10. Our topic will be Mr. Lee, What were you thinking? It should be interesting.

My best wishes to each and every one of you.

Yours,

Michael Green

President SJVCWRT

## **AFTER ACTION REPORT**

### **SJVCWRT MEETING OF 3/13/14**

By Ron Vaughan

\*Meeting opened at 7:00 by Secretary Ron Vaughan. President Mike was absent due to cataract surgery this afternoon. 13 persons were present.

\*"Assistant Treasurer" Walt Schulze (Lisa absent due to another engagement) reported checking balance as of today: \$1,759. Dues for 2014 are due: \$35 per family.

\*No volunteers for the office of V.P. yet.

\*Sacramento is hosting the West Coast CW Conference 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of Nov. 2014. We will host 2015.

\*Brian Clague reported that the Scottsdale, Ariz. RT has 350 members. They do out reach to schools, offering free memberships to teachers and students.

\*Patty Spencer announced:

\*4/11-12 Mariposa CW Re-enactment

\*5/3-4 Gibson Ranch Re-enactment

\*8/9 CWRT members invited to Wayne Scott's (alias A. Lincoln) wedding.

\*Program was provided by Dr. Brian Clague, on Medical care during the Chattanooga-Chickamauga Campaign. The campaign is considered decisive, due to the importance of the R.R. cross roads, and the access into Georgia.

Before the beginning of Rosecran's Tulahoma campaign, a 2,000 bed hospital was built in Nashville, with special medical trains ready to transport patients there. Rosecran's rapid and almost bloodless advance soon captured Chattanooga. Although there were few battle casualties, during this time, the army of 103,000 had 10 to 16,000 men laid low by sickness.

After the capture of Chattanooga, the Union Medical Director, Dr. Moses, set up hospitals in 2,000 tents, and also took over a number of hotels, churches and other buildings. There were 225 surgeons and 300 ambulances ready. When the battle of Chickamagua began, 3 Union field hospitals were set up near the battlefield. As the battle progressed, most of the sick were sent back to Chattanooga, but when the Union route began, two of the hospitals, and many surgeons were captured. Almost 10,000 Union were wounded in the battle, many captured. As soon as wounded reached the city, many were quickly evacuated by river boats, but this stopped when the Confederates cut off the river traffic.

In the second part of his talk, Dr. Clague discussed various locations and types of wounds, what the surgeons did to treat the patients, and how many survived. In discussing each type of wound, Brian made it more interesting by using an example of one soldier who managed to live, and another case where one did not.

Surgeons were also casualties during the war: 40 killed, 83 wounded, and 300 died of disease.

Next month Todd Holmes, who portrays General Lee, will present a program about Gettysburg, entitled: "General Lee, what were you thinking?"

## **CIVIL WAR HUMOR**

From "The Blue & Gray Laughing."

Most officers in the CW were inexperienced. One example comes from "The 49<sup>th</sup> Ohio National Guard, commanded by Col. Dewolf. They were ordered to report at Johnson's Island. One of the companies, upon disembarking, was ordered to fall in and march off by their captain, who did not know a single command, in this wise: 'Choose partners gentlemen, get in two rows, and march off endways, as you did yesterday.'"

## **THE GETTYSBURG MAGAZINE FOR SALE!**

A 25-issue set (3,200 pages of material) for \$60 plus shipping, and two 10-issue sets (1,280 pages per set) for \$30 plus shipping.

The magazine was recently sold to the University of Nebraska Press. The former publisher has an inventory of back issues for sale in sets at a discount.

If you are not familiar with the magazine, each issue is 128 pages with no advertising, making each more like a soft cover book on the Gettysburg Campaign than a traditional magazine. Each article is footnoted and is accompanied by maps and both modern and historic photos. Every article has been reviewed before publication by a panel of Gettysburg experts, including Edwin C. Bearss, Chief Historian Emeritus of the National Park Service.

If you are interested and have questions, contact Andy Turner, at

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