

# THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



## *News Letter*

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## A CHALLENGE FOR OUR READERS!

**T**he drawing of two riders fleeing pursuit has adorned our newsletter since October 1953. This drawing was contributed by the late Garnet Jex (1895-1979), who was a founding member of the Civil War Round Table of DC. I have often wondered which event this drawing represented. None of the early newsletters I have read offered an explanation of the two riders' purpose in fleeing. I have decided to ask our readers to provide their description of the event. This description may represent either a true or fanciful Civil War event, and may be in a

form best suited to the writer's talents. Please mail or email your submission to my address given elsewhere in the newsletter, or give it to me at our meeting. I will print the submissions in future newsletters. As an inspiration, here is Suzanne Rice's interpretation of the drawing.

*In hot pursuit they flew  
In colors both gray and blue  
From the divisive fight  
That each knew was right  
With an outcome that nobody knew.*

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### September 2001 Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, September 11, 2001

**Price:** \$23.00 per person.

**Place:** Officer's Club

Fort Lesley J. McNair  
Washington, DC

**Agenda:** 6:00 pm Social Hour: Cash Bar  
7:00 pm Dinner: Market Salad (Vegetarian meals are available upon request in advance.)  
Orange Roughy  
Strawberry Shortcake  
8:00 pm Speaker: Mr. Edwin Cole Bearss  
Topic: Surrenders After Appomattox: The Real End of the Civil War.

The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, September 5, 2001. Please send them to:

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE!

**A**llow for some extra time to get through the front gate at Fort McNair. Fort McNair will implement full access control on Sept. 5, which will increase military police surveillance of those who enter the installations. Visitors that do not have a DOD registered vehicle will have register and sign in at the visitor center and get a temporary pass. To facilitate this process, the Round table will provide the guard post with a list of people expected to attend the meeting.

### MR. EDWIN COLE BEARSS

**E**dwin Cole Bearss was born in Billings, Montana, on June 26, 1923. He joined the Marine Corps immediately after high school. During World War II, he was with the 3rd Marine Raider Battalion and 1st Marine Division in the invasion of Guadalcanal and New Britain.

He studied at Georgetown University where he earned a B.S. degree in Foreign Service in 1949. He worked for 3 years in the Navy Hydrographic Office in Suitland, Maryland. Later, at Indiana University he received his M.A. in history.

Ed's National Park Service career began in 1955 at Vicksburg, Mississippi, where he was Park Historian. While he was there he did the research leading him and two friends to the long lost resting place of the Union gunboat *Cairo*.

In 1966, Ed was transferred to Washington, DC. He was the Service's Chief Historian from November 1981 until July 1994. He served as the Director's Special Assistant for Military Sites until his retirement on October 1, 1995. Since his retirement, Ed has continued his 50-year association with our nation's military history.

Ed is the author of numerous books on the Civil War, including a three-volume study of the Vicksburg campaign and the editor of five other books. He has also contributed to two other Civil War books.

## Editorial

**A**t our last meeting, one of our members was of the opinion that recent presentations had been biased to the Confederate side of the Civil War. I felt that a review of our topics for that last few years was in order to find out if that perception was correct.

During our last year, 2000-2001, we heard about three topics from the Union point of view: The Red River Campaign, the Union 11th Corps and Christmas in the Civil War. From the Confederate point of view, we had five topics: Confederate Medal of Honor, Confederate Finances, The Johnson-Gilmer Raid, Lt. Charles W. Read and Papers of an Unreconstructed Confederate. Plus we heard about one neutral topic: Civil War medicine. Since there were two more Confederate topics than Union topics, the last year was biased toward the Confederacy. But what of preceding years?

For the 1999-2000 year, a review yields: Three topics for the Union: the USS Cairo, Baltimore in Civil War and Union Navy Life. Three topics for the Confederacy: the General Longstreet Statue, Letters From Amanda and the Brotherhood of Valor. Balancing out the year were three neutral topics: Civil War Submarine Warfare, Civil War Firearms and the Western War. Three each for the Union, Confederacy and neutral seems to be a pretty good balance. (Did I mention that was my year as President?)

Looking further back to the 1998-1999 year, we have: Five topics for the Union: Grant's Canal, General Hugh Judson Kilpatrick, Army of Northern Virginia's Staff Corps, the Irish Brigade and the 124th NYSV Orange Blossoms. Then we had two Confederate topics: Civil War

Memories (I'm not sure about this one) and Stonewall Jackson. Balancing both sides, we had: Spies for Blue and Gray and the Stonewall & Iron Brigades. That ends up being five for the Union, two for the Confederacy and two neutral.

Going back one more year to 1997-1998: There were four Union topics: General Winfield Scott Hancock, the 20th Maine, the Defenses of Washington and Black Troops in CW. For the Confederacy we had three topics: James Longstreet, General Patrick Cleburne and Stonewall Jackson. There was one neutral topic, Gettysburg National Military Park, plus one talk by Mark Neely whose topic was not recorded. This is four for the Union, three for the Confederacy and one each that is either neutral or unknown.

Summing up, we have the following table:

Year	Union	Conf.	Neutral/Unknown
2000-2001	3	5	1
1999-2000	3	3	3
1998-1999	5	2	2
1997-1998	4	3	2
Total	15	13	8

All-in-all, over the past four years, our topics have slightly favored the Union (42%) over the Confederacy (36%), with neutral topics being third (22%). Over the long run, I have to say that our topics have been balanced between North and South, and most likely will continue to be so.

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## Speaker Schedule - Fall, 2001

This fall, our meetings will concentrate on the 1864-65 era as a often neglected portion of Civil War History.

September 11, 2001

Ed Bearss, Chief Historian Emeritus of the National Park Service, will speak on "Surrenders After Appomattox: The Real End of the Civil War." Ed will be providing his usual Not-to-Be-Missed experience.

October 9, 2001

Lance Herdegen, an expert on the Iron Brigade and Director of the Civil War Institute of Carroll College, Waukesha, WI, will discuss the "Iron Brigade During the 1864 Virginia Campaign."

November 13, 2001

Noted local author, Ernest Furgurson, presents the Battle of Cold Harbor. Apparently, there is a lot of discussion of the Cold Harbor battle but little solid history. Based on his book, **Not War But Murder**, Mr. Furgurson will be filling in a lot of the blanks.

December 11, 2001

A. Wilson Greene, Director of the Pamplin Historical Park in Petersburg, VA and author of a recent book on the Petersburg battles, **Breaking the Backbone of the Rebellion**, will describe the events of the "Last Week at Petersburg."

That about covers the Virginia Campaign of 1864-65. Our President is trying to find some speakers that can enlighten us on the Atlanta/Nashville and Carolina campaigns.

## 50 Years Ago

On March 27, 1951, Col. Robert S. Henry spoke to the Round Table about the Mexican War from the viewpoint of the training received in it by men who later became officers in the Confederate and Union Armies.

