

Two Thousand Fifteen Civil War West Coast Conference held in Tulare.

San Joaquin Valley Civil War Round Table hosted this year's event at the Tulare Historical Museum. FOCWA members Fred Bohmfalk, Brad Schall, Ron Perisho and George Foxworth attended the Conference. Speakers this year were Thomas Cartwright, who spoke on Forrest operations in 1865, Ron Vaughan spoke on The Mobile Campaign of 1865 and the Battle of Palmito Ranch, Edward Alexander presentations were on Grant's attempts to take Petersburg and the breakthrough at Petersburg, Brian Clague talked on Civil War Medicine, Jim Stanbery gave two talks, first one The Strategic situation in early 1865 and then Sherman's surrenders to Johnson, Michael Oddenino topic was Appomattox Surrender, Ted Savas talked on Civil War Jeopardy, Sam Craghead talked on the Cruise of the CSS Shenandoah, our own Ron Perisho gave an outstanding presentation on Civil War photograph. Mike Green spoke on Sherman's Carolina Campaign. All did an excellent job. The Conference organizers did an awesome job.

Ted Savas received the Jerry Russell Award. Only six people have received this award, FOCWA Co-Chairman Fred Bohmfalk received this honor three years ago.

FOCWA donated a copy of our painting and six books for the drawing. Funds from the conference go to Civil War battlefield preservation.

West Coast Conference in 2016 will be held on October 28 to 30th at the Crowne Plaza Conference Center in Costa Mesa, California. It will be jointly hosted by the Orange County and Pasadena Civil War Roundtables. In 2017 the Sacramento Civil War Round table will put on the Conference in the Sacramento area.