



BUGLE CALLS, OCT. 2016, SJVCWRT

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1. OCTOBER 16TH MEETING: Dine 6:00, Meeting 7:00

At Dennys Restaurant, Shaw & Willow

SPEAKER: Fred Baumfak—"The Personal Lives of Grant, Sherman & Sheridan"

2. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

October 2016

Hello all:

It's hard to believe that another month has gone by. I hope that each and every one of you have had a good month.

There isn't all that much to report from last month. As you will see in Ron's after action report, we had a good time at Brian and Linda Clagues' home. A good group assembled and were treated to a wonderful meal. Again I can't say enough about the generosity of the Clagues. Their beautiful home is a work to behold and its simple elegance is wonderful.

I have submitted some pictures that I took while at the dinner. I apologize that I didn't get pictures of all the people that attended.

I want to encourage all of you to participate in the West Coast Civil War Round Table Conference which is going to be held in Orange County on October 28-30. The topic this year will be the aftermath of the war. They have a good group of speakers again this year. If you have any questions, please contact me.

One of many things that were discussed around the outdoor table was the situation of the Fresno Reenactment. As most of you know, we choose not to participate in last year's event. We will not participate again this year. The Round Table feels that the organizers of the event were not helpful to our participation. We have been

shunted out away from the main walkway and, at the last event we participate in, we were set up behind other groups so that almost none of the people that came to the event came by our booth.

There is a cost to the Round Table to participate and members have to give up their valuable time to person the booth. The Round Table felt that it wasn't worth the time or money to not have a chance to interact with the public.

The discussion went to the fact that the Fresno event has greatly declined in scope over the last few years. So much so that there is speculation that the organizers really don't want to make the event a success.

This is too bad because it gives many people a chance to understand a little bit about a very important period in our countries history.

This situation will more than likely be an ongoing issue in our area.

I am looking forward to our next meeting which will take place on Thursday October 13 at the Denny's on Clovis Ave in Clovis. As always if you want to have dinner we suggest that you join us at 6 P.M. The meeting will start at 7 P.M. and our speaker will start about 7:15.

Hope to see you there.

Yours: Michael Green

President SJVCWRT

3. AFTER ACTION REPORT

SJVCWRT BARBEQUE OF 9/17/16

BY RON VAUGHAN

There were a dozen persons present at the Clague's beautiful "Cabin." We were shocked and saddened by the number of dead trees in the area. But it was still great to get up into the clean air and beauty of the mountains! The Clague's were once again wonderful hosts, and there was ample delicious food too!

Our planned speaker was not able to make it, due to her mother having surgery that Friday. Patti attempted to line up a last minute replacement, but this did not work out either. Fortunately, Brian had a back-up plan. He has been working on a book on CW medicine, and researching background info to go with it. He became interested in situations in the border states (Missouri, Kentucky, & Maryland). Therefore he shared some of this knowledge.

Missouri had a unique situation: many citizens were "Constitutional Unionists"—that is, they were pro-Union, but wanted to retain slavery. Governor Jackson refused to respond to Lincoln's call for volunteer troops. Captain Nathaniel Lyon, with Federal troops and German volunteer militia, took measures to secure the arsenal, dis-arm the Secessionist State Guard, and chase the Governor and Secess Legislators out of the State.

Edwin Bates and Frank Blair set up a pro-Union State government. Drastic measures were taken by tribunals, who would fine those expressing anti-Union sentiments or actions. If they refused a loyalty oath, they were exiled. There was terrible in fighting of neighbor vs neighbor, plus raids by Jayhawkers and Quantrill's guerillas.

St. Louis became a fortified bastion of Union power, with river craft and gun-boat building, Jefferson and Benton Barracks as troops centers, two prisons and two large hospitals.

Maryland likewise had a divided populace, with a Secessionist Governor and Legislature. Mobs attacked Union troops, bridges were burned, and telegraph lines cut. Union General Ben Butler took the initiative to fortify the heights over-looking Baltimore and suppress the Secessionists. Lincoln's suspension of Habeas Corpus enabled the Unionists to control the situation. Brian found that there were twenty four Doctors who left the State and went to serve the South.

Brian's presentation stimulated much discussion. Mike Green noted that there was a somewhat similar situation in Indiana. The farmers were against slavery, but needed to send their produce down the Mississippi River. So there was sentiment among the Legislature to recognize the Confederacy. Therefore the Governor was afraid to call it into secession. However, he could not utilize it to authorize paying for Indiana troops. Lincoln solved the dilemma, by providing Federal funds.

We had 3 books for a raffle. Since the weekend was the 154th anniversary of Antietam, I brought a book on the subject. Also, Linda

V. had won a door prize at the Temecula History Conference—A DVD and Script of the movie Saving Lincoln. The script was donated to the raffle. \$13 was raised for battlefield preservation.

Foot Note: Saving Lincoln is the story of the President's body guard, Ward Hill Lamon.

4. CIVIL WAR HUMOR

From "The Blue & Gray Laughing"

(Bread was scarce in the South, as witness this dialog):

"Who's there?"

"Baker"

"What do you want?"

"To leave bread."

"Well, you needn't make such a fuss about it—put it through the keyhole."

5. "AMAZING CIVIL WAR FACTS" (From the internet)

1. 625,000 to an estimated 850,000 died in the war. (2% of the population).
2. 56,000 died in prison camps.
3. 20% of the soldiers were under 18 years old.
4. The Civil War cost America around \$146 billion.
5. About 400 women served in the war by pretending to be men.
6. Surgery wasn't sterile.

7. One third of the soldiers in the Union Army were immigrants: Irish, Germans, French , Italians, Polish, English, Scottish, Mexican, and a few Chinese.
8. One in 10 Union soldiers were African-American.
9. Abraham Lincoln was almost killed (in August 1863) two years before he was assassinated. While riding alone, a bullet went through his hat.
10. The war began in April 1861 and effectively ended April 9th 1865, when Lee surrendered. (But the last battle was May 13th, 1865 at Palmito Ranch, Texas.)
11. The bloodiest battle was Gettysburg, with 51,000 casualties, and second was Chickamauga with 35,000 lost. A soldier's chance of surviving was 1 in 4.
12. 49% of the dead were buried as "unknown."
13. The youngest soldier participating in the war, was a 9 year old boy from Mississippi, and the oldest soldier was an 80 year old from Iowa.
14. More Americans died at the "Bloody Angle" at Spotsylvania, than on Omaha Beach in WW II.
15. It is estimated that around 400 wounded died in the Wilderness Battle due to being burned to death by brush fires.
16. More men died from Diarrhea than were killed in battle. Diarrhea was the most common disease, and 1 in 30 died.
17. The Civil War had many names (more than 25), including the War Between the States, The War of the Rebellion, The War For the

Union, The Brother's War, and the War to Suppress Yankee Arrogance.

18. Generals were 50% more likely to die in combat than soldiers, due to their leading their men.

19. Only two men were convicted of war crimes: Andersonville commander Henry Wirtz, and Confederate guerilla leader Champ Ferguson.

6. PHOTOS