On April 28, 1951, the Round Table sponsored a bus trip through "Ranger Mosby" country. V. C. "Pat" Jones was the guide and commentator.

## 25 Years Ago

On September 14, 1976, Howard C. Westwood spoke to the Round Table about "Great Britain versus the United States: Brinkmanship in Our War."

## Field Trip News

Our next field trip is being planned for June 29-30, 2002, with Ed Bearss as our guide. If you have suggestions for the field trip, please contact Col. Ben Kirkconnell.

## Books Needed

If you have some Civil War books you no longer need, please consider donating them to our monthly book auction. This is an easy way to share books with others.

## Newsletter by Email

Starting in January 2002, or possibly sooner, this newsletter will be available by email as an alternative to USPS mail. If you wish to receive this newsletter by email, please indicate so on your membership form and/or dinner reservation. You may also request this by emailing the newsletter editor. The newsletter will also be published on our website at <http://users.erols.com/kennrice/cwrtdc.htm>.

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Emailing of newsletters will start with the January issue, or possibly sooner.

The above information is membership files and will be published in the membership roster.

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### Dinner Reservation Form For Tuesday, September 11, 2001.

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The cost is \$23.00 per person. Please make your check payable to CWRT of DC.

Number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Needed from November to March in case meeting must be cancelled due to inclement weather.

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### “HOLY HAVERSACK, GEN’L CUSTER, WHERE THOSE REBELS COME FROM!!”

**T**his month’s headline is our first submission in response to last month’s request for explanations of our letterhead graphic. It was written by Van Vanderwal.

Joyce Wilkerson also sent in her description of the events depicted above, which is printed at the right.

I hope to receive more responses for future newsletters.

#### JUST BEFORE THE LEAP

**T**he date is June 30, 1863, just before the battle at Gettysburg. Stuart was almost captured just south of Hanover, PA, when with an aide at his side, he was surprised by a squadron of Federal cavalry. The two Confederates left the road at a full gallop leaving the Federal cavalry behind as they made a magnificent leap across a deep gully covering a distance of not less than twenty-five feet in the air.

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### October 2001 Meeting

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, October 9, 2001	<b>Place:</b>	Officer’s Club Fort Lesley J. McNair Washington, DC
<b>Price:</b>	\$22.00 per person.		
<b>Agenda:</b>	6:00 pm Social Hour:	Cash Bar	
	7:00 pm Dinner:	Spinach Salad	(Vegetarian meals are available upon request in advance.)
		Chicken Scaloppini	
		Cheese Cake	
	8:00 pm Speaker:	Mr. Lance J. Herdegen	
	Topic:	The Iron Brigade During the 1864 Virginia Campaign.	

The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, October 3, 2001. Please send them to:

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### IMPORTANT SECURITY NOTICE

**B**ecause of the terrorist attacks on September 11<sup>th</sup>, our last meeting did not occur. Although this has resulted in heightened post security, our October meeting will be held as scheduled. However, it will take more time to get onto the base, **both for vehicles and pedestrians.**

People attending the Lincoln Group meeting on September 18 reported "We were not able to use the regular gate as means of entrance, rather we entered further down the street at another gate. They do ask for a picture ID, search bags

and cars (the bomb-sniffing dog was at work last night). We were a bit startled last night in light of the change of entrance place but the change didn't slow us down too much. Security was definitely up - although no change in entering the O-club itself."

The Ft. McNair web site reports: "All facilities at Fort Myer and Fort McNair are now open normal hours and the threat condition remains at 'Charlie.' Workers are expected to report to work on time. Security remains high, however, and entrance to both installations will be delayed as Military Police inspect vehicles and check ID cards. All unregistered vehicles will be inspected. At Fort McNair, the Main Gate will be open from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., and the P Street gate will be open 24 hours a day. Call (202) 685-3196 for more information."

It looks like we will be able to enter at the normal gate, but may have to leave through the P Street gate. However, be prepared for a delay getting through the gate when you arrive, and a possible detour to the P Street gate. This is for both vehicles and pedestrians.

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## MR. LANCE J. HERDEGEN

**L**ance Herdegen is the director of the Institute of Civil War Studies at Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisconsin. He previously was a reporter, editor and executive for United Press International (UPI). He is co-editor of **Four Years With the Iron Brigade: The Civil War Journal of William R. Ray, Seventh Wisconsin Volunteers** (Savas Publishing, 2001); author of **The Men Stood Like Iron: How the Iron Brigade Won its Name** (Indiana University Press, 1997); a contributing author for **Like Giants in Tall Black Hats: Essays on the Iron Brigade** (Indiana University Press, 1998), and co-author of **An Irishman in the Iron Brigade** (Fordham University Press, 1993) and the award-winning **In the Bloody Railroad Cut at Gettysburg** (Morningside Press, 1990, History Book Club selection). His latest work is a screenplay, **The Calico Boys**.

Included among his honors are: The Harry S. Truman Award of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City; The Award of Merit, State Historical Society of Wisconsin; The Gambrinus Prize, Milwaukee County Historical Society; and the Service Award of The Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee. Mr. Herdegen recently presented a paper at Sydney Sussex College at Cambridge University in England. He has also appeared on the History Channel's "Civil War Journal" and various network and local television and radio shows. He is past president of the Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee and has served as a Governor's appointee to the Wisconsin Humanities Council and on the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council.

## LARRY WILLIAMS HONORED

**T**wo distinctive honors have been conferred posthumously by the US Army upon a much admired past president of our Round Table, Larry Williams. Larry, who died May 17, 1999, served as our president in 1981-82 following his term as vice president and program chairman.

In Charlottesville, Virginia, on April 24, 2000, The Judge Advocate General's School inaugurated the Major General Lawrence H. Williams Award for Distinguished Achievement in Administrative and Civil Law. At Fort Hood, Texas, on June 23, 2000, the Lawrence H. Williams Judicial Center was dedicated in its handsome new building as the premier courthouse of the Army.

These memorials salute 31 years of distinguished service by Larry Williams to the Army and the nation. Beginning with his appointment as a navigator in the US Army Air Force Troop Carrier Command during WWII, his service extended beyond his retirement in 1979 as the assistant judge advocate general of the Army. After retiring, Larry served as honorary colonel of the Corps and donated legal assistance and help with financial planning to Army widows and others who needed such help.

During WWII Larry participated in 26 air combat missions including the daring air drop of paratroopers behind enemy lines on D-Day of the Normandy invasion, and he served as deputy lead navigator, 9<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Command. After his wartime service, Larry entered the Judge Advocate General's Corps as a new lawyer, and ultimately served in every key post the Corps could offer. He was a staff judge advocate in major commands including that in Vietnam. He was a respected law professor at The JAG School. And he demonstrated his remarkable professional versatility as assistant chief of staff (G1), 3<sup>rd</sup> Amored Division. Larry Williams was known and admired within the Army far beyond the branch to which he devoted most of his career.

