

Greetings and salutations,

At our May meeting, we were treated to another great presentation by Dr. Dave Schrader. We met at the Family Search Library, at the Los Angeles Mormon Temple, where Dave taught us how to use various resources to find our Civil War ancestors. Using me, as well as Anne and Roy Atherton, as examples, he went through the process of building a family tree, and various ways to verify information that may not be 100% accurate. In my case, there is a gravestone, at Chalmette National Cemetery, that was said to be where my great-great-grandfather is buried. However, the information on the gravestone did not match critical information about my g-g-grandfather. The search for Anne's ancestor was even more interesting, showing that it is possible that he was a Union, and not a Confederate, soldier.

New Meeting Place

After the meeting, we discussed the possibility of moving our meeting place to the Family Search Library, and those in attendance voted unanimously to make the move for our September 2018 meeting. So, we will be working on making that move happen.

Election of Officers

Our annual election of officers will be held at our June meeting. John Beckendorf is retiring, for good, from his very long, and illustrious career as our Program Chair. We all owe John a huge debt of gratitude for the consistently great speakers that he has scheduled for us. Now, someone has to step up to take the Program Chair's job, or there will be no LACWRT. We also need someone to replace me, as I have been President for the last five years, and am ready to move on to other responsibilities. So, please volunteer to give a little of your time to preserve our Round Table.

Upcoming Civil War events:

- 1) Fort Tejon Invitational Reenactment, sponsored by the American Civil War Society, on June 2nd and 3rd.
- 2) There will be a Civil War Conference, in Temecua, CA, on June 2nd. This one-day event will have a number of speakers, focusing on the year 1863. The cost is just \$50, including lunch.
- 3) A new event, the Civil War Technology Fair, will be held on Saturday, June 30th, at 11:00 AM. This free event, held at the Drum Barracks, will feature special exhibitions and demonstrations on Civil War technology, such as the telegraph, railroad, air corps, field photography, medicine, and weapons. With hands-on activities and lectures, this event will appeal to visitors of all ages.
- 4) Old Fort MacArthur Days will be held on July 7th & 8th, from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM, at the Fort MacArthur Museum, in angles Gate Park, in San Pedro. Admission is \$15, but parking is still free.
- 5) The Huntington Beach Civil War Days, will be held on September 1st & 2nd, in Central Park. This event, and parking, are free.

For more information about these events, please click on the Civil War Events tab.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2018, AT 7:00 PM. BACK AT OUR USAUAL (MARINA DEL REY) MEETING PLACE. WE WILL HAVE A PANEL OF THREE SPEAKERS, WHO WILL TELL US: "THE REMARKABLE STORY OF CHARLES M. JENKINS." This is another interesting part of our local history, so I know you will not want to miss this meeting. Please click on our Programs page for more information.

I hope that I will see you all on June 19th.

Sincerely,

Dean Smith
President