

# THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



## *News Letter*

September 2003  
Volume 53, Number 1

### **Chief Justice Frank Williams to Speak at September Meeting**

**T**he Hon. Frank J. Williams, the Chief Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court and renowned Lincoln scholar, will be the featured speaker at the September meeting of the Civil War Round Table. Chief Justice Williams will address the controversial topic, "Abraham Lincoln and George Gordon Meade After Gettysburg: A Study in Command."

Chief Justice Williams recently authored the critically acclaimed **Judging Lincoln**. As one reviewer noted, "For Judge Williams, Lincoln remains the central figure of the American experience past, present, and future. With this collection, he boldly reassesses

Lincoln's legacy as we enter the twenty-first century." He is the author or editor of eleven books, and an avid collector of Lincoln memorabilia.

Chief Justice Williams has had a long and exemplary career of public service. He became Chief Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court in 2001. Prior to his current appointment, he served as Associate Justice, Superior Court of Rhode Island from 1995-2001. He is a U.S Army veteran (1962-1967) whose decorations include the Bronze Star, three Air Medals, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge for service in Vietnam.

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<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, September 9, 2003	<b>Place:</b>	Officer's Club Fort Lesley J. McNair Washington, DC
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## 50 Years Ago

In September 1953, Dr. Charles C. Tansill, a professor of history at Georgetown University, author, and authority on U. S. Diplomatic history and foreign policy, spoke to the Round Table about "Antietam and Its Impact on the Diplomatic Front."

The dinner announcement said the following about the topic: "It was just ninety-one years ago that sounds of the bloody struggle around the Dunker church and the Roulette barns reached to the chancelleries of Europe. Before their last echoes had died away, the South had lost its dramatic bid for foreign intervention. General Longstreet fully realized the fateful consequences of the battle when he said that 'at Sharpsburg was sprung the keystone of the arch upon which the Confederate cause rested.' Antietam has long been recognized as one of the 12 decisive battles in world history, and our speaker is eminently qualified to bring us the complete story of both the political effects at home and the repercussions abroad."

The cost of the dinner at the Army-Navy Club 50 years ago was \$2.70.

## 25 Years Ago

In September 1978, Howard C. Westwood, a long time member, spoke to the Round table about "Arkansas' Powell Clayton: With Knuckles Bared." Powell Clayton was Arkansas' first governor when it was readmitted to the Union in 1868, just as the Ku Klux Klan was moving into the State. Clayton determined that he would put a stop to them. The Federal government turned their backs on him. But stop them he did, with an ill equipped and untrained militia. Our speaker told us what he did and something of what the Federal government did not.

It is noted that 25 years ago the dinner at the Fort McNair Officer's Club cost \$7.

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9. This former Arkansas congressman disappointed General Robert Lee at the Battle of Cheat Mountain. Name him.
10. Name the "Lion of Rich Mountain."

(Answers will appear in next month's newsletter.)

## **The Hoofs and Guns of the Storm: Chicago's Civil War Connections**

**T**he significant effect of the Civil War on American history makes it a subject of endless fascination, constantly open to new interpretations and perspectives. Lake Claremont Press is pleased to introduce their upcoming title, **The Hoofs and Guns of the Storm: Chicago's Civil War Connections**. In this combination history/guidebook, author Arnie Bernstein takes readers on a tour of 19th-century people, places, and events that created the foundation for modern-day Chicago. Things like:

- The role Chicago played in Abraham Lincoln's unlikely bid for the Presidency.
- Mary Todd Lincoln's trials and tribulations after her husband's assassination.
- The hell on earth 6,000 Confederate prisoners went through at Camp Douglas, a P.O.W. prison just south of the city.
- The Sanitary Fair and the women behind the war efforts.
- How Chicago's Union Blue was streaked with hints of Confederate Gray.
- Abolition leaders and the Underground Railroad.
- John Wilkes Booth's acclaimed performances at the McVicker's Theater, and what this vainglorious actor and future assassin had to say about Lincoln in 1863.