At the recent dedications in his memory, Larry was described as a magnificent soldier, a legend in his own time, and a leader who enhanced our military justice system and further strengthened the rule of law. We knew him as a scholar of Civil War and military history and as a highly valued friend, now sorely missed.

(This article was provided by John T. Collier.)

## THE IRON BRIGADE

In the camps at Washington in 1861, the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin and 19<sup>th</sup> Indiana were singled out as the only all-Western brigade in the Eastern Union Armies and for the tall, black felt hats worn by the men.

After South Mountain, General George B. McClellan said the Wisconsin and Indiana men were part of an "Iron Brigade" and "equal to the best troops of the world."

At Gettysburg, Confederates called the men of the Iron Brigade "those damned Black Hats."

October speaker Lance J. Herdegen will discuss how the Middle Westerners earned their famous fighting name in four major battles in less than three weeks - Gainesville, Second Bull Run, South Mountain and Antietam. But it was at Gettysburg the Western regiments (joined by the 24<sup>th</sup> Michigan after Antietam) won a place in American military history. Rushed into the very opening of the infantry fighting northwest of town, the Iron Brigade knocked back two advancing Confederate brigades, then hung on against overwhelming numbers the afternoon of July 1, 1863, as the rest of the army concentrated on the high ground south of Gettysburg. It was that high ground that proved decisive in the three-day battle.

By war's end, the Iron Brigade had the highest percentage of battle deaths of any brigade in the Federal armies.

## WEB SITE NEWS

After mailing our last newsletter, I tried to update our web site with the newsletter and this year's program information. Unfortunately NBCI had decided they would no longer provide web site hosting. NBCI also neglected to tell those of us who have web sites with them that they were no longer allowing those of us with web sites to update them. After consulting my copy of **Civil War Phrases That Will Get Your Mouth Washed Out With Soap**, I moved the Round Table web site to my

personal web site. It may be viewed at <http://users.erols.com/kennrice/cwrtdc.htm>. Any suggestions for web site content will be welcomed.

## 50 Years Ago

An early newsletter informs us that: "Bruce Catton entertained us at our second meeting with a friendly, informative talk on 'Mr. Lincoln's Army.' We were exceedingly pleased to have our own Bruce Catton as our first speaker. ... Bruce is a likeable, soft-spoken sort-of person. He skipped over the several generals who preceded McClelland, but spent considerable time on 'Little Mac.' The clear-cut criticism he heaped on G. B. Mc's head seemed to be completely satisfactory to those assembled. Probably Bruce's outstanding contribution was his discussion of the Battle of Antietam and the probable effect a smashing Northern victory would have had on the war." This talk was given just after **Mr. Lincoln's Army** was first published.

## 25 Years Ago

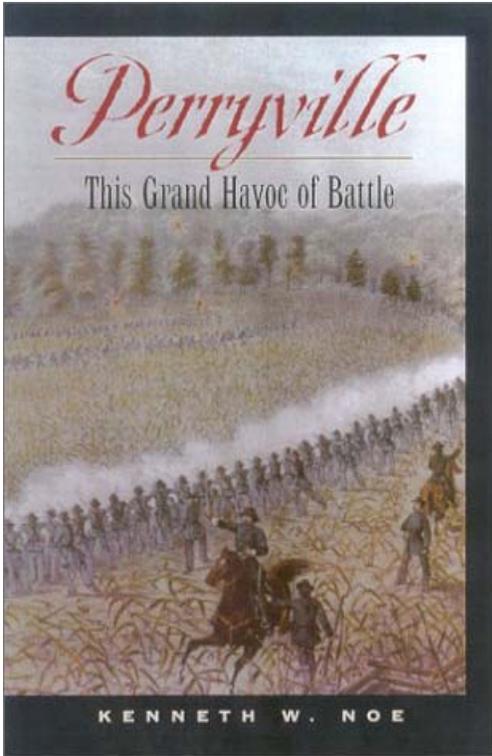
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## Books Needed

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## PERRYVILLE

### This Grand Havoc of Battle

By Kenneth W. Noe

“**T**his engagingly written book, which places Perryville in the war’s broader social and political context, should be the standard on this important military campaign for many years.”—Gary W. Gallagher

“Noe’s well researched, well written Perryville is the best volume on arguably the least understood important battle during the Civil War. No Civil War buff will want to miss it.”—William W. Freehling

“Noe details in stirring prose backed by impressive research, the full dimension of the campaign and the battle that ended in a tactical victory yet could not win Kentucky for the South. In surely the most detailed and exhaustive study to date, Noe has produced in Perryville a work that will stand as the definitive word on a lost opportunity, and a lost dream.”—William C. Davis

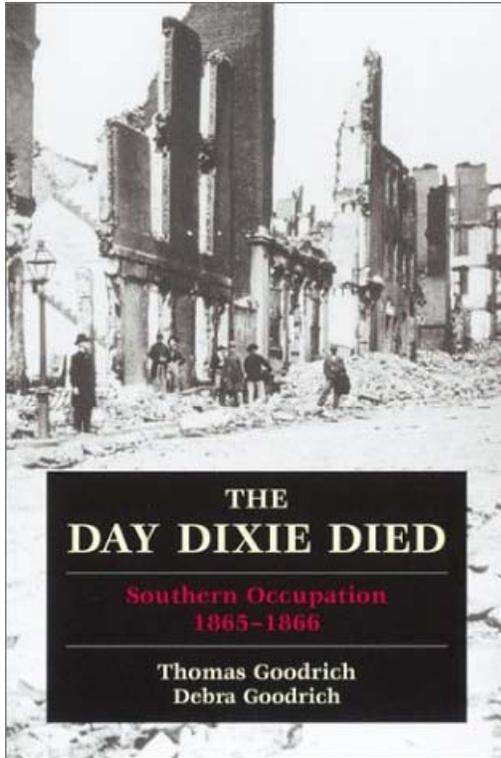
“Noe has masterfully written a book that will instantly be recognized as one of the

outstanding campaign and battle histories of the Civil War. ... The definitive volume on the history of the invasion of Kentucky and the Battle of Perryville.” —Kent Masterson Brown

On October 8, 1862, Union and Confederate forces clashed near Perryville, Kentucky, in what would be the largest battle ever fought on Kentucky soil. The climax of a campaign that began two months before in northern Mississippi, Perryville came to be recognized as the high water mark of the western Confederacy. Some said the hard-fought battle, forever remembered by participants for its sheer savagery and for their commanders’ confusion, was the worst battle of the war, losing the last chance to bring the Commonwealth into the Confederacy and leaving Kentucky firmly under Federal control. Although Gen. Braxton Bragg’s Confederates won the day, Bragg soon retreated in the face of Gen. Don Carlos Buell’s overwhelming numbers.

