



## **South Bay Civil War Roundtable Meeting Minutes August 20, 2016**

**Meeting Location:** Renee & Marianne Accornero Residence, San Jose

### **Special Activities & Events:**

#### **Annual SBCWRT Picnic**

- Aug 20 1pm-4pm; Renee & Marianne Accornero Residence
- Attendance: 32 Members and Guests

#### **2016 West Coast Civil War Round Table Conference**

- Theme: War And Remembrance
- Host: Pasadena Civil War Round Table
- Date: October 28-30, 2016
- Conference Hotel Location:
  - Crowne Plaza
  - 3131 South Bristol Street
  - Costa Mesa, CA
  - 714-557-3000
- Conference Registration:
  - Early Bird Fee (January 1 to July 31, 2016) . . . . . \$215
  - Regular Registration Fee (as of August 1, 2016). \$225
- Web Site URL: <http://pasadenacwrt.org/westcoastconference2016>
- Contact Information: Janet Whaley, Co-Chair – [janet1860@charter.net](mailto:janet1860@charter.net)  
or Joann Knowles, Co-Chair - [joannsbk@aol.com](mailto:joannsbk@aol.com)

### **Officer Reports**

#### **President**

- Provided welcoming message to members & invited guests
- Thanked Renee & Marianne Accornero for again hosting annual Picnic
- Process of Recording History of the Civil War
  - Is often biased by which side a person supported
  - Every 40 years, less bias influences historical research

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### **President (Continued)**

- Current historians are producing more accurate and less biased historical documentation on the Civil War
- Annual Report
  - Revised and approved Club By-laws
  - Increased membership involvement in club activities (i.e., Book Faire, presentations, etc)
  - Meeting mechanics improved
  - New members recruited via methods such as Meetup web site
  - Club finances are in excellent shape
- Future Initiatives to be Considered
  - Involvement with other local Roundtables
  - Work to recruit new members
  - Encourage attendance to 2016 West Coast Civil War Round Table Conference
  - Increase internal mentorship where veteran Club members work with new members on aspects of Club and the Civil War
  - Find a new location for 2017 Picnic

### **Treasurer**

- Account finances are good
- No recent donations to any Civil War Preservation initiatives
- Expense Reimbursement for Out-of-Area Presenters
- Out-of-Bay Area/Within California.....\$100
- Out-of-Bay Area/Outside California.....\$200

### **Secretary**

- Distributed July meeting minutes
- Civil War Quiz: Brother Against Brother – The War Begins?
- \$38 collected for book raffle
- Meeting Attendance: Total: 32
- Silent Auction Results:
  - Mary Brown's Commemoration 25 Cent Piece....\$3 (Marina Burch)
  - Gettysburg Special Edition Set.....\$40 (Sami Campagna)

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## **Preservation**

- Civil War Trust working to acquire 503 acres at various western battlefields (Shiloh, etc)
- Civil War Trust sponsoring Photo Contest event: Submit family photos taken at various Civil War battlefield locations

## **Historian**

No Report

## **Officer for 2016-17**

President:.....Jim Rhetta  
Past President:.....Bob Burch  
Vice President:..... Jack Nakash  
Secretary:.....Tom Roza  
Treasurer:.....Marilyn Comstock  
Preservation:.....Bill Noyes  
Membership:.....Vacant  
Historian:.....Gary Moore

## **Other Topics**

None

## **August Presentation:**

Speaker: Jim Rhetta  
Topic: The Federal Blockade – Its Overlooked impacts on the Confederate War Effort

## **September Presentation:**

Speaker: Meg Groeling  
Topic: The Aftermath of Battle: The Burial of the Civil War Dead

## **October Presentation:**

Speaker: Blaine Lamb  
Topic: General Charles Stone