The book is scheduled for release in early August, and has already received much acclaim from Civil War enthusiasts and historians, including endorsements from authors Geoffrey C. Ward, Jean H. Baker, and R. Craig Sautter. Former Illinois Senator Paul Simon wrote the book's foreword and states, "This book is a fascinating invitation to visit Civil War sites, not at Gettysburg or Mississippi or Virginia but surprisingly in Chicago!"

"The Hoofs and Guns of the Storm is a lively, intelligent, and comprehensive guide to Civil War and Lincoln sites. Arnie Bernstein's collection is well researched, organized, and

written. The result is a useful guidebook that will help Chicagoans and their many guests appreciate more deeply the Windy City's links to an important era in our national history." – Jean H. Baker, author of *Mary Todd Lincoln: A Biography*

"Expertly researched, crisply, even poetically written, Arnie Bernstein's literary tour of Civil War Chicago is historically enlightening and lots of fun for those who seek to rediscover the footsteps of our past in the geography of our present." –R. Craig Sautter, co-author of *Inside the Wigwam: Chicago's Presidential Conventions 1860-1996*

## **"Maryland in the Confederacy" T-shirt**

**T**he 1st Maryland Artillery CSA unit is currently selling a "Maryland in the Confederacy" t-shirt for a unit fundraiser and will soon have a "Maryland in the Union" t-shirt which is similar to the CSA shirt except the print is in blue and will have the Union Maryland units listed on the back of it. A picture of the t-shirt may be viewed on the Internet at:

[www.geocities.com/ravens11770/mdtshirts.html](http://www.geocities.com/ravens11770/mdtshirts.html)

For further information, please contact:

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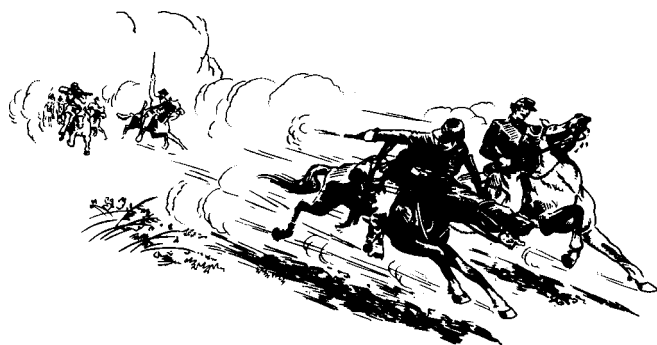
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### **The Brilliant Little Battle of Monocacy**

**K**nown as the "battle that saved Washington, D.C.," the battle of Monocacy took place on July 9, 1864, on the outskirts of Frederick City, Maryland, just 35 miles from the capital city. This battle was the result of the third and final campaign of the south to carry war into the north.

This program discusses the role of the battle and its significance to our nation's history as well as its role in the American Civil War.

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**Robert Seldon Garnett**
2. Name the first Union general officer killed during the Civil War.  
**Nathaniel Lyon**
3. In 1861, what was the county seat of Barbour County, Virginia?  
**Philippi (or Philippia)**
4. Where is the oldest cemetery monument honoring the Confederate war dead?  
**Indian Mound Cemetery, Rodney, WV**
5. Who erected the monument?  
**“The Daughters of Old Hampshire”**
6. A Mexican War veteran, he saw combat with an Ohio Regiment in western Virginia and later received a mortal wound at the Battle of Perryville. His great-grandson served the nation as a member of the executive and judicial branches of government. Name the Civil War hero and the great-grandson.  
**George Penny Webster; William Webster**
7. Her wedding to Brigadier General John Pegram was “the” social occasion of Richmond in the winter of 1864-1865. Name her.  
**Hetty Cary, “widely acclaimed to be ‘the handsomest woman in the Southland’ ”.**
8. Some three weeks later she returned to St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, where she had been married. Why?