**Perryville: This Grand Havoc of Battle** is the definitive account of this important conflict. Kenneth Noe details the events leading up to Bragg’s Kentucky Campaign, places the battle squarely in the political and social context of Kentucky’s Civil War, paints the battle in great detail, and follows the armies back to Tennessee. Based on new research, including dozens of collections never before used in understanding Perryville’s significance, the book offers the most accurate and detailed depiction of what happened that fateful October day. While providing all the parry and thrust one might expect from an excellent battle narrative, the book also reflects the new trends in Civil War history in its concern for ordinary soldiers and civilians caught in the slaughterhouse. The last chapter, unique among Civil War battle narratives, even discusses the battle’s veterans, their families, efforts to preserve the battlefield, and the many ways Americans have remembered and commemorated Perryville.

This review is from the University Press of Kentucky web site. A link to their web site is provided on our web site.



**THE DAY DIXIE DIED**  
**SOUTHERN OCCUPATION 1865-1866**  
 By Thomas and Debra Goodrich

**T**om and Deb Goodrich spoke to our Round Table in May 2000 about the Civil War in the West. They recently published their latest book, **The Day Dixie Died, Southern Occupation 1865-1866**. The following description is from the book jacket.

As the North celebrated the end of the Civil War with unparalleled jubilation, the people of the South, particularly of recently fallen Richmond, mourned. The South was about to enter a period of extreme turmoil - reconstruction. The Union, though preserved, would not easily be healed.

Abraham Lincoln, with wisdom and compassion, saw that the South needed to be treated with respect. Despite the calls for cruel and crushing vengeance that rang forth from the halls of Congress, the President held firm to his beliefs: "With malice toward none; with charity

for all ... let us strive to bind up the nation's wounds ... to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace."

But this policy of reconciliation came to a tragic end with Lincoln's assassination. Had Lincoln lived, perhaps the South would have fared better in the years ahead, but with his murder, not only had the Southern people lost an invaluable ally, but they had also earned the wrath of those who now were responsible for their fates.

Thomas and Debra Goodrich explore this tumultuous period of antebellum history in **The Day Dixie Died**. The narrative's "you-are-there" approach engages the reader with stories of real people and their experiences. Starting with Lincoln's assassination and continuing up through the harsh realities of occupation through the summer of 1866, the authors trace the history of reconstruction in the south - the death, destruction, crime, starvation, exile, and anarchy that pervaded those grim years.

Veteran Civil War author Thomas Goodrich and his wife, Debra, a freelance journalist, divide their time between their native states of Kansas and Virginia, and speak throughout the country while researching new projects. Thomas Goodrich is also author of **Scalp Dance: Indian Warfare on the High Plains, 1865-1879**, **War to the Knife: Bleeding Kansas, 1854-1861**, and co-author of **Bloody Bill Anderson: The Short, Savage Life of a Civil War Guerrilla**

Autographed copies of this book are available from the authors for \$27.00, which includes shipping. Their address is:

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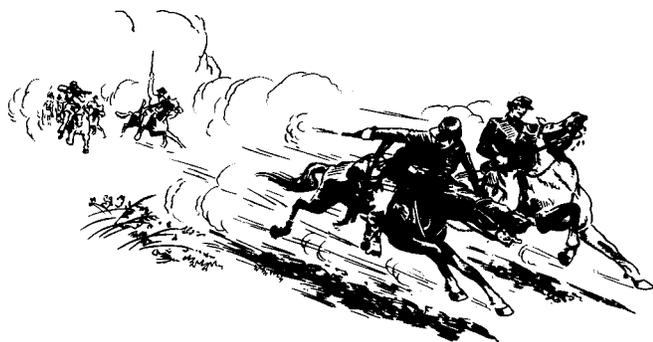
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## *News Letter*

November 2001  
Volume 51, Number 3

### AN ALLEGORY

**T**his month Kitty Weaver offers an allegorical interpretation of our letterhead.

She sees the two horsemen in the foreground as a study of opposites. One is hell-bent to get out of there, the other reining in hard, pulling back. The distant riders represent the Confederates, who are pressing on with this war in the rear, while the two riders in front represent a divided Union, some charging on to victory at all costs, with the Peace Democrats (Copperheads), who wanted to stop the war, holding back.

### OUR SPEAKER

**E**rnest B. Furgurson is an author and reporter. He is the former chief of the Baltimore Sun's Washington Bureau. He has written books on the Civil War, including **Ashes of Glory: Richmond at War, Chancellorsville, 1863: the Souls of the Brave** and two biographies: **Westmoreland: The Inevitable General** and **Hard Right: The Rise of Jesse Helms**.

Biography from the Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill web site, <http://www.lib.unc.edu>.

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**Place:** Officer's Club

Fort Lesley J. McNair

Washington, DC

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Chicken Scaloppini  
Desert of the Day  
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Topic: The Battle of Cold Harbor.

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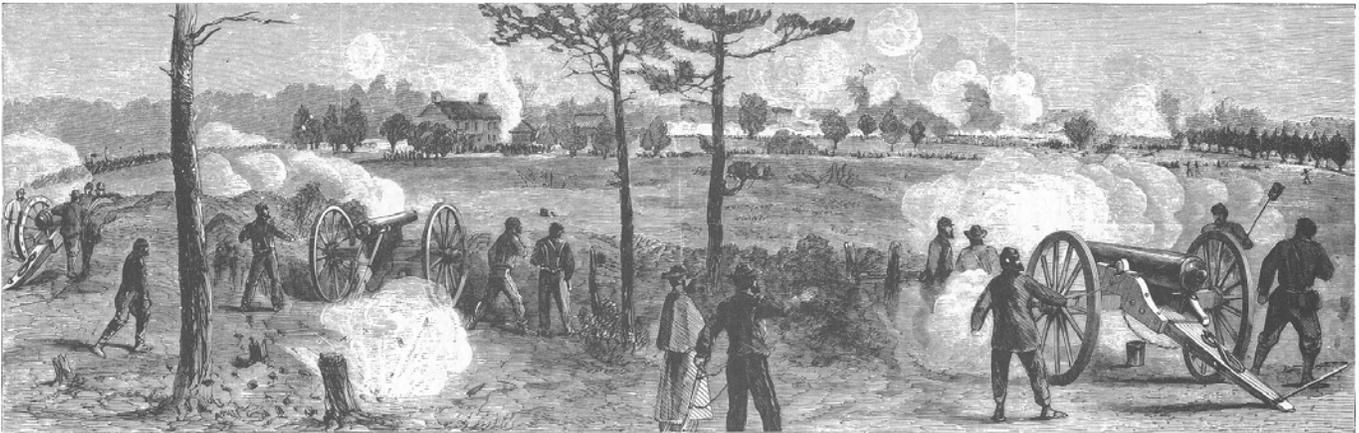
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Battle of Cold Harbor from **Harper's Pictorial History of the Civil War**

### **Battle of Cold Harbor**

**O**n the morning of Friday, June 3, 1864, Generals Ulysses S. Grant and George G. Meade brought their overland campaign against Richmond to its climax in an all-out assault on Robert E. Lee's entrenched Rebels at Cold Harbor, less than ten miles outside the Confederate capital. The result was outright slaughter - Grant's worst defeat, and Lee's last great victory. Though Grant tried afterward to forget the battle, and historians have often misunderstood its importance, Cold Harbor remains what Bruce Catton called "one of the hard and terrible names of the Civil War, perhaps the most terrible one of all."

