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Members and Friends:

The Round Table Board met tonight [Oct, 13th] to work on details of the upcoming Symposium in Clovis (Nov 4-6th). We parceled out tasks to those who were present and made a few appointments to those who volunteered. There are no restrictions to this small group. If you would like to be helpful in some capacity, please let us know.

Master of Ceremonies: Dave Davenport
Opening and closing prayer: Ronald Vaughn
Registration table: Tom Carr and Tom Rosendahl
Hospitality setup: Shaun Ardemagni, Phyllis Mann, and Ken Moats

Facility matters: Ken Moats and Ron Markarian
Auction matters: Ken Moats, (registration table), and volunteers at large Courtney Clague and Bryce Kuykendall
Publicity: Phyllis Mann
City interaction: Clovis- Carr; Fresno- Moats
Treasurer: Pattie Spencer
Newsletter Information: Bob Quist

There are many tasks surrounding the social hour, the auction sales, etc. Straightening up the rooms will also be an issue. If you want to be helpful see Ken, Brian, Shaun, or Tom Carr.

Hope to see everyone there at the Symposium. If you can only make one day the board approved the following daily rates: Friday and Sunday -\$50; Saturday - \$100. Meals are included.

Brian Clague Club President

P.S. The Round Table Board will meet at 6PM on Thursday Nov. 10th at Popolo's at the SW corner Herdon and Blackstone.

2006 Memberships Dues Coming Up

Your 2006 Round Table membership year is from January to December. If you have not renewed your membership in the San Joaquin Valley Civil War Roundtable, they are due in December. Please use the form on the back to become current.

Remember to include your address, phone number, and email so we can bring our records up to date. The cost of membership remains the same:

Individual or family-\$25.00

Student or newsletter -

\$12.50

As always, \$5.00 of each membership goes toward Civil War Battlefield Preservation.

21st West Coast Conference Committees:

Registration:

Tom Carr, Tom Rosendahl,
Pattie Spencer

Raffle Coordinator:

Phylliss Mann, Ken Moats

Raffle Tickets: Ken Moats,
Bryce Kuykendahl, Courtney
Clague

Hospitality:

Shaun Ardemagni, Phylliss
Mann, members

Setup Crew: Members

Registration/Hospitality:
members

Cleanup: members

Ceremonial: Ron Vaughan

After Action Report SJVCWRT Meeting September 17, 2005

Bob Quist reporting for AWOL Ron Vaughan - we missed you Ron!

FSU Professor Melissa Jourdine gave a virtual tour of the Bloodiest Day of the Civil War at the Battle of Antietam, or Sharpsburg, MD, on Sept. 17th, 1862. She touched on how Robert E. Lee was bringing the war to the North, hoping to recruit in Maryland during this invasion into this Border State area.

She also made mention of the famous Special Order 191 which was found prior to the battle wrapped around three cigars by a couple of Northern troops. In it Lee had outlined his battle plans as he split his Army of Northern Virginia into four separate armies. Once Commanding General George B. McClellan received his information he said, "I'll whip Bobby Lee, or I'll go home."

CSA Stonewall Jackson took over Harper's Ferry as his army marched northward into Maryland. Timid McClellan had a great opportunity to attack the seriously divided Confederate forces at Antietam on the 15th and 16th of September but chose not to. However, the Union attack was not meant to be the piecemeal movement that first began when Gen. Joe Hooker marched into the Cornfield on Sept 17th. Simultaneously Union forces should have moved against the area of the Sunken Road and across Burnside Bridge. Amazingly the Cornfield would change hands 15 times that day!

Once the fierce fighting began at the Sunken Road sector, it would become known as 'Bloody Lane' in a matter of hours.

Four hours after the start of the Cornfield fighting, Gen. Ambrose Burnside finally received his orders to go forward. He showed little initiative crossing what became 'Burnside Bridge' [the Union troops could have easily crossed the creek in mass as it was shallow]. Only 550 Confederates were present to drive back the first two Union bridge attacks. It wasn't until three hours later that the Union army finally crossed the bridge, but it would take another two hours to resupply and regroup and move forward. At this point AP Hill's Corps arrived after marching 17 miles in 8 hours to save the day for the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia.

Despite poorly managing his corps many historians believed McClellan could have beat Lee at Antietam if he had used his ample reserves. Most members would probably agree with Professor Jourdine's summary during Q and A: "There wasn't any effective coordination by McClellan as he missed a great opportunity to smash Lee's Army and end the war."