**Her husband’s funeral. Pegram was killed by a sharpshooter’s bullet at Hatcher’s Run on February 6, 1865. The Minie ball lodged near his heart, next to a locket he wore that contained Hetty’s picture. Exactly three weeks after his wedding day, John Pegram was returned to St. Paul’s.**

9. This former Arkansas congressman disappointed General Robert Lee at the Battle of Cheat Mountain. Name him.  
**Albert Rust**

10. Name the “Lion of Rich Mountain.”  
**Captain Julius A. DeLangel**

### 50 Years Ago

**I**n October 1953, the Round Table Program featured the Red River Campaign. Colonel Waldo Moore spoke about “The Defense of Shreveport.” Other speakers told about the Red River Dam and the rivalry between Confederate Generals Kirby Smith and Dick Taylor.

The first Round Table field trip was on Saturday, October 24, 1953. It took the form of a visit to the Ball’s Bluff and Monocacy battlefields. Our guide was Dr. Frederick Tilberg of the National Park Service. Approximately 70 members and guests participated in the trip.

### 25 Years Ago

**I**n October 1978, Elden E. “Josh” Billings, a frequent speaker for the Round Table, had for his topic “Following John Wilkes Booth’s Trail – General background of the Lincoln Assassination.” The field trip that October followed the trail of John Wilkes Booth’s flight. Mr. James O. Hall was the tour guide.



## Gloria Swift

**G**loria Swift was born in Washington, D.C. and graduated from Northern Arizona University with a degree in American History. Specializing in military history, especially the Civil War era, Gloria has been an interpretive ranger with the National Park Service, working at such sites as Gettysburg National Military Park and Harper's Ferry National Historical Park.

Her current duty station, Monocacy National Battlefield, is her favorite. She feels that the story of Monocacy and its importance in our nation's history has been overshadowed by other battles far too long and is working to help develop the park and share its important story with visitors. A new visitor center for the battlefield is currently underway and Gloria has been very excited to assist in the development of the new interpretive exhibits.

Gloria received a research grant through the National Park Foundation to locate primary resource documents relating to Monocacy. During that project, she uncovered various new aspects of the battle and the Frederick Junction area as it pertained to the Civil War. She continues to research this subject and recently received a grant to examine archival materials at the Huntington Library in California. Gloria shares her research and new information with the public in her on site and off site interpretive programs as well as published writings.

In addition to her interpretive duties, Gloria serves as curator for Monocacy National Battlefield, working with the park artifact collection.

In working at Monocacy she has developed a special fondness for the Union commander of that battle, Major General Lew Wallace. She feels that his military reputation

has been wrongfully tarnished over the years and works diligently to change that perspective.

Gloria lives in Frederick, Maryland with her husband Mark, their many cats, and one red-bone hound dog named Forest.

## Ed Bearss to Speak to the Rappahannock Valley CWRT

**E**d Bearss, the retired Chief Historian of the National Park Service, will speak to the Rappahannock Valley Civil War Round Table on November 10, 2003. Mr. Bearss will speak on the wounds he received in World War II and compare his medical treatment to that received by wounded Civil War soldiers. Mr. Bearss is widely recognized as the world's leading authority on the American Civil War. The program will be held at Fredericksburg Square, 525 Caroline Street in downtown Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Social time begins at 6:30 with dinner at 7:00 and the program at 7:45. Reservations are necessary and seating is limited to 240. The cost of dinner is \$29. Reservations can be made by sending a check to the Round Table at P.O. Box 7632, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22404. Reservations may also be made by contacting Mac Wyckoff at (540) 786-2470 or by email at mwyckoff@adelphia.net.

## New Members

**A** grand welcome to the following new members this year:

Lt. Col. Richard W. Schieke, Jr.  
 Susan K. Anthony  
 David W. Jones  
 Brian R. McEnany  
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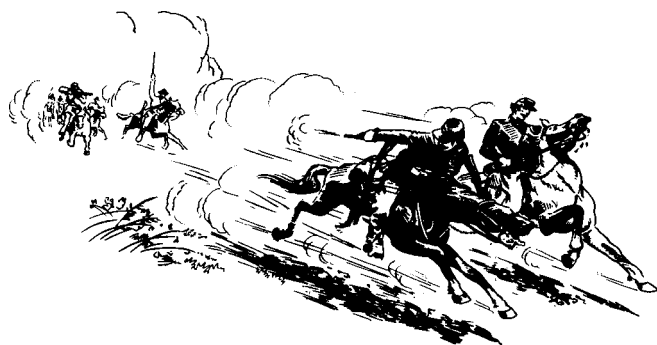
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## **Northerners Who Went With The South, Southerners Who Stayed With The Union**

**D**uring the Civil War, the North and South were not as cleanly divided as the historiography and many enthusiasts of the war would have us believe. A significant number of Southerners stayed with the Union and participated in the war on their side and, conversely, there were many Northerners who actively embraced the Southern cause.