Ernest Furgurson tells the harrowing story of this pivotal conflict. His talk is rich in detail and revealing anecdotes, such as the Yankee and Rebel soldiers who, slipping between the lines after dark to rescue the wounded, find themselves in the same hole and negotiate a private truce. He also explores the minds of both privates and commanders, showing how friction between the overconfident Grant and the irascible Meade proved disastrous; how Lee, with fewer than half as many troops as Meade, repeatedly outmaneuvered Union forces; and how Northern election-year politics influenced Grant's strategy, pressing him to try to win the war with one final head-on attack.

Excerpted from Civil War Books News web site.  
<http://www.cw-book-news.com/>

### **50 Years Ago**

**A**t the November, 1951, meeting of this Round Table, Colonel Willard Webb's presentation was "A.P. Hill - Combat Soldier." The complete story of this gallant soldier was presented in detail, and a full account of his death in action. Colonel Willard Webb was a commander of an armored battalion in two major campaigns, for two years a member of the War Department General Staff, and departmental chief at the Library of Congress.

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Answers next month.

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### **BREAKING THE BACKBONE OF THE REBELLION: THE FINAL BATTLES OF THE PETERSBURG CAMPAIGN**

A. Wilson Greene will review the armies, strategies, and context of the final week at Petersburg and provide an overview of the half-dozen pivotal battles that occurred between March 25 and April 2, 1865. These engagements determined the fate of Richmond and Petersburg and led to the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia a week later. He will have copies of his book of the same title.

Mr. Greene is a native of Chicago and holds a bachelors degree in history from Florida State University and a masters degree in history from Louisiana State University. For 16 years he served in the National Park Service as a historian and manager before becoming the first president and

CEO of the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites, now the Civil War Preservation Trust, in 1990. Since 1995 he has been the Executive Director of Pamplin Historical Park & The National Museum of the Civil War Soldier.

Mr. Greene is the author of six books and more than twenty articles on Civil War and Southern history. He is, along with Ed Bearss, the Civil War study leader for Smithsonian Travel Associates and frequently addresses historical conferences and Civil War Round Tables across the country. His latest book is **Breaking the Backbone of the Rebellion: The Final Battles of the Petersburg Campaign**. He is now at work on a history and guide of the Petersburg Campaign.

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**Place:** Officer's Club  
Fort Lesley J. McNair  
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Double Breast of Chicken  
Desert of the Day  
8:00 pm Speaker: Mr. A. Wilson Greene  
Topic: The Last Week at Petersburg

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### 50 Years Ago

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### 25 Years Ago

On December 13, 1976, Colonel Joseph B. Mitchell spoke about the strategies used by Generals Sherman and Johnston in the 1864 campaign from Chattanooga to Atlanta. The December 1976 newsletter informed the membership that recently increased drink prices at the bar were because of complaints received of weak drinks, which prompted the Officer's Club to increase the alcoholic content by half and up the price accordingly. That newsletter also announced a dinner price increase from \$6.00 to \$6.50.

### A Limerick

There was a rebel named Chuck,  
Whose rifle had quite a buck.  
As the yanks drew near,  
It soon became clear,  
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### Correction

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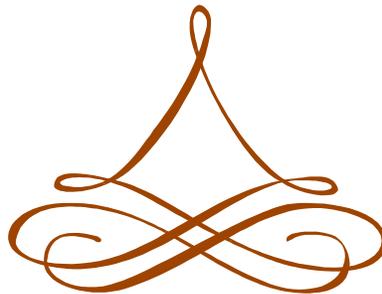
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Solution to last month's word search puzzle.



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## *News Letter*

January 2002  
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### THE LIFE AND TIMES OF GEORGE HENRY SHARPE

George Henry Sharpe served the Union cause proudly and rendered exemplary combat service during the Civil War. He deserves to be recognized as an American intelligence pioneer. As a young lawyer-colonel, Sharpe became head of the Army of the Potomac's Bureau of Military Information. Under his leadership, this unit became a comprehensive "all source" intelligence operation, many years ahead of its time. One scholar regards Sharpe's achievement as "rank[ing] alongside the war's well-known innovations, such as the control of distant armies by telegraph and the development of ironclad ships."

Sharpe has been sadly neglected by historians and his accomplishments are mostly forgotten. In our program this month, John Woodward will discuss the life and times of Colonel Sharpe (who by war's end would be a Brevet Major General of Volunteers), focusing on his combat service as commander of the 120th New York State Volunteers, a regiment he raised, and Sharpe's subsequent intelligence work as the Army of the Potomac's intelligence chief. John will also discuss Sharpe's post civil War experiences including his work on the Lincoln assassination investigation and his prominent career in New York politics, which was assisted by friendships forged in war.

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**January's Speaker**

**J**ohn D. Woodward, Jr., an attorney, is a senior policy analyst at RAND, a public policy research organization, where he works on national security, intelligence, and technology policy issues. Prior to joining RAND full-time in 2000, John served as an Operations Officer for the Central Intelligence Agency for twelve years. His overseas assignments included tours in East Asia and East Africa. He worked on various classified activities related to collecting intelligence information on political, economic, counterterrorism and regional security issues.

John is a newcomer to the Civil War Round Table of D.C., having joined in 1999. John's wife, Shirley, is also a member. John's areas of Civil War interest include intelligence operations, the Battle of Gettysburg and the Lincoln assassination. He originally became interested in Colonel Sharpe after listening to Ed Bearss describe Sharpe's accomplishments. When Ed noted that there was no Sharpe biography, John became determined to learn more about him. At John's current rate of research and writing, the manuscript will be ready in another forty years.



Colonel George Henry Sharpe  
Bealton, Virginia, August 1863.

