



BUGLE CALLS, SEPTEMBER 2019

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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1. SEPTEMBER MEETING: 9/12/19

DENNY'S RESTAURANT, 710 W. SHAW AVE., CLOVIS

6:00 Dinner & social hour

7:00 Meeting

PROGRAM: Professor Tom Ebert will present on John George Nicolay, Lincoln's private secretary. He will no doubt have his book "Nicolay" available to buy and autograph.

2. UPCOMING EVENTS:

- a. OCTOBER 10 MEETING: Steve Madden will speak to us, “Shades of Grey”.
 - b. KEARNEY PARK CIVIL WAR REVISTED: Oct. 26 & 27.
 - c. NOVEMBER 14 MEETING: Mike Carter speaking: “An Evening with Edward Porter Alexander.”
 - d. DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY
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3. PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE: BY MICHAEL SPENCER

Greetings,

I received the 5 books from Carol (who lives in New York). The book titles are of the memoirs of P Sheridan (2 volumes) U S Grant (2 volumes) and McClellan is 1 book. All the books were published in 1885, I’m not sure if they’re (1st edition) or republished. But the books look as if they are very old, all are leather bound. All the books have a photo, what looks like a silk print.

When looking through them (with care) hoping they don’t fall apart. Upon reviewing the books I decided to do some google research. These books range in value from \$40 to \$4000 depending on which version they are. I plan to take them to a rare books shop to verify their approximate value (which I’m sure they are of).

I can’t wait to share them with you on the 12th of September. On that note, our speaker of this month will be Thomas J Ebert who will be talking about John G. Nicolay.

Regards,
Michael Spencer

4. AFTER ACTION REPORT: BY RON VAUGHAN

Shaver Lake Barbeque at the Clague's Cabin. We had 15 persons present to munch on hors d'oeuvres, and wine, followed by dinner of delicious barbequed tri-tip and chicken, plus side dishes, and desserts.

Prior to the meal, Dr. Clague presented a 30 minute talk on Civil War Medicine. Brian's research has uncovered a book from 1870, written by a CW Physician, Surgeon J.J. Woodward, who compiled statistics on casualty treatment during the war, and published them in "The Medical and Surgical History of the Civil War."

He shared some of the statistics, and I managed to take note of a few: There were one and a half million Union cases of Diarrhea and Dysentery during the war, of which 44,000 died. These were largely the result of poor sanitary conditions in the camps. During the first year of the inspections by the U.S. Sanitary Commission, they found 50% of the camps were unsanitary.

Brian discussed the various treatment modes that surgeons used, and most of these were ineffective and detrimental. Various poisonous metals were often used, that were deadly. Some doctors began to study autopsies, and found that bacteria were responsible for most of the sickness and deaths.

After the talk, we had a raffle for a door prize. It had been won by the Vaughan's at the CW Mini Con at Temecula, CA in June. The prize bag contained a book by Sarah Kay Bierly, on "The Battle of New Market". Also a DVD of the battle that is shown at the museum, "The Field of Lost Shoes." All of the 15 names present were on a list, and a 20 sided die was rolled. The first three rolls were 16, 17, and 20! Finally, number 12 came up, which was Kay Scott.

Just for the record, the persons present were: Mike Green, Neil & Beverly Kuykendall, Lisa Peters, Robin Hyatt, Patty & Mike Spencer, Gail & Jonathan Schulze, Wayne & Kay Scott, Brian & Linda Clague, Ron & Linda Vaughan. A great turnout!

5. CIVIL WAR HUMOR

From “The Blue & Gray Laughing”

“Joe,’ said a soldier to a comrade who was reading the morning paper. ‘where the devil’s Status Quo at?’

‘Dunno!’ replied Joe—‘reckon she must be the east fork of the Chickamorgy.’”

6. PRESERVATION NEWS:

The American Battlefield Trust has been able to save 145 acres at 2nd Manassas and Kelly’s Ford, thanks to generous donors.