



# SOUTH BAY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

## South Bay Civil War Roundtable Meeting Minutes May 28, 2024

**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:

#### American Cruise Line: Civil War Battlefield Cruise

- 35 Days/34 Nights River Cruise
- 13 States - 35 Days/34 Nights
- May 3, 2024 – June 6, 2024
- URL: <https://www.americancruiselines.com/cruises/extended-cruises/civil-war-battlefields-cruise>
- Tel#: 800-460-4518 (Free Brochure)

### Officer Reports

#### President

#### **Membership:**

- Suggestions for attracting new members:
  - Peninsula CWRT: Good success advertising in local newspaper  
Note: Reached out to Cupertino– no response yet
  - Contact local college history instructors  
Note: No updates
  - Changing the meeting place from Holder's to a Local Library Community/Meeting Room  
Note: Preferred location that offers Food Services
  - Connect with local Cub Scouts or Scouts of America troops and/or collaborate with a local history museum  
Note: Needs more discussion

## **Vice President**

No Report

## **Treasurer**

- SBCWRT Wells Fargo checking account as of 4/30/24 had a balance of \$2,403.47; No change from prior month.
- All 2024 dues are now paid

## **Secretary**

- Civil War Quiz: What Do You Know About the Battle of Fort Pillow?
- Meeting Attendance: Total: 9 (7 in-person; 2 via ZOOM)

## **This Month in Civil War History: May**

**1861**: Arkansas secedes from the Union and the North Carolina legislature passes "An Act to raise 10,000 troops."

**1862**: During The Peninsular Campaign, Union forces occupied Yorktown, Virginia. At Williamsburg, Confederate forces halt McClellan who now awaits reinforcements.

**1863**: Confederate Victory at the Battle of Chancellorsville

**1864**: Grant's Overland Campaign produces the Battle of the Wilderness and the Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse

**1865**: Grand Review of the Armies in Washington, D.C., and the dismantling of a large portion of the Union war machine.

## **Person of the Month: Nathaniel Beverley Tucker**

- The Graduated from the College of William & Mary in 1801, studied law, and practiced in Virginia
- Served as a Professor of Law at William and Mary, his alma mater (Class of 1802), from 1834 to his death
- From the 1830s onward he was a Fire-Eater and a leading academic spokesman for states' rights and Southern unity
  - His novel, The Partisan Leader: Two-volume novel published in 1836- 1837 under the penname "Edward William Sydney; subtitled "A Tale of the Future" set in 1849; Shows southern think at the time:
    - Male Virginia characters in the book hardly do anything without considering how a potential act will reflect on their honor
    - All slaves content
- Died in 1851

## **Historian**

### **Civil War Mini Series: Sherman's March to the Sea**

- Entire Plan developed by Sherman without consultation from Grant
- Purpose: Total War on Georgia
- Relied on foraging to feed army after the first 10 days of the Campaign

## **Other Topics**

No Report

## **April Presentation**

Speaker: Alan Sissenwein

Topic: "Worst Generals of The Civil War - Earl Van Dorn"

## **May Presentation**

Speaker: Mark Costin

Topic: "Battle of Buena Vista - Training Ground for the Civil War"

## **June Presentation**

Speaker: Alan Sissenwein

Topic: TBD

## **July Presentation**

Speaker: Chuck Seekamp

Topic: "Civil War Surgical Instruments and How They Worked"