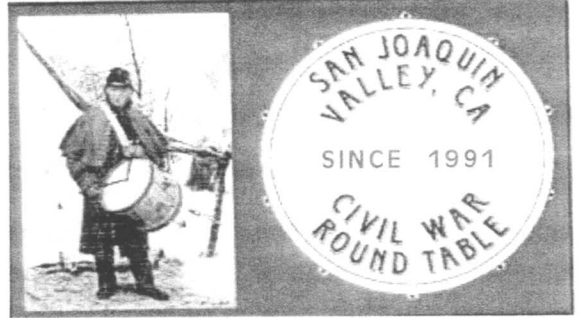


Bugle Call Echoes



San Joaquin Valley Civil War Round Table
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President's Message

Thank you Phil Avila for coming to Fresno and giving a nice presentation on Confederate General Kershaw from South Carolina. Per Phil, there have been no books written on General Kershaw so all material presented had to be dug up from numerous sources. Thanks for taking the time Phil, as General Kershaw was indeed a very interesting figure in the Civil War.

I am pleased to let you know that Civil War Preservation Trust reports that President Bush in his annual budget request for fiscal year 2005 to Congress has included \$5 million in federal matching grants for Civil War battlefield preservation. This is more than double the \$2 million that was requested in fiscal year 2004 and would represent the most money ever available in a single year. Over the last 6 years, Congress has appropriated a total of \$21 million for Civil War battlefield preservation efforts. Nearly 11,000 acres of battlefield land in 15 states has been saved with monies from this program.

I am sad to report that this month's meeting/potluck will be the last SJVCWRT meeting that Charlie Jorgensen will be attending prior to his move with Fran to their new retirement home in Oregon. Charlie was one of the founding members of SJVCWRT, as well as past president, treasurer, board member, and most recently newsletter editor and publisher. Charlie has also helped on conferences and has been a historian for our group. Charlie, you will be missed. We do hope that you will be able to return occasionally for meetings and to visit. I am hopeful that we will have a really big turnout this month for the meeting/potluck so all of us can personally extend best wishes to Charlie and Fran.

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June Meeting Potluck

Date: Saturday, June 26

Place: The Club House @ Stonebridge

Time: 3 PM - if you would like to swim
5 PM - meeting begins

Program: Video by Terry Winchel,
Chief National Park Historian at
Vicksburg, about Confederate
survival during the siege

Potluck:

If your last name begins with:

A - M - main dish and horsd'oeuvres

N - Z - salad and dessert

RSVP: Linda and Brian Clague at 438-
8768 or clague@comcast.net by June 20th

The entrance to Stonebridge is on Marks about 1/4 mile south of the intersection of Marks and Herndon. Give the gate attendant your name to be admitted. Because this is a controlled gated community, it is very important that you respond so Brian and Linda can be sure the gate attendant has your name.

AFTER ACTION REPORT General Joseph Kershaw, CSA

by Ron Vaughan
SJVCWRT Meeting of May 29th

There is no biography of CSA General Kershaw, and the only history of his brigade was printed in 1910. Nevertheless, Philip Avila was able to research and present his topic: "From the First to the Last - General Joseph Kershaw and His Brigade."

Joseph Kershaw was born in 1822 in Camden, SC. He read law and passed the bar in 1844. He enlisted in the Palmetto Regiment for the Mexican War, but rather than achieving military glory, he was invalided home with the fever.

At the beginning of the Civil War, he raised the 2nd SC Regiment., which joined Bonhom's Brigade at Manassas. During the battle, Kershaw's troops supported Jackson's left flank. Afterwards, he wrote that this action was a pivotal event in winning the battle. Kershaw's Brigade was made up of the 2nd, 3rd, 7th, & 8th SC Infantry Regiments.

At Fredericksburg the brigade was joined by the 15th SC and the 3rd Regiment SC. The brigade fought in the Seven Days Campaign, Marye's Heights, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and then went west to Chickamauga.

At the end of 1863, Kershaw replaced McLaws as division commander and Col. Kennedy became the brigade commander at the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, North Anna River, Cold Harbor, and Petersburg. During the latter seige, Kershaw remained, while his brigade was sent to SC and participated in the battle of Bentonville. Meanwhile, during the retreat from Petersburg, Kershaw was captured by Gen. George Armstrong Custer.

