



# Bugle Calls



## SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

### FEBRUARY 2014

Hello all, I hope that everyone is doing well and enjoying the rain and snow that finally graced our valley. It's about time for mother nature to visit our valley.

Our January meeting went off well with Ron and Linda Vaughan making presentations and I did a couple of things. We had elections, Brian and Patty were elected to the board as member at large, Ron was elected secretary and I was elected president. We still need a treasure and a vice president so we need to have people step up and take those positions.

We went over the conference and after all was said and done we had a profit of over \$1000.00. We decided to send that on to the Friends of Raymond. We also decided to refund Wayne his registration fee because of the mix-up about getting on the ship.

We talked about putting on the 2014 conference. Ron and I have been working on the possibility of doing it in Tulare at the Tulare Historical Society. The problem is that Sacramento is looking into doing the 2014. So we will push ahead to 2015. More on this as MORE information comes in from Sacramento.

I will be heading to Louisiana on February 1 to do some Civil War and WWII research. I will be flying into New Orleans and intend to go to the WWII Museum. It has been some time since I have been there and I understand that they have expanded greatly. I was going to head to the Confederate Museum in New Orleans but it will be closed while I am in the city. I had also planned to travel south to Fort Jackson but it is still closed because of the damage it sustained from Katrina. You would think that with all of the money that has been pumped into that area, they would have done something about this historical site.

I will move on to Baton Rouge and take another look at Port Hudson and add to my presentation on the battle there. When I contacted them earlier this week, I found that they were closed that day because of the SNOW that was covering the ground. The temp was down in the single digits. This is in Southern Louisiana???? Oh well they are saying that it will warm up during the time I am there. I am taking along lots of warm cloths anyway.

The main reason for my trip is a Blue and Gray Education Society tour of the first 1/3 of the Red River Campaign of 1864. Our friend Parker Hills will be leading the group. This should be interesting. I will get to see and learn about areas that I haven't been in before and also get to see some good friends that I have made while going on these tours. It should be fun.

Speaking of General Hills, he continues to work on improving the battlefield at Raymond. His latest venture is making a limber for the Union cannons and signing the infantry movements on the ground. He does such good work.

I want to remind you that the 2014 DUES are due. Please Please Please re-join the round table. We do need your support.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting which is February 13 at the Dennys on Shaw avenue in Clovis. Walt will be making a presentation on Rail Roads in the Civil War. It should be very interesting. As usual, if you are looking to have dinner, please get there about 6. The meeting will start promptly at 7 and we will be out of there before 9.

Yours:

Michael Green

President SJVCWRT

# **AFTER ACTION REPORT**

## **SJVCWRT MEETING OF 1/9/14**

**By Ron Vaughan**

\*MEETING: Only 10 persons were present, but we had a great evening.

\*Treasurer's report by Walt Schulze: Our current balance is \$5,185 in checking. All the bills for the conference were paid, including repayment of funds invested by Brian Clague, so we had a profit of \$1,352.

\*A motion was made and approved to donate \$1,000 to Raymond. Mike said at least part of it will probably be used for interpretive signs, one of which may be dedicated to a deserving member.

\*A motion was approved to refund the \$150 con fee to Wayne Scott, who literally missed the boat.

\*Dues @ \$35 per family are due for 2014.

\*Mike said that Sacramento is not doing the 2014 conference, so we have been looking into hosting it. Ron has made arrangements for utilizing the Tulare Historical Museum's Heritage room (Ron is head docent there) for only \$500 for the weekend, instead of their usual charge of \$1200. The room can seat a max of 112 persons at tables, The Board room is available for the book sellers. The President of the Historical Society owns a restaurant, and should be able to cater meals at a reasonable price. Tulare is a small town, but has eight motels. Mike will seek sponsorship of speakers from Sacramento and other roundtables. The date would be the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in Nov. 2014.

\*A motion was approved to proceed with organizing the con, providing that we get confirmation that Sacramento is not hosting.

\*ELECTIONS:

Mike Green agreed to another term as President, there were no other nominations. Ron Vaughan agreed to continue as Secretary, no other nominations. Lisa Peters agreed to be Treasurer, no other nominations, Brian Clague and Patty Spencer volunteered to be members at Large. No one volunteered to be Vice President. A unanimous ballot was cast for this slate of officers.

\*COMING PROGRAMS: Feb, Walt Schulze will speak about C.W. Railroads. March, Brian Clague will speak about medical care during the Chickamauga - Chatanooga Campaign, Mar. a speaker from South Bay R.T.

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SHOW & TELL:

\*Ron V shared story of a C.W. Medal of Honor winner, who is buried in the Tulare

## Cemetery:

One hundred and fifty years ago, 7/4/1863, there were two great Union victories celebrated. There was another small battle that day that was also decisive, commanded by Col. Orlando Hurley Moore. He was born on July 13, 1827, in Wilkes-Barre, PA. He joined the U.S. Army in 1857 as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.

In 1861. Lt. Moore was in California, and helped to foil a plot to carry the state out of the Union, and establish a "Pacific Republic" under the auspices of Albert Sidney Johnson. At the outbreak of the war, Moore was appointed Lt. Col. of the 13<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infy. Regt. It is strange to see a picture of the Colonel with a bugle, but he was trained to play it, and actually used it to give bugle call orders in battle.

In 1862 he became Col. of the 25<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infy. He with his regt. was assigned to be Provost Marshall of the city of Louisville, Ky. He was of Abolitionist sentiment, and ran afoul of the Ky., slave owners, by refusing to return runaway slaves, who had taken jobs with the Union Army. The political fallout caused him to be reassigned, to guard the Green River bridge.

