



## **BUGLE CALLS, DECEMBER 2018**

### **SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE**

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**1. DEC. 13<sup>th</sup> MEETING: CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

**\*BRING A GIFT FOR “YANKEE SWAP”**

**\*BRING CHRISTMAS “GOODIES”**

**DENNYS RESTAURANT, 710 W. SHAW AVE., CLOVIS**

6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR, DINNER & XMAS DESSERTS

7:00 MEETING

- a. Report on Nov. Conference
- b. Treasurer’s Report
- c. Discussion of Preservation Donation.
- d. Discuss Jan. meeting

7:15 CENTER PIECE AUCTION

7:20 GIFT EXCHANGE

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**2. UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**JANUARY MEETING: “Show & Tell” Night**

**FEB. MEETING: Speaker to be announced.**

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### **3. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

#### **BY MICHAEL SPENCER:**

Greetings & Salutations,

I had a nice thanksgiving, hope all you did to. Our Christmas party will be at Denny's at 6pm on December 13th. We will be having a Yankee swap once again. This years conference on the Trans-Mississippi Theatre was a success, I couldn't be more pleased as president. It would've be nice to have more join us. I would also like to give a big thanks to our co-sponsor Inland CWRT for their contribution. A shout out to our speakers as well Parker Hills, Jim Stanberry, Rick Hatcher, Ron Vaughan, Mike Green, Brian Clague and Ted Savas.

The conference income was \$9,670 (raffles & silent auctions =\$390), after expenses \$2056 will be donated to civil war preservation.

I started following the Puget Sound and Scottsdale RT's on our Facebook page. If anyone has ideas for speakers in the preceding months contact Pattie. I bought a book called Maps of Gettysburg (from conference). I also follow Savas Beatie publishers on Facebook, books can also be purchased there. Those of you that weren't at the conference there is a CWRT Congress ([cwrtingress.org](http://cwrtingress.org)) where once a year three day meetings are held. A plan was mentioned to hold one in CA here in 2020. Lastly, congratulations to Mike and Ron for receiving the Jerry Russell award for all there accomplishments.

Salutations,

## **4. AFTER ACTION REPORT**

### **BY RON VAUGHAN**

#### **a. Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting:**

There Were 19 persons present for dinner. Several had come from the Sacramento CWRT, coming early for the Conference. Afterwards some of the ladies went to Ken Moats Service Quilt Award Ceremony, honoring him for his Korean War service. During the meal, I was shocked to receive a cell phone call from Thomas Cutrer. His plane was grounded due to bad weather, causing him to be unable to catch his flight from Dallas to Fresno. Fortunately, two of our out of state speakers (Parker Hills and Richard Hatcher) had made it safely, and were present at the meeting.

Treasurer Gail reported we have \$10,900 in our bank account.

Dennis Koleman presented a program on the development of the Union Cavalry. In the first two years of the war, the poorly organized and inexperienced Union recruits were roughly handled by the experienced Confederate riders, who had been organized by JEB Stuart into brigades. Slowly the Union troopers became good riders, and better organized and commanded. By 1863, they were able to stand up to the Rebel horse, on equal terms. In the Gettysburg Campaign they came of age, and prevailed against Stuart's Cavalry.

**b. 2018 West Coast Conference:**

The total income for our conference was \$11,670.

(Registration fees \$9,280)

(Raffles & auctions \$390)

(Inland Empire donation \$2,000)

The total expenses were \$7,614

(About ½ of that was for flying in and lodging 3 speakers)

**Profit = \$4,046.**

We had 49 registered attendees, plus our speakers. It was unfortunate that Professor Thomas Cutrer could not make it.

I had originally intended him to be the keynote speaker with several talks, but scaled him back to 3. Lucky I did, as his absence would have put a huge hole in the conference!

General Hills covered one of Tom's speaker slots, and I did another. Many persons expressed their enjoyment of the conference. Hills' presentations were simply fantastic! His power points were lively and animated; and his delivery was both humorous and intelligent. The tech support by Doug van der Weyde exceeded my expectations! He brought a table full of extra audio-visual and sound gear including a throat mic.

Of course, Stanbery did his always good performance, and it was great to have Richard Hatcher back again.

The only glitch in the affair was that all the rooms sold out, due to a large youth event going on at the same time. A few of the late to register had to go stay down the street.

Last, but not least, my wife Linda was a tremendous help with many little details, such as bringing some munchies for the guests, setting out the special center pieces, and other details.

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## **5. CIVIL WAR CHRISTMAS:**

**From “The Civil War Christmas Album” by Philip Van Doren Stern.**

I found this book in a used book store in Jackson. I will include a couple of items:

### **CHRISTMAS IN CAMP**

“The wintry blast goes wailing by,  
The snow is falling overhead;  
I hear the lonely sentry’s tread,  
And distant watch fires light the sky.  
Dim forms go flitting through the gloom;  
The soldiers cluster round the blaze,  
To talk of other Christmas days,  
And softly speak of house and home.”

## CHRISTMAS HYMN

“Long time ago the dawn of day  
Streamed through the low roof thatched and torn,  
Where His atonement drew we nigh;  
Great God of Battles! Unto Thee  
We lift our feeble voices high,  
Grasp Thou the sword of victory.  
Let harsh oppression pass away,  
And want and sin from off the earth,  
And ever sacred the day  
That gave the blessed Savior birth.  
Let black-winged pestilence disappear,  
And war with all its horrors cease,  
And may we in the tempest hear  
The solemn voice of Christ say ‘Peace!’”