



# **BUGLE CALLS, DECEMBER 2021**

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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## **1. COMING EVENTS:**

### **A. CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

DENNY'S RESTURANT, 710 W. SHAW

6:00 Dinner Order, restaurant food (Please bring a Holiday Dessert if you can).

7:00 Meeting:

\*A short slide program of Civil War Christmas pictures, and an essay on how the war changed Christmas.

\*Bring a gift for the "Yankee Swap Game".

**B. JANUARY 2022 MEETING: "Meet Colonel Fremantle"**

**C. FEBRUARY MEETING: Tom Ebert: "The Prelude to War: 1850s"**

**D. MARCH MEETING: Bernie Quinn: "Berdan's Rifles"**

**E. APRIL MEETING: To be determined**

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## **2. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

Greetings one and all,

I hope everyone's thanksgiving was bountiful! Ours was not too extravagant. I was under the weather for four days, due to asthma symptoms. The next meeting is our Christmas party 12/9/21 (Yankee Swap included, \$20 max.).

Civil War tidbits...

November 27 to December 3, 1863- Siege of Knoxville, Tennessee. Confederate troops under General James Longstreet lay siege to the city of Knoxville held by Union forces under General Ambrose Burnside. Longstreet finally attacks on November 30 but is repulsed with heavy losses. The arrival of Union reinforcements forces him to withdraw to Greeneville, Tennessee, where his corps will spend the winter.

November 30, 1864- Battle of Franklin, Tennessee. After a month of raiding Sherman's supply lines and attacking Union outposts, John Bell Hood's army confronts Union troops from General John Schofield's command, who they had

encountered the day before near Spring Hill, Tennessee. A massive frontal assault on the well-entrenched Federal line meets with disaster. Despite some taking of outside works and defenses, the toll for Hood's forces is too heavy including the loss of six of his generals. Union troops retreat in the direction of Nashville.

Regards,

Michael Spencer

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### **3. AFTER ACTION REPORT: November Meeting.**

By Ron Vaughan

A. 9 persons present. I reported the Bank of Sierra requires we have a tax ID number. I have applied via the online application.

B. Patti reported on programs she has lined up.

C. Lisa announced that her mother passed away.

D. Tom Ebert showed the cover of his new book: "Abraham Lincoln and His Times", a source book on his life. It will be

1400 pages. He also talked about his search for information about his ancestors through a website called "Find a Grave."

E. Mike Green shared his collection of repro CW hats. He had the different Confederate branch kepis, some U.S. hats, and sailor caps.

F. Jason shared several well drawn sketches of Confederate cavalrymen. He also showed a repro Arkansas Toothpick knife, and displayed fighting techniques.

G. Lisa shared two enlarged photos she took at past Kearny Park CW reenactments. Also,

H. Patti shared her CW ancestry information.

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#### **4. CIVIL WAR HUMOR**

##### FROM "THE BLUE & GRAY LAUGHING"

"One of the Fire Zouaves, who had been in the Battle of Bull Run and vamoosed very soon thereafter, was recognized near Washington Market.

'What the devil are you doing here?' asked the acquaintance who recognized him, 'got leave of absence?'

‘No,’ tendered the Zouave, ‘I got word to fall back at Bull Run, and nobody has told me to halt, so I kept on retreating ever since.’”

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## **5. RAYMOND BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION NEWS**

The Fall edition of “Hallowed Ground” announced that in March, the Friends of Raymond and the American Battlefield Trust, provided funding to secure 44 additional acres of the Raymond Battlefield. The tract will be transferred to Friends of Raymond. The Trust has now saved 107 acres at Raymond.

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## **6. DR. DAVID DAVENPORT FUNERAL 11/28/21**

The Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Coalinga, which was very green and almost every grave had colorful flowers. Pastor Steve Thurman officiated. There were about thirty persons present, including Dave’s mother, brother, other relatives, and seven re-enactors who had served with Dave, including the Kykendalls and Kasers.

The service opened with a bugle tune. A relative read a message written by Mrs. Davenport, about her son. Paul Kaser and myself spoke of the good times we spent with Dave in the Civil War camps. A couple with a guitar, led singing "I'll Fly Away."

After the service concluded, a member of the 79<sup>th</sup> New York produced a pewter vessel holding scotch whiskey. He led a ceremony that was a custom for the group, when members passed away. The vessel was passed around for each to sip (not COVID safe, but the whisky probably kills it!) and say a few words.