



BUGLE CALLS, OCTOBER 2018

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

4:00- REGISTRATION BEGINS

5:00-5:45- SOCIAL HOUR

5:45-6:45- DINNER

7:00- INTRODUCTION TO THE TRANS-MISSISSIPPI

THEATER: Ron Vaughan

7:30-8:00 -TRANS-MISSISSIPPI COMMAND OVERVIEW:

THOMAS CUTRER

8:00-9:00 -RED RIVER CAMPAIGN: Parker Hill

SATURDAY

8:00-8:50- SECESSION CRISIS IN THE TRANS-

MISSISSIPPI: Jim Stanberry

9:00-9:50- BATTLE OF WILSON'S CREEK: Richard Hatcher

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10:00- BREAK

10:15-11:10- SIBLEY'S CAMPAIGN: Thomas Cutrer

11:15-11:45- CALIFORNIA IN THE CW: Ron Vaughan

11:45-1:00- LUNCH
1:00-1:50- BATTLE OF PEA RIDGE: Richard Hatcher III
2:00-2:50- BATTLE OF PRAIRIE GROVE: Ron Vaughan
3:00- BREAK
4:45-5:45- DINNER
5:45-6:00- JERRY RUSSEL AWARD
6:00-6:50- PRICE'S 1864 RAID: Thomas Cutrer
7:00-7:50- STEEL'S CAMPAIGN: Parker Hills
8:00- RAFFLE

SUNDAY

8:30-9:20- NATIVE AMERICANS IN THE CIVIL WAR Jim Stanbery
9:30-10:00- MEDICAL CARE IN THE T.M.: Brian Clague
10:00-10:30- BATTLEFIELD ARCHEOLOGY: Parker Hills
10:30-10:45- SJVCWRT DONATIONS TO RAYMOND BATTLEFIELD: Mike Green
10:45-10:50- BREAK
10:50-11:45- PANEL DISCUSSION
11:45- RAFFLE

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1. OCTOBER MEETING: 10/11/18
DENNY'S RESTAURANT, 710 W. SHAW AVE., CLOVIS
6:00 PM DINNER & SOCIAL HOUR

7:00 MEETING

7:15 PROGRAM: “**ROBERT SMALLS: The interesting story of a slave who sailed to freedom on a Confederate ship**” by Ron Vaughan

Afterwards, the usual book raffle.

2. UPCOMING EVENTS:

- a. OCT. 20 & 21ST KEARNEY PARK CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTMENT
 - b. NOV. 8TH MEETING: Dennis Koleman speaks on Civil War Cavalry.
 - c. NOV. 8th Same night as our meeting Ken Moats will receive an award for his service at Hope Lutheran Church.
 - d. NOV. 9th-11th WEST COAST CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE
 - e. DEC. 13TH CHRISTMAS PARTY
At Dennys (unless someone volunteers to host it elsewhere)
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3. PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE BY MICHAEL SPENCER

Greetings all,

A reminder that the annual conference is fast approaching, and I couldn’t be more excited as your president. Our next meeting is Thursday October 11th at 6pm.

I know that we have dedicated funds to save Raymond from our past conference’s. I received an email from Glen Hayes, who is a member of the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association. They’re trying to save the site of Camp Letterman General Hospital from developers. Over 4000 badly wounded Union and Confederate soldiers from

the battle were treated at the hospital 365 soldiers died of their wounds in the four months Letterman was in operation.

This group is trying to get S &A homes to save 17 acres out of 191 acres that they own, that contained tents with the wounded at Letterman. Mr. Hayes stated in efforts to help save the site, Mr. Hayes has reached out to many Civil War Roundtable's across United States to send a brief letter to S & A homes, in an effort to preserve our history of the Civil War.

4. AFTER ACTION REPORT BY RON VAUGHAN

We had a good turnout for the meeting, 15 persons present. Our guest speaker, Dana Lombardy, is a very engaging speaker. He presented an illustrated talk about his book, "Grant Rising: Mapping the Career of a Great Commander through 1862."

The book features excellent maps produced by Hal Jesperson, who has made maps for several authors. The maps are multicolored, so they are easy to understand. They not only make the movements of units clear, but also clarify the terrain.

The book has maps of places where Grant lived in early years, the locations of the Mexican War campaigns where he fought, and maps of the Civil War battles, even the more obscure ones, like Belmont-Grant's first action in the war. In addition, there are excellent Orders of Battle for each battle-information that is very hard to get. His OB for the Union at Donelson contains the 20th Ohio Regt., which Dana said is missing from all other OBs, because it arrived late.

Dana had some interesting comments about Grant: Representative Elihu Washburne, from Illinois, was his

patron. Washburne helped Grant get promotion to Brigadier General. Grant had gone from a poor store clerk to General in one year. He became a Major General in July 63, Lt. General in 3/64, and soon after General in Chief. Quite a meteoric rise!

Dana had copies of his book available for sale. When it originally came out in 2015, it sold for \$50. But he made it available to us for only \$20, and several of us bought copies.

In addition, he gave everyone present a copy of a 20 page booklet on the battle of Bull Run, which he produced for the Manassas National Battlefield Park. It too has great colorful maps and O.B.s, which make the action much more understandable, better than any other published material I have seen.

Dana had some interesting comments about Grant: He lost his first battle, but he learned from it., as did Jackson and Lee. At Shiloh many of Grant's troops had seen action before, while none of the Confederates had experience. Also, at Shiloh, Dana observed that Breckinridge's Division was the reserve, but once Johnston was killed, there was no one to order it into action, as no one knew its location, and Beauregard was far in the rear at HQ, and had little idea what was happening. Thus, it did not get into action the first day. This could have made a difference in the outcome.

Many members present, stated this was the best meeting in a long time!

5. CIVIL WAR HUMOR FROM THE "BLUE & GRAY LAUGHING"

"During the siege of Mobile, all the ladies were hard at work at one time making bags to be filled with sand for the fortifications. Sewing circles, churches, and schools all lent

a willing hand. One school for young ladies sent it's share with patriotic mottoes. One zealous young lady's name can now be seen, as follows: 'God save the South for Molly Brown!'"