



South Bay Civil War Roundtable Meeting Minutes May 30, 2017

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

Special Activities & Events:

Annual SBCWRT Picnic

- Aug 19 1pm-4pm; Bill & Judy Noyes Residence
- 1035 Hazel Ave Campbell, CA 95008
- Costs:
 - Picnic: \$15/person
 - Annual Dues: \$20/Individual; \$35/Couple

Officer Reports

President

- Confirmed date/time/location of annual SBCWRT Picnic
- Conducted a presentation comparing the American Civil War (1861-1865) to the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939)

American Civil War

- Primary Causes: Slavery and state's rights
- Foreign Involvement: No military involvement by foreign govts
- Historical Research: Extensively researched and events documented
- Post War Effects: Combat ended; political issues remained for some period of time

Spanish Civil War

- Primary Causes: Extreme poverty, political instability, ethnic and religious discord
- Foreign Involvement: Extensive military involvement by numerous governments (e.g., Germany, Italy, Soviet Union, Mexico, etc)
- Historical Research: Not well researched or documented
- Post War Effects: Combat continued for many years as guerilla warfare; political discord continues with various separatist movements still active

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Vice President

- No Report

Treasurer

- SBCWRT bank account contains approximately \$3500
- Need to start spending down accounts to avoid IRS issues with being a non-profit organization

Secretary

- Distributed April meeting minutes
- Civil War Quiz: What Did The Northern Home Front Have to Deal With?
- \$42 collected for book raffle
- Meeting Attendance: Total: 20

Preservation

No Report

Historian

No Report

Other Topics

Passing of SBCWRT Member: Jim Balassone

- Memorial Service: Saturday, June 10, 10:30 a.m. at Foothills Congregational Church, 461 Orange Ave. in Los Altos
- Link to obituary:
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/mercurynews/obituary.aspx?n=james-work-balassone&pid=185626388>

Purchase of Second Projector

- Gary Campagna recommended a second projector be purchased to serve as a backup in the event of failure of current device
- Membership approved recommendation; Gary will research and purchase backup projector

Recognition for Gary Campagna & Tom Roza

- Marilyn Comstock led a recognition of Gary Campagna (sound system) & Tom Roza (Secretary) for their contributions to the SBCWRT organization

May Presentation:

Speaker: John Heberich

Topic: Nathan Bedford Forrest and the 4th United States Cavalry

June Presentation:

Speaker: Bob Burch

Topic: Other Californian Units

July Presentation:

Speaker: Tom Roza

Topic: History Channel/Civil War Journal: West Point Classmates –
Civil War Enemies” DVD