This program presents statistics on the subject and tells the stories of selected individuals on each side who did not follow their section in the war.

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**Douglas B. Stuart**

**D**ouglas B. Stuart was born and raised in Carlisle, PA, which is 30 miles north of Gettysburg. His boyhood home predates the Civil War. Carlisle was shelled and briefly occupied by the Confederates during the Gettysburg campaign.

He graduated from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York in June 1954 and was commissioned in the Field Artillery. His 27 year career in the US Army included assignments in Germany, Vietnam, and at various posts in the Continental United States, including 10 years in Washington, DC. He served as an infantry advisor in combat with the Vietnamese Regional and Popular Forces in the Mekong Delta. His military decorations include the Combat Infantryman's Badge. He retired from the Army in 1981. His postgraduate education includes Masters Degrees from Arizona State University (Operations Research/

Systems Analysis) and Catholic University of America (Accounting).

Following his retirement from the Army, he became a Certified Public Accountant. After serving 3 years with an accounting firm in Washington, DC, he opened his practice in Fort Washington, MD, which he continues to operate.

Doug's interest in the Civil War stems from visits to the Gettysburg battlefield during his youth and his studies on the subject during his military training. His interest was rekindled when he saw the movie "Gettysburg" which placed faces and personalities on the historical characters involved in the battle.

He is married to the former Emma Robbins of Carlisle, PA and is the father of a son and daughter and the grandfather of the smartest and prettiest four year old girl in the world.

**Please note we meet on Wednesday this month.**

**Dinner Reservation Form For Wednesday, November 12, 2003.**

The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, November 5, 2003.  
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Number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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### 50 Years Ago

The guest speaker at the November, 1953, Round Table meeting invited our attention to a study of naval strategy and new armaments developed during the War by the Confederate High Command. Essentially it is the story of one man - Stephen R. Mallory. Significantly, he was the only member of Jefferson Davis' war cabinet to hold his post throughout the conflict. During the four years of the struggle there were six Confederate Secretaries of War, but only one Secretary of the Navy.

Secretary Mallory is credited with originating the plan to build cruisers in foreign ports to destroy Federal merchantmen and thus draw off the blockading vessels from Southern ports. He regarded it as imperative that the enemy's stranglehold on foreign supply lines to the South should be broken. It was in the field of pioneering new methods of warfare that Stephen Mallory achieved his greatest success. He was the first man to put into coordinated action submarines, mines, torpedoes and ironclads.

It was an absorbing tale, this story of the uneducated son of a Yankee sea captain who became the guiding genius in the development of modern weapons of naval warfare.

### 25 Years Ago

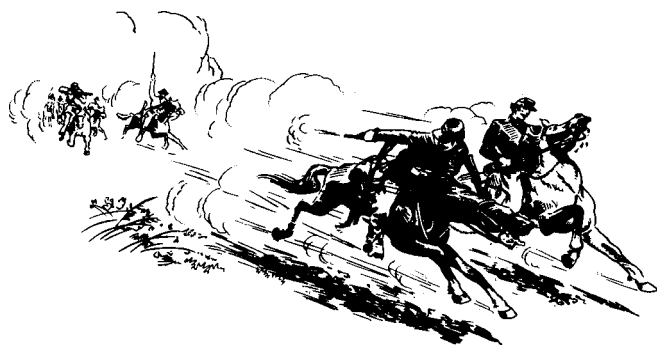
In November 1978, Ed Bearss, discussed briefly the overall plan in the West for 1864 and touched on Sherman's role. Also briefly, he described Sturgis' first expedition against Forrest in April, 1864, and then concentrated on the Brice's Crossroads campaign in June, ending with Sturgis' withdrawal to Memphis. This was Ed's fifth presentation to the Round table.

