



BUGLE CALLS, NOVEMBER 2024

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

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1. NOVEMBER 14 MEETING

DENNY'S RESTAURANT

710 W. Shaw, Clovis

6:00 Dinner, 7:00 Meeting, 8:00 Presentation, 8:45 Book Raffle

COLONEL WALTER TAYLOR, Lee's Adjutant, By Ron Vaughan

2. COMING EVENTS (Tentative List)

*DECEMBER: Christmas Party

*JANUARY: "Show & Tell"

*FEBRUARY: 20 Critical Decisions at Gettysburg

*MARCH: Gettysburg Cyclorama

*APRIL: "Bread or Blood" Southern Women Revolt

*MAY: Lisa's Vicksburg Trip Pics.

*Also, Civil War Conference at Monterrey, May 1st & 2nd

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Michael Spencer

Howdy,

It has been a while since I've been on our website. So I've gone back to look at past editions of the Bugle Calls. Some of them are pretty detailed. How well do you know your Civil War knowledge? Some questions to answer.

1. How do the numbers of the American casualties at the battle the union called Antietam compare with the American losses on Normandy beaches during WW2 ?
2. How do American casualties during The Civil War compare with other losses in other wars ?
3. Many of the military leaders of the Civil War both north and south received their actual combat training together. Where and when ?

Questions & Answers will be at the next meeting will be November 14th, at 6:00 pm at Denny's.

Last meeting Alan Sissenwien talked about the 2 worst Union Generals, and during that talk he mentioned education.

I was thinking as a topic for a future meeting to discuss. “What / How was education during the Civil War? Who was taught? What was taught? How is education then vs now? I don’t think we’ve ever discussed that.

Regards,
Michael

3. SECRETARY’S REPORT

- a. Bank Balance= \$3,368 Note: \$1500 reserved for producing copies of Parker’s Vicksburg presentation.

- b. Alan Sissenwein gave a talk on two of “The Worst Union Generals: Nathaniel Banks and Ambrose Burnside.” Alan passed out 6 pages of maps and pictures of the generals.

Burnside was a political general, best known for his role as C in C of the Army of the Potomac for the Fredericksburg Campaign. He had misgivings about the promotion, and his performance was very poor and without much planning. He was unpopular with the troops because he had lavish parties, while the soldiers had very little to eat. He was replaced by Hooker.

Nathaniel Banks was another political general. Despite his poor performances in command, he actually outranked Grant until 1864. Alan opined that Banks was more unlucky, than being a poor commander, and was outnumbered during the Red River Campaign.

PS: As usual Alan did not wish to have a hotel room, but drove back the same night. He submitted a gas receipt for \$40, and he was reimbursed the same amount.

4. CIVIL WAR HUMOR

From “The Blue & Grey Laughing”

From a cartoon of Confederates in bivouac. A dog is stealing food: “I say, Jim, look over there! That dog is after your rations!” “Never mind.” says Jim, “I bet he can’t eat’em!”