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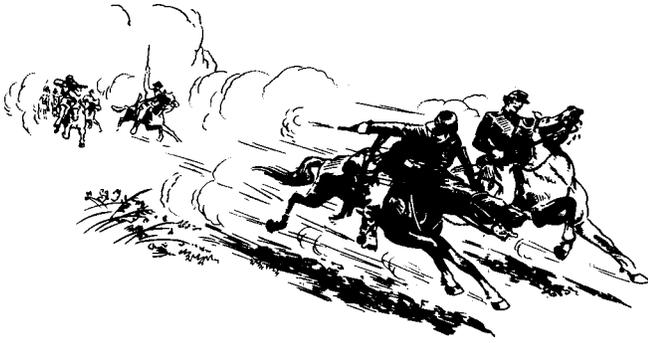
On January 11, 1977, Dr. Richard W. Lykes described Wade Hampton's Cattle Raid, a remarkable but little known event of the last year of the War. In September of 1864 Hampton led a force of less than 4,000 men around the Union Army of about 60,000 besieging Petersburg. His objective was to capture the cattle located at City Point (now Hopewell), the main Union supply depot. In a raid lasting four days he accomplished the mission with complete success. It was one of the outstanding cavalry operations of the Civil War. This was the fourth time Dr Lykes had spoken to the Round Table.

### Randolph F. Caldwell

Randolph F. Caldwell, 80, who retired as a special trial judge with the U.S. Tax Court, died Dec. 16 at Inova Alexandria Hospital after a fall. He had multiple myeloma. Judge Caldwell began his career with the Tax Court in 1954, when he became assistant reporter of decisions. He was attorney adviser to Judge Allin H. Pierce from 1959 to 1966, then assistant clerk, clerk of the court, commissioner and, in 1980, special trial judge. He retired in 1985. Judge Caldwell, a resident of Alexandria, was born in Nashville and graduated from Vanderbilt University. He received his law degree at George Washington University Law School and worked in the Law Library of Congress while attending law school. He was a lector at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Alexandria, a member of the Civil War Round Table and a participant in a National Archives project to compile records of African American soldiers in the Civil War. He was a volunteer at the information desk of the National Portrait Gallery and the Renwick Gallery, a gardener and a volunteer with Green Spring Farm Park. Survivors include his wife, Jean Dent Caldwell of Alexandria; a daughter, Anne J. Christoffel of Arlington; a brother; and a grandson.



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## *News Letter*

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### MICHAEL W. KAUFFMAN SPEAKS ABOUT THE LINCOLN CONSPIRACY

Michael W. Kauffman has long been recognized as a leading authority on the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. He is the author of numerous articles on the subject, and his work has appeared in **Civil War Times Illustrated**, **The Lincoln Herald**, **Blue and Gray**, **American Heritage** as well as many leading newspapers throughout the U.S.

Through a series of computer databases, Kauffman has analyzed all of the official papers collected for the conspiracy trial in 1865, and has brought to light many interesting discoveries hidden in those records.

His work has been the subject of articles in **The Baltimore Sun**, **The Washington Post**, and **Civil War** magazine, among others. He has appeared on A & E, The History Channel, The Learning Channel, and C-SPAN, and testified as an expert witness in the Booth Exhumation hearings in Baltimore (1995).

His publications also include (as editor) **Memoirs of a Lincoln Conspirator**, by Samuel B. Arnold, and **Death of Lincoln**, by Clara Laughlin. He is the author of a chapter in **The Day Lincoln Was Shot**, by Richard Bak, and of two chapters in a forthcoming book to be published by the University of Illinois Press.

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## Some Notes from the President

Our February speaker is Michael Kauffman, a well-respected expert on the Lincoln assassination. Don't miss the February meeting if you can avoid it.

This year, I have sought to present speakers on the general topic of the 1864-65 campaigns of the Civil War. Last fall, we marched with the Iron Brigade from the Wilderness, encountered the terrible events of Cold Harbor, and experienced the Last Week at Petersburg. We will continue the review of 1864-65 during our February to May meetings. Ed Bearss will do his inevitably fine job with the "Surrenders Beyond Appomattox." After being informed about these events of 1865, we will reverse our attention to the Atlanta Campaign, with two speakers on that topic. When I conceived this general theme, I really hoped to find someone to

give a strategic overview of the Tennessee campaign that culminated in the Battles of Franklin and Nashville, but that objective was not attainable. We will have some discussion about these events in Tennessee from the memoirs of a participant, so this important but ignored campaign will not be completely overlooked.

Elections are coming up. A slate of nominees will be offered at the April meeting and the election will be held in May. If you are interested in serving on the Board or as an officer of this Roundtable, let one of the officers or myself know. Nominations may also be offered from the floor at the April meeting. You might consider one opportunity. Unlike some comments about our federal government, this Roundtable has a very important role for the Vice-President. Each year, the Vice-President arranges the speakers for the following year and then ascends to the position of President to oversee those programs. If you really want to make an impact, the Vice-President's role is perhaps the most critical. Rivers Hanson, our current Vice-President, has already arranged what should be a very exiting schedule for next fall.

One of the joys of my position is hearing from members. Feel free to call me (202-371-7135) with comments, criticisms or whatever.

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## Upcoming Speakers

**M**arch 12th – ED BEARSS will discuss the “Surrenders After Appomattox.” This continues our coverage of the 1964-65 era of the Civil War. A note – We have had a request from another roundtable for someone to tape Ed’s presentation. If anyone will be making a tape, or is willing to make a tape, please contact Jim Hurdle (202-371-7135) about providing copies.

April 9th (the date of one rather important meeting of the War) – CHARLES BROWN, a former Attorney General of the State of West Virginia, will speak on the topic of “The Sherman Brigade Marches South: The Civil War Memoirs of Col. Robert Carson Brown.”

May 14th – RICHARD McMURRY will present a more strategic view of Sherman’s Atlanta Campaign, along with some opinions about who should have been in charge down there. Mr. McMurry is the well-known author of **Atlanta 1864: Last Chance for the Confederacy**.

## A Request For Help

**I** am a well-established Canadian author currently researching a book on Canadian involvement in the U.S. Civil War. I am hoping that you and/or your group might have some useful information for me on a family of four brothers from Canada who fought in the war.

When the war broke out, Newton Wolverton - son of Enos Wolverton from southwestern Ontario - was working as a teamster in Washington and signed up to fight for the Union. He also had three brothers - who, at the time, I believe were attending school in Cleveland. Newton was then about 16 years old, his brother Alonzo, 22, Alfred, 21, and Jasper, 17. All four entered the war, but I do not know if Newton's brothers signed up in Cleveland or in Washington, where I believe Newton signed up on July 20, 1861. I don't know which

regiment he belonged to or where he fought or how long he fought, etc.

At one point in the war, Newton presented what has been described as a "peace petition from a committee of Canadians" to President Lincoln regarding the Trent Affair. Lincoln is reputed to have said to him, "Mr. Wolverton, I want you to go back to your boys and tell them that ... as long as Abraham Lincoln is President, the United States of America will not declare war on Great Britain." I have no more information about this event however. I don't know who exactly sent the petition or how a young Canadian lad would get direct access to President Lincoln to present it. I'm hoping that somebody in your roundtable might know something about it.

