



BUGLE CALLS, JANUARY 2019

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

SPECIAL NOTE: Look at the new "PHOTOS" section of the website for pics of the conference and other things that used to be in the "EVENTS" and "Past Activities".

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1. JANUARY 10TH, 2019 MEETING

"SHOW & TELL"

Bring a book, poem, picture, etc. to share. Please let Patty Spencer know what you intend to do.

DENNY'S RESTAURANT, 710 W. SHAW AVE., CLOVIS
6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR & DINNER
7:00 MEETING and Show & Tell, followed by the Book Raffle.

2. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hello,

Well, I hope everyone's Christmas was filled with cheer and joy. Here's to 2019, our next meeting will be January 10th which is when we do show and tell. If anyone has anything to share please do so. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend, I have to close CPK that night. Patty will be filling in for me.

I know we have a few speakers lined up for the first part of the year, more to come. In addition to reading the Maps of Gettysburg I bought at the conference. I'm also doing some research about the rifles used during the civil war. The following is an excerpt from what I found.

During the American Civil War, an assortment of small arms found their way onto the battlefield. The muzzle-loading percussion cap rifle was the most numerous weapon, being standard-issue to the Union and Confederate armies. There were many other firearms, ranging from the single shot breech-loading Sharps and Burnside rifles, to the Spencer and the Henry rifles. These last two were the world's first repeating rifles, issued by the thousands to Union troops. The Civil War brought many advancements in gun technology, most notably the wide spread use of rifled barrels.

Regards,
Michael Spencer

3. AFTER ACTION REPORT:

By Ron Vaughan

Ten persons attended the annual Christmas party at Denny's. Several brought Christmas goodies, but the best was a Christmas Log Cake, from Eddie's Bakery, brought by Henry. Check the photo section of the website for a picture of this work of art.

Numbers were drawn for the "Yankee Swap" gifts. As usual, Mike Green contributed a calendar of photos. This one featured beautiful pictures of items at Raymond Battlefield that we have contributed to over the years. The "most stolen" item was a \$20 gift card for Denny's.

Gail did not have all the exact figures yet for our conference profit, but it is estimated to be about \$4,000. Mike Green reported that Parker Hills, needs to replace a dozen battle informational signs at Raymond. The old ones have been bleached out by the Sun. It will cost about \$500 per sign. We discussed dedicating a sign to Walt's name, and ask Inland Empire to pick a name also. A decision on how much to donate, will be made at our next meeting.

I read a Christmas poem from "The Civil War Christmas Album." I will share the most humorous part, as follows from The Southern Illustrated News :

"This happened one Christmas, I'm sorry to write,
Our ports were blockaded, and Santa, tonight,
Will hardly get down here; for if he should start,
The Yankees would get him, unless he is smart;
They beat all the men in creation to run,
And if they could get him, they'd think it fine fun,
To put him in prison, and steal the nice toys,
He started to bring to our girls and boys.

But try not to mind it—tell over your jokes—
Be gay and be cheerful, like other good folks;
For if you remember to be good and kind,
Old Santa next Christmas will bear it in mind.”

4. PRESERVATION NEWS:

A large tract of land that was part of the Battlefields of Gaines Mill and Cold Harbor is threatened by a plan to build a large car racing track. The development that would follow this would really encroach on the battlefield lands and roads.

The American Battlefield Trust is seeking to buy the land for its 1 million dollar price tag. There is a deal offering \$5 for every \$1 donated. To get more details on this, I went back to find this announcement, but it has disappeared from my Email files.