

**BUGLE CALLS, APRIL 2018**  
**SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR**  
**ROUNDTABLE**



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**1. APRIL 12<sup>th</sup> MEETING, DENNY'S RESTAURANT, 710 W. SHAW, CLOVIS**

6:00 pm Meal and Social Hour

7:00 Meeting

7:15 Program: Ron Vaughan will present an overview of The Trans-Mississippi Theater

8:00 Book Raffle

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**2. UPCOMING EVENTS:**

\*LAS MARIPOSA CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTMENT, 4/21-22.

\*ROARING CAMP RE-ENACTMENT, 5/26-27.

\*CIVIL WAR HISTORY CONFERENCE,  
TEMECULA, JUNE 2.

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### **3. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY MICHAEL SPENCER**

Hello all,

Winter has come and gone, spring is here. Which makes me think! How did the Union and Confederate soldiers survive and fight during the winter months (Fredericksburg, Pea Ridge, Stones River) just a few to mention. After all they didn't have the amenities we do today. This myself seems like a topic to further research and discuss at a later meeting.

**(Editor: This is a great idea! Please send ideas or info to [ronvaughan@prodigy.net](mailto:ronvaughan@prodigy.net))**

Lastly on this day March 24th 1863:  
A small skirmish at Black Bayou marked the end of General William Tecumseh Sherman's attempt to find an unguarded water route into Vicksburg

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### **4. AFTER ACTION REPORT SJVCWRT MEETING OF 3/8/18 BY RON VAUGHAN**

We had a glitch in our meeting. The back room we use was closed for renovation of the upholstery and the restaurant said they had only two servers. Nevertheless, we made do, by using the end of the west room. There was only room for 8 or 9 persons,

and fortunately (or unfortunately, depending on how one looks at it) we had 8 of us!

Gail reported our bank balance as of 2/28 is \$3,674. I turned over the \$800 in checks and the conference registration forms to her. We discussed some arrangements for our Nov. conference.

Patty had a DVD on Antietam that was played on the screen I brought. It was the best I have seen! It was narrated by James Earl Jones, and featured a number of historians: James McPherson, Scott Hartwig, James Robertson, Gordon Rhea, and Tom Clemons (a local Sharpsburg historian, who does tours at Antietam.) The video feature hundreds of re-enactors, not the usual dozen we normally see on such videos. Most if not all scenes appear to have been filmed on the actual battlefield.

Perhaps the most significant piece of information was the assertion that Antietam was a very pivotal—Lord Palmerston was ready to recognize the Confederacy, if they won one more battle, while Lincoln was just waiting for a Union victory to issue the Emancipation Proclamation.

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## **5. CIVIL WAR HUMOR FROM “THE BLUE & GREY LAUGHING”**

“Serving with Federal forces at Holly Springs, Mississippi, in August 1864, Colonel A--- wrote in the album of Miss Clemmie, who’d lost ten beaus to Yankee bullets:

‘Tis certain, Miss Clemmie, whether Fed or Confed,

Some Lord of Creation will lovingly kneel,  
And pour forth his tender and fervent appeal,  
If the Feds and Confeds will cease this vain strife,  
And leave a man living to make you his wife.’”

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## **6. PRESERVATION NEWS**

The Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation announced a new preservation victory! One hundred and fifty-eight acres on the Cedar Creek Battlefield were saved. The land owners generously donated the conservation easement on their property. Since 2000, the SVBF has preserved 871 acres on the battlefield.

Another victory occurred in Nashville. Developers halted plans for a sprawling entertainment complex after archeologists discovered graves near the site of Fort Negley. The fort was built after the Union captured the city. The graves are thought to be those of the Black labors, who performed the labor to build it. Plans are to use the land to memorize them.