



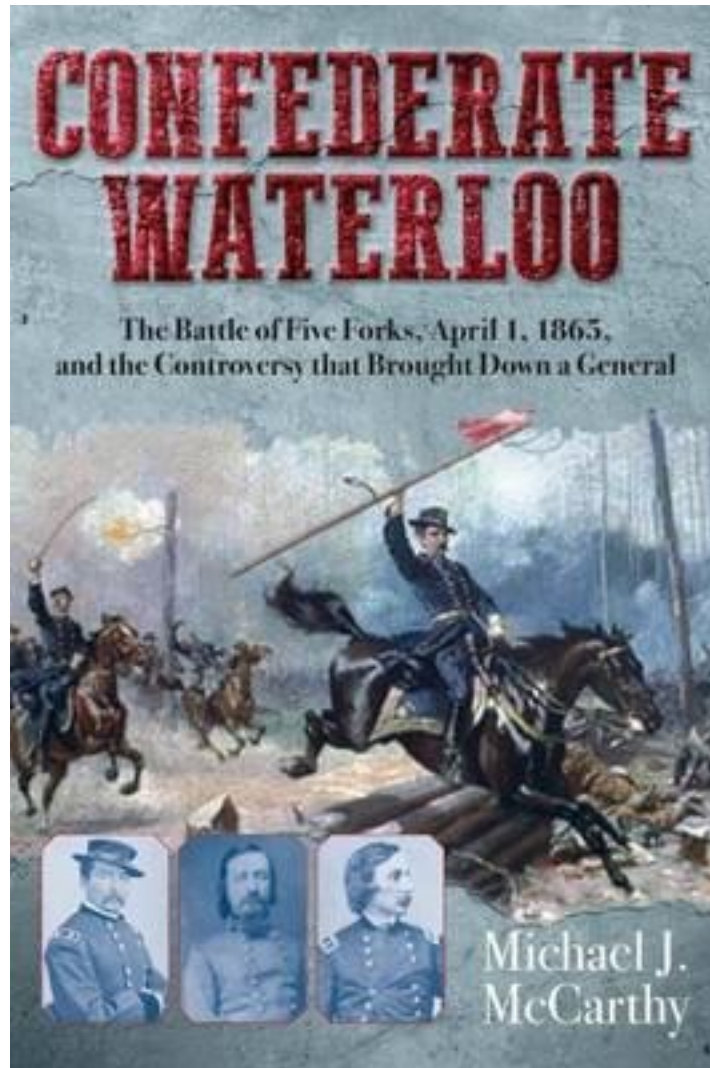
BUGLE CALLS, MARCH 2017

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1. March 9th Meeting

AUTHOR MICHAEL McCARTHY speaking on his book "Confederate Waterloo" (Battle of Five Forks and its significance). This is a new book published by Savas-Beattie LLC.



Denny's Restaurant, 710 W. Shaw, Clovis.

6:00 pm Dinner, 7:00 meeting

2. Mooney Grove Park Re-Enactment, Visalia

March 4th & 5th. Battles: Saturday 1:00 & 3:30, Sunday 12:00.

3. President's Message

Hello to all of you.

I hope that this report finds you all in good health and ready to attend our March 9th meeting, 7:00 P. M. (unless you want dinner, then get there by 6) at the Denny's on Shaw in Clovis. We should have a good program this meeting. Mike McCarthy will be talking about his new book "Confederate Waterloo, The Battle of 5 Forks". It should be very interesting, and I'm sure Mike will have some of his books with him so that you can purchase one and possibly get it autographed.

Speaking of having a good program, last month Michael Spencer put on a very interesting program dealing with Civil War nurses. He dealt with both the eastern and western front. The information came from an article in the Civil War Times. Very nice job, Michael.

I have again been watching Ken Burns' Civil War series. I don't know how many times I have watched it, but find that I learn something each time I view it. That's just something I like about being a student of this part of history. There is always something more to learn.

I listen to audio books while I drive. Some of the books I listen to are history-oriented, and I enjoy learning more and more about the war. I also have fun questioning the assumptions that the authors put out in their works. For example, in a book I recently listened to about William Sherman, the author stated that Sherman was 100% in support of Grant's plan to flank Vicksburg along the Louisiana side of the Mississippi River in the spring of 1863.

Sherman was in fact very skeptical about Grant's move, and argued against it almost all the way until he and Grant were sitting on the hill overlooking Vicksburg just before the first frontal attack, and Sherman looked down on the river and saw the supply base that was being established just North of Vicksburg. It was Sherman's realization moment. He turn to Grant and said "I now understand what you were doing". I was almost yelling at my CD saying what the

author was saying was bovine scatology. Always fun to agree to disagree.

