



SOUTH BAY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

South Bay Civil War Roundtable Meeting Minutes July 25, 2023

Meeting Location: Holder's Country Inn Restaurant located at 10088 N Wolfe Rd STE 130, Cupertino, CA 95014 across from the former Vallco Fashion Mall and via ZOOM

Special Activities & Events:

WEST COAST CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE CONFERENCE

160th ANNIVERSARY OF THE VICKSBURG CAMPAIGN

- **Sponsor:** San Joaquin Valley CWRT
- **When:** Nov 3 to 5, 2023
- **Speakers:**
 - Gen. Parker Hills, Jim Stanbery
 - Gen. U.S. Grant (Dr. Curt Fields)
- **Where:**
 - Wyndham Gardens, Fresno Airport
 - 5090 E. Clinton Way
 - Phone 1-866-238-4218
 - \$112 Nightly with Group Block ID# 141218
 - Early Bird Registration \$225 until Oct 1st, After \$250
 - Attendee Name
 - Mailing Address
 - Email Address
 - Send to Ron Vaughan:
 - 730 E. Tulare Ave., Tulare 93274
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Officer Reports

President

No Report

Vice President

No Report

Treasurer

No Report

Note: Wells Fargo account balance as of July 2023: Approx \$2,416

Secretary

- Civil War Quiz: What Do You Know About The Ironclads Monitor and Merrimac?
- Meeting Attendance: Total: 11 (9 in-person; 2 via ZOOM)

Historian

Gettysburg National Cemetery

- Originally called Soldiers' National Cemetery, President Abraham Lincoln delivered his Gettysburg Address at the cemetery's consecration on November 19, 1863
- That day is observed annually at the cemetery and in the town as "Remembrance Day" with a parade, procession, and memorial ceremonies by thousands of Civil War reenactor troops representing both Union and Confederate armies and descendant heritage organizations led by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV).
- Cemetery contains 3,512 interments from the Civil War, including the graves of 979 unknowns
- Also has sections for veterans of Spanish American War, World War I, and other wars, along with graves of the veterans' spouses and children. The total number of interments exceeds 6,000

Civil War Almanac This Day in the Civil War History: July 25

Cancelled

Subject of the Month: David Stockton McDougal (Mark Costin)

Before the Civil War

- Born September 27, 1809, in Ohio
- Appointed as a midshipman on April 1, 1828
- Served in Mediterranean, West Indian, and Home Squadrons as well as on the Great Lakes in Michigan
- Served on USS Mississippi from 1846 to 1848, during Mexican American War
- Participated in blockade and siege of Veracruz
- Commanded the sloop-of-war USS Warren from 1854 to 1856
- Commanded the steam tug USS John Hancock in 1856

During the Civil War

- David Stockton McDougal was Commander of the screw sloop USS Wyoming from 1861 to 1864
- Most significant action was the July 16, 1863, naval Battle of Shimonoseki Strait

Local Connection - McDougal

- Died in San Francisco, California
- Buried Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland, California

Other Topics

None

July Presentation

Speaker: Ron Vaughan

Topic: “Fields of Blood, the Battle of Prairie Grove”

August Presentation

Speaker: Mark Costin

Topic: Battles of Fort Fisher

September Presentation

Speaker: TBD

Topic: Opposing Views: If the newly formed Confederate government had chosen to immediately export as much cotton as possible, instead of withholding it from European markets, could the Confederacy have prevailed?