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2009 West Coast Conference Website

The web site for this year's West Coast Civil War Round Table Conference is up and running. We are now open for registration. Please forward the site to anyone you think may be interested in joining us in October.

You can open the site by clicking below:

<http://www.chattanooga2009.com>

We will be adding a number of things to the website over this next week.
My thanks to Walt Schulze who did the initial work for this site.

Best regards,
Evan Jones

From the President's Desk:

We had a great January meeting. Several new presenting stars were seen on the horizon, as gauged from the nugget presentations made by Messrs.

Chang, Gatley and Green. Not to forget Ron Vaughan's humor and his feisty Lincoln puppet!

Also, we significantly witnessed new interest in organizational matters with every position on the Board to be filled by willing members. I congratulate everyone for their enthusiasm and I heartily support each candidate for their choices to serve. 2009 looks like a great year ahead.

Thanks again to Dr. Davenport's work on programs and Evan Jones's work on the 2009 Conference. We have another interesting program for February which you should not miss. Presenter Evan Jones's topic will draw from as yet unpublished papers from the Rosecrans Archives. The title of his talk is "A Malignant Vindictiveness," the 16 Year Rivalry Between Ulysses S. Grant and William S. Rosecrans."

See you there!

Brian Clague, MD

P. S. **RSVP with Secretary Bryce Kuykendall** if you are planning to attend our February meeting on Thursday, the 26th so that the Ramada Inn at 41 and Shaw Avenue will have a better idea of how many meals to prepare. Dinners are \$17. Bryce's number is 787-3632 or you can also RSVP by dropping Bryce an e-mail at bryce.kuykendall@gmail.com

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE !

Webmaster Walt Schulze has made some great changes while redesigning our new site. He can be contacted at wschulze1@sbcglobal.net if you have comments, ideas, suggestions, or input. Ed. Note: I apologize for again giving you our old site address last month. The new San Joaquin Valley Civil War Round Table ends with a .com, not the old .net. Please bookmark our site:

San Joaquin Valley Civil War Round Table Website:
sjvcwrt.com

CIVIL WAR HUMOR from
“**The Blue and the Gray Laughing**”

An Indiana regiment was fiercely attacked by a whole Rebel brigade, and compelled to fall back 40 yards to a better position, losing-- to their utter mortification--their flag, which remained in the hands of the enemy. Suddenly, a tall Irishman, rushed from the ranks across the vacant ground, attacked the squad of Rebels who had possession of the conquered flag, felled several to the ground with his musket, snatched the flag from them, and returned safely back to his regiment. The bold fellow was immediately surrounded by his jubilant comrades and greatly praised for his gallantry.

His captain promoted him to sergeant on the spot. But the hero cut everything short by his reply:
“O, niver mind, Captain, say no more about it. I dropped my wishy flask among the Rebels, and fched that back, and thought I might just as well being the flag along!”

AFTER ACTION REPORT
SJVCWRT MEETING OF 1/29/09
BY RON VAUGHAN

At our first meeting of the year, President Dr. Brian Clague announced that someone had pointed out that our By-laws contain Term Limits, and so the board is termed out, and new leadership is required. Dr. Mike Gatley was the first to step forward to offer his services, and was immediately nominated to be V.P. This will not be a difficult job for the moment, since Dr. Davenport has already lined up speakers for the entire year. Pattie Spencer volunteered to be Secretary. Walt Schulze was nominated to be Treasurer. No one at the meeting volunteered to be President. Just who this will be, remains to be determined-- perhaps some unwitting passer-by or one of the waiters can be shanghaied? We can only hope that some brave individual will step forward.

Brian said he is taking steps to apply for 501C3 non-profit status for our organization. I hope I do not get audited by the IRS, as I thought we already were one!!

Since the date was close to Lincoln’s 200th Birthday, a birthday cake was presented to our Re-enactor President Abraham Lincoln, Wayne Scott, as several “Matthew Brady re-enactors“ took photos.

Tonight was “Show and Tell Night”. David D. shared two CW books, one about CW artifacts and one a children’s book of CW activities. A perfect thing for those grandchildren out there. David invited young re-enactor Jason Chang to come to the meeting and give a presentation on his 1860 US cavalry Saber. He concluded with a demo of the various saber drill cuts and parries.

