



BUGLE CALLS, SEPTEMBER 2024

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

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1. SEPTEMBER 12 MEETING:

DENNY'S RESTUARANT

710 W. Shaw, Clovis CA

- 6:00- Dinner
 - 7:00- Meeting
 - 8:00- "Women in the Civil War" by Patti Spencer
 - 8:45- Book Raffle
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2. COMING EVENTS:

- Oct. 10th- "Worst Generals: Burnside & Banks" By Alan Sissenwein.
- Nov. 14th- "Women in the Civil War, Part 2"
- December 12th- Christmas Party

3. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE,

By Michael Spencer

Hello & Welcome Back,

First off I'd like to say, I hope everybody's summer has been good (minus the heat). Many of you may have wondered why our website was unavailable for a smidge. We had to get the payment up to date. The Roundtable site is back up and running. August 3rd we had our summer potluck at the Tulare County Historical Museum. It was just a small get together. We ate Panera for lunch.

Our next meeting is September 12th at 6:00pm at Denny's. Pattie will be speaking of Generals Wives. Larry Tag was gonna speak in October but he cancelled due another engagement.

On a side note, on June 19th both myself and my mother were in a car accident (not at fault). The other driver turned left in front of me. My car was totaled. We did sustain injuries but not major. Quite a few doctors' visits. The paperwork and everything is stressful. We are getting back to normal. I bought a new car July 1st. See ya at the next meeting.

Regards, Michael J Spencer

4. AFTER ACTION REPORT

(Minutes of 8/3 Meeting)

By Ron Vaughan, Secretary-Treasurer

Only 5 attended our August luncheon at Tulare's Historical Museum. Instead of a potluck it was decided to order food from Panda Express or In & Out Burger. Cookies were provided by Vaughan's and the Museum, plus ice tea and water.

A special table was set up in the "Depot Room", which contained a display honoring our military. Included in the display were "American Weapons" 10 long arms provided for display by Ron. These included a matchlock musket, 2 flintlocks, 2 Civil War era Muskets, a Sharps-rifle, a Remington Rolling Black Rifle, a Springfield bolt-action, and a Garand Semi-Auto Rifle.

We decided to remake the event into a CWRT Board Meeting:

A. Michael & Patti were in a recent auto accident, from which she is still sore & shaken.

B. Ron reported \$2,000 was sent to Raymond Battlefield for signs.

C. Ron reported spending hours attempting to restore our Go Daddy website, which had been taken down due to non-payment (despite that it was supposedly on auto payment!) Finally, via help from a phone call to a GD tech guy, all is restored. Mike Green

questioned whether the expense for it was necessary, but Ron responded that it is the only way, other than our Facebook site, to get out the word on meetings. To send out printed media would also be expensive (ink & stamps & time). If anyone has ideas on this we would like to hear.

D. We discussed meeting topics for rest of 2024.

E. Meeting was abruptly ended when our son called to say our AC unit was leaking water through the ceiling of our family room light fixture!

5. CIVIL WAR HUMOR

From "The Blue & Gray Laughing"

"One of the Dubuque officers of the 1st Iowa, whose duty it was to furnish sentinels with a password for the night, gave the word 'Potomac.' A German on guard, not understanding the difference between 'Bs' and 'Ps', understood it to be 'Bottomic'. This transferred to another, was corrupted to 'Buttermilk.' Soon afterwards, the officer wished to return through the lines, and approaching a sentinel was ordered to halt and say the password. He said 'Potomac.' 'Nicht right. You don't pass mit dis way.' 'But this is the word, and I will pass.' 'No, you stand' At the same time placing his bayonet at the officer's breast in a manner that told Mr. Officer that 'Potomac' didn't pass in Missouri. 'What is the word, then?' The sentry replied 'Buttermilk, damn you!' 'Well then, Buttermilk, damn you.' 'Dat is right. Now you pass mit yourself all about your pizness.'"