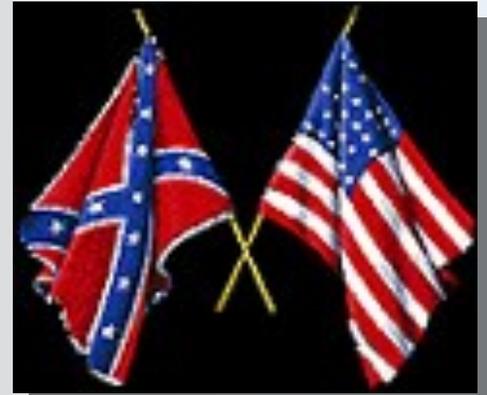




# Bugle Calls



## **SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE**

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2015**

Hello my friends,

I hope that everything is going well with you and yours. It is hard to believe that we are already into February.

The other day, I had the opportunity of stopping by Walt's house and viewing a new look for the "Roundtable Web Site" I think that what he has done is outstanding and makes our presence on the web much more appealing. If you go through the different areas of the web site you will see that Walt has expanded the areas that you can access quite a bit. He has changed to links to other Roundtables and even given you an opportunity to upgrade your Adobe Acrobat with a simple key stroke. I know that this is a labor of love that Walt has invested hundreds of hours of his own time making the web site great.

I tip my hat to you Walt and thank you personally as well as from all of the members of the SJVCWRT. A job well done.

The other plus about dropping by Walt's house is that I got to enjoy one of the largest and tastiest snicker doodles I have ever had. I was told that Walt had baked them that morning. He even sent one home

with me so that Carolyn could enjoy them. Again a man of many talents. Thanks again Walt.

I want to remind you again that THE DUES ARE DUE for 2015. So please send them to Lisa ASAP.

Speaking of Lisa, she made the treasures report and told us that we have \$2,100.00 in the bank.

Patty is still looking for people who are willing to speak at one of our meetings. If we can't get a speaker, we may have to resort to showing videos for our program.

We had a good meeting in January with several of us putting on our own "show and tell" programs. We also discussed in length the problems we have been having with the Fresno reenactment and decided not to participate in the 2015 program. Wayne Scott gave each of the members that were there a wall calendar. We appreciate his generosity. We also talked at length about the Civil War Conference and the pluses and minuses that are going on with it.

I took my act on the road again. Last meeting we had a "show and tell" and I brought in some I have acquired the over the years [that means that I have purchased not dug myself]. I had a good time going over the different types of Civil War Bullets and Cartridges that I have picked up and the problems that the quartermaster for both sides ran into trying to supply the ammunition for all the different makes and calibers of firearms that were used.

Our friend, Tom Lubas from the North Bay Roundtable called and asked if I had something that I might be able to present for their group. I thought "Hey" I could just expend on what I had presented to our group and I put together a program that I called "The Civil War. A Quartermasters Nightmare". I headed out of San Francisco toward Santa Rosa, taking Highway 1 which runs along the coast. This gave me the opportunity of taking some pictures along the way. [I will attach some of them for this month's report]

Tom's group seemed to enjoy the program.

I told Tom that I might just have to join his group because that was the third time I had made a presentation to them.

Our plans for the November West Coast Civil War Roundtable Conference continue to move forward. Ron is doing a great job of securing our speakers and we should have that finalized soon.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting which will be on February 12, 2015 at Denny's on Shaw Avenue in Clovis. The dinner will start at 6:00 P.M. and our meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. with a brief business meeting and then Ron will present the program.



**Waves breaking at Bodega Bay headlands**



**Buck deer feeding along road Point Reyes National Park**



**Lone Pine Tree overlooking ocean Point Reyes.**



**Lichen on a fence rail North End of Point Reyes**



**Bull Tule Elk found at north end of Point Reyes**

# **AFTER ACTION REPORT**

## **SJVCWRT MEETING OF 1/8/15**

### **BY RON VAUGHAN**

I missed the meeting due to a miscalculation of dates in our vacation reservations. Although I enjoyed the sunny coast (some Sun any way), I hated to miss the January "show & tell" surprises! Mike Green rendered an oral account of the happening of the meeting for the sake of the minutes:

\*The meeting began at 7:00, with 10 persons present.

\*Denney's had been remolded into a much nicer room.

\*The Christmas party was discussed, with thanks to the Schulzes for hosting.

\*The problems with the last Kearney Park booth was discussed, and the majority voted not participate next year.

