



# **BUGLE CALLS, SEPTEMBER 2025**

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

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## **1. SEPTEMBER 11 SJVCWRT MEETING**

Denny's Restaurant, 710 W. Shaw, Fresno

Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00

Program 7:30- 8:30

Book Raffle 8:30

**SPEAKER: TONYA MCQUADE**

SPEAKING ABOUT HER BOOK "A STATE DIVIDED"

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## **2. COMING EVENTS:**

#OCTOBER 9 MEETING: A program "The Life of William Nelson Fritts, A Union Soldier 5<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry."

#NOVEMBER 13 MEETING: Zethin McKinley presenting "A Confederate General (Tyree Bell) in California."

#DECEMBER 11 MEETING (Christmas Party)

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### **3. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

BY MICHAEL SPENCER

Hello All,

I hope everyone had a good summer break. I went to visit my in June then for my 50th b-day we went to Reno and had a blast. I won \$900. As always we went to Yosemite earlier this month. Now back to business, our next meeting will be on September 11th. Our guest speaker will be Tonya McQuade talking about "A State Divided, Civil War letters of James Calaway Hale & Benjamin Petree of Andrew County, Missouri."

Once again, The Wall that Heals will be on display October 9-12 a 3/4 scale replica. Its location is at David McDonald Park 101 N Temperance Clovis, Ca. It is free to the public.

See ya at the September meeting.

Regards,

Michael J Spencer

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## 4. AFTER ACTION REPORT

BY RON VAUGHAN, SECRETARY-TREASURER

Meeting of May 8, 2025

\*Eight persons present. Lisa brought Helen, who had been very sick, but now recovered. We all missed the presence of Tom.

\*Our bank account has \$3,618.

\*Ron Vaughan presented talk with slide show about The Battle of Big Bethel, June 10, 1861. It was the first battle of the war, where Union forces under Brigadier General Ebenezer Peirce were repulsed by Confederates led by Colonel John B. Magruder. There were other Southern officers, who would become famous generals: D.H. Hill and John Bell Hood. The entrenched Confederates inflicted 18 killed and 53 wounded, while suffering only one killed and 7 wounded. Among the Union casualties was Major Theodore Winthrop, 1<sup>st</sup> Union casualty of rank, and Lt. John Greble became the 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Army West Pointer killed.

**Note:** I was invited to give this talk to the South Bay CWRT in June. Thirteen persons were present. They were a very

nice group, and my presentation was well received. However, they did not offer to pay for our meal, or gas money, as we do. Their meeting included a CW Trivia quiz: 15 questions about Edwin M Stanton. Very few had answers to the questions, but nevertheless it was educational.

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## **5. CIVIL WAR HUMOR**

### **From “Blue & Gray Laughing”**

“One of the zealous Union chaplains called on a Colonel, noted for his profanity, to talk about the religious interests of his men. He was politely received. ‘Colonel, you have one of the finest regiments in the army. Do you think you pay enough attention to religious instruction of your men?’ ‘Well, I don’t know,’ replied the Colonel. Chaplin said, ‘A lively interest has been awakened in the regiment. The Lord has blessed the labors of his servants, and ten men have already been baptized.’ ‘Is that so, your honor?’ asked the Colonel. ‘Yes sir.’ The Colonel said to his orderly, ‘Sargeant, have 15 men detailed immediately to be baptized. I’ll be damned if I’ll be outdone in any respect.’”