



**South Bay Civil War Roundtable
Meeting Minutes September 27, 2016**

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

Special Activities & Events:

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
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Officer Reports

President

- Newly elected President Jim Rhetta provided welcoming message to members & invited guests
- Described recent effort to research family ancestry using the records of the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City; research revealed interesting information such as a Bill of Sale for 63 slaves

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President (Continued)

- Provided a slide show depicting Roundtable objectives to be accomplished during the 2016-17 timeframe:
 - Initiate an outreach program to other Bay Area Roundtables; implement a presentation exchange process
 - New Membership Initiative; continue using the Meetup web site to advertise SBCWRT events; post SBCWRT information at up to 23 local area libraries
 - Broaden Scope of Presentation Topics; select topics other than battles and generals; Examples:
 - Logistics (food, supplies, clothing, etc)
 - Communication options
 - Prisoner of War camps
 - Use of railroads
 - Use of riverboats and other crafts
 - Financing the war
 - Post battle clean-up
 - New inventions (i.e., submarines, ironclads)
 - Medical procedures and medicines
 - Jim will assist any member who requires help with putting together a presentation

Vice President

- Jack Nakash provided information on upcoming Civil War Events:
 - Friends of Civil War Alcatraz: Oct 1
 - Civil War Reenactment event in Fresno, CA: Oct 21-23
 - American Civil War Association Ft. Point event: January 2017

Treasurer

- Bank Account: \$3,320
- Appeal issued to members that if not already paid, their 2016-17 are due: \$20/individual; \$35/couple
- Question was raised regarding the SBCWRT being a non-profit organization that having a large amount of money in its account might violate federal regulations; this is not a concern since the limit is \$25,000

Secretary

- Distributed August meeting minutes
- Civil War Quiz: The Battles for Atlanta?
- \$48 collected for book raffle
- Meeting Attendance: Total: 27; one new member

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Preservation

No Report

Historian

Has information on every presentation made to the SBCWRT for its entire 26 years of existence

Other Topics

None

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

November Presentation:

Speaker: Rene Accornero

Topic: Civilians and the Battle of Gettysburg - Video