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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT OCTOBER 2014

Hello again

I hope all of you are well and enjoying the move into the fall.

We had a good time last meeting with Wayne Scott [our own Mr. Lincoln] regaling us with some of Lincoln's humor. It was quite entertaining.

We are going to again have a booth at the Fresno Re-enactment [Civil War Revisited] at Kearney Park on Saturday October 18 and Sunday October 19. The members of the Round Table will be there on both days. We need your help in taking care of the booth. If you are willing to help out, please contact Patty and let her know when and what times you would be willing to help. This is an opportunity for the Round Table to contact the general public and let them know that we are around and active. As an added incentive we do have passes for the event. Contact Patty on her cell phone at 559 304-8170 and let her know that you are willing to help out.

Our October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting at Denny's in Clovis will have Mike Carter talking about the 26<sup>th</sup> North Carolina Regiment.

Mike always gives a great talk, so please come and hear what he has to say. As usual if you want dinner, get there about 6. Mike's talk should start about 7:15.

Unfortunately, I will miss this meeting. I have a Civil War tour dealing with David Hunter's raid into the Shenandoah Valley in 1864. I will be heading back East a few days early and spending a few days after the tour to see if I can get some pictures of the fall color on the Skyline and Blue Ridge Parkways. This has been one of the things on my bucket list and I figured that this would be a great time to cross another one off the list.

In November, I hope to have a power point ready for the meeting dealing with Jubal Early's raid down the Shenandoah in 1864. The bulk of the talk will be about the battle of Monocacy. A battle that I believe saved the Capital; but, it will also include information on the attack on Harper's Ferry and Fort Stevens. I have been working through my pictures to come up with what I hope will be a good presentation of the land where these battles were fought.

Our December meeting will be again held at Walt and Gail's home. We have enjoyed their hospitality in their beautiful home. It should be an enjoyable evening.

Please don't forget to sign up for the West Coast Civil War Round Table's Conference this year held in Sacramento on November 7-8-9. The topic of this year's conference will be about the Civil War in 1864. Go to the Sacramento Round Table's web site to get more information.

I am sorry that I will miss Mike's talk, but am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Denny's on Shaw Ave in Clovis. Remember, if you want dinner please come around 6 P.M. We always have fun talking about this and that before the meeting. The meeting itself will start at 7 P.M. and our program should start about 7:15 P.M. and be over by 8:30.

Wishing you all the best

Yours:

Michael Green

President SJVCWRT

# **AFTER ACTION REPORT**

## **SJVCWRT MEETING OF 9/11/14**

BY RON VAUGHAN

\*Twelve persons were present for the meeting. Lisa P. was absent on a trip, Walt S. was recently discharged from the hospital, Brian C. was ill.

\*Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Scott had a photo album of their recent wedding. Some of the pics were shared in the last newsletter.

\*Mr. & Mrs. Norm Fouch were at the meeting, brought in a CW chess set he had purchased. They offered to donate it for a fund-raiser raffle. It would be a great special raffle item for our conference.

\*Mike Green spoke of his Summer trips to battlefields near Richmond, Shenandoah Valley, Monocacy, and the retreat from Gettysburg. One or more of these visits will be the subject of future presentations. Patty made a visit to Yosemite, and sadly found no water in the waterfalls, except Vernal had a little bit. The Vaughan's traveled to Vienna, Rome, N. Italy, & Greece.

\*No treasurer's report.

\*Mike remind us of the West Coast Civil War Round Table Conference on the second weekend of Nov. in Sacramento.

\*We will need more help for the conference of 2015 that we host.

\*Also, we need more volunteers for our booth at Kearny Park. Call Patty about this ASAP.

\*Correspondence was received from the Friends of Raymond, thanking our club for our Feb. donation.

\*Program: Wayne Scott dressed in his President Lincoln suit and hat, spoke on the topic, "Abe Lincoln—Story Teller." He shared a number of Lincoln's humorous stories that had pointed social or political commentary. Unfortunately, I have neither the short hand skills nor the accurate memory, to relate these great tales. At the end, Wayne showed us his replica watch that belonged to Lincoln. Abe had left it at a repair shop in the early days of his Presidency. When the news of the firing on Fort Sumter and the beginning of the war, the watch repairman engraved a message on the inside frame: "4/15/1861—Ft. Sumter fired upon. Thank God we have a government." He never told anyone, except his family about it. Only years later did a historian hear of the story and was able to examine the watch and discover the hidden message. Since then, reproductions of the watch have been made as a limited edition. It was fascinating to see this watch. We thank Wayne for sharing it.

Since we had no raffle tickets available, we had to forego the book raffle.

Mike Carter will present a talk that he has researched on the distinguished 26<sup>th</sup> North Carolina Regt. in the Civil War. In Nov. Mike Green will speak. Dec. will be our annual Christmas party.

## **POETRY CORNER (From Civil War Poetry, An Anthology)**

Stonewall Jackson

"Mortally wounded at Chancellorsville  
The Man who fiercest charged in fight,  
Whose sword and prayer were long—  
Stonewall!  
Even him who stoutly stood for Wrong,  
How can we praise? Yet coming days  
Shall not forget him with this song.  
Dead is the Man whose Cause is dead,  
Vainly he died and set his seal—  
Stonewall!  
Earnest in error , as we feel;  
True to the thing he deemed was due,  
True as John Brown or steel.  
Relentlessly he routed us;  
But we relent, for he is low—  
Stonewall!  
Justly his fame we outlaw; so  
We drop a tear on the bold Virginian's bier,  
Because no wreath we owe."