



BUGLE CALLS, JUNE 2021

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

1. NO JUNE MEETING! Nixed by Denny's. Next meeting Sept.

2. BARBEQUE AT CLAGUE'S CABIN 8/14/21 in Afternoon.

Call for reservation/attendance: (559) 284-4969

Or email: brianhclague@gmail.com

3. REGISTER FOR NOV. 5-7, 2021 WEST COAST CWRT CONFERENCE!

Same wonderful slate of speakers as was scheduled last November. See website "[Events](#)" for registration form.

4. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

By Michael Spencer

Greetings,

I hope everyone is doing well, with summer just shy away. We will not be having a meeting in June. Denny's is only allowing 50% capacity, including the banquet room in which we hold our meetings. I don't know about y'all but I'm ready to have meetings once again. It's been to dang long (a year). The BBQ @ Shaver Lake will be Saturday, August 14th. Sadly, the Clague's are selling and moving out soon after, so this will be the last one.

Yours truly,

Michael Spencer

Here is a Civil War factoid:

One-third of the soldiers who fought for the Union Army were immigrants, and nearly one in 10 was African American.

The Union Army was a multicultural force—even a multinational one. We often hear about Irish soldiers (7.5 percent of the army), but the Union's ranks included even more Germans (10 percent), who marched off in regiments such as the Steuben Volunteers.

Other immigrant soldiers were French, Italian, Polish, English and Scottish. In fact, one in four regiments contained a majority of

foreigners. Blacks were permitted to join the Union Army in 1863, and some scholars believe this infusion of soldiers may have turned the tide of the war.

5. AFTER ACTION REPORT:

By Ron Vaughan

After years of effort from the publisher and me, “Viva Juarez” has finally reached publication! It is not a history, but is filled with information on all the armed forces that participated, plus maps and orders of battle for the many obscure battles I originally conceived of it as an informational aid for those who wargame the French Intervention in Mexico circa 1860s. The two volumes are filled with copious pictures of soldier’s uniforms and maps that were added to my manuscript. The publisher and I decided it would have wider appeal by making it a history “source book.” This is how it was developed, but in the final printing, for some reason, the “for wargamers” was left on the cover!. It is disturbing that although at least $\frac{3}{4}$ s of the text is my writing, I am only listed as a “contributor”! Oh well, fame is fleeting!

6. CIVIL WAR HUMOR

From “The Blue & Gray Laughing”

“In January, 1865 I visited Staunton, the headquarters of old Jubal Early and the remnant of the gallant little army of the Valley. The day after my arrival, being a bright Sunday morning, General Early announced his intention of going to church, with his staff.

The sermon was a good one, earnest and impressive: ‘Suppose, my Christian friends, that those who have laid for centuries in their graves should arise now and come forth, marching in their white shrouds passing before this congregation, by thousands and tens of thousands, what would be the result?’

‘Ah!’ exclaimed old Jubal in a stage whisper, ‘I’d conscript every damn one of them!’”