



BUGLE CALLS, SEPTEMBER 2021

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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1. COMING EVENTS:

A. September 9th SJVCWRT Meeting:

Professor Ilene Iverson will be speaking about her book on her great grand-father Colonel Upton Hayes.

Denny's Restaurant: 710 W. Shaw, Clovis

6:00 Dinner & Social Hour

7:00 Meeting & Speaker

8:15 Book Raffle

B. October 14th SJVCWRT Meeting:

(Unless another speaker is scheduled) Ron Vaughan discusses: "Bloody Hill Of Destiny", what else was happening on Little Round Top to the Right of the 20th Maine Regt. Was it more important?

C. Kearny Park Civil War??

As of today (8/19/2021) The Fresno Historical Society website lists Oct 24 & 25 for the event, but elsewhere they state the dates are uncertain. The ACWA has cancelled a re-enactment for Oct. due too short a notice to obtain necessary permits.

D. WEST COAST CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE, NOV 5-7, 2021.

FRESNO. As of now, it is still on track. See our website "Events" for registration form.

2. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: By Michael Spencer

Hello Members,

First off I'd like to say thank you for those that joined us for the Shaver BBQ at Brian's house. A big thanks for having us. It was

so nice to see everyone once again. On that note, many topics to outline as of now...

1st we would like to start collecting annual dues again several members have already done so.

2nd A roundtable meeting set for September 9th @ Denny's (it has been 18 months since our last). Dinner is at 6pm, speaker at 7pm.

3rd We are coming down to the wire for our 2021 Conference @ The Wyndham Fresno November 5-7th, now is the time to get your registration sent out. The link is on our website sjvcwrt2.com. Several people have signed up already.

The other day I went to the Wyndham to inquire about Covid-19 requirements for our conference. They have told me the following: their employees must wear masks, as for our group. **YOU MAY WEAR A MASK** at your own discretion if you are not vaccinated. The hotel also stated with the Covid Delta variant things could change (but is not likely). Sacramento and the Peninsula CW roundtable have the 2021 conference info on their websites.

Regards,

Michael Spencer. President

3. AFTER ACTION REPORT: By Ron Vaughan

The August Barbeque at the Clague's was a great success! I counted 21 persons there. There was a pleasant breeze on the deck that was refreshing. Many old friends were there, including Ken and Barbara Moats! After enjoying a delicious meal, we listened to Frank Johnson speak about his experiences helping preserve the submarine Hunley.

We learned many new facts about it: The interior was only 4 feet high and 3 feet wide! We have been told that the men operating the crank-shaft sat on a bench, but actually the shaft would hit their

knees, so they had to crouch over it! Can you imagine the discomfort? The remains of the exploded torpedo were still attached. It appears that it may have been detonated by an electrical switch. Many interesting items were discovered in the sub, along with the human remains.

The answer to what happened remains a mystery. Crew of the Housatonic reported after the explosion, the sub backed off and submerged. The sub was discovered only 4 sub lengths (40 feet) from the wreckage of the Housatonic. It would appear that it sunk right away. However there are three eye witnesses who reported seeing a blue lantern-light (signal of a successful mission) shortly after.

Before the talk, we had a short business meeting. Treasurer Mike Green reported there is \$778 in the bank. We have had no income since our last meeting in March 2020. Due to the pandemic lock-down, and change of Treasurers, dues checks for 2020 were not cashed. A motion was made and passed to request dues for 2021 be paid. Several persons gave checks or money.

Denny's has at last opened their meeting room, so we will have a September meeting (hopefully!)

4. CIVIL WAR HUMOR

FROM "THE BLUE & GRAY LAUGHING"

"Four members of Company H, 5th Mississippi, while lying in the trenches around Atlanta in 1864, had got a large lot of biscuits. They were enjoying the biscuits, old Tommie R., was stretching out his bony arm for the biggest one in the pile. A bullet took off a piece of his hand and pitched over upon our stock of biscuits. George H. jerked at him and cried out, 'Damn it, boys, don't let him bleed on the biscuits!'"