Phil calculated that all together the brigade had some 13,000 members and suffered 1,500 killed, plus many wounded and deaths from disease. Few units saw such extensive service. As his title stated, Kershaw's Brigade was in the fighting from the first battle to the last battles.

At a 1913 reunion, two aged veterans confronted each other. The vet in blue said, "Well, we whipped you!" One of Kershaw's men replied, "No! We wore ourselves out whipping you!"

Ron filed this report before traveling out of the country to vacation in Spain. Thanks Ron.

San Joaquin Civil War Round Table

Meeting Dates and Topics 2004 - What's Happened and What's Coming

January 29th - Collectibles and Memorabilia

February 26th - Paula Seigell - "Harriet Tubman"

March 25th - Ray Bisio - "Things you should know about
the Civil War but don't"

April 29th - Ron Vaughan - "Battle of Pea Ridge"

May 27th - Ray Avila - "General Joseph Kershaw"

June 26th - Club Potluck at Stonebridge Community Center

July and August - Summer break

September 24-26 - Civil War reenactment at Kearney Park

September 30th - Susan Williams - "Photography in the
Civil War"

October 28th - Fundraiser and program TBA

November 18th - Bob Summers - "Music of the Civil War"

December - Club Christmas Party

The San Joaquin Civil War Round Table meets the last Thursday of each month at the Ramada Inn, Shaw and Fwy 41, in the Patio Room. Social hour starts at 6 PM, dinner is from 6:30 - 7:30, followed by a raffle, announcements, and our featured speaker. Please RSVP to Barbara and Ken Moats.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - continued from page 1

This month we will have a meeting/potluck at the Clague's new residence on Saturday afternoon, June 26th. Please check on page 1 in this issue for the particulars. Please RSVP at your earliest convenience so we can provide the Clague's with an accurate count for planning purposes.

Remember that there will be no monthly meeting during July and August so be sure to try and make our June event.

San Joaquin Valley Civil War Round Table

Are you curious about any aspect of the Civil War? About the gradual building up of the deep antagonisms that resulted in the tragic death of 600,000 American men during four years of vicious war? How that war changed this nation?

Would you like to know more about specific battles such as Gettysburg, Shiloh, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Vicksburg, Petersburg, Manassas? About battles within the battles? About the important but lesser known sites of conflict such as Brandy Station, Cold Harbor, Lawrence, Baxter Springs, Winchester, Pea Ridge, Adobe Wall or Glorieta Pass?

Do you ever wonder about the character and principles, the errors of judgment, the genius, or the courage of some of the main players on both sides, the politicians, the generals and those unsaluted common soldiers who gave so much? About the horrors of the prisoner of war camps? Or what the women did back home while the men were away fighting? Or how women contributed to the war effort? So do we.

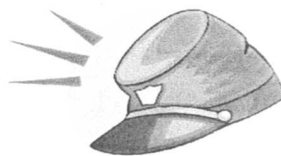
That's why a few of us developed the San Joaquin Valley Civil War Round Table back in 1991. We read about such things, discuss them, and at times argue points of view. We print a newsletter that we consider outstanding.

Some of the newsletter items/topics for the year have included book reviews & articles by members, news of Civil War exhibits, conferences & theater productions, preservation news & calls to action. Newsletter editor, Charles Jorgensen and President Tom Carr have passed along relevant information about our organization and what we have accomplished with regard to battlefield preservation.

Most of our meetings are a pleasant dinner at the Ramada Inn on Shaw Ave. at the 41 overpass. These usually are the last Thursday of the month. The cost is \$16 per person, \$10 for students under 25. The highlight of each meeting is the program. Speakers may be nationally known historians, educators, authors, Round Table members, or individuals with a special area of expertise. We hope you join us at our meetings and bring along a friend.

I am looking for the Time/Life book (one of a series) on Shiloh. I think it is called "The Road to Shiloh". I'd like to buy it. Thanks.

Barbara Moats 229-3654 or
bhmfresno@comcast.net



From the April Round Table Board Minutes
We thank Charlie Jorgensen for his service as Echoes Editor. Hewasalso instrumental in organizing the first West Coast Civil War Round Table Conference in 1994. Heand Fran are moving to a retirement community in Beverton, Oregon this summer and he will be missed.

