



# **BUGLE CALLS, MARCH 2024**

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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## **1. MARCH MEETING**

DENNY'S RESTAURANT

710 W. Shaw, Clovis

6:00 Dinner

7:00 Meeting

8:00 Program: "Battle of Franklin" Video

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## **2. COMING EVENTS**

a. April Meeting

b. May Meeting

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## **3. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

BY MICHAEL SPENCER

Greetings,

So this past month I have been researching my family history (not civil war related, but could be). I had been using Ancestry.com to find family members, some I have already know about. I found quite a

few new people on my father's side dating back to the late 1700's. My dad's father had 13 brothers and sisters. I didn't know any more than that. I also purchased a DNA kit to see my actual background, just waiting on the results. I should have them hopefully before the next meeting. I'm quite intrigued that I found so many people on my journey to discover more about me and my family. I do know that some family members on my mother's side did fight during the civil war. I'd just thought I should share this with you. Every day I receive new hints regarding past family members. It really is so worth it to research this I would recommend to everyone.

And on that note, our next meeting will be March 14th at 6:00 pm (Denny's); the topic is a video about The Battle of Franklin. Here is a little tidbit to see before the meeting:

### **Franklin | Nov 30, 1864 | Confederate Breakthrough**

#### *American Battlefield Trust*

Having lost a good opportunity at Spring Hill to hurt significantly the Union Army, [Gen. John B. Hood](#) marched in rapid pursuit of [Maj. Gen. John M. Schofield](#)'s retreating Union army. Schofield's advance reached Franklin about sunrise on November 30 and quickly formed a defensive line in works thrown up by the Yankees in the spring of 1863, on the southern edge of town. Schofield wished to remain in Franklin to repair the bridges and get his supply trains over them. Skirmishing at [Thompson's Station](#) and elsewhere delayed Hood's march, but, around 4:00 pm, he marshaled a frontal attack against

the Union perimeter. Two Federal brigades holding a forward position gave way and retreated to the inner works, but their comrades ultimately held in a battle that caused frightening casualties. When the battle ceased, after dark, six Confederate generals were dead or had mortal wounds. Despite this terrible loss, Hood's army, late, depleted and worn, crawled on toward Nashville.

Michael J Spencer

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#### **4. AFTER ACTION REPORT**

BY RON VAUGHAN, SECRETARY- TREASURER

- a. Nine persons were present.
- b. Bank Balance is \$5,006.
- c. Lisa reported she is attending a Vicksburg tour led by Parker Hills.
- d. Mike Green plans to propose to the Friends of Raymond, that they put up a marker for Parker Hill. This was approved by member vote.
- e. Patty announced there will be a program 2/19 at Clovis Senior Center, featuring impersonators of President Lincoln, Washington, and Teddy Roosevelt.
- f. I presented a lecture with slides about "John Brown & Bleeding Kansas." In short, the passage of the Kansas- Nebraska Act in 1854, began a period called "Bleeding Kansas," a violent period where

“Free-Staters” or “Jay Hawkens” fought pro slavery “Border Ruffians”, involving whether the Kansas Territory would be slave or a free state.

John Brown emerged as one of the Free State leaders. Significant events were: The sacking of Anti-slavery town of Lawrence, the Battles of Osawatomie, Hickory Point, Fort Titus, Fort Franklin, Black Jack, 2<sup>nd</sup> attack on Lawrence, and the Potawatomie Massacre. Finally, on October 5, 1857, Kansans elected a new free-state legislature and Kansas was admitted to the Union of States

-January 29, 1861

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## 5. CIVIL WAR HUMOR

FROM “The Blue & Grey Laughing”

“Now what do yer call this ‘ere? Is it beef? Or mutton? Or pork? Dye suppose I kin eat sech garbage an do half a day’s work? I say flesh and blood can’t stand it, this sarvin’ a feller because he’s went an felt patriotic an ‘listed hisself for the wars! Now suppose one of ‘em chaps...the ones who’ve got all the tin was kep’ on a cracker a day, with spiled bacon as us boys have been! Only, I’d jes’ like for to feed ‘em and show ‘em how long it ‘ud be Afore they got fat and jolly on the Red Tape that’s starving me!”