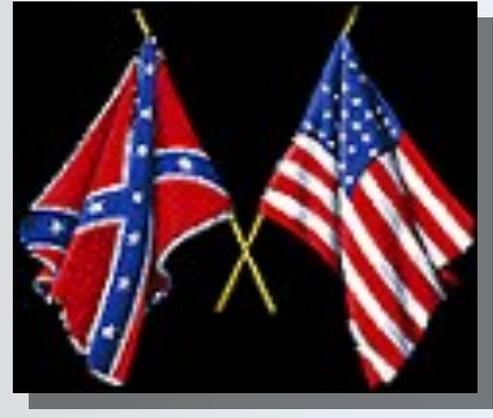




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PRESEDENT'S REPORT NOVEMBER 2012

Hello friends,

October was a very full month for the SJVCWRT. It started with the October meeting. I had the pleasure of putting on the program for this month. My topic was the battle of South Mountain. It was about an hour Power Point that focused on the background of the battle and gave the audience a look at what the ground looks like where the battle was fought. I'm sure that Ron will give you a much more detailed story in his after-action report.

As most of you know, the Round Table has been supporting the Friends of Raymond [FOR] in their effort to preserve and interoperate that battlefield located outside of Jackson, Mississippi. One of the projects that the FOR is to replicate are the artillery pieces of both the Confederate and Union guns that fought on the field. Our Round Table has, over the past four years, donated money to the FOR to preserve and interoperate the battle. Last December we had a fundraiser that netted over

\$2,500 that was donated to help purchase another cannon tube for the union cannon line.

It was decided that the Round Table would honor a young man from the Vicksburg area [Cameron Owen] who had tragically lost his life after serving his country in Iraq.

A dedication ceremony for Cameron's gun was held at the Raymond battlefield during the weekend of the re-enactment of the battle of Raymond. Cameron's family and friends were present for the ceremony which was made possible by the FOR and coordinated by our good friend General Parker Hills. The Owens's family was delighted by the ceremony. They expressed their gratitude to the SJVCWRT for honoring their son. Pictures of the ceremony can be seen on our web site,

This past weekend was the Fresno re-enactment and the SJVCWRT had a booth at the event. Vice president Patty Spencer did a great job of organizing our participation at the re-enactment. Thanks go out to the Rosendahls, Vaughns, Kuykendalls, Spencers, and Ken Motes for coming out to help out on the booth. We had three small prints that we had up for raffle and I donated three of my pictures that I have taken at battlefields. One shows a 12 pound Napoleon firing at the Wilson Creek battlefield. Another is the picture of dawn taken at the north end of the Cornfield on the anniversary of the battle of Antietam and the final picture is a sunset picture from the Peach Orchard on the day of the anniversary of the second day at Gettysburg. You can see pictures of the photos in the Bugle Call. The reason I mention this is because you will have an opportunity to buy raffle tickets for all six items at our November meeting. We will be drawing for those prizes at the meeting. We paid for the cost of the booth as well as made about \$100.00 toward battlefield preservation from this raffle.

Speaking of the November meeting, make sure you mark your calendars for November 8 because Tom Lubas will be coming down to put on his presentation on Benjamin Butler [Beast Butler]. It should be interesting and fun.

November will also be the time for election of officers for the next two years. At the present time the current officers have indicated that they will be standing for reelection. If there is anyone who wants to run for office, nominations will be taken from the floor at this meeting.

Our December meeting will be a Christmas meeting that will be held at

Walt and Gail Schulze's home. We will have more information at the November meeting.

We still haven't determined our meeting place for the 2013 year. Several people have expressed their dissatisfaction with our present location at Denny's in Clovis. Others feel that Denny's is perfectly all right. The other possibility is Marie Calendars' also located in Clovis. We will have to decide where we will be meeting for next year at this meeting.

Walt and I will be going to the West Coast Conference located in Orange County. We will be announcing our sponsoring of the 2013 conference. I have talked about our plans in previous Bugle Calls. Suffice it to say we are going to have it on a cruise ship next year. Again, more information to follow.

As I said at the beginning of this report, it has been a very busy month.

