

Bugle Call Echoes

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Tom and Kathy Carr to host Christmas Party December 8th

Tom and Cathy Carr have agreed to host our annual Christmas potluck and get together. Because of the possibility of fog it was decided to have a 4:30PM starting time. Last names starting with A-M please bring appetizers or salad and main course dish. Last names N-Z, bring 2nd dishes and desserts. It promises to be a fun time and someone will come away the winners of our two raffles. **Directions** to the Carrs' home near Clovis and Jensen in SE Fresno are as follows:
From north or west:

Take highway 180 east until it dead ends at Clovis

Right on Clovis about 2 ½ miles to Church

Left on Church until it dead ends at Sunnyside

Right on Sunnyside to Byrd
Right on Byrd 1 block to Argyle

Left on Argyle to 2577 S Argyle.

From the south

Take 99 north to Clovis Ave exit.

North on Clovis about 5 miles to Church.

Right on Church until it dead ends at Sunnyside

Right on Sunnyside to Byrd.
Right on Byrd 1 block to Argyle

Left on Argyle to 2577 S Argyle.

From the east

Head west from wherever

you' all happen to be.

When you reach Clovis Ave go either north if you came west on Jensen or a road south of it.

If you have reached Clovis by using a road located north of Church go south on Clovis.

At Church make either a right or a left so you are headed east. When Church dead ends at Sunnyside turn right.

When you reach Byrd make a right turn.

When you reach Argyle make a left. Go south on Argyle to 2577 S Argyle.

If all else fails, give Tom or Cathy a call at 268-4828. Or better yet, get a GPS unit!

2008 Round Table Membership Due Now

Your 2008 membership year begins in January. If you have not already renewed your membership in the San Joaquin Valley Civil War Round Table please use the form printed in this newsletter to do so. Please keep in mind that the cost of membership is now \$30 for an individual or family.

Your membership allows us to bring in speakers from a distance, to support Civil War battlefield preservation, and to sponsor a web site (SJVCWRT.ORG).

Starting in January, 2008, the **Bugle Calls** will be dispatched exclusively using email, unless you specify otherwise on your membership form.

2008 SJVCWRT MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please begin/renew my membership in the San Joaquin Valley Civil War Round Table, an organization dedicated to informing the public about the Civil War in general and about the need for preservation of Civil War sites. As a member of the SJVCWRT, I will receive *Bugle Calls*, our monthly newsletter, either electronically or on paper, regular invitations to meetings, and free tickets to the annual Civil War re-enactment at Kearney Park, if I agree to work for two hours at our informational booth.



**Remember to
reserve
Nov. 7—9 as we
host the
Annual West
Coast
Conference of
the Civil War**

NAME _____
E-Mail address _____
Regular mail address _____

Please send *Bugle Calls* to my regular mail address. YES _____

2008 Civil War Round Table Meeting/Speaker Schedule

January 31: Show and Tell.

September 25: TBA

February 28: Bryce Kuykendall "Reflections of Visiting Battlefields in 2007"

Kearney Park Civil War Re-enactment (late September?, early October?)

October 30: TBA

March 27: Evan Jones "Soldiers in Shock and Disbelief"

November 7-9: 24th annual Conference of Civil War Round Tables. "War in the Shenandoah Valley"

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

featuring Jeffry Wert, Robert K. Krick, Robert E. L. Krick, Jim Stanbery, David Davenport, and the Moats (not Ken and Barb, but Emily and Olivia, 'cept they don't know they will be 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).

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

Clovis Memorial Building. Likely registration fee \$175.00 includes two dinners, two lunches, and two breakfasts.

Saturday, June 28: Annual picnic at Clague's "cabin" at Shaver Lake.

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

August 28: TBA

Civil War Re-enactment Society Christmas Dinner Dec. 1st

The forwarded message is the announcement about the Christmas party in Visalia sponsored by the Civil War Re-enactment Society. Since it does not conflict with our party on the 8th at Tom and Cathy Carr's house it would a great opportunity to support another group of Civil War enthusiasts.

DIRECTIONS for the
CWRS Christmas Party:

If coming from the north...

Drive south on 99
(Go past Visalia exit, about a mile)
Take next exit, Caldwell
turn left on Caldwell
Drive around 2 to 3 miles to Akers (Large intersection and Light)
Turn right on Akers (you will see church on right)
Turn right, second entrance (road that runs behind church)
Park behind church, the party will be in room 19 (west side of church)

Have any questions or concerns then call my cell
559-281-1267 Mary Miller

CWRS CHRISTMAS DINNER

Saturday, December 1, 2007@ Visalia Christian School

5:30 to 9 pm

Dress is casual

Just bring yourselves, some food, and a white elephant gift (something from around the house, not worth over \$10. Something funny, not new or expensive!)

Last Names starting with the letter (Please Bring)

A-H Dessert

I- R Main Dish

S-Z Appetizers

Questions? Email me @ exeter12000@yahoo.com

Or call 281-1267 ... Mary

Some Oddities of the Civil War

The following were gleaned from Burke Davis's *The Civil War: Strange & Fascinating Facts*:

Firing on both sides of the War was so inaccurate that soldiers estimated it took a man's weight in lead to kill a single enemy in battle.

I don't know how one could verify this statement, but a Federal expert said that each Confederate who was shot during the War re-

quired 240 pounds of powder and 900 pounds of lead.

One of the Civil War's most striking victories was won by an Irishman in Confederate service, Capt. Richard Dowling, 19, of the Davis Guards. With 43 men armed with rifles and six small cannon, he defended **Sabine Pass, TX**, in Sept. 1863, driving off a Federal fleet which tried to land

about 15,000 men. Dowling sank one gunboat, disable and captured two others, and turned away the rest of the raiding fleet. He took 400 prisoners—all without a loss of a man.

This was the only command of record in the war to get its whole muster roll into official reports. All the men got silver medals from Jefferson Davis, the only such given by the Confederacy.

AFTER ACTION REPORT SJVCWRT MEETING

25 October 07 by Ron Vaughan

Twenty-two persons were present and the majority voted to continue meeting at Ramada. Professor Jim Stanbery gave another of his always great presentations, this time on "The Lost Opportunity at Spring Hill." He stated it is the common belief that CSA John Bell Hood bungled (partly due to over-indulgence of alcohol and laudanum) the chance to cut off Gen. John M. Schofield's army, destroy it, and then race to Nashville. Jim dispelled many myths about this campaign.

First of all, there is no contemporary evidence or commentary that Hood abused substances on that night or any other. Secondly, Jim pointed out that Hood did not have a master plan to win a race to Nashville. His objective was to defeat Union forces in detail if possible, or force them to make costly attacks on his army. Third, the blame for failure to achieve a success at Spring Hill seems to lie with other generals than Hood. Hood had personally led troops into position and given orders to have forces in place north and south of Spring Hill. However, there were no Confederate troops within a stones throw of the pike.

CSA Gen. Cheatham and Stewart did not comply and did not inform Hood of the true disposition of troops. General Nathan Bedford Forrest was a great raider and fighter, but deficient in doing proper reconnaissance and sending intelligence reports to Hood. He did not send patrols on the road south of town, nor report enemy movements to the north. Fourth, even if Hood had cut the roads north of the town, Schofield would not be "cutoff". There were other roads to the west, which could take an army north. Also, even if trapped, he could have dug in and made a good defense.



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