



# **BUGLE CALLS, MAY 2025**

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

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## 1. MAY 8 MEETING

Denny's Restaurant, 710 W. Shaw, Fresno

Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00

Program 7:30- 8:30: "Battle of Big Bethel" by Ron Vaughan

8:30 Book Raffle

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## 2. COMING EVENTS:

\*MAY 1ST & 2ND Civil War Conference at Monterey

\*No meetings in June through August

\*SEPTEMBER 11, Author Tonya Mc Quade will speak about her book "A State Divided".

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### 3. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Michael Spencer

Hello,

My apologies for this being so late. I wanted to remind everyone the next meeting will be May 8th and Ron will be speaking.

On this day April 29th in Civil War history:

- \*1862 - Union troops officially took possession of New Orleans after the surrender of Fort Jackson and Fort St. Phillip.
- Union Admiral David Farragut began capturing the city on April 25.
- 1863 - Union Colonel Abel Streight's command was attacked by troops under the command of General Nathan Bedford Forrest.

- \*On this day, the Union had set a trap and held the Confederates under fire and wounded Captain William Forrest (Nathan Bedford's brother).

U.S. Civil War Quote: "At what point shall we expect the approach of danger? By what means shall we fortify against it? Shall we expect some transatlantic military giant, to step the Ocean, and crush us at a blow? Never! All the armies of Europe, Asia, and Africa combined, with all the treasure of the earth...could not by force, take a drink from the Ohio, or make a track on the Blue Ridge, in a trial of a thousand years... If destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of freemen, we must live through all time, or die by suicide."

- Abraham Lincoln

Regards, Michael J. Spencer

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#### 4. AFTER ACTION REPORT OF 4/10/25 MEETING, BY RON VAUGHAN

Bank balance as of 2/28/25 is \$3,368. Nine persons were present at meeting. New person, Frank Gibson came. We hope he will return. We discussed possibility of hosting a conference in 2025 or 2026. Mike knows some tour guides and experts on the Shenandoah Valley campaigns. Michael Green presented the second part of his program on the Gettysburg cyclorama. He followed this with a short slide show of famous Civil War Generals.

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#### 5. CIVIL WAR HUMOR:

From "The Blue & Gray Laughing"

There was a lull in the fighting after Chancellorsville, "It is said that the Army of the Potomac is going to advance as soon as the Rebels get out of the way."