Yours:

Michael Green

President SJVCWRT

2012 KEARNEY PARK RE-ENACTMENT

Our Round Table booth was in a better site this year. We probably would have received more donations for raffle tickets, if we had some larger pictures, as in the past. Thankfully, Tom Rosendahl contributed three nicely framed pictures of Lincoln, Lee, and Gettysburg. Mike donated three outstanding color photos of battlefield sunsets and a fiery cannon blast. I do not have the exact total of sales, but Mike estimated over \$200.

The theme was the 150th Antietam. The numbers of re-enactors was down a bit, due to the NCWA and RCWA not showing up, so it was just the ACWA and local CWRS. I took the field as a 2nd Lt., due to illness of our Capt. Alexander. Our 14 man company was a combined group of the 6th Iowa and the 69th New York (Irish Bgd.), which only had 4 persons. (At Mari-posa in April, the 69th fielded 20+). Col. Erickson selected us as the "Color Cpy., which subtracted two riflemen to carry the flag, and since there was no other bugler, ours was detached to staff. This further decreased our firepower.

The first battle, more or less, depicted the Cornfield (sans) corn! The twilight battle, depicted the last bit of fighting. On Sunday, a line of hay bales and fence rails was put out to represent the sunken road. Our unit, plus others represented the Irish Bgd.'s frontal attack, while others eventually outflanked the position. At the end, there were only a dozen left of

our "Irish Brigade", with only myself and the Colonel left in command! Apparently the last battle represented the fighting around the Dunker Church, where the Union was repulsed. My whole unit went down, along with most of the other Union infantry. We had to lay there a long time baking in the Sun in our wool uniforms (a much warmer day, than Sat.!). Then after recall, we had to stand a long time for the introduction of all the units, tribute to two Marines that were on leave from Afghanistan, and present in the ranks, plus the final volley. My neck was fairly well cooked by the end of the day!

Linda V. joined me Sat pm, and we enjoyed the musical program and dancing. Then we enjoyed a nice chat with others around the fire in back camp. It was a lovely evening, but boy were my feet sore!

Ron Vaughan

CIVIL WAR QUIZ PART 2

I did not have any response to the last quiz, but will offer it one more time. Bring your answer sheet to the next meeting. The winner will get one free raffle ticket for the book drawing. I know it is not much of a prize, but do it for the fun of it!

#11. Who was the only officer to fight on both sides, as a U.S. Armt Captain, and as a C.S.A. Brigadier General?

#12 What inmate of the Union prison at Ft. Warren, Mass., was promoted to the rank of Major General while he was a Union prisoner of war?

#13. What graduate of South Carolina College, who was made a brigadier at Pensacola, saw his command virtually wiped out at Stone's River?

#14. What former Virginia Military Institute faculty member became the first combat martyr of the Confederacy?

#15. What Tar Heel Unionist enlisted as a private in the First North Carolina State troops, became a Brigadier General, then spent twenty-three postwar years as a U.S. Senator?

#16. What Virginia Colonel was commander of a prison before being placed in charge of the C.S.A. Bureau of Conscription, then fled to Europe when Lee surrendered?

#17. Who was the father of Harvard graduate Will H. Lee, who became a major general after having been captured?

#18. What North Carolinian cried, "Give them cold steel!" before leading 150 men against Cemetery Ridge?

#19. What was the name of Barnard Bee's brother, who supervised smuggling operations from Brownsville, Texas?

#20. What Virginia Congressman resigned to become a C.S.A. Colonel of infantry, then resigned that commission under accusations of being a Unionist?

2012 KEARNEY PARK RE-ENACTMENT



**Jonathon
Schulze**



Mike Gatley



Ron Vaughan



President Davis



Neil K battery fires off a round



**Confederate howitzer seen over union
Napolian**



Neil K on his gun



Ron and Linda Vaughn

Cannon line and re- enactors at Raymond



Cleburne Color Guard



Cannon & flag



Gun ded. 21 OCT 12



US Troops pass



Troops pass by



Dedication



Dedication salute



Unveiling



Martin Atkinson