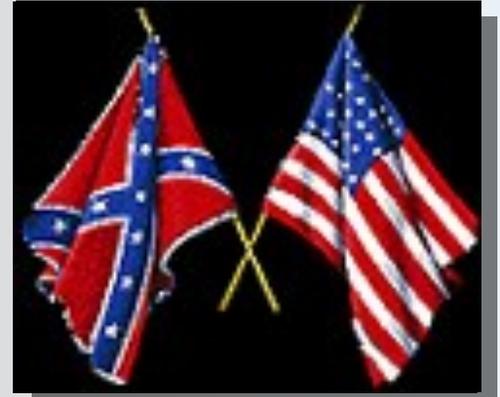




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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER, 2014

Hello all:

I hope you have had a wonderful summer and that you have been able to do a lot of the things that you had wanted to do.

We had a good get together in July at the Clagues'. I was told that people enjoyed the break in the weather from frying down in the valley to the cool mountain air. Again we want to thank the Clagues' for again hosting this event.

Some of our members have been out and about and doing some wonderful things.

Our Mr. Lincoln [Wayne Scott] was married this summer. Patty and Michael Spenser represented the Round Table at this event. Congratulations to the new couple.

Ron and Linda Vaughan have been gallivanting around Europe. From the posts on Facebook it looks like they are having a wonderful time.

I have made a couple trips back east to do some study on the Civil War. I was in Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania learning about Lee's retreat from Gettysburg. Before the tour I took a friend of mine around the Manassas battlefield and also looked at part of the Seven Days Battle. I then went over into the Shenandoah Valley and looked into some of that area.

I went back later in the summer and followed Jubal Early and his attack on Washington DC in 1864. Got to some very interesting places in Maryland and in West Virginia. It was well worth the trip.

Remember the Sacramento Round Table is putting on the West Coast Conference this year. It will be held in Sacramento on November 7-9. The topic will be 1864 in the Civil War. Sign up by going to their web page.

Don't forget our first meeting will be on September 11 at Denny's on Shaw in Clovis. Mr. Lincoln[Wayne] will be putting on the program.

Hope to see you there

Yours:

Michael Green

President SJVCWRT

AFTER ACTION REPORT FOR SJVCWRT MEETING OF 5/8/14

BY RON VAUGHAN

MEETING:

Fourteen persons were present. Meeting opened at 7:00 by President Mike Green.
2. Treasurer's Report by Lisa Peters: Balance in our account is \$1,856. 3. The Clagues will host a barbecue at their Shaver Lake house in JULY this year, the afternoon of the last Thursday of the month. 4. The list of speakers for the Nov. 7-9, 2014 West Coast CWRT Conference is now on the website of the Sacramento Civil War Round Table. The rooms at the Crown Plaza are only \$99 per night, and the Con cost is \$195, or there are daily rates too.
5. Patty agreed to serve out the year as Vice President. She was unanimously re-elected.

PROGRAM:

Our speaker was John Herberich, from the South Bay RT. His program was entitled "Masters of the Field, a History of the 4th U.S. Cavalry." His Great Grandfather was a member of the regiment. John said he spent 13 years researching the topic, as there is no written history of the unit. In 1861 there were only 5 Union cavalry regiments,

but by 1865, 272 regiments had been raised. At the time of the Mexican War, there were 3 regts. Of Dragoons and the Mounted Rifles. In 1855, the designations were changed to two Dragoon regts. and two of Cavalry. In 1861, all four were redesignated as Cavalry, with the former 1st Cavalry becoming the 4th U.S. Cavalry. Before the war, the 4th served in Oklahoma. It had an illustrious list of officers: Colonel Edwin Summers, Lt. Col. Robert E. Lee, Major George McClellan, Capt. JEB Stuart, Capt. Eugene Carr, and others.

When the war began, 2 cpys. served with Lyon at Wilson's Creek, 2 cpys served as McClellan's escort, and a detachment was with Pope's army in Missouri, a cpy was at Ft. Donelson and Shiloh. At Dug Springs, a detachment of the 4th charged the Confederate force and routed them. The 4th Cavalry fought Forrest's cavalry all through the South. The 4th Cavalry, the 4th Michigan Cavalry, and the 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry, became part of Minty's Brigade, which became known as "The Saber Bde," because of their effective use of saber charges. They were never defeated. At Shelbyville, Minty's Bde. made a mounted charge in columns against entrenchments. They swiftly penetrated the works, and then fanned out to capture the position. They could also fight dismounted with their carbines—at Chickamauga's Reed's Bridge, the 700 troopers held off 7,000 Confederates for 12 hours, giving the Federals time to organize.

The Bde. served in the Atlanta Campaign and later in Wilson's Campaigns.

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AFTER ACTION REPORT OF SHAVER LAKE, JULY, 25 & 26, 2014.

BY RON VAUGHAN

On the 25th, Linda and I got took the opportunity to travel to the Shaver Lake Historical Museum for their Friday Night Concert, featuring Jimmie Collier singing and playing his banjo, guitar, and harmonica. The Clagues are on the museum board, and after hearing Jimmie play for our club last spring, they helped to arrange for him to perform at this event. He played a variety of folk songs, blues, gospel, and even an Elvis tune, for two hours. Eighty- five people were present to enjoy the performance, while snacking on sandwiches, snacks, and wine. Saturday morning we went back to the museum for a tour. It was a great experience. If you ever get a chance to go the Shaver Museum, you won't regret it.

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Saturday afternoon, we enjoyed the CWRT barbeque at the Brian and Linda Clague's lovely cabin. Although, it was 106 in Fresno, it was about 85 there, with a nice breeze through the trees. Joining us at the feast were the three Schulze's, Moats, Patty and Michael Spencer, and Nathan Clague with wife Carrie. The potluck was delicious. We have some extraordinary cooks in our club and the steak was barbecued perfectly. It was a wonderful meal with great friends and a beautiful setting. Thank

you Brian and Linda for a fantastic day!

CIVIL WAR HUMOR

From the Blue & gray Laughing

In the Capitol square in Richmond, a drunken soldier accosted the President: "Are you Mr. Davis?"

"I am," was the stern reply.

"Are you President of the Confederate States?"

"I am."

"Well, I thought you looked like a postage stamp!"

Wayne Scott's Wedding Pictures