Preservation totals \$33,000
Approved another \$250 toward a 3 for 1 match for the Mansfield Louisiana Battlefield.

You're needed at Kearney's Civil War Re-enactment
Patty Spencer still needs more volunteers to staff our booth for two-hour blocks on Sept. 25th & 26th. Why not make her day by calling her at 304-8170 to see how you can help? It's a great time and volunteers get into the reenactment free.

Civil War Time Travel program is Sept. 24th for 5th and 8th graders out at Kearney. If you would like to assist contact Sharon Hügel at 441-0862.

Board Meeting July 15th
Meeting-wise, the Round Table is taking July and August off, but the board will meet at Popolo's at Herndon and Blackstone at 6:30 PM on July 15th.

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MEMBERSHIP FORM - Membership year is from January to December.
Please begin/renew my membership in the San Joaquin Valley Civil War Round Table

*MEMBERSHIP - Individual and/or Family - \$25.00
Student or Newsletter Only - \$12.50

*\$5.00 of each Membership goes toward CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION

Name _____ Phone _____

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Bring this membership form and your check to our monthly meeting or mail it to:

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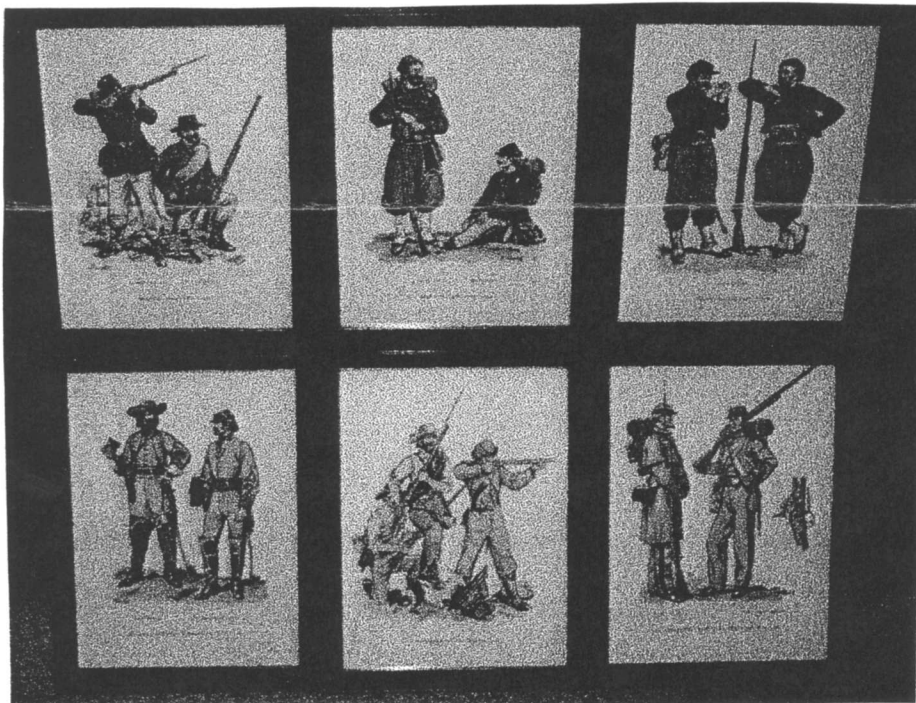
SILENT AUCTION

AUCTION CLOSSES AFTER JUNE 26TH MEETING 50% OF FINAL BID GOES TO THE SJVCWRT FOR BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION

CURRENT BID IS \$35.00 (NOT ENOUGH)
FOR THAT PRICE I'LL PUT THEM BACK UP ON THE WALL

EMAIL YOUR BIDS, PHONE, OR DO IT IN PERSON AT THE JUNE MEETING
CHARLIE JORGENSEN CHJFRESNO@COMCAST.NET OR 559-449-0333

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FEDERAL INFANTRY - 1861
Iron Brigade of the West
Vermont Brigade

NEW YORK ZOUAVES - 1863
5th New York
44th New York

LOUISIANA ZOUAVES
Captain and Zouave

7TH REGIMENT - NEW YORK STATE MILITIA - 1861
Private in overcoat
Private in full field equipment

CONFEDERATE INFANTRY - 1863

STUART'S CAVALRY DIVISION, C.S.A - 1862
Colonel of Cavalry