



BUGLE CALLS, OCTOBER 2021

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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1. COMING EVENTS:

A. OCTOBER 14TH MEETING:

DENNY'S RESTURANT, 710 W. SHAW

6:00 Dinner

7:00 Meeting: Election of Treasurer

7:15 Program: "Battle of Little Round Top—What happened on Union Right? Was it more important?" By Ron Vaughan

B. October Kearney Park Civil War Cancelled.

C. November West Coast CWRT Conference Cancelled (due to insufficient registration (15) to meet expenses.) It will be rescheduled for Nov 4-6, 2022, with the same great speakers!

D. November 11 Round Table Meeting: Speaker to be determined.

E. December 9th Christmas Party?

Note: I recently spoke with Keith Poulter: "North & South" magazine is still being published, although due to COVID, two issues were online only. Those wishing to subscribe to this great mag, may email him at northsouth@netptc.net.

2. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY MICHAEL SPENCER

Hello all,

First off I'd like to say I'm enjoying my vacation time off work. I have viewed the destruction from the Dixie fire. It is remarkable and yet shocking. I took lots of pictures and will share them at the meeting October 14th.

It is sad to say yet again the conference has been postponed, due the lack of registrants. Normally we have about 60-80 round this time at. It is probably due to Covid. We did not have enough to cover airfare, hotel, and meals for the speakers.

Regards,

Michael Spencer

3. AFTER ACTION REPORT

BY RON VAUGHAN

Our meeting of 9/9/21 had 9 persons present. Mike Green was in hospital, but reported \$900 on hand. Wayne Scott reported he (as Abe L.) was asked to appear at the Sanger 9/11 observance.

Our speaker was Illene Apperson (I previously had misspelled her name.). She is a professor at Reedly College. She spoke on her great great grandfather, Colonel Upton Hays, of the 2th Missouri Cavalry CSA. She is working on a book of the family history.

The family lived just south of Kansas City, and was affected by the ongoing border conflicts. He had a freight wagon business on the Santa Fe Trail, and apparently became skilled in self-defense. His wife Margaret had inherited a few slaves. Eventually she freed all but one boy, who Illene suspects was fathered by Upton.

The neighbors were the James brothers, Younger Brothers, and William Quantrell. The Upton family was pro Union, but when the Red Legs stole his wagons, Upton joined the bush whackers. He began recruiting more than 600 men, and soon he was made Lt. Col. of the 1st Missouri State Guard Cavalry in December, 1861. They fought in the battles of Carthage and Wilson's Creek. In August, 1862 he was promoted to Colonel of the 2nd Missouri Cavalry, and led a charge at the Battle of Lone

Jack. On 8/4/62, he and Quantrell signed a recruiting proclamation.

On 9/15/63, just before the battle of Newtonia, Hays rode forward to reconnoiter into a patch of woods, and ran into a couple of Yankee pickets. They fired before he could draw (or it misfired), killing him. He was only 29 years old.

Union General Order #11, forced the removal of pro Confederates out of the border areas, and Margaret and children moved to California, and settled in Mariposa, with her mother. Later she moved to Hanford, where she died in 1923.

We had a good discussion following her presentation.

4. CIVIL WAR HUMOR

From “The Blue & Gray Laughing”

“On the James River bluff, old Mr. Tugmuddle, with his numerous daughters, lived within a short distance of our camp—where the soldiers were want to bathe in the river. One day, ‘Colonel Cramp’ received a visit from Mr. T., who took occasion

to say, ‘Sir, your soldiers strip and bathe, sir, right before the eyes of my daughters, who are modest young ladies, to whom the sight is extremely offensive.’

The Colonel, with gallantry, resolved that the evil should be remedied, and he stationed a guard on the bank, to make the soldiers go further upstream. But a few days elapsed when old Tug made the same complaint again. That evening at dress parade, orders were promulgated ordering the boys to bathe at a point five hundred yards distant.

Within a few days, however, Tug came back with his old complaint.

‘Why’ said the Colonel, Surely your daughters can’t see men bathing over five hundred yards off!’

‘Yes, sir, they can.’

‘What! See men bathing over five hundred yards off!’

‘But, sir,’ said old Tug, ‘my gals have spy glasses!’”