



BUGLE CALLS, OCTOBER 2024

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

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1. OCTOBER 9th MEETING

At Denny's Restaurant, 710 W. Shaw, Clovis

6:00 Dinner

7:00 Meeting

7:30 Talk: "Two of The Worst Union Generals", by Alan Sissenwien

8:30 Book Raffle

2. COMING EVENTS:

- November 7th Meeting: "20 Fateful Decisions at Gettysburg", by Ron Vaughan
- December 12: Christmas Party
- January 9: "Show & Tell"

3. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, By Michael Spencer

Greetings,

I'm on a mini vacation to my Dad's house, away from the hustle and bustle of Fresno. It's nice to get away from it all. These past three

months have been hectic; on top of the car accident in June, Pattie was hit by a car on the 7th of September and had a 3.5 hour ER visit. Only minor cuts and bruises, nothing serious thank god. That was a phone call I wouldn't wish on anyone.

Well back to the topic of the CW. I was watching this program on streaming TV called Death Valley Days. It is a series based on true events in US history. There is an episode about 5 Union deserters during the civil war. Which then led me to an officer in the CW, Issac Erwin Avery, CSA. I found this on Wikipedia about Avery's life. You may wish to look this up. Enjoy!

Michael Spencer

4. AFTER ACTION REPORT, Meeting of Sept. 12.

By Ron Vaughan, Secretary-Treasurer

- a. \$2,000 sent to Friends Of Raymond Battlefield for new signs. Balance in bank= \$3,368. \$1500 of this is set aside for making DVDs of Parker's talks at last Conference.
- b. 9 persons were present at meeting. Mike Green was absent due to his wife falling & suffering injures.

c. Program was on 18 wives of Union and Confederate Generals, read by Michael Spencer, slides by Ron V. To summarize, these women suffered in many ways on the home front, and many became widows.

In discussion, Tom pointed out that South Generals generally obtained their commands due to their social status. The same CSA leaders in 1861 were mostly still there in 1865. On the other hand, the Union generals were appointed due to merit (military or politics.)

d. Book Raffle. 5 books were won.

5. CIVIL WAR HUMOR

From "The Blue & Gray Laughing"

A cartoon of Confederate privates in bivouac and a dog is stealing food. "I say, Jim, look out there! That dog is after your rations!" Jim says, "Never mind. I bet five dollars he can't eat 'em!"