### New Members

A grand welcome to the following new members this month:

Robert L. Cantrell  
Twyla Jackino  
Rebecca Raines  
Richard T. Reed  
Wally and Susie Weart

# THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



## *News Letter*

December 2003  
Volume 53, Number 4

## Irish Confederates in the Civil War

**J**ames Gannon will speak on the role of the Irish in the Confederate Army. While historians have devoted a great deal of time and many books to the Irish in the Union army, relatively little attention has been paid to the Irish fighting on the side of the South. He had Irish ancestors who came to this country through the port of New Orleans, as did thousands of other Irish after the Potato Famine of the late 1840s. One ancestor became a Confederate soldier, survived the war, and eventually died in the Confederate Soldiers

Home in New Orleans. This sparked his interest in the role of the Irish in the Confederacy and led to him writing **Irish Rebels, Confederate Tigers, A History of the 6th Louisiana Volunteers, 1861-1865**. This regiment fought under Stonewall Jackson, Jubal Early and other generals in Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, from First Manassas to the surrender at Appomattox. He will discuss why the Irish fought on the side of the Confederates, and the importance of their contribution to the Southern Cause.

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### December 2003 Meeting

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, December 9, 2003	<b>Place:</b>	Officer's Club
<b>Price:</b>	\$27.00 per person		Fort Lesley J. McNair
<b>Agenda:</b>	6:00 pm Social Hour:	Cash Bar	Washington, DC
	7:00 pm Dinner:	Salad	
		Pork Chops	(Vegetarian meals are available
		Desert of the Day	upon request in advance.)
	8:00 pm Speaker:	James Gannon	
	Topic:	Irish Confederates in the Civil War	

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## 50 Years Ago

In December 1953, one of the Round table's members, Colonel Robert Selph Henry, spoke about "Bedford Forest and Brice's Cross Roads."

In the December 1953 newsletter, the editor, Bruce Catton, provided the following comments:

"It probably would be an exaggeration to say that the Civil War Round Table idea is sweeping the country, but the thing is growing. The newest chapter to be organized has come into existence at Lexington, Kentucky - a likely spot for a Civil War Round Table, if there ever was one - with Mr. William H. Townsend, a Lexington attorney, as President.

"It is inexact to speak of any of these Round Table groups as a "chapter," since there is not, actually, anything resembling a national organization. There very likely will be one, some day, and there is a good deal of friendly inter-communication between the different clubs, but so far each one is wholly independent. The editor of this news-letter hopes that eventually all of the clubs can be more or less formally tied together, although he has no particular idea as to how this can be or should be done. It's an idea, though."

## 25 Years Ago

Colonel Jacob M. Sheads spoke to the Round Table in December 1978. His topic was "Some Interesting Generals, Blue & Grey, Who Fought in the Battle of Gettysburg." Col. Sheads discussed a dozen or so of the most important and interesting of the approximately 120 generals that fought at Gettysburg on both sides. He illustrated his talk with slides.

## James Gannon

James P. Gannon is a retired newspaper reporter and editor. He spent 33 years in journalism as a writer, columnist and editor. Mr. Gannon reported for The Wall Street Journal for 17 years, in Chicago, Pittsburgh, New York and Washington, D.C.

In Washington, he covered a variety of assignments, including the White House, Congress, national politics and campaigns. For 10 years, Mr. Gannon served as Editor of The Des Moines Register, Iowa's largest daily newspaper, which won three Pulitzer Prizes under his leadership. He also served as the Washington Bureau Chief for The Detroit News and a columnist for Gannett Newspapers.

He is the author of **Irish Rebels, Confederate Tigers: A History of the 6th Louisiana Volunteers, 1861-1865**. This is the history of a Confederate infantry regiment in the Army of Northern Virginia, composed mainly of Irishmen from New Orleans. In his most recent publishing venture, Mr. Gannon served as editor of a new work of black history, recounting the life of a slave woman in Rappahannock County, Virginia.