On June 11, 1863 General Hunt Morgan and his 2,500 handpicked Confederate cavalymen rode out of Sparta, Tenn., intending to divert the attention of the Union Army of the Ohio from Southern forces in the state. Morgan moved northward, bound for Kentucky, where he planned to make a dash to Louisville. He crossed the rain-swollen Cumberland River and advanced into Kentucky, camping near Columbia on the night of July 3. The next day, he planned to cross the Green River at Tebbs' Bend, which was guarded by five companies of the 25th Michigan Infantry (approximately 200 men under Col. Orlando H. Moore).

Across a narrow loop in the river, Moore had erected 100 yds of earthworks in the woods, guarded by a line of abattis (felled trees) and several forward rifle pits. His goal was to protect the Lebanon-Campbellsville-Columbia Turnpike, a vital supply line and the easiest route for Morgan to take to reach Louisville.

Morgan divided his force, sending the bulk of his cavalry to a ford further down the river to cut off the garrison's avenue of retreat. At sunrise on July 4, Union pickets opened fire on approaching enemy cavalymen. Soon, Morgan's artillery answered, wounding two Union soldiers in the rifle pits. About 7 a.m., Morgan called a cease fire and sent forward three officers under a flag of truce, demanding that Moore surrender, wishing to avoid further bloodshed. However, despite being outnumbered, Moore replied "Present my compliments to Gen Morgan and say, this being the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, I cannot entertain the proposition to surrender."

Morgan's artillery resumed firing, but hidden Sharpshooters soon silenced Morgan's artillery battery of four guns. Then, Morgan sent forward about 400 troopers of two dismounted regiments under Col. Adam Johnson, who easily overran the advanced rifle pits. However, the attack stalled under heavy fire from Federals entrenched behind



the abatis. Morgan then sent in the 5th Kentucky Cavalry from Col. Basil Duke's brigade to support Johnson. Over a three-hour period, Morgan pushed forward a total of eight separate attacks, with each one being repulsed.

Finally, Morgan acknowledged that he could not dislodge the Yankees from their fortifications, and Morgan sent forward a flag of truce for a cease fire, in order to collect his wounded and bury his dead. The Confederates had lost 35 killed and 45 seriously wounded, including a Col. and 2 majors; while Moore had 6 killed and 23 wounded. One of the Union wounded was discovered to be Lizzie Compton—a 16 year old girl disguised as a soldier.

Morgan left his wounded behind in the charge of a surgeon, and withdrew southward along the bluffs of the Green River, finally crossing the bend at Johnson Ford and headed towards Lebanon, Ky. News of the heroic resistance at Green River encouraged the small force at Lebanon, to make a valiant defense, although Morgan's attack finally forced them to surrender.

Louisville had no troops, except the other five companies of the 25<sup>th</sup> Michigan, but the delay enabled the city to be reinforced. General. Morgan realized he had lost the advantage of surprise, and decided to cross into Ohio, where eventually he and his raiders were cornered and captured.

The Battle of Tebb's Bend, for its size, and in its results, was a most important one. If Morgan had not been checked, he would have made his way into Louisville, and destroyed millions of dollars worth of government stores, and a large number of locomotives and rolling stock. The Confederate sympathizers had secretly made preparations to receive him with tables set, fresh horses, and steamboats to transport his command to the Indiana side of the river. General Morgan admitted that his defeat at Tebb's Bend knocked the bottom out of his raid.

For his gallant and meritorious defense, Moore was made a brevet major in the U.S. Regular Army, and awarded the Medal of Honor. Later, Moore commanded a brigade at the battle of Franklin, and participated in the capture of Fort Anderson. At the close of the war, he returned to service in the Regular Army as a brevet Lt. Col. He retired from the army in 1884, and died in Dearborn Mich. On Oct 31, 1890. His wife had moved to Tulare, Ca due to her poor health and died there. Orlando's body was shipped to Tulare and buried beside her. Next to his grave is an obelisk and a flag pole, where a U.S. flag is always flying. Ron donated a CW style National flag for the cemetery to fly on special occasions.

\*Mike shared several of his detailed model CW ships that were about 18" long: The CSS Virginia, USS Monitor, river gunboat USS Cairo, submarine CSS Hunley and CSS Atlanta which was captured by the Union Navy and then used by it. Then Mike showed a number of his beautiful battlefield photos.

\*Linda Vaughan read a poem, "Barbara Fritchie."

## **CIVIL WAR TRUST**

### **2013: Year in Review**

The past year was a record year for the Civil War Trust, with education programs, digital products, events, and, most importantly, over 2,700 acres of historic battlefield land saved forever. This puts us at over 38,500 total acres we have saved as an organization! There is still plenty of hallowed ground left to save, and we don't intend to rest on our laurels. but as we open the New Year. We commend all those who have generously donated support, which allows us to keep saving Civil War battlefield land and spreading enthusiasm for our nation's history.

The Civil War Trust also announces a new website on Lincoln's Gettysburg Address:  
[//gettysburgaddress.civilwar.org/](http://gettysburgaddress.civilwar.org/).

## **CIVIL WAR HUMOR**

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

- . "While the Yankees were occupying Canton, Mississippi, a little boy, five years of age, passing by a bevy of soldiers, shouted: 'Hurrah for Jeff Davis!'
- . 'Hurrah for the devil!' was the indignant response.
- 'That's right,' said the little fellow, 'you hurrah for your captain, and I'll hurrah for mine!'"

