



BUGLE CALLS, MARCH 2023

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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1. MARCH 9 MEETING:

**BERNIE QUINN DISCUSSES BATTLE OF LITTLE ROUND
TOP, GETTYSBURG**

DENNY'S RESTAURANT, 710 W. SHAW, CLOVIS

- 6:00 DINNER
 - 7:00 MEETING
 - 7:15 PROGRAM
 - 8:15 BOOK RAFFLE
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2. COMING EVENTS

a. **APRIL 13 MEETING.** Ron Vaughan speaking on The Battle of Milliken's Bend, 6/7/1863

b. **REENACTMENTS:**

ACWA

- Knights Ferry, Ca - March 24-26, 2023, school day Friday
- Mariposa, Ca - April 21-23, school day Friday
- Jackson, Ca - Date to be determined
- Duncan Mills, Ca - canceled due to road repairs scheduled for summer 2023

- Roaring Camp – permanently canceled
- Kearney Park – permanently canceled

NCWA

- Mahon Ranch, Elk Grove, Ca - May 5-7, school day Friday
- Cottonwood Creek, Ca - Stone Ranch - June 2-4, school day Friday
- Tres Pinos, Hollister, Ca - September 15-17, school day Friday
- Cottonwood Creek, Esparto, Ca - October 6-8, school day Friday

CCWA

Virginia City, Nevada - Sept. 2-4, school day on Friday

3. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By MICHAEL SPENCER

Hello Everyone,

Our meeting last month we discussed the probability of moving forward with a conference for 2023, the decision was unanimous. We are brainstorming (a head start), the tentative dates will be Nov 3rd-5th. I have been looking into other venues for holding the conference, so far no luck price wise. The cost of everything is rising (inflation). We would like to keep the price about the same, but this is just the beginning point. Our Round Table is planning now, and not at the last minute. Further details coming soon.

Ron has his own projector for presentations for any of our guest speakers; back in 2009-ish we also purchased an Epson projector. I have in possession. I went to Best Buy to see about getting an adapter for my MacBook (a usb-c/hdmi). I have keynote/power point I've never used, but started the gist of.

Lastly, the next meeting will be Thursday, March 9th, at 6:00pm. Bernie Quinn will talk on Little Round Top, Gettysburg.

Regards, Michael

Today in U.S. Civil War History

1864 - Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest defeated a

Union force three times the size of his army. The battle helped to end Union General William T. Sherman's movement in Alabama.

1864 - Union troops fought off an attack north of West Point. Union General William Sooy Smith retreated back to Memphis due to another Confederate force blocking his way to Meridian. This battle forced Union General Sherman to return to Vicksburg.

1861 - U.S. President-elect Abraham Lincoln left Harrisburg and covertly traveled to Washington. Allen Pinkerton had uncovered a plot to assassinate Lincoln when he passed through Baltimore. Lincoln arrived unceremoniously in Washington the next morning.

U.S. Civil War Quote

"That old man...had my division massacred at Gettysburg!"

- *George Pickett said these words to John S. Mosby shortly after paying Lee a visit in Richmond*

4. AFTER ACTION REPORT

BY RON VAUGHAN

Nine persons were present for the meeting, including Henry, who we had not seen in a while.

Our bank balance is \$3,800 as of 1/31.

We discussed the issue of sponsoring another West Coast Conference in November 3-5, 2023. It is the 160th anniversary of the Vicksburg Campaign.

It was suggested that we might be able to obtain a print of a Vicksburg battle, or a copy of “Receding Tides” book, for raffle. Besides having Parker Hills as main speaker, we could invite Dr. Curt Fields, a Grant impersonator

It was suggested we ask other CWRT for donations, such as Scottsdale CWRT, which has a very large membership. The motion to go ahead was passed unanimously.

Patty Spencer read a program on the Confederate prison at Belle Island. It was on a 54 acre island adjacent to Richmond, Va., connected via a bridge. Unlike other prisons, it was not

surrounded by walls. The fall line rapids made escape very hazardous. Confederate infantry and cannon over-looked the tents where the prisoners lived. Its capacity was 3,000 prisoners, but there were from 5,000 to 6,000 Union prisoners, and 1,000 guards. This overcrowding led to the spread of diseases. About 56,000 died in Southern prisons.

The food shortages in Richmond caused the Confederates to begin transferring inmates to other prisons, so by October 1864, it was closed.

5. CIVIL WAR HUMOR

From “The Blue & Gray Laughing”

“Colonel of a Mississippi regiment taken prisoner at Bull Run comments on Confederate troops in battle: ‘I never in my life saw a set of men so badly scared as ours were on that occasion—except yours.’”