



# **BUGLE CALLS, APRIL 2023**

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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## **1. APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> MEETING:**

**RON VAUGHAN "Battle of Milliken's Bend, 6/7/1863"**

**DENNY'S RESTAURANT**

**710 W. SHAW, CLOVIS**

- 6:00 Dinner
  - 7:00 Meeting: (June meeting?, Plans for 2023 Conference?, Ron's report on Santa Rosa CWRT)
  - 7:30 Lecture
  - 8:30 Book Raffle
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## **2. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### **BY MICHAEL SPENCER**

Greetings,

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, I will be meeting with Mike Green at the Wyndham Hotel, to set up the conference, for Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow.

The next Roundtable meeting is April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Ron Vaughan will speak on the Battle of Milliken's Bend.

## **Civil War Tidbits... April, 1861**

**From Battlefields.org**

**April 11** - The Confederates demand the surrender of Fort Sumter

[April 12 - The Confederates in Charleston bombard Fort Sumter](#)

**April 13** - Fort Sumter surrenders to Confederate forces

**April 17** - Virginia adopts an Ordinance of Secession and schedules a referendum for May 23

**April 18/19** - Federal troops burn the U.S. Arsenal at Harpers Ferry to prevent it from falling into the hands of secessionists. The Confederates are nonetheless able to seize valuable military supplies when they occupy Harpers Ferry

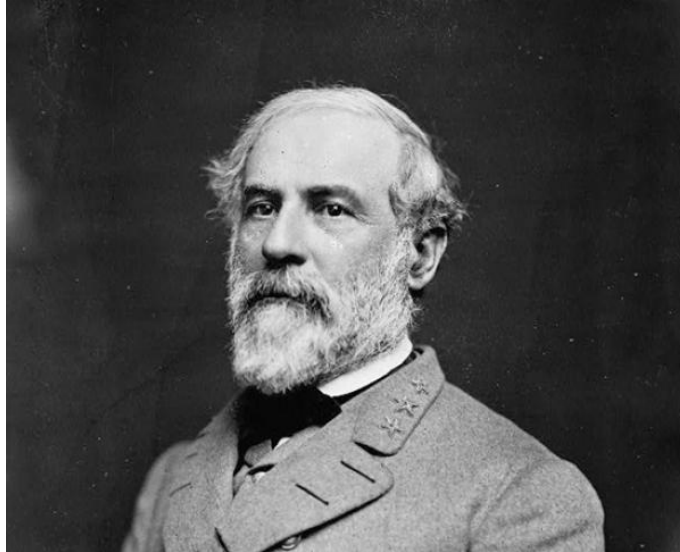
**April 19** - Pratt Street Riot in Baltimore, Maryland

[April 19 - President Lincoln declares a blockade of Southern ports](#)

**April 20/21** - Federal forces attempt to destroy the Gosport Navy Yard at Norfolk, Virginia by setting it ablaze. Secessionists put out the fires and salvage a large portion of the facility

**April 21** - The slave ship *Nightingale* is captured by the USS *Saratoga*

[April 22 - Robert E. Lee accepts command of Virginia forces](#)



Robert Edward Lee (January 19, 1807 – October 12, 1870)  
was an American and Confederate soldier

**April 23** - United State Army Officers in San Antonio, Texas are seized as prisoners of war

**April 30** - New York Yacht Club offers its vessels to the Federal government.

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### **3. AFTER ACTION REPORT, MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2023 BY RON VAUGHAN, SECRETARY -TREASURER**

Nine persons were present. Nov. 2 to 4, 2023 Conference discussed. Michael Green proposed we increase the fee to \$225, if a person registers before September, and \$250 afterward. A unanimous vote approved the proposal. The Spencers have checked with a number of hotels, and they are too expensive. Mike Green and the Spencers will meet with Wyndham conference organizer.

Guest speaker Bernie Quinn spoke about Randal Slidell McKenzie. He was born in New York in 1840. He graduated from West Point in 1862, and fought in the battles of 2<sup>nd</sup> Bull Run, Antietam, and Gettysburg—where he was an aid and guided a brigade to Little Round Top. Then he participated in the Overland campaign and Petersburg, ending the war as a Major General.

After the war, he had the regular Army rank of Colonel of the 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. He was assigned to fight the Comanche. Their leader was Quanah Parker. They terrorized the south-central plains, in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Mexico. They were expert riders, who could fire their bows, while hanging on the far side of their horse. Unlike other Native Americans, they used a special saddle that enabled them to do that.

Finally, McKenzie and the use of repeating rifles, and the extermination of the buffalo herds, broke the Comanche power.

Our book raffle ended the meeting.

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

##### **FROM “STORIES, ANECDOTES, AND HUMOR FROM THE CIVIL WAR”**

“A Union soldier chatted with an elderly lady at the door of a log cabin in a remote mountain region of West Virginia. He bid goodbye, and asked, ‘You’ll not refuse to hurrah for Old Abe, will you?’

‘Who’s Old Abe?’ asked the woman.

‘Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States!’

‘Why, hain’t General Washington President?’

‘No! he’s been dead for sixty years.’

‘General Washington dead?’ She repeated in amazement. Then turning to the door, she called, ‘Hey Son come here.’

A man about 50 came to the door, ‘What is it, Maw?’

‘Would you believe it, Son,’ she cried excitedly, ‘General Washington’s dead! Sakes alive! I wonder what’s going to happen next!’”