Mr. Gannon is the father of six children and lives with his wife Joan in Rappahannock County, where he also is a dealer in used and rare books, specializing in military history.

## New Members

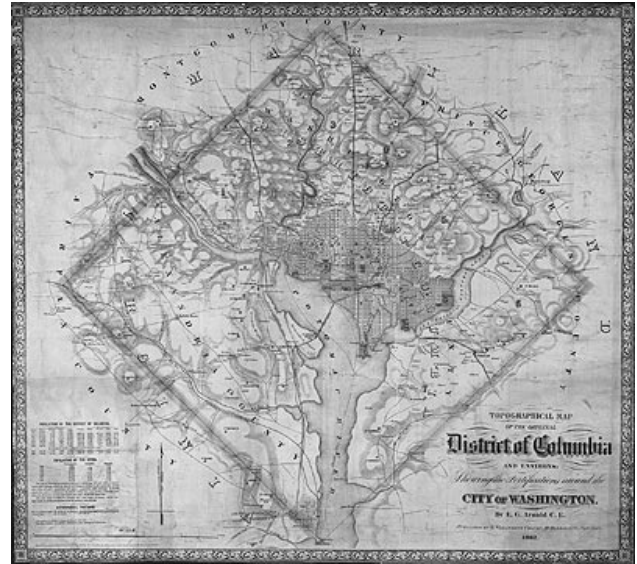
A grand welcome to our newest member, Gail Stephens. Gail, along with Gloria Swift, gave a well received presentation to the Round Table in December 2002 about Major General Lew Wallace and the Battle of Monocacy.

## The Rarest of the Rare!

Visitors to the Alexandria Library have long admired the 1862, **Topographical Map of the Original District of Columbia and Environs: Showing the Fortifications around the City of Washington**, by E. G. Arnold on display in the Library. With its pastel shades highlighting the several wards of Washington DC, water courses, and the original boundary of the District of Columbia including the 30 square miles of Northern Virginia that was ceded back to the Commonwealth in 1846, this map is quite a lovely display piece. The library is excited to announce that they just published a 26" x 28" color reproduction of this map for sale.

They had no idea just how rare this map is. According to the Spring/Summer 2003 (Vol. 15, No. 1) issue of **Washington History**, two days after the map went on sale in various shops in 1862, the War Department confiscated most copies, as well as the copper plate that was used to print the original maps. In addition, the Department obtained the names of purchasers and seized the maps from the homes of private citizens to prevent it from falling into Confederate hands, as the map identifies and locates 51 forts that defended Washington, DC, during the Civil War. The legacy of these forts remains with such local place names as Ft. Totten, a station on Metrorail's Red and Green Lines, the Fort Hunt residential area of Fairfax County, and Alexandria's own Ft. Ward Museum.

The **...Fortifications around the City of Washington** reproduction map is available for that Civil War aficionado, military history buff, antique map collector, or happily ensconced area native, resident, or former resident on your gift list and mail orders received by Friday, December 5 will be postmarked the next week in time for the holidays. The map is also available in Local History/Special Collections for immediate purchase if you want to schedule



framing prior to the holidays. As a special bonus, come in to Special Collections to buy your map (cash or check only) and they'll pay the sales tax. The no-sales-tax offer is not available by mail order.

So stop by to pick up your copy of the map today, or if you prefer, order it by mail. Please call them at 703-838-4577 if you have any questions!

Price: \$20.00.

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**Edwin C. Bearss Award**

The Round Table Board of Governors is pleased to announce the establishment of a \$1000 donation to a Civil War preservation cause to honor Edwin C. Bearss' extensive contributions to Civil War historical research, preservation, and interest. This donation will officially be made at the January 2004 meeting.

The recipient of the donation will be chosen by the Board of Governors and will be based on recommendations from Ed Bearss. Contributions to this award may be made via the dinner reservation form.

**The Last Day of Major John Pelham**

The Brandy Foundation is having a special lecture program on December 7th at 2:00 p.m. in the Graffiti House( Brandy Station). Mr. Donal Tharpe, President of the Liberty Heritage Society will present "The Last Day of Major John Pelham". There is a \$5.00 gratuity charge with all proceeds going to the Brandy Foundation. Please call Jim Flanagan at 540-439-3549 for reservations. They have limited seating and a tour of the Graffiti house will follow lecture. Jim Flanagan is the President of the Fauquier County Civil War Round Table.

