



South Bay Civil War Roundtable Meeting Minutes November 27, 2018

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

Special Activities & Events:

None

Officer Reports

President

Civil War in the News

Drone Captures Civil War-Era Shipwreck off Brunswick, NC. Coast

- Man flying drone above Lockwood Folly Inlet captured amazing aerial views of Civil War era shipwreck
- Experts believe vessel is large iron-hulled Civil War era steamer
- According to North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, vessel could be remains of one of three blockade runners used to penetrate Union vessels blocking port of Wilmington during Civil War

USC Film School Project: James Edward Hanger

- Membership voted to award a donation to Civil War Battlefield Preservation in lieu of the film project

Vice President

No Report

Treasurer

No Report

Secretary

- Distributed October meeting minutes
- Civil War Quiz: What Do You Know About Sherman's March to the Sea?
- \$28 collected for book raffle
- Meeting Attendance: Total: 13

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Preservation

Membership approved a donation in the amount of \$500 to Civil War Battlefield Preservation

Historian

Vacant

Other Topics

This Day in the Civil War: November 27th

- **1861:** In London, England signs are posted that read, “Outrage on the British Flag” in response to a Union ship that intercepted the British mail packet RMS Trent and removed, as contraband of war, two Confederate diplomats: James Murray Mason and John Slidell.
- **1862:** President Lincoln confers with Union General Ambrose Burnside on the military strategy for what is called the “Rappahannock Campaign.” Burnside will end up rejecting Lincoln’s recommendations and instead eventually carries out an assault on Fredericksburg, VA
- **1863:** Confederate John Hunt Morgan and several of his officers escaped from the Ohio State Penitentiary in Columbus, OH. Morgan heads south to resume his military actions against the Union
- **1864:** Federal troops skirmish with Confederates at the town of Moorefield, WVA. Union General Benjamin Butler’s floating headquarters vessel, The Greyhound, blows up on the James River in Virginia

Person of the Month: Gordon McKay

- Shoe manufacturer; who provide shoes for the Union Army
- Used Lyman Reed Blake sewing machine which helped facilitate the production of low-cost shoes
- Manufactured over 1 millions shoes a year for the military

November Presentation

Speaker: Jim Rhetta

Topic: Paying for the Civil War

December Presentation

No Meeting this month

January Presentation

Speaker: Jim Toricelli

Topic: Federal Ironclads and Their Technology