



# **SOUTH BAY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE**

## **South Bay Civil War Roundtable Meeting Minutes July 25, 2017**

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

### **Special Activities & Events:**

#### **Annual SBCWRT Picnic**

- Aug 26 1pm-4pm; Bill & Judy Noyes Residence
- 1035 Hazel Ave Campbell, CA 95008
- Costs:
  - Picnic: \$15/person
  - Annual Dues: \$20/Individual; \$35/Couple
- RSVP Tom Roza (Email: charski@ix.netcom.com; Tel #: 408-376-0566)

### **Officer Reports**

#### **President**

- Book: Observing Hancock at Gettysburg: The General's Leadership through Eyewitness Accounts by Paul E. Bretzger
  - Hancock was perhaps the most influential officer in the federal lines, though he commanded only one of seven Union corps at Gettysburg.
  - Understanding Hancock's pivotal actions at Gettysburg is essential to understanding the battle itself. This book covers his entire life and military career.
- Civil War Round Table Organizations
  - Using information provided by Tom Roza, conducted a high-level analysis of Civil War Round Table Organizations in the US
  - There are over 100 organizations with states such as Pennsylvania, Ohio, and California have the most
  - URL Link to list of Round Table organizations:  
<https://sites.google.com/site/cwrtlist/>

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## **Vice President**

- Upcoming Civil War Events
  - Aug 19 Fort Point: Federal Garrison Impression Living History one day event only ([www.ACWA.org](http://www.ACWA.org))
  - Aug 30 Alcatraz Living History Day: Sponsored by Friends of Civil War Alcatraz
  - Sept 8-10 Re-enactment: Sponsored by the National Civil War Association ([www.NCWA1863.org](http://www.NCWA1863.org) via Facebook); held in Tres Pinos (near Hollister)
  - Oct 19-22 Re-enactment: Sponsored by the American Civil War Association ([www.ACWA.org](http://www.ACWA.org)); Kearney Park in Fresno

## **Treasurer**

- SBCWRT bank account contains approximately \$3500
- Approval was given for Gary Campagna to purchase a backup projector in the amount of \$546

## **Secretary**

- Distributed July meeting minutes
- Civil War Quiz: What Do You Know About Confederate Railroads During the Civil War?
- \$42 collected for book raffle; made request for more books to be donated for Book Raffle
- Meeting Attendance: Total: 22

## **Preservation**

No Report

## **Historian**

No Report

## **Other Topics**

### **Removal of Confederate Monuments**

- Tom McMahan gave a report on the continuing effort to remove Confederate monuments across the South; this action is causing concern amongst those that see the monuments as part of American history versus symbols of slavery and secession
- Tom Roza commented on an article in the October 2017 edition of Civil War Times entitled “Empty Pedestals”. It discusses the issue of what should be done with civic monuments to the Confederacy and its leaders

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**August Presentation (Annual Picnic):**

Speaker: Bob Burch

Topic: California: Military Operations in State I – Securing the State

**September Presentation:**

Speaker: Jack Nakash

Topic: Experience as a Civil War Re-enactor

**October Presentation:**

Speaker: Tom McMahon

Topic: TBD