



BUGLE CALLS, NOVEMBER 2023

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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1. NOVEMBER 9TH MEETING

DENNY'S RESTAURANT, 710 W. Shaw, Clovis

6:00 Dinner, 7:00 Meeting

8:00 Program: "Famous Civil War Horses" by Spencers &

"An Interview with Chaplin Rankin" Ron & Linda Vaughan

2. COMING EVENTS (Tentative)

December 14th Christmas Party

January 11th "Show & Tell"

February 8th "Bloody Kansas" by Ron Vaughan

March 14th Video on Battle of Franklin

April 11th "Battle of Prairie Grove" by Ron Vaughan

May 9th ?

3. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Michael Spencer

Hello everyone,

Our Conference is next month. As you know Parker Hills is one of our main speakers. So far we have a good turnout. Some of you may know (and those who don't) the past conferences we've put together, money earned after costs we have donated to Raymond Battlefield preservation. We will continue to do so. Once again it's not too late to

attend if you have not registered, if you'd like to come and hear about the Vicksburg 160th (you can pay the registration at the door) November 3-5th.

Our next meeting is November 9th the following week. Topic for that meeting is Civil War horses. Something new last month, we did several trivia questions before Ron spoke.

Here is a CW question: [What happened to prisoners?](#)

More than 400,000 soldiers were captured over the course of the Civil War. In the first years of the conflict, equal numbers of captured troops were regularly exchanged for one another, helping to keep the total number of prisoners manageable for both sides. Over the course of the war, however, that practice faded from use. By the end of the war, the plight of prisoners of war on both sides had become bleak indeed. Thousands of Southerners died in the freezing camp at Elmira, New York, and the camp at Andersonville, Georgia, which held Union prisoners, has become one of the most infamous in the history of war. Nearly as many men died in captivity during the Civil War as died fighting in Vietnam.

Regards,

Michael Spencer

4. AFTER ACTION REPORT

By Ron Vaughan, Secretary- Treasurer

*We had 9 persons present for our meeting. Missing was Lisa (attending Beach Boys Concert, and Tom Ebert (health issues, we wish him a speedy recovery).

*As of end of Sept. 23 our bank account had \$3, 865.

*We so far have only 30 attendees signed up for our 2023 Conference. Note: I have not yet put any of their checks into the bank yet.

*I gave a talk on Civil War Cincinnati. It was largely taken from an article in one of those blue cover "Civil War History" books that I won in one of our raffles. Cincinnati was threatened, but near attacked, partly due to the very extensive earthwork defenses that were constructed. When it was threatened by General Heth in September 1862, thousands of "squirrel hunters" from the countryside came in to man the defenses. Many Blacks helped with the digging, even though they had been discriminated against. The city was politically split, with many Anti-war Democrats protesting Lincoln and the war. The city had many immigrants, mostly Irish and Germans, who joined volunteer regiments. There were a number of famous persons who came from the city, too many to list here, but U.S. Grant was born nearby, and other generals were Robert McCook, Friedrich Hecker, James Garfield, and Johan von Willich. The U.S. Sanitary Commission raised funds and built a hospital for the wounded

soldiers. Many river boats and gunboats were built along the river front. The city was a major supply source during the war.

A lesser known person from the city was Mary O'Connel, who became a Catholic Nun, Sister Anthony. She served as a battlefield nurse, and became known as "The Angel of The Battlefield" for going on to the field and providing nursing care. Her method was "the first recognizably modern triage technique" on the battlefield.

5. CIVIL WAR HUMOR

"The February 25, 1862 issue of 'The Dragoon' (a Washington DC newspaper)

'It is said that the Army of the Potomac is going to advance as soon as the Rebels get out of the way!'"