



## **BUGLE CALLS, DECEMBER 2020**

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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**1. No December Christmas Party or Meeting due to COVID RESTRICTIONS.**

**2. NO plans for monthly meetings until the Virus slacks off.**

**3. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Michael Spencer:**

**We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

**4. AFTER ACTION REPORT, BY RON VAUGHAN:**

Of course no “action” to report! As I have mentioned before, check out the weekly Zoom Lectures on the [CWRT Congress](#) website. “Fridays With Grant” continue at 4:00 pm each Friday.

The lectures are free, but there is an opportunity to donate.

## **5. CIVIL WAR HUMOR:**

### **From The Civil War Trust website:**

“In one amusing anecdote, a Confederate prisoner relates how the realities of war intruded on his Christmas celebrations: ‘A friend had sent me in a package a bottle of old brandy. On Christmas morning I quietly called several comrades up to my bunk to taste the precious fluid of...DISAPPOINTMENT! The bottle had been opened outside, the brandy taken and replaced with water...and sent in. I hope the Yankee who played that practical joke lived to repent it and was shot before the war ended.’”

## **6. NEW BOOK RELEASE:**

Our friend Parker Hills, and the Blue and Gray Education Society, have just released a booklet entitled "Grand Gulf To Raymond Driving Tour Guide". This booklet is much more than a driving guide, it includes chapters on Grand Gulf, with a description of the battle and the markers around the Mississippi State Park. These markers were refurbished by donations from members of the Blue and Gray, and supervised by General Hills.

The second part of the booklet deals with the Grand Gulf to Raymond Mississippi Scenic Byway, which Parker spearheaded the action. This follows Grants movement from his invasion of Mississippi in 1863 and his march from the Mississippi River, to

the Battle of Raymond. The final part of the booklet talks about the battle of Raymond and the work to preserve this battlefield. Because of our work with Parker, he has sent us autographed copies of this guide. These will be given to the dues paying membership at our next meeting.

## **7. BGES MEMBERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE: MIKE GREEN:**

<https://blueandgrayeducation.org/2020/10/members-making-a-difference-mike-green/>