**Waters Of Discord**

At the beginning of the Civil War the Federal government imposed a blockade of the southern coast of the Confederate States of America, including the "dark corner of the Confederacy," Texas. Much of the fighting in the Lone Star State took place in the state's coastal counties and the adjoining Gulf of Mexico waters, and nearly all of these engagements were involved in one way or another with the Union blockade of the Texas coast.

**Waters Of Discord: The Union Blockade Of Texas During The Civil War**, by Rodman L. Underwood, examines all major blockade-related land and sea engagements in and near Texas, and many minor ones. It begins with a discussion of the blockade's creation and then concentrates on the successful Confederate efforts to evade the blockade by shipping cotton out of Mexico and receiving materiel and civilian goods through that neutral nation. The author also covers political intrigue and the spy activity with the French who had invaded Mexico.

**Waters Of Discord** has 208 pages and is priced at \$39.95, It may be ordered at [www.mcfarlandpub.com](http://www.mcfarlandpub.com).

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## **The Hoofs and Guns of the Storm: Chicago's Civil War Connections**

Chicago is known as the Windy City. In Arnie Bernstein's **The Hoofs and Guns of the Storm**, we follow the wind through Chicago, starting downtown, then to the North Side, South Side, West Side and Batavia, as Bernstein describes the locations and events that occurred in Chicago around the time of the Civil War.

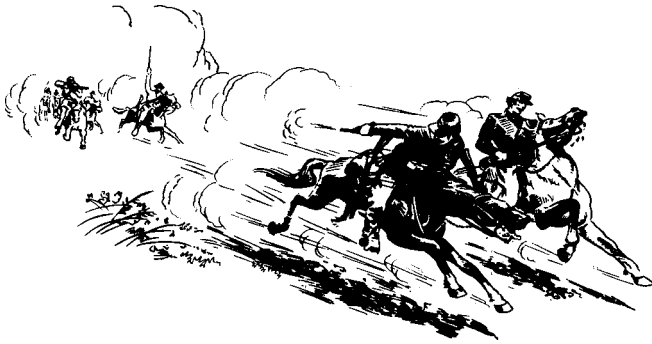
The first part of **The Hoofs and Guns of the Storm** is devoted to Abraham Lincoln's, and his family's, visits and activities in and around Chicago. In describing Lincoln's activities, the author provides a fascinating look at the buildings and sites where Lincoln appeared. For example, the Tremont House (or Hotel) at the southeast corner of Lake and Dearborn Streets, the starting point of the Lincoln-Douglas debates. The hotel was built in 1839, rebuilt after the 1871 fire, and finally torn down in 1935. The same year of the debates, the Tremont was the subject of an astounding engineering feat. In response to Chicago raising the street level four to seven feet to provide improved drainage, George Pullman (he of the railroad sleeping car fame) used 500 screwjacks,

manned by 1200 men, to gently raise the five-story Tremont four feet to the new street level, without breaking a single pane of glass, or losing a day of business. All of the sites listed have been provided with similar histories.

The second part of the book is devoted to the Civil War. Though no battles were fought in Chicago, events in Chicago had a far reaching effect on the Civil War. Of course, the prison at Camp Douglas, and conspiracies to free the prisoners, are discussed, as are the personages involved. One major contribution of Chicago to the Civil War was the Great Northwestern Sanitary Fair in the fall of 1863. Bernstein describes the genesis of the fair, its backers and goals, the event itself, and the lasting impact it had. Other subjects include the underground railroad and various abolitionist activities, as well as a description of the infamous Black Laws of Illinois.

The book provides a listing of the Civil War graves and monuments scattered throughout the Chicago area. And what book on Civil War Chicago would be complete without mentioning the Abraham Lincoln Bookstore, and the first Civil War Round Table founded in 1940. This book is a wonderful guide for anyone looking for the Civil War in Chicago.

# THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



## *News Letter*

January 2004  
Volume 53, Number 5

### In the Rear with the Gear

**I**n the Rear with the Gear is an analysis of the action in the minor theaters and the warfighter support necessary for the conflict.

Ed Bearss will expound on, for example, how much effort the Union and Confederate forces put into the "minor" theaters such as protecting the borders with Canada and Mexico, fighting commerce raiders, keeping the frontier safe from Indian attacks, keeping areas garrisoned (e.g., Union troops in California and

the border states, the heavy artillery units in Washington, D.C.), etc. The Quartermaster Generals and Commissary Generals had agents and troops busy rounding up horses, staffing recruiting stations, building railroads, and moving supplies and equipment. There were many troops stationed in coastal fortifications, working as prison guards, recruiting and training new troops. There were many provost marshals enforcing order, keeping an eye on troublemakers, etc.

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### January 2004 Meeting

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, January 13, 2004	<b>Place:</b>	Officer's Club Fort Lesley J. McNair Washington, DC
<b>Price:</b>	\$27.00 per person		
<b>Agenda:</b>	6:00 pm Social Hour:	Cash Bar	
	7:00 pm Dinner:	Salad Chef's Surprise Desert of the Day	(Vegetarian meals are available upon request in advance.)
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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.

**President's Message**

**I**want to provide the membership with an update on recent activities of the CWRT's Board. Although we operate with considerably less flair (and at significantly less cost) than a John C. Fremont entourage, the Board has decided to honor Ed "I Drank with Fighting Joe" Bearss for his years of generous CWRT support.

Aside from being one of the club's most popular and salacious speakers, Ed provides an extremely valuable pro bono contribution by serving as the tour guide par excellence for the club's annual summer trip. Thanks to Ed's unstinting help, this trip has become a revenue generator for the club's otherwise modest treasury.

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The program for the January 1954 meeting was rather special. It involved a full-dress recital of the story of the Army Signal Corps during the Civil War, told by Colonel Haskell Cleaves, chairman of the Traditions Committee of the Signal Corps, and Dr. Raymond Thompson, Signal Corps Historian. There were stereopticon slides, and a display of photographs and early Civil War signal equipment.

### 25 Years Ago

Although conscription in the United States had feeble beginnings in the Revolution, it was not tried seriously until the Civil War. Mike Rugers, secretary of the Round Table, discussed the New York City draft riots of 1863. Living conditions were atrocious, and riots were not uncommon. The general feeling was that the Civil War was a poor man's fight. The thousands of Irish immigrants were the mainstay of the riots. That Governor Horatio Seymour and Mayor George Opdyke were lukewarm toward the war effort did not help. Troops from the Army of the Potomac finally suppressed the riots.

The January 1979 newsletter also had the following story about two Confederate Irishmen.

### The Climate's Better In Virginia (Courtesy of Kentucky CWRT)

Two Irishmen, members of a regiment in Stonewall Jackson's Corps, sat talking one day.

"I wish all the Yankees was in hell!" said one.

"Faith," responded his companion, "I don't wish anything of the sort."

"The divil you don't?" exclaimed the other. "And why not?"

"Because," came the answer, "Old Jack would have us standing picket at the gate before night, and in there before morning, and it's hot enough where we is to suit me!"

### New Members

A grand welcome to our newest members, Louis Kincannon and Carl Bell.



# THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



## *News Letter*

February 2004  
Volume 53, Number 6

## African American Troops in the Civil War

**B**udge Weidmann will talk about letters and documents found in the original records of the United States Colored Troops. It will be a slide presentation.

Budge Weidman is the project manager of the Civil War Conservation Corps (CWCC) at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in Washington. She has served in this capacity for 10 years. The CWCC is a group of volunteer men and women currently arranging the records of the

Freedmen's Bureau for microfilming. The group also arranges for microfilming military service records of Civil War Union volunteers.

Budge speaks frequently about African Americans during the Civil War period and recently spoke at the Lincoln Forum in Gettysburg using original letters and documents found in the service records of the United States Colored Troops. Her latest article on military service records appears in the