



BUGLE CALLS, APRIL 2024

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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1.) APRIL MEETING:

Denny's Restaurant, 740 W. Shaw Ave, Clovis

6:00 Dinner

7:00 Meeting

7:30 Program: Michael Spencer presents on the Battle of Antietam, followed by Book Raffle.

2.) COMING EVENTS:

***April meeting** will feature Michael Spencer speaking about the Battle of Antietam.

***May meeting** will feature a program by Robert Orr on Civil War Music

***No meetings** June through August.

***Insufficient interest was shown for last year's planned August picnic.**

3.) PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello,

I was thinking back of a past trips in 1996 & 1999 civil war tours and looking at some old photos (before digital). I also found a 8mm video of a Robert Hodge dressed in CW attire, speaking about the battle of Manassas (Bull Run). This was the Riding with Custer tour that was arranged by History America Tours. I'm trying to find old photos to present. And in September 1999 our tour was Robert E Lee in Virginia.

On a funny note my mom's luggage was lost when we landed in Virginia, luckily we got it after we checked into the Jefferson Hotel (5 stars). One of the days of the tour we went to Antietam we stayed at a lovely B & B, The Inn @ Antietam. Which brings me to the topic I will be discussing at our next meeting. April 11th at Denny's in Clovis 6:00pm.

If anyone has photos to share please bring them. I have 5 maps of the battle along with the discussion.

Regards,

Michael J Spencer

4.) AFTER ACTION REPORT

By Ron Vaughan, Secretary: Treasurer

Seven persons were present for the meeting. Lisa reported Helen is in fragile health and not able to attend anymore.

I reported we have \$5,400 in our bank account, which includes \$1,000 dedicated to a Raymond bridge rail project (still incomplete), and \$1500 for Parker Hills Vicksburg talks into a video.

At a future meeting Lisa will speak about her Vicksburg tour with Parker Hills.

Rob Orr will present to us in May about Civil War music.

I shared a newspaper clipping about “Slave Tags”, and pictures of some. When slaves were purchased in Africa, they were given a metal tag with a number and the owner’s name. If they were caught without their tag, they would be severely punished. I had never heard of this before, I had recently attended a Black History event in Tulare.

Our program was a video on the Battle of Franklin. It was one of the best we have ever seen, as it had a historical narrative, with battle scenes taken from Franklin re-enactments, with not a couple dozen participants, but thousands of them! During parts of the battle,

a narrator read quotes from soldier's diaries or letters. Also featured were actual buildings on the battlefield.

5.) CIVIL WAR HUMOR

From "The Blue & Gray Laughing"

Unfortunately, images transmitted via the internet seldom survive to be published. Nevertheless, I will describe one from the book in Harper's Weekly, 6/22/1861: A CSA coin features a bank supported on the backs of a couple of slaves, and a confederate pointing a pistol at a gentleman presenting a bill. The coin's lettering states: "OWE EVER—PAY NEVER". Apparently this is satire on the poor state of the CSA economy and banking.