\*Lisa reported the Treasury balance is \$2,100. Expenses are \$95 for the website. Walt is working to upgrade it. \$65 is due for the PO Box.

\*President Lincoln (Wayne Scott) passed out calendars with his speaking dates and events marked.

\*Lisa's friend presented a book report about Mary Lincoln's rivals. In particular, Salmon Chase's daughter tried to steal the limelight in D.C.

\*Mike Gatley demonstrated the loading and firing on a rifled musket.

\*Mike Green showed various types of rifle and carbine bullets 7 cartridges. He spoke about the logistical problems of supplying the troops with the variety of cartridges.

\*The books were raffled and the meeting adjourned at 8:30.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS NEWS:**

ED BEARSS: "The Civil War Courier" reports that Ed Bearss is still active on the CW lecture circuit. At a recent event at Franklin, the 91 year young Ed dressed as a Confederate private and out paced many in a walk to the Carter House. The Courier says, when many of us forget where we put our car keys, or what we had for dinner yesterday, Ed can still rattle off names, dates, and places of the CW.

CSS HUNLEY: You may have read that they are hard at work removing the sediment that covers the exterior of the hull. For the first time in 150 years, we can see what the actual hull looks like. The preservation team hopes to uncover new clues about the demise of the submarine.

## **CIVIL WAR HUMOR:**

### **From "The Blue & Gray Laughing":**

"Among other incidents of the battle of Murfreesboro, we learned of one in which a soldier observed a rabbit lopping across the battlefield under fire. 'Run cottontail,' the soldier yelled; 'If I hadn't a reputation to sustain, I'd travel too!'"

#### **CIVIL WAR EVENTS OF FEBRUARY, 1865**

- 2/3: Lincoln and Seward met with CSA VP Stephens on the steamboat River Queen, to discuss peace. The conference failed.
- 2/4: R.E. Lee belatedly named General in Chief of all Confederate forces.
- 2/5 through 7: A series of Union offensives during the siege of Petersburg occurred at Hatcher's Run, Dabney's Mill, and Vaughan Road.
- 2/8: Union Army appointed first Black Major: Martin R. Deleny.
- 2/12: Henry H. Garnet became the first Black to speak in the U.S. house of Representatives.
- 2/17: General Sherman captured Columbia, S.C., and the city was soon on fire. The cause is still disputed.
- 2/18: Charleston, S.C. surrendered. The star & Stripes again flew over Fort Sumter.
- 2/22: R.E. Lee, appointed Joe Johnston to commander the Confederate Army in N.C.
- 2/22: Voters in Tenn. Approved a new state constitution which included the abolition of slavery.

### **WRECK OF THE C.S.S. GEORGIA IRONCLAD WILL BE RAISED (CNN)**

The deepening of the shipping channel in Savannah, Georgia, also will be raising up an ironclad that protected the city during the Civil War until the vessel met its undignified demise.

For about the next nine months, divers will be working to bring up the CSS Georgia, piece by rusted piece, from nearly 40 feet down in the Savannah River.

The \$706 million harbor deepening officially began Thursday with speeches and the firing of an old cannon at Old Fort Jackson near the wreck site.

The removal of the CSS Georgia is necessary for the state and federal project, which will see the channel go from 42 to 47 feet so massive cargo container ships can

use the port without relying on the tide.

While some material from the Confederate vessel was recovered after the war, many pieces remain in the swift, dark waters. One of the casemates made from railroad iron, is huge: 68 feet by 24 feet.

The CSS Georgia didn't have enough power to maneuver and effectively trade artillery rounds with any enemy vessels that might approach from the Atlantic Ocean. Instead, the vessel became a stationary floating battery, bristling with artillery pieces.

The Yankees refused to take on the CSS Georgia or other nearby defense obstructions.

The CSS Georgia won the battle, but lost the war: The vessel was scuttled in December 1864 shortly before Union forces took Savannah and presented the city to President Abraham Lincoln as a Christmas present. The shipwreck has rested in the river since, rarely disturbed and having weathered the indignity of being hit during dredging a couple of times over the years.

Recovery of the ironclad will cost between \$14 million and \$15 million, Corps officials said. Archaeologists have the challenge of preserving portions of the CSS Georgia through chemical and other means, making her iron stable so the remains one day can be displayed. Conservation of selected artifacts and parts of the CSS Georgia will be done at Texas A&M University and will take about two years to complete.



**CSS GEORGIA**