



# SOUTH BAY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

## South Bay Civil War Roundtable Meeting Minutes September 26, 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:** **Western Regional Roundtable**

- Subject: Vicksburg
- When - Late October
- Location: Fresno, CA

### **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
    - Send to Ron Vaughan:
      - 730 E. Tulare Ave., Tulare 93274
      - ronvaughan@prodigy.net

## **Officer Reports**

### **President**

#### **Presentation Topic Recommendation: The “What If’s?” of the Civil War**

- What if Jackson was at Gettysburg?
- What if England had Recognized the South?
- What if Grant was killed at Vicksburg?
- What if the South had won Gettysburg?
- What if . . . . .?

### **Vice President**

No Report

### **Treasurer**

- As of 8/31 our SBCWRT Wells Fargo checking account balance was \$2,387.14., a decline of \$15.05 from the previous month.
- Jim Rhetta: Annual ZOOM Account: It is \$16.71 a month since the last payment about a year ago.

### **Secretary**

- Civil War Quiz: What Do You Know About Abraham Lincoln’s Second Inaugural Address?
- Meeting Attendance: Total: 7 (6 in-person; 1 via ZOOM)

### **Historian**

#### **Bleeding Kansas**

- Bring to the attention of our membership the months/year’s long destructive violence that took place in Kansas two years before the beginning of the American Civil War
- Alert our minds to the uncontrollable mayhem that in those days of sides taken and emotions inflamed homes were burned women raped ,men and children killed over the question of human rights and the age long question of a man's right to own the life of another person
- Read in the Mercury News on October 18 of "History" of reducing the massacres by preserving the story of John Brown and his 3-day raid on Harper's Ferry
- We all know that Brown story and story over as the man is hanged for treason, but the lesson is lost as close to a half a million military men

## **Other Topics**

None

## **September Presentation**

Speaker: Jim Rhetta

Topic: 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?

## **October Presentation**

Speaker: Chuck Seekamp

Topic: "The Iron Brigade"

## **November Presentation**

Speaker: TBD

Topic: "TBD"