



# **SOUTH BAY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE**

## **South Bay Civil War Roundtable Meeting Minutes January 31, 2017**

**Meeting Location:** Holder's Country Inn – Cupertino, CA

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

None

### **Officer Reports**

#### **President**

- Offered a welcoming message to members & invited guests
- Provided update on outreach program to other Bay Area Roundtables regarding facilitating a presentation exchange process
  - Gave a presentation to the Peninsula RT; PRT indicated they would reciprocate with a presentation to the SBCWRT later in 2017
  - Contacted Meg Groeling who is involved in organizing the Morgan Hill RT; Meg would appreciate any assistance in getting the RT established
- Show & Tell Program:
  - Suggested by member Bob Yoemans
  - Bob presented and discussed a Civil War era telescope used by both Union and Confederate officers; the telescope has been passed down through various generations of Bob's family
  - Members would present a 5 to 10 minute discussion on some aspect of the Civil War
  - Based on time availability at monthly meetings, Show & Tell events will be scheduled
  - Members who are interested in conducting a Show & Tell should contact Tom Roza (charski@ix.netrcm.com)

#### **Vice President**

No Report

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### **Treasurer**

- There is approximately \$3400 in the bank account
- Because the SBCWRT is a non-profit organization, there could be legal issues with having such a large amount of money in the account
- Asked members to come up with suggestions for how some portion of the bank account could be used for Civil War related endeavors such as:
  - Donations to Civil War battlefield preservation activities
  - Providing financial assistance to the annual West Coast Civil War Roundtable event

### **Secretary**

- Distributed November meeting minutes
- Civil War Quiz: What Do You Know About Life of the Everyday Soldier?
- \$70 collected for book raffle
- Meeting Attendance: Total: 32 including two new members

### **Preservation**

- Reminded members anyone who makes a donation for Civil War battlefield preservation, SBCWRT will provide a matching donation

### **Historian**

No Report

### **Other Topics**

**Vernon Hayashida:** Described bound volumes of Century Magazine published in the 1890's. They contain info on the Civil War and other events. Contact Vernon Hayashida <vhayashida@aol.com> if interested

### **January Presentation:**

Speaker: Ted Savas  
Topic: Mine Run Battlefield

### **February Presentation:**

Speaker: Doug Rees  
Topic: The Plot to Kidnap Abe Lincoln

### **March Presentation:**

Speaker: John Fitzpatrick  
Topic: No Fail Here-Lincoln at Gettysburg