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# Bugle Call Echoes

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### From the President's Desk:

After attending the March board meeting of the SJVCWRT we began getting a better handle of just where we are in planning the 24th Annual West Coast West Coast Conference of Civil War round tables. I think I can say the board came away energized and excited about our November 7, 8 & 9, 2008 event to be held at the Clovis Memorial Building.

If you would like to volunteer for our conference don't hesitate to contact myself and/or David as we are starting to fine tune many of the details involved in putting together the conference. We would love to hear your ideas and suggestions for improving our last efforts which was the West Coast Conference in 2005.

We hope all our members get involved and, of course, put this event on their calendars. Don't forget to begin thinking of neighbors or interested friends that you would like to invite to this event.

It may be a bit premature to tell you where we are now in putting together "*The War in the Shenandoah Valley*", but we will bring up many of the details at our dinner meeting on March 27 at the Ramada Inn. Conference highlights and registration will soon be up on our web site. Check for them at [sjvcwrt.org](http://sjvcwrt.org). Special thanks to Vice-President David Davenport for lining up the speakers and Evan Jones for helping with the program format.

We are looking forward to seeing and hearing Evan Jones, our speaker on the 27th, and his topic will be —"*The Confederate Odyssey Beyond Appomattox*". Those attending need to **RSVP with Secretary Bryce Kuykendall at 787-3632** so that we can give the Ramada a count of how many are eating. Hope to see you there.



P.S. You may have noticed several Civil War trips in the past several *Bugle Calls*. Our round table has also done this in the past, and we are getting together with Lewis Travel of Fresno/Clovis and planning a Civil War battlefield tour in 2009. We'll tell you more when things firm up.

Brian Clague

President

## AFTER ACTION REPORT

### SJVCWRT MEETING 2/28/08

By Ron Vaughan

Twenty-two persons were present for our second meeting of the year. The program was a result of the Kuykendall Family's trip last Summer to CW battlefields. Mom K. took the wonderful photos and Son Bryce put them together into the best organized "family vacation slide show" I have ever seen. Bryce selected pics for a power point presentation, that included topical overview slides and many split screen shots (high tech!).

His show began where it all began, John Brown's Engine House "Fort" at Harper's Ferry, and ending at Ford's Theater, D.C. In between, we were treated to pics of Manassas, Antietam, Monocacy, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Spotsylvania, Charleston, and Savannah's Forts Jackson and Pulaski. Bryce and his parents provided commentary, but made clear that the floor was open for questions and comments from the audience. All this happened within an hour! An amazing achievement!

Noticeably absent from the list of battles is Gettysburg, but we hear that the Family plans a trip there for the 145th anniversary, so standby for another presentation in the future!

### Evan C. Jones: March Dinner Program 'The Confederate Odyssey beyond Appomattox'

Evan Jones graduated with *Highest Distinction* from the *University of Virginia*, where he studied the military, social and political history of the Civil War under Gary Gallagher, Edward Ayers, Michael Holt and William Freehling respectively.

He worked for the National Park Service as a seasonal historian/park ranger at:

Vicksburg National Military Park  
Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park  
Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park  
Appomattox Court House National Historical Park

Published in America's Civil War Magazine and the Journal of Neurosurgery

Presently writing a book which details the experiences of Confederate soldiers returning home from the war in 1865.

## 2008 SJV Civil War Round Table Meeting and Speaker Schedule

**March 27:** Evan Jones—"The Confederate Odyssey beyond Appomattox"

**April 24:** Brian Clague—"It weren't the cuttin' what killed 'um, it were the disease"

**May 29:** Dr. Joe Wagner - "The Crater: a great plan, poorly executed".

**Saturday, July 5:** Annual picnic at Clague's "cabin" at Shaver Lake.

**September 25:** TBA Kearney Park Civil War Re-enactment (late September?, early October?)

**October 30:** TBA

**November 7-9: 24th Annual West Coast Conference of Civil War Round Tables. "War in the Shenandoah Valley"** featuring Jeffrey Wert, Robert K. Krick, Robert E. L. Krick, Jim Stanbery, David Davenport, and the Moats (not Ken and Barb, but Emily and Olivia, performing an as yet unwritten play by David Davenport called "Two Women of Winchester" — based on the diaries of two women, one Unionist and one Secessionist, who lived in Winchester, Virginia, throughout the war). Clovis Memorial Building. Likely registration fee \$175.00 includes two dinners, two lunches, and two breakfasts.

**Saturday, December 6 or December 13:** Annual Christmas party.

### CIVIL WAR HUMOR

From "*Blue & Grey Laughing*"

On a Saturday at the public reception, a Western Army paymaster in full Major's attire was introduced to the President and said, "Being here, Mr. Lincoln, I thought I'd call and pay my respects."

"From the complaints of he soldiers, " responded Abe, "I guess that's about all any of you do pay."

## A CIVIL WAR EXAM

Dr. Davenport was given the following exam by a middle school teacher who told him that it was administered to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students after they had received instruction in the American Civil War. It is reproduced here, without any corrections to spelling, etc., in the interest of showing our members the "depth of knowledge" attained by these students (and their teacher). And, states David, "to shed light on the quality of instruction received by one group of students."

Answers will be printed in the April 2008 issue of Bugle Calls with annotation by Dr. Dave.