Mike Gatley had a presentation about Union General Montgomery M. Meigs-- US Quartermaster General during most of the war. Meigs was a brilliant organizer and was responsible for many accomplishments, including building the Capitol building, the District of Columbia aqueduct (which is still in use), the US Pension Office, and setting up Arlington Cemetery. Unfortunately, Mike’s presentation was marred by a contrary Powerpoint program which changed all his images into multi-colored creations! I said that he must have inadvertently hit the Picasso button. Indeed. We were able to see what a portrait of Robert E. Lee would have looked like, if that late painter had undertaken such a commission!

New member Mike Green, also attempted a presentation with the deranged device, with no better success. Fortunately Mike had a back up of some printouts to display, as he talked about a recent expedition with Blue and Gray Tours, tramping the ground that Gen. Hood advanced upon, the rivers he crossed, and the houses he used as HQ. Mike shared a different view of the much maligned Hood. He pointed out how he managed to push his army forward rapidly over difficult roads and river crossings, nearly cutting off Schofield’s army at Springhill.

Citizens To Arms!
Two Great Armies are now gathering
to do battle at
Mooney Grove Park, Visalia CA
The Civil War Reenactment Society
is proud to present the 19th annual
“**The Civil War, A Living History**”
Sat. & Sun. March 7, and 8, 2009

Battle Times:
Saturday 1PM and 3:30PM
Sunday 11AM and 1PM
cost is \$6.00 [park entrance fee]

**2009 SJV Civil War Round
Table Membership Due Now**

Our 2009 membership year began in January. If you have not already renewed your membership in the SJVCWRT please use the form printed to the right. Please keep in mind that the cost of membership is \$30 for an individual or family.

Your membership allows us to bring speakers from out of town, support Civil War battlefield preservation, and sponsor our website, sjvcwrt.com

2009 SJVCWRT Membership Form

Please begin/renew my membership in the SJVCWRT, an organization dedicated to informing the public about the Civil War in general and about the need for preservation of Civil War sites. As a member I will receive the Bugle Call Echoes, our monthly newsletter, either electronically or on paper; regular invitations to our monthly meetings; and free tickets to the annual Civil War re-enactment at Fresno’s Kearney Park; if I agree to work for two hours at our information booth

Name _____

Regular Address _____

E-mail address _____

2009 San Joaquin Valley Round Table Board "Statements of candidacy"

Dear Friends,

As you know I have been vice-president and program chair of the SJVCWRT for the past four years. I also served as program chair for the two West Coast Conferences we sponsored, that about War in the Southwest in 2005 and War in the Shenandoah in 2008. Both were in my opinion marginally successful because turn-out was poor, 72 for the former and 94 for the latter.

I am now announcing my candidacy for the position of President of the SJVCWRT for 2009-2010. I do only because Brian Clague has agreed to chair the organizing committee for the 2009 Chattanooga Conference which "we" will host in Clovis from October 23-25. I am currently working two jobs and a trial date of October 20, 2009, has been set by Judge Wanger for my suit against my former employer, the State Center Community College District. Most of you know that I taught history at Fresno City College from 1990-2003 and that the college took its first step toward dismissing from my tenured position less than six weeks after I filed a written complaint of sexual harassment against my supervisor.

My suit is based on this "retaliation". I cannot afford to lose and given the dates of the trial and the Chattanooga Conference I can devote no time to the conference. I am also "in pro per", self-represented because such local attorneys as Warren Paboogian (ala Stacy Johnson Klein's attorney) laughed at me when I approached them about representing me. "A man, being harassed by a woman, that's laughable, David." In any case I spend much of my free time reading case law.

I have left the vice-presidency in good hands if you elect Mike Gatley. The programs for calendar year 2009 are written in stone and I should be able to provide him with the guidance he needs to provide our organization with programs for 2010. I also hope that changing our meeting day from the last Thursday of the month to the second Thursday of the month starting in September will increase attendance.

Although we have done reasonably well in 2008, we often had to pay for uneaten meals in 2007 because the Ramada requires a minimum of 20. I would like to see us draw 35-40 on a regular basis because Sacramento is able to do this and Fresno-Clovis is approximately the same size. As such I will be soliciting input from you all, the members, as to what we can do to increase our visibility in the valley.

Thank you.

David Davenport,
Candidate for President.

