



BUGLE CALLS, FEBRUARY 2021

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

1. FEBRUARY MEETING CANCELLED

2. UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 11: Meeting at Denny's? ILLENE AVERSON speaking about her great grand-father Colonel Upton Hayes. !!!!PLEASE CALL RON OR PATTY and give your opinion on yourself Attending or Not!!!!

Nov. 5-7, 2021: West Coast Civil War Roundtable Conference. Wyndham Gardens, Fresno

3. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, By Michael Spencer

Greetings,

Welcome to 2021! Here is to a bright and more prosperous new year. I hope you all had a good holiday. I'm hoping for a great year, with a sense of back to normal. We still have this year's CWRT Conference at the Wyndham Garden, Nov 5-7, 2021. I believe the registration form on our sjvcwrt2.com site.

In regards to our monthly meetings at Denny's on the second Thursday of every month: These have still been postponed due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Until just recently outdoor dining is permitted, some restaurants allow indoor seating (at least in Clovis). Denny's banquet room is still unavailable for use until further notice, so no meetings as of now. I'd like to have our meetings, to get back to seeing familiar faces. We miss all of you.

Regards,

Michael Spencer

4. PRESERVATION NEWS:

The American Battlefield Trust is working to save 110 acres of hallowed ground at three Civil War battlefields:

The first is a 94-acre tract at Mill Springs, Kentucky, the second is a 9-acre tract at Petersburg, Virginia, and the last 7-acre tract is at Bentonville, North Carolina.

Each of these battles tells the story of an important “beginning”;

- The beginning of the second year of the war and the beginning of the long-term effort to secure the important border state of Kentucky at Mill Springs.
- The beginning of the Richmond-Petersburg Campaign, and the 292-day siege that would eventually lead to General Lee’s surrender.
- The opening day fighting at Bentonville, which marked the beginning of the final standoff between General William Tecumseh Sherman and General Joe Johnston.

The Mill Springs land is regarded by historians as some of the most important battlefield land that could be saved there. Given the urgency at the time, the Trust pulled a significant amount from its strategic reserves to buy it, but now we must raise the final funds needed to rebuild those depleted reserves.

The good news is that we have already secured or applied for the grant funding to cover more than a million dollars of the total needed to complete these projects, but we must still raise the final \$432,000 necessary to see all four of these important tracts saved forever.

If you choose to donate to save these priceless battlefield tracts, every dollar will be matched by \$3.26, tripling the power of your donation.

