



SOUTH BAY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

South Bay Civil War Roundtable Meeting Minutes February 23, 2016

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

Special Activities & Events:

Book Faire

- Laney College July 9 confirmed; \$25 fee paid
- Co-hosted with Area World War I Historical Association
- Event will include 3 presentations on various military history topics
- Marketing/advertising campaign to begin in March

Annual SBCWRT Picnic

- Treasurer Rene Accornero will Picnic at his residence
- Event Date: Saturday Aug 20; 1pm-4pm

Officer Reports

President

- Provided welcoming message to members & invited guests
- 27th year/296 meeting
- SBCWRT ByLaws:
 - Hardcopy provided by Gary Moore; Tom Roza created softcopy
 - ByLaws being reviewed by Club Officers
 - March: Made available to general membership for review/comments
 - April: Membership vote on approval of ByLaws
- West Coast Civil War Roundtable Event
 - Nov 1992: SBCWRT Hosted Event at Red Lion Inn/San Jose
 - Nov 2006: Co-hosted event with San Francisco, Peninsula, and Sacramento RTs
 - Poll of membership in progress to determine involvement in event and attendance at other events
 - Results of poll will be used to determine SBCWRT ongoing involvement

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Treasurer

No Report Given

Secretary

- Distributed January meeting minutes
- Civil War Quiz: Civil War Generals and Their Horses
- \$40 collected for book raffle
- Meeting Attendance: Total: 22 including 2 guests; New Members:0

Preservation

- Civil War Trust Conference to be held in early July in Gettysburg, PA

Historian

No Report Given

Other Topics

Jim Rhetta-Battle of Shiloh: Why Wounded Soldiers Glowed in the Dark

- Some wounded soldiers lied in the mud for two rainy days and nights waiting for medics
- As dusk fell the first night, some noticed their wounds were glowing (Angel's Glow), casting a faint light into the darkness of the battlefield
- Those whose wounds glowed had a better survival rate and their wounds healed more quickly than those whose wounds did not glow
- A USDA Agricultural Research Service microbiologist familiar with luminescent bacteria determined that "Photorhabdus luminescens" bacteria present in the soil at Shiloh contributed to the phenomena

January Presentation:

Speaker: David Dixon

Topic: The Lost Gettysburg Address: The Civil War Odyssey of Charles Anderson"

February Presentation:

Speaker: James W Balassone

Topic: Union General George Thomas

March Presentation:

Speaker: Bob Burch

Topic: Californian U.S. Volunteer Units, Part 2: Cavalry