Hope to See You All There!

Member Volunteers Needed for West Coast Conference

Mark Your Calendars!

Our December meeting will be Sat., Dec. 3rd, at the new home of Tom and Kathy Carr in Fresno. Speaker will be Zoyd Lucy.

The Board went over the conference schedule of events and tried to decide on duties which were necessary. The schedule below addresses some of these issues.

I hope our members will consider where they might like to assist. There is plenty of room for additional help with ticket sales and hospitality... I am hoping that Bill Head will speak about Preservation in announcing the amount raised during the West Coast Conference.

Member Feedback Sought for Our Participation in Kearney Park Civil War Reenactment

The Civil War Reenactment at Kearney Park on October 8 and 9 was, as usual, a splendid affair with much to see. The competition for attention continues to grow. We had good representation at the SJVCWRT booth, arranged for by Pattie Spencer. Overall, we had probably 30 visitors and many 'lookers-on'. I was impressed with the opportunity which this venue continues to offer us. We might be able to boost the returns. This year we dispensed all our club bulletins, all 20 Symposium fliers, and took down more than 10 names of interested individuals and families. We even collected a few dollars towards the print auction in November.

Special thanks goes to member Wayne 'Abe Lincoln' Scott who stood nearby on Sunday and attracted a crowd. Our booth was stared at often with many seemingly appreciative of our function and goals. Placing a small written sign that indicated that we were involved in "Battlefield Preservation" seemed to help. We still found ourselves explaining the basics to the audience. Once we made the contact, we often received positive response.

Suggestions which I have and others have made to make our presence more effective include:

- A large sign which states our Mission Statement.
 - A sign board which has letters from the CWPT which shows endangered sites, with a letter to SJVCWRT thanking us for our recent contribution.
 - A thermometer which shows our Civil War Battle Field Preservation giving to date.
 - Table materials which include books on Civil War Battlefields, i.e. Ed Bear's book, *National Geographic*, etc. More club brochures which highlight our education and preservation efforts.
 - Ask Wayne Scott to be our Lincoln at our booth. He attracts people wherever he goes.
- President Brian Clague

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Individuals</u>
Friday , Nov 4th			
12:30-3PM	Setup	registration	Raffle table,
		Coffee	Hospitality - all members
3-6PM	Registration		
6-7PM	Social Hour	Hospitality / ticketeers	
6-7PM	Music - USA	Concert Band	
7-8PM	Opening Remarks - B. Clague		
	Pledge - Ron Vaughan / Dinner		
	David Davenport - Master of Ceremonies		
8-9PM	Speaker Presentation - David Davenport		
	-speaker introduction		
9-10PM	Shutdown / members/hospitality		

Saturday , Nov. 5th			
7-8:20	Breakfast	Hospitality	
7-5PM	Registration	Reg./Auction	
8:30-10 AM	Speaker Presentation - David Davenport		
	introduction		
10-10:15	Break/Raffle /Hosp/ticketeers		
10:15-12:30	Presentation / Davenport intr.		
12:30-1:30	Lunch/Hosp/raffle		
2-3:15	Speaker Presentation - Davenport intro.		
3:15-3:30	Break/Hosp./Ticketers		
3:30-5:00	Speaker Presentation - Davenport		
5-6PM	Break/Hosp.		
6-7Pm	Harmonica Ray /Hosp/Raffle		
7-8PM	Dinner	Raffle	
	B. Clague - Announcements		
8-9PM	Speaker Presentation - Davenport intro.		
10 PM	Closure/Hosp/members		

Sunday Nov. 6th			
7-10AM	Registration		
7-8:20AM	Breakfast/Hosp./ticketeers		
8:30-10:30	Presentation-Davenport		
	Introduction		
10:30-11AM	Break Hosp/Raffle/ticketeers		
11-12	Speaker Presentation - Davenport Intro.		
12-2PM	Lunch Hosp/ticketeers/raffle		
	finale - David Davenport		
	Closing - Brian Clague		
2-3PM	Cleanup - members		

Master of Ceremony David Davenport
Club President Brian Clague

MEMBERSHIP FORM - Membership year is from January to December

Please begin/renew my membership in the San Joaquin Valley Civil War Round Table

____ INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY Membership - \$25.00

____ STUDENT Membership or NEWSLETTER ONLY - \$12.50

*\$5.00 of each membership goes toward CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

Bring this membership form and your check to our next monthly meeting,
or mail it to our Treasurer, Pattie Spencer, at the Post Office Box below:

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