1. The Civil War was between the North and the \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. south B. east C. west D. north
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ won the Civil War.  
A. south B. east C. west D. north
3. \_\_\_\_\_ founded the Red Cross.  
A. Susan B. Anthony B. Sacajawea  
C. Abigail Adams D. Clara Barton
4. The Union fought the war with \_\_\_\_\_ states fighting for it.  
A. 11 B. 24 C. 33 D. 46
5. The Confederacy fought the war with \_\_\_\_\_ states fighting for it.  
A. 11 B. 13 C. 28 D. 7
6. Stonewall Jackson is famous for the \_\_\_\_\_, a tactic that helped him at the 1<sup>st</sup> Battle of Bull Run.  
A. Anaconda Plan B. Rebel Yell  
C. Total War  
D. Emancipation Proclamation
7. Winfield Scott came up with the \_\_\_\_\_. At the time people called him crazy for it, but later the Union used it to win the war.  
A. Anaconda Plan B. Rebel Yell  
C. Total War  
D. Emancipation Proclamation
8. Tecumseh Sherman developed the idea of \_\_\_\_\_ as a way to make the Confederacy stop fighting.  
A. Anaconda Plan B. Rebel Yell  
C. Total War  
D. Emancipation Proclamation
9. Both Lincoln and Davis signed an \_\_\_\_\_ during the war that freed the slaves.  
A. Anaconda Plan B. Rebel Yell  
C. Total War  
D. Emancipation Proclamation
10. The Battle of \_\_\_\_\_ is considered the bloodiest battle in U.S. military history.  
A. Gettysburg B. Antietam  
C. Bull Run D. Hampton Roads
11. The battle of \_\_\_\_\_ was the first major battle of the Civil War.  
A. Gettysburg B. Antietam  
C. Bull Run D. Hampton Roads
12. The North was the battle of \_\_\_\_\_ which led to Lincoln's most famous speech.  
A. Gettysburg B. Antietam  
C. Bull Run D. Hampton Roads
13. The Merrimack and the Monitor were known as  
A. Steamships B. Submarines  
C. Ironclads D. Airplanes
14. Conscription is also known as  
A. filling a drug order B. the draft  
C. printing fake money  
D. not A, B, or C.
15. Andersonville was a famous  
A. prison B. ship C. capital of the Confederacy  
D. not A, B, or C
16. Most soldiers who died in the war were killed by  
A. bullets B. bombs C. bayonets  
D. diseases

### Civil War Preservation Trust Annual Conference

#### War in the Ozarks-Trans-Mississippi and Missouri Springfield, Missouri April 17-20, 2008

**Where:** Univ. Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Springfield, MO. For hotel reservations call 1-417-864-7333. You must give them the group name 'Civil War Preservation Trust' to get the special CWPT room rate.

**Speakers:** Edwin C Bearss, David Hinze, Connie Langum, Arnold Schofield, William Shea, and Richard Sommers.

**Tours:** Battles of Wilson's Creek, Pea Ridge, Carthage and Newtonia, Oklahoma Civil War Sites [Friday only], Kansas Civil War Sites [Saturday only], Historic Homes and Gardens [Friday only] and Missouri Today [Saturday only].

For more information or to register, call toll-free at 1-888-606-1400 or you can visit the CWPT website at [www.civilwar.org](http://www.civilwar.org). As a bonus, if you sign up by March 31 and mention this special code **PCD08**, you'll get \$25 off the \$535 registration price. Conference registration includes, tours, break-

17. What was one way both people of the Union and the Confederacy got out of going to fight in the war?  
A. pay somebody to fight for them  
B. own twenty slaves  
C. just say no  
D. renounce citizenship
18. \_\_\_\_\_ was the general in charge of the entire Confederate army.  
A. Abe Lincoln B. U.S. Grant  
C. Jefferson Davis D. Robert E. Lee
19. \_\_\_\_\_ was the president of the Union during the war.  
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24. Robert E. Lee surrendered to U.S. Grant at \_\_\_ to end the fighting in the Civil War.

- A. Appomattox Courthouse
- B. the capital in Richmond, Virginia
- C. the capitol in Washington, D.C.
- D. not A, B, or C.

25. What kinds of work did women take over when their husbands went to war?

- A. manage money
- B. planting crops
- C. government jobs
- D. A and B and C.

26. Andersonville was controlled by which side?

- A. north B. south C. east
- D. west

27. How many soldiers spent time in Andersonville?

- A. 10,000
- B. 25,000
- C. 45,000
- D. 100,000

Numbers 28, 29, and 30 are essays.

28. Identify two "threats" the Union made against the Confederacy to try to get them to quit fighting?

29. Why couldn't Union citizens avoid serving in the Civil War using the "Twenty slave rule"?

30. Give the numbers of and then briefly explain each of the three amendments to the Constitution that were ratified because of the Civil War.

## Five Openings For Guided Civil War Battlefield Tour May 15-18 Still Available

Five more spaces have become available for Civil War Weekend's special guided tour of the Chattanooga, Tennessee - Chickamauga, Georgia battlefields on May 15-18. Package includes three night's lodging at the historic Sheraton Read House in Chattanooga, breakfast and box lunch each day, plus dinner Friday night, as well as expert insight and fascinating trivia from award-winning guide and Civil war historian Robert Freis. A perfect gift for the history lover, or an ideal weekend getaway. \$645 per person for double occupancy or \$795 for single room. Reservations are on a first come basis, and only 10 guests on the Chattanooga-Chickamauga tour is strictly limited, so book your trip now. Visit Civil War Weekend's other 2008 tour offerings at [www.civilwarweekend.com](http://www.civilwarweekend.com)

I'm writing to make you and SJVCWRT members aware of a remarkable upcoming event. *Civil War Weekend* is offering an upscale guided tour of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga Battlefields May 15-18. Guide Robert Freis is a friend of mine. I accompanied him on a tour of Shiloh last fall, and can say from experience that a *Civil War Weekend* tour is a treat for any buff... an experience they will remember for the rest of their life.

Best Wishes,

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