

Greetings and glad tidings,

WOW! Can you believe that it is almost 2018?

Our December meeting exceeded expectations, as 21 members were in attendance. They were treated to another excellent presentation by Dr. Dave Schrader, who taught us all about the Fire-eaters, but focusing on five fascinating characters, in particular. Dave made his slideshow available for sharing with everyone, so I sent it out, and all of you should have had a chance to look at it.

Having noticed that the Pasadena CWRT has a couple of lines, at the bottom of their website's homepage, which say that they proudly support the Drum Barracks CW Museum, and Fort Tejon, I expressed my admiration for their initiative. Roy Atherton made a motion, proposing that the LACWRT donate \$50 to the Drum Barracks, which was seconded, by Annette James Rogers, and passed by a unanimous vote. I have sent an inquiry to the Chairwoman of the Fort Tejon Historical Association, to see if we can make a similar donation to them. Since the LACWRT has been contributing to the Civil War Trust, for several years, we have added a statement at the bottom of our homepage, acknowledging our support of the Trust and Drum Barracks.

There are no Civil War events on the horizon to announce.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018, AT 7:00 PM. OUR SPEAKER WILL BE FRANK MITCHELL, WHOSE TOPIC IS: "THE SEMINOLE INDIANS IN THE CIVIL WAR." Frank's talks are always very interesting and entertaining, so I know you will not want to miss this meeting. For more information, see the attached announcement.

I hope you have had a wondrous holiday season, so far, filled with joy, family, and friends. I also hope that your New Year's celebrations will be fun, and that 2018 brings happiness, good health, and prosperity to you and yours.

Sincerely,

Dean Smith
President