In addition, while I have considerable post-war information about Newton - he returned to Canada and became a prominent theologian and educator (a Baptist minister, principal of Woodstock College and father of manual education in Ontario) - I have no information at all about this three brothers - which regiments did they belong to, did they survive the war, did they stay in the U.S. or come back to Canada, etc.

In any event, if you could pass this note along at your next roundtable on the chance that some of your members may have information - or have access to it - it would be much appreciated.

I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours truly,

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## Ambrose Bierce Live! On Tour

In 1913, at the age of 71, America's most famous warrior-satirist, the legendary Ambrose Bierce, mysteriously vanished into the dusty battles of the Mexican Revolution on a quest for truth. No one has ever found proof of his death. Now he's back, with astonishing tales to tell. Come hear them, while you have the chance.

Commemorating the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Shiloh, this show is a rendition of Bierce's Civil War tales, adapted and performed by noted actor Timothy Patrick Miller. This magical reality Chautauqua will feature a special performance of Bierce's masterpiece, **What I Saw of Shiloh**, in what the head of the Civil War Institute in Gettysburg, Gabor Boretz, called "a magnificent show and a marvelous performance". Sponsored by the Major Charles Izard Maceuen and Old Baldy Civil War Round Tables to benefit Civil War battlefield preservation, performances are at 7:30 P.M. on both Friday, April 5, and Saturday, April 6, at the Union League, 140 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The \$35 ticket price includes a complimentary CD of Miller reading

Bierce's tales, as well as light refreshments at intermission. {A cash bar will be available.} Reasonably priced parking and lodging are both available at the Union League. Dress wear is requested, as is the custom of the Union League; either period clothing or uniform {Federal or Confederate} would be appropriate. For details and ticket information, please visit the web page at [www.civilwarlibrary.com/bierce](http://www.civilwarlibrary.com/bierce) or call Jim Mundy at (215) 587-5592.

This recreation of Ambrose Bierce will be performed by Timothy Patrick Miller, an award-winning voice actor, story teller, and critically-acclaimed creator and performer of one-person shows. Some recent reviews of Mr. Miller's performances include:

"Miller is to Bierce as Holbrook was to Twain." Michael Lee, **Cape Cod Voice**.

"If you are interested in the Civil War... [this] show is not to be missed. Miller's ability to make us believe he actually is Bierce is simply uncanny." Rebecca Alvin, **Cape Codder**.

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## A Short Biography Of Ambrose Bierce

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Following the war, he moved to San Francisco and began a career as a journalist; he wrote many books and stories, often with a macabre theme. His famous **Devil's Dictionary** justified his nickname of 'Bitter Bierce', but his Civil War remembrances showed the depth of the physical and emotional scars he carried to his grave.

## Committee Appointments

**A**t the January 30, 2002, meeting of the Officers and Board of Governors, the following committees were appointed:

Dinner Committee:

Ben Kirkconnell (Chair).

Field Trip Committee:

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Membership Committee:

Ken Rice (Chair).

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Jim Hurdle (Chair)

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Desert of the Day

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**MR. EDWIN COLE BEARSS**

**E**dwin Cole Bearss was born in Billings, Montana, on June 26, 1923. He joined the Marine Corps immediately after high school. During World War II, he was with the 3rd Marine Raider Battalion and 1st Marine Division in the invasion of Guadalcanal and New Britain.

He studied at Georgetown University where he earned a B.S. degree in Foreign Service in 1949. He worked for 3 years in the Navy Hydrographic Office in Suitland, Maryland. Later, at Indiana University he received his M.A. in history.

Ed's National Park Service career began in 1955 at Vicksburg, Mississippi, where he was Park Historian. While he was there he did the research leading him and two friends to the long lost resting place of the Union gunboat *Cairo*.

In 1966, Ed was transferred to Washington, DC. He was the Service's Chief Historian from November 1981 until July 1994. He served as the Director's Special Assistant for Military Sites until his retirement on October 1, 1995. Since his retirement, Ed has continued his 50-year association with our nation's military history.

Ed is the author of numerous books on the Civil War, including a three-volume study of the

Vicksburg campaign and the editor of five other books. He has also contributed to two other Civil War books.

**50 Years Ago**

**T**he March 18, 1952, meeting of the Round Table featured one of our members, Paul H. Gore-Booth, as the speaker. Mr. Gore-Booth spoke about the impact of the Civil War as it was viewed by contemporary British observers. The following described his talk.

Both the North and South alike counted on the sympathy of certain segments of the British population, and both exerted considerable effort to further their positions in the opinion of that country. Mr. Gore-Booth, who is chief of the British Information Service in the United States and a long-time student of the Civil War, has done considerable research on this topic and can speak with authority. It should be a stimulating and refreshing experience for all of us to view the war from this new perspective.

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by Warren Wilkinson and Steven Woodworth

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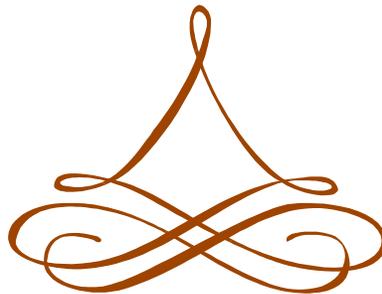
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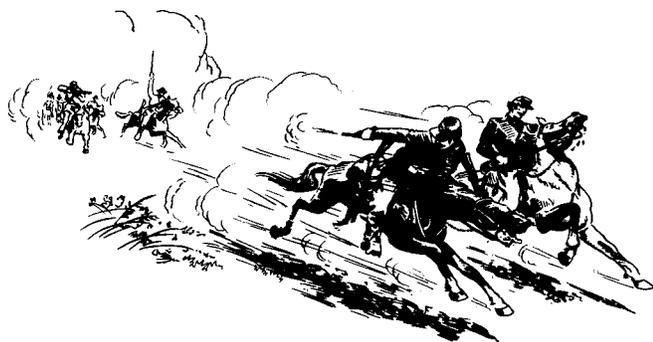
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## THE SHERMAN BRIGADE MARCHES SOUTH

Charles G. Brown will be speaking to the Round Table this month about his book, **The Sherman Brigade Marches South: The Civil War Memoirs of Robert Carson Brown.**

Mr. Brown, former Attorney General of West Virginia and former Chair of the Antitrust Committee of the National Association of Attorneys General, practices law with the Washington, DC, law firm of Swankin & Turner. Specializing in the representation of organizations and individuals challenging the economic status quo in dentistry and medicine, his work encompasses antitrust and consumer protection law, administrative law, and state

government relations. Mr. Brown's current major project is representing Consumers for Dental Choice, a national coalition fighting for consumer awareness of the risks of mercury-based dental fillings and a level playing field for mercury-free dentists.

