



SOUTH BAY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

South Bay Civil War Roundtable Meeting Minutes October 30, 2018

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

Special Activities & Events:

Wings of History Museum Presentation Nov 8, 2018:

- Presenter: Lew Jennings - Author of "19 Minutes to Live"
- Topic: His experience as Vietnam Era helicopter pilot; will have copies of his book for sale
- Location:
 - Emperor Norton's Restaurant (near Kaiser Santa Teresa Hospital)
 - 7058 Santa Teresa Blvd - San Jose 95139 - (408) 226-4424
 - Restaurant meeting room: Opens at 5PM/dinner 6PM: Talk 7PM.

Officer Reports

President

- **Scheduling of Annual SBCWRT Picnic**
 - Most recent picnics have been held in August; complaints of too hot weather which has held down attendance
 - May and September along with August were proposed for the Picnic
 - Membership approved moving annual Picnic to the 2nd or 3rd Saturday of September effective with the 2019 event
- **Presentation Topics**
 - Too many presentations on topics such as battles, military and political leaders are often a repeat of information already well known by the SBCWRT membership
 - Change focus of presentations to less well known topics
 - Jim Rhetta available to work with presenters on their presentations
- **New Book Sales**
 - Author: Dr. Kenneth A. Hafendorfer

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- Served the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Had a great interest in history, especially the Civil War in Kentucky and was a member of the Louisville Civil War Round Table
- Wrote 9 books with most recent accomplishment a 2 volume book titled The Kentucky Campaign of 1862 and The Battle of Perryville.
- **USC Film School Project: James Edward Hanger**
 - Was a Confederate States Army veteran of the American Civil War, a prosthetist and a businessman
 - It is reported that he became the first amputee of the war after being struck in the leg by a cannonball
 - Project team will be soliciting for donations to fund the production
- **New SBCWRT Meeting Agenda Topics**
 - This Day in the Civil War: Brief summary of key events that occurred during the Civil War
 - Person of the Month: Short biography of an individual or participated in the Civil War

Vice President

No Report

Treasurer

No Report

Secretary

- Distributed September meeting minutes
- Civil War Quiz: Do You Know These Civil War Generals?
- \$44 collected for book raffle
- Meeting Attendance: Total: 19

Preservation

- Current maximum matching donation limit is \$500
- Discussion tabled on further discussion

Historian

Vacant

Other Topics

San Francisco Civil War Roundtable Demise?

- SFCWRT meets monthly at United Irish Cultural Center in San Francisco

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- The Center announced suspension of all bar, restaurant, and catering activities as of October 30; UICC has been losing money
- SFCWRT needs to find a new meeting location
- To date, other venues would cost each member twice as much as current; could result in push back from membership

This Day in the Civil War: October 30th

- 1861: Lincoln accepts Genl Winfield Scott retirement; George McClellan is named General-in-Chief of the Army In Morgantown, KY, Union troops successfully withstand attack by Confederate forces.
- 1862: Union troops gather at Grand Junction, TN in preparation for the upcoming campaign against Vicksburg.
- 1863: Federal steamship Chattanooga arrives at besieged Chattanooga, TN with 40k food rations & tons of feed for animals
- 1864: Nevada becomes the 36th state. In the upcoming Presidential election, solidly Republican NV will contribute 3 electoral votes.

Person of the Month: Dr. Jonathan Letterman

- Medical Director of the Union Army of the Potomac
- Revolutionized medical treatment practices employed by the Union Army during the Civil War
- Focused on improving treatment of wounds and ensuring that medical facilities and staff had adequate supplies
- Dramatically improved the ambulance and hospital processes

October Presentation

Speaker: Bob Burch

Topic: California: Military Operations in State II – Defending the State

November Presentation

Speaker: Jim Rhetta

Topic: Paying for the Civil War

December Presentation

No Meeting this month