



BUGLE CALLS, FEBRUARY 2023

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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1. FEBRUARY 9TH MEETING:

- 6:00 Dinner
 - 7:00 Meeting
 - 7:30 Program: Patty Spencer on Belle Island Prison
 - 8:30 Book Raffle
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2. COMING EVENTS:

*MARCH 9TH MEETING: Bernie Quinn will speak about The Battle of Little Round Top

*APRIL MEETING: Ron Vaughan will speak on the Battle of Milliken Bend (Black Troops in Combat)

3. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

BY MICHAEL SPENCER

Hello Members,

Our next meeting will be February 9th as always at the Denny's location in Clovis start time 6:00pm. Pattie Spencer will give a talk about Civil War Prisons.

Also as a reminder membership dues were owed at the beginning of the year, if you have not paid them please do so. If anyone who still receives the newsletter y'all are welcome to join us at the next meeting.

On this day in Civil War History:

1865 - The Confederate Congress agreed to continue prisoner exchanges. The process had only operated sporadically for three years.

U.S. Civil War Quote:

"After four years of arduous service, marked by unsurpassed courage and fortitude, the Army of Northern Virginia has been compelled to yield to overwhelming numbers and resources. I need not tell the brave survivors of so many hard-fought battles, who have remained steadfast to the last, that I have consented to the result from no distrust of them. I determined to avoid the useless

sacrifice of those whose past services have endeared them to their countrymen. I bid you an affectionate farewell."

- Confederate General Robert E. Lee while addressing his troops for the last time on April 10, 1865.

1863 Civil War Battle Timeline, 160 years ago...

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- January 1863. Emancipation Proclamation.
- March 1863. The First Conscription Act.
- May 1863. The Battle of Chancellorsville.
- May 1863. The Vicksburg Campaign.
- June-July 1863. The Gettysburg Campaign.
- September 1863. The Battle of Chickamauga.
- November 1863. The Battle of Chattanooga.

Best Regards,

Michael Spencer

4. AFTER ACTION REPORT:

BY RON VAUGHAN

Our 1/12 meeting had 9 present. Mike Green was at a reception at the Tulare Museum, where he had three of his photos displayed with other art works.

I received a \$100 donation from Robert Orr, who had attended our Conference for Saturday only, and enjoyed it!

It was proposed that since we would not have had such a profit from our conference, without the \$1000 donation

From Steve Madden, that his name should also be on one of the benches. The proposal to have the names on one bench be Lisa Peters and Dave Davenport, and the other bench Steve Madden and Jim Stanbery. The motion passed unanimously. I showed a short video on Raymond Battlefield, that Parker had sent to Mike Green.

The Sacramento CWRT is reluctant to become co-sponsors for a 2023 Conference, and prefer to do it in 2024.

It was Show & Tell Night: Tom Ebert brought a copy of his book on Abraham Lincoln, and talked about it. Then he offered it up for the book raffle! Many tickets were sold, as it sells for \$125.

Michal Spencer shared about the book, “War Outside My Window” By Ted Savas, about a crippled boy who only heard news of the war through visitors to his home.

Steve talked about Meg Groeling’s book on Elmer Ellsworth, first officer to be killed in the war. Patty shared about “When Hell Came to Sharpsburg,” about a family that suffered during and after the battle.

I showed the book “Robert E. Lee at War”. It was my cousin David Vaughan’s copy. It tells about Lee’s early life, up to the Peninsular Campaign. It has beautiful color maps and pictures.

Then it was raffled it off. We gained some \$200 in cash form the night’s raffles.

At the end, we had the usual book raffle, which ended at 8:30.

5. CIVIL WAR HUMOR:

From “The Blue & Gray Laughing”

“A bold soldier boy belonging to the Thirteenth New York Regiment writes from Washington to his sister:

‘I have grown two feet in two days, prefer gunpowder to butter on my bread, and have made arrangements to sleep forever here-after in a cannon.’ (Editor’s note: The lad must have been drinking whisky, provided by the older soldiers, when he composed the letter!)