He graduated from Denison University and from Yale Law School. Before becoming a lawyer, he was a civil rights worker in Mississippi and a teacher at a state prison.

He directs the Victims Rights Political Action Committee. He is also the author of **First Get Mad, then Get Justice: The Handbook for Crime Victims.**

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April 12, 1977, was designated a Ladies Night, the members being encouraged to "bring any lady or ladies of your choice and enjoy a program which will appeal especially to their tastes." The program that evening was "Music of the Civil War Period," presented by Richard Bales, a member and past president of the Round Table, and music Director of the National Gallery of Art and conductor of that Gallery's orchestra.

**Nominations Needed**

We will be nominating candidates for all of the Round Table's offices next meeting. Please consider volunteering to fill one of these vital positions.



**Lt. Colonel Robert Carson Brown**

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In his book, **Atlanta 1864 - Great Campaigns of the Civil War**, Richard McMurry writes an interesting account covering the 1864 military and political events in North Georgia stating, "Gettysburg had brought no alteration in the relative strength or position of the opposing armies or in the course of the war," noting that Union successes at Gettysburg, Vicksburg and Chattanooga boosted Northern morale and assured that southerners couldn't

gain a military victory and secure Federal recognition of Confederate independence. He also provides a solid overview of the operations before Atlanta, while also describing the significant political, economic and social ramifications of the campaign that "made ultimate Federal victory, the abolition of slavery, and the end of the old nation order inevitable."

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## Election of Officers for 2002-2003

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Immediate Past President:	Jim Hurdle
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## 50 Years Ago

The May 20, 1952, meeting of the Round Table featured Stanley Horn, author of **The Army of Tennessee**, as the speaker. Mr. Horn spoke about one of the battles of that army, but the newsletter does not mention which battle.

## 25 Years Ago

Dr. Harry Pfanz spoke to the Round Table on May 10, 1977, about the first day at Gettysburg. Dr. Pfanz was the National Park Service's Chief Historian. The newsletter also noted that a pair of ladies' white gloves had been left at the April meeting, which was a "ladies' night."

There was also a meeting of the Round table on June 10, 1977. The subject was "General Henry W. Halleck: Whipping Boy of the Civil War" presented by Elden E. "Josh" Billings.

## SHERMAN'S MARCH TO THE SEA

by Major S.H.M. Byers

Our camp-fires shone bright on the mountains  
That frowned on the river below,  
While we stood by our guns in the morning  
And eagerly watched for the foe;  
When a rider came out from the darkness  
That hung over mountain and tree,  
And shouted: "Boys, up and be ready!  
For Sherman will march to the sea."

Then cheer upon cheer for bold Sherman  
Went up from each valley and glen,  
And the bugles re-echoed the music  
That came from the lips of the men;  
For we knew that the stars in our banner  
More bright in their splendor would be,  
And that blessings from Northland would greet us  
When Sherman marched down to the sea.

Then forward, boys! forward to battle!  
We marched on our perilous way;  
And we stormed the wild hills of Resaca—  
God bless those who fell on that day!  
Then Kenesaw, dark in its glory,  
Frowned down on the flag of the free,  
But the East and the West bore our standards  
And Sherman marched on to the sea.

Still onward we pressed, till our banners  
Swept out from Atlanta's grim walls,  
And the blood of the patriot dampened  
The soil where the traitor flag falls.  
But we paused not to weep for the fallen,  
We slept by each river and tree,  
But we twined them a wreath of the laurel,  
And Sherman marched down to the sea.

Oh, proud was our army that morning,  
That stood where the pine darkly towers,  
When Sherman said, "Boys, you are weary,  
But to-day fair Savannah is ours."  
Then sang we a song for our chieftain,  
That echoed o'er river and lea,  
And the stars in our banner shown brighter  
When Sherman marched down to the sea.

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## A Request For Civil War Research Assistance



John Brown Gordon at the Bloody Lane

Saturday, March 30, 2002

Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is Joshua Weinberg and I am a 23 year old artist and illustrator living in Las Vegas, Nevada. I was born and raised in Michigan, spending my first seventeen years there. Due to a very fortunate series of events, in high school, I was privileged enough to take an American History class taught by a man whose specialty was the American Civil War. It is because of this teacher that a fascination in the War Between the States was sparked with me.

Over the past six years, I have immersed myself in studying those tragic and intriguing four years of American History. This interest has even led me to wish to become a high school American History teacher myself. I have studied biographies of various Union and Confederate generals, I have traveled to and walked the hallowed ground at Gettysburg, the bloodied ground of Sharpsburg, etc. I have decided that in my own way I would like to honor the Americans who fought and died, on both sides of the conflict. I have chosen to take on a project which, if successful, will make that generation of honorable Americans very proud.

The project that I am proposing to do, is this: I would like to create a series of illustrated stories about individuals, regiments, etc. who fought for both the United States and Confederate armies. Instead of simply using names and dates and other factual information that has been repeated in history books for the past one hundred and thirty-seven years, I wish to personalize the War by using anecdotal material that might not be known to the general public. Yes, I will mention and probably show the likes of Robert E. Lee, Thomas J. Jackson, Ulysses S. Grant and George Meade, but I will focus on the common soldier. It is true that I am a Northerner by birth, but I have cultivated an appreciation for the South. Here is what I am requesting your assistance with. I am enclosing a questionnaire which I would greatly appreciate if you could fill out about your own ancestors who fought in the War.

I thank you for your time and I hope that you can see my enthusiasm for this project. I am very hopeful that this will be a very worthwhile undertaking for all involved. I look forward to receiving your completed questionnaires soon. Please send them to:

Joshua Weinberg  
7465 Oatman Lane  
Las Vegas, NV 89120

(702) 263-8094

E-mail: Joshua\_Weinberg1@yahoo.com

### Questionnaire

1. Your ancestor's name (or names if there are more than one).
2. Your ancestor's birthplace (village or city and state).
3. Your ancestor's education level and occupation.
4. Your ancestor's rank in the Army in which they served (please include dates of promotion).
5. Your ancestor's branch of service in the War.
6. The date your ancestor enlisted and place of enlistment.
7. Your ancestor's marital status when the War began.
8. Please list the battles your ancestor fought in, and if they were wounded, please indicate the nature of the wound.
9. Please write down any anecdotes or stories that have been passed down to you about your Civil War ancestor. Any and all information provided will be treated with the utmost dignity. (Feel free to use as much space as your narrative requires).
10. Did your ancestor write letters home to his/her relatives? Would you be willing to provide copies of the letters so the stories I plan to illustrate can be more accurate? The letters would be most helpful with the language of the time and to give insight to your ancestor's personality.
11. Did your ancestor survive the War? Please provide information about their post-war years and the date and places where they passed away.
12. When your ancestor's story is chosen, would you be able to provide any photographs of them?

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