



BUGLE CALLS

San Joaquin Valley Civil War Round Table

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2. UP COMING EVENTS:

***CHECK OUT THE CIVIL WAR CONGRESS WEBSITE FOR THE MANY EXCELLENT ZOOM LECTURES. “FRIDAYS WITH GRANT” is very good! Many have also been posted on Youtube.**

*October Kearney Park Civil War Cancelled!

*October 8th SJVCWRT Meeting?? If so, we will have Illene Iverson speak.

*NOVEMBER WEST COAST CWRT CONFERENCE
POSTPONED UNTIL NOV. 2021.

*November 12 Meeting?

*December Christmas Party?

3. PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:

The editor has not received any message from Michael Spencer. Sadly, he was laid off when the California Pizza Kitchen went out of business. He told me the good news that he did find another job.

4. AFTER ACTION REPORT

By Ron Vaughan

This year has been a bummer! Our CWRT meetings and Barbeque cancelled due to the Virus. Also, this has been a year without any re-enactments to attend.

As for our West Coast Conference, our Board members were unanimous with the decision to postpone it. The Wyndham staff agreed. All agreed that too many would be too fearful of the Virus to attend. I had only received 5 reservations as of August. Just so everyone knows, the prospective attendees were notified and their checks were torn up. **The good news is that all our speakers have agreed to attend Nov 2021.**

5. CIVIL WAR HUMOR

Joke from the internet:

“People make fun of the Civil War re-enactors....

Until the power goes out!”

6. Letter to The Editor of North & South

By Dr. David Davenport

Dear editor,

While I applaud the work of Damian Shiels with Civil War pensions I question the use of a modern map to illustrate the trans-Atlantic distribution of Pensions. Doing so minimizes the true geographic extent of pensioners because the Austria and Germany that exist today are no where near the size they were in 1883. Poland, for one, did not exist in 1883 and was subsumed for the most part by the German Empire, and to a lesser extent the Austro-

Hungarian Empire and the Russian Empire. Prussia existed as the "core" of the German Empire, yet none of its territory appears on the map on page 14 because in 2020 it is within Poland and Russia. Similarly, Croats, Serbians, and others southern Slavic peoples who later formed the now defunct Yugoslavia participated in the American Civil War, but when it was fought they were subjects of the Austrian Emperor Francis Joseph who ruled over the entire southern half of the Balkans from his capital at Austria. The same was also true of Hungary which rebelled against Austrian rule in 1848 and officially became part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire in 1867 after Austria was defeated by Prussia in 1866.

The political boundaries of central Europe were "a mess" in the second half of the 19th century and it does not do civil war historians any good to omit from the narrative Poles, Hungarians, and a dozen other ethnic nationalities based on application of a modern map to an historical problem.

Sincerely,

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