



BUGLE CALLS, APRIL 2020

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

NO APRIL MEETING!

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2. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Michael Spencer

Greetings,

Hello members and recipients of the Bugle calls, it is with great disappointment and after careful consideration. I (with advice from Ron) have decided to **cancel our meeting** coming up in April.

Bernie Quinn was supposed to be our speaker for the month. I have already informed him of the decision to cancel. The global health crisis (Covid-19 / Coronavirus) and following the guidelines from the state and local government I have come to this decision. Also, Denny's is closed!

It uncertain how long this will be in effect. We are in this together and will pray for a brighter outcome quickly.

Regards,

Michael Spencer

President SJVCWRT

3. AFTER ACTION REPORT

MARCH 12, 2020

BY RON VAUGHAN, SECRETARY

*Ten persons were present for our meeting.

*Treasurer Green reported he and Michael have not yet set up the new bank account for the club. Ron has provided a copy of the minutes from the Feb. meeting plus a copy of the SJVCWRT Constitution from 1994. Green reports \$1,080 in the bank, plus \$400 in cash.

*Discussion of our 2020 Conference plans. We discussed having a dessert for the Sat. Night Dinner. We have set aside 30 rooms. 10/15 is the deadline to cancel/confirm rooms. Room rate is \$109 per night.

*Program was by Mike Carter: He regretted that General Alexander was unable to attend tonight. Instead he gave a talk entitled: "Two Generals and a Lady."

First was Earl Van Dorn. He graduated from West Point in 1842, 52 in his class of 56. He was a veteran of the Mexican War. When the Civil War broke out, he resigned his commission and joined the Confederacy. He was Department Commander of the Trans-Mississippi and led the CSA Army to defeat at the battle of Pea Ridge. The army was ordered east of the Mississippi, and fought at Corinth and lost, but was successful in destroying Grant's supply base at Holly Springs. He spent some time at Spring Hillm where he frequently went riding with Mrs. Peters. Then one day Dr. Peters shot him dead!

The Second General was Benjamin Cheatham. He was a veteran of the Mexican War. When the Civil War broke out, joined the South, and he was appointed a Brigadier General. He led troops at Shiloh, and in Bragg's army, then with Hood's army. At the battle of Spring Hill, 1864, due to a comedy of errors in Hood's army, the battle sputtered out that night. Cheatham spent the night with Mrs. Peters, and nine months later she had a baby girl!

Mike's talk was very clever and well presented.

4. CIVIL WAR HUMOR

From "The Blue & Gray Laughing"

"In our army in the West, one of the officers, whose duty it was to furnish the guards with a password for the one night, gave the word 'Potomic.' A German guard, not understanding distinctly the difference between Bs and Ps, understood it to be 'Bottomic,' and this being transferred to another was corrupted to 'Buttermilk.'

Soon afterward, the officer who had given the word wished to return through the lines and approaching a sentinel, was ordered to halt, and the word demanded.

He replied 'Potomic.'

'Nicht right. You don't pass mit me dis way.'

But this is the word, and I will pass.'

'No! You stay.' At the same time placing a bayonet at his breast.

'What is the word, then?

'Buttermilk.'

The officer said, 'Well, then, 'Buttermilk.'

'Dat is right. Now you pass it yourself all about your pizness.'"