Michael W. Gatley, M.D.
Candidate for Vice President

"I would like to explain my interest in seeking the Vice Presidency of the SJVCWRT. It is for the same reason we all belong to the organization – an appreciation for the people and events that comprised the American Civil War, to be exposed to a wider viewpoint, and to further educate ourselves and future members.

The VP position is primarily responsible for arranging future speakers and topics for the monthly meeting. I would undertake an active search for a variety of speakers representing a wide and diverse viewpoint on topics related to the most traumatic four years in our republic.

Thank you for your consideration."

Michael W. Gatley, M.D.

Walter Schulze
Candidate for Treasurer

Since joining the SJVCWRT and assuming the job of web master for the group, I have become more interested in the SJVCWRT and learning as much as I can about the Civil War. Acting as treasurer will allow me to take a more active part in the organization while maintaining accurate and up-to-date financial records, enabling the SJVCWRT to meet their financial obligations in a timely manner.

Walter Schulze

Bryce Kuykendall
Candidate for Secretary

Members of the San Joaquin Civil War Round Table:

As most of you know, I am the current secretary and I am submitting this small letter to inform you that I am running for office again and hope to serve you more. I have been a loyal member of the club for quite a few years and have been secretary for two years, succeeding Phyllis Mann. I decided to step up for the betterment of our organization. I have worked with the Board in planning the 2008 conference, and also hope to participate in the planning for the 2009 conference.

I have fought with the Ramada Inn every month to insure we have a flawless dinner and meeting. I try to call each member every month to keep up to date with their preferences for dinner and I try to help them if they want me to do anything else (e.g. I take suggestions). I enjoy talking with all of you each month and hope to continue. Although I may be unable to attend most meetings on Thursdays, I will be able to attend all Board meetings and continue working hard to complete the duties of secretary. I have tried and hopefully have pleased you in my service and wish to continue working with all of you. Thank you for your loyalty as members and co-operation for everything we do.

Sincerely,

Bryce Kuykendall

The 2009 25th Annual West Coast Civil War Round Table Conference

SJVCWRT Will Again Serve as Hosts

Evan Jones has lined up noted speakers, Park Rangers, historians and authors to come to Fresno-Clovis on October 23-25, 2009 at the Clovis Veterans Memorial

Building to examine **'The Campaign for Chattanooga'**. His conference line-up of speakers-historians include:

Steven Woodworth - [Keynote Speaker]

Professor, Texas Christian University

Evan Jones - Former Park Ranger, Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park

James Ogden - Chief Historian, Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park

Glenn Robertson - Director, Combat Studies Institute, Ft. Leavenworth

James Stanbery - Professor, Los Angeles Harbor College

Wiley Sword - Author/Historian

Lee White - Park Ranger, Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park

Chris Young - Former Park Ranger, Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park

Save the date and plan now to attend the 25th West Coast Conference in 2009. To register and find out more go to **www.chattanooga2009.com**

Round Table Meeting Schedule for 2009

Thursday, February 26. Evan Jones: "'A Malignant Vindictiveness' the 16 year rivalry between Ulysses S. Grant and William S. Rosecrans."

Friday, March 6 to Sunday March 8. Reenactment at Mooney's Grove Park in Visalia.

Thursday, March 26. Ron Perisho: "The Civil War in 3D" showing 3D stereograph images from the Civil War.

Thursday, April 30. Chris Waldrep, San Francisco State University. "Vicksburg's Long Shadow, the Founding of a National Military Park."

Thursday, May 28. Shaun Ardemagni will host "The Boheman Brigade: Civil War Correspondents", a C-SPAN Book TV episode.

Saturday, July 4: Annual Fourth of July party, at Shaver Lake.

Thursday, September 10. Fred Bohmfalk. "Baseball in the Civil War"

Thursday, October 8. Ginny and Tim Karlberg. "The Cal 100, in fact and legend".

Friday, October 2 to Sunday, October 4. The Civil War Revisited: Fresno's Kearney Park

Friday, October 23 to Sunday, October 25. 25th Annual Civil War Conference. "the Campaigns for Chattanooga". Clovis Veterans Memorial Building.

Thursday, November 12. Mary Townsend. My great-great-grandfather Major General Peter Osterhaus.

Thursday, December 10. Christmas Party.

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