I have been asking you to remember to pay your 2017 dues, and I want to thank the following people/families for joining the Round Table this year:

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Vaughan
Mr. and Mrs. David Vaughan
Ms. Lisa Peters
Mr. Henry Howison
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Moats
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Scott
Ms. Maryellen McKee
Patty and Michael Spenser
Gail and Johnathan Schulze
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Green

If you don't see your name on this list and you want to join, please contact Gail and get your dues to her. Thank you for your support of our organization.

Thank you again,
Michael Green, President SJVCWRT

Somehow my president's report didn't get into the last Bugle Call, so I am adding it to the end of this report.

President's Message, February 2017

If you weren't at our January meeting you really missed a good program. David Dixon talked about his book "The lost Gettysburg Address", the story of Charles Anderson (brother of the Anderson from Ft. Sumter). This was a part of the Civil War that I had no idea about. I'm sure that Ron has given you a blow by blow of the presentation so I'll just say that you missed a good one.

I am reminding you again that the dues for the 2017 year are due and payable to the SJVCWRT. The dues are \$35.00 per year, and they do go to help us pay for the expenses for the speakers that come in to make their presentations. We don't reimburse our local people but those that come in from out of town we do pay for a hotel room, take care of their dinner at the round table meeting, and provide \$50.00 in gas money. All together this usually runs to around \$200.00. At the present time we have five people who have joined us for this year. If you haven't made your contribution yet, please get it to Gail. Thank you.

I understand that Ron and his cousin are going to make a trip back east in April, and will be going to several sites on the East Coast. The one special place that they are intending to visit is the Museum of the Confederacy located in Richmond. Sounds like they have an interesting trip planned.

With my leg the way it is, (I had an Achilles tendon operation), I have been a bit curtailed as to my runs. I am hoping to make a trip in April to follow Sherman's march to Atlanta. This will be the second of four trips dealing with the Atlanta campaign, and will deal with Kennesaw and the battles around there. That weekend I will hope to be doing the Great Train Chase from Big Shanty [Kennesaw] to Chattanooga. It should be interesting.

4. AFTER ACTION REPORT

I missed this meeting due to a medical appointment for my son at Stanford Medical Center.

I hear that Dennis was unable to make it, due to health issues. Michael Spencer presented the lecture. I think it is great that he stepped up to the plate! He was kind enough to share a summary of his text with me. I understand that he spoke about information from

a book that Dr. Clague loaned Patti. Earlier, Patti had discussed Clara Barton, Mary Bickerdyke, and Dorothea Dix, so I will not repeat those stories here. However, the names of the others were unknown to me, and no doubt the rest of us.

Jane Newton Woolsey was the widow of a prominent industrialist. When the war erupted, she quickly rallied her six daughters to the cause. Georgeanna ('Georgy'), Eliza and Jane became nurses, while the others made supplies. The Woolsey home near the Brevoort House Hotel became a center for preparing supplies and distributing them to Union hospitals.

In 1861 Georgy Woolsey was among the first women to be accepted for nurse's training and assigned to duty by Dorothea Dix. By September of that year, Georgy and Eliza were serving in a makeshift hospital in an unfinished government building.

Among the church leaders who answered the humanitarian call during the war, none responded with more fervor or professional gifts than Mother Angela (Eliza Maria Gillespie), founder of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. The daughter of a respected Pennsylvania attorney and landowner, she numbered General Sherman, a senator, and an assortment of other leaders among her relatives. When war broke out, she was the director of St. Mary's Academy at Notre Dame University.

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

"A Western paper relates the following draft exemption story:

'Doctor, if my lame foot won't answer, I have another sufficient reason - one that you cannot refuse me exemption for. '

'What is it?'

'Why the fact is, Doctor, I have not got good sense. I am an idiot.'

‘Ah!’ said the Doctor, ‘what proof have you of that?’

‘Proof conclusive,’ said the applicant. ‘Why sir, I voted for James Buchanan, and if that isn’t proof of a man’s being a damned idiot, I don’t know how idiocy could be proven!’”

(Your editor denies any resemblance or comparisons to our last Presidential election!)

6. PRESERVATION NEWS

The recent issue of “The Civil War Courier” states that a bill signed by President Obama, at the end of his term, authorized an expansion of the Petersburg Battlefield. It adds 7,000 acres to the current 2,700 acres. Note that it authorizes, but does not pay for the additional land. Some of the land is already in the hands of preservation groups.

Our speaker this month will discuss one of the decisive battles fought on some of this land.