



BUGLE CALLS, OCTOBER 2022

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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1. OCTOBER 13th MEETING:

Tom Ebert, on [Lincoln and Emancipation](#)

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

6:00 pm Dinner

7:00 Meeting (Discuss Nov. Conference)

7:30 Talk by Tom Ebert

8:30 Book Raffle

2. COMING EVENTS:

A. NO KEARNEY PARK CIVIL WAR, a Virtual Event will be held instead. See Fresno Historical Society website for info.

B. WEST COAST CONFERENCE (**Conference is going ahead!**) 11/4-6.

C. NOVEMBER 10th. CWRT MEETING

D. DECEMBER 8th. CHRISTMAS PARTY

3. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

By Michael Spencer

Hello again,

Hope everyone is doing great. We are down to the wire for the November 4-6th West Coast Civil War conference at the Wyndham Garden Hotel. At the beginning of the month I posted a flyer for the

conference on the bulletin board inside Whole Foods. I also posted an update on the SJ Valley Civil War Round Table Facebook page. I will post again. So far we have 20 people registered; we need at least 40 registered people to make this happen. I'm meet Ron on Tuesday the 27th at the Wyndham, "**let's make it happen**". I am hopeful that we can get some last minute sign ups. I still have an email list from the conference we did several years ago. I will do some last minute communication emails to spread the word.

Our next meeting will be October 13th, 6:00 pm, at Denny's in Clovis. Our speaker will be Tom Ebert. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Regards,

Michael J Spencer

4. AFTER ACTION REPORT

BY RON VAUGHAN, SECRETARY-TREASURER

BARBEQUE: Fourteen persons were present at the annual Barbeque at the Clague's Cabin. There was plenty of good food and conversation. I shared a power point on "10 Critical Decisions That Determined The Outcome Of The Civil War".

November Conference was discussed. I reported that we only have 11 reservations so far (\$2200). I have been in contact with several other CWRTs, who are supportive. We need at least 30 to 40 attendees to make it fly. Our bank account has \$1300 in it. Checks sent in have not been deposited yet, in case of cancellation. Hopefully, registrations will come in in September. Oct 1st is our cancel or go ahead deadline.

SEPTEMBER MEETING:

Ten persons were present. The A/C was out in the meeting room, so we met in the S.E. dining room.

News was shared that New York's new gun control laws will also outlaw CW rifles, making re-enactments impossible!

Steve Lawson will send out conference info to social media, for College professors to invite their students.

Our speaker was Alan Sissenwein from the Bay Area. He declined to stay overnight, so he was just given a check for his gas (receipt for \$65 provided, & check given). Alan spoke on General "Kill Cavalry" (nickname bestowed because of his rep for losing so many of his troopers.)

Judson Kilpatrick was one of the Union's worst generals. He graduated from West Point in 1851. He was corrupt in his financial doings, and also cheated on his wife.

He became a Captain in the 5th N.Y Zouave Infantry, and was wounded at Big Bethel. He was sent to N.Y. to recruit, but made a

deal to be a Lt. Col. In the 2nd N.Y. Cavalry. He led a disastrous charge, and other blunders.

In the Fall of 1862 he was put in prison for “conduct unbecoming an officer”, because he borrowed some mules and then sold them. Despite this he was released in January, 1863, and did well as a raider during the Chancellorsville campaign. He was promoted to Brigadier General. At Brandy Station, he sent in piecemeal charges and lost 300 men. Pleasanton was impressed by his aggressiveness, and promoted him to Division General.

On July 3rd at Gettysburg, he sent General Farnsworth on a hopeless charge that resulted in the death of many troopers, including Farnsworth. During Lee’s retreat Kilpatrick blundered, and lost many men in charges on the CSA rearguards. Alan considers him a “sociopath” because he thought only of himself, and not his men.

After the disastrous 1864 raid on Richmond, Sheridan became head of the cavalry, and transferred Kilpatrick to Sherman’s Army. Sherman was impressed by Kill’s raids on CS RRs, and he led the march across Georgia. However, he was surprised at Akin, N.C., and barely escaped in his night shirt. He became a laughing stock.

In our book raffle \$30 was donated.

5. CIVIL WAR HUMOR:

From "The Blue & Grey Laughing"

"A deputation of 16 Virginians and 8 Marylanders visited the President on the 21st of April, and demanded a cessation of hostilities until after the session of Congress! Mr. Lincoln, of course, declined the proposition. One of the delegation said that 75,000 Marylanders would contest the passage of Union troops over her soil: to which the President replied that he presumed there was enough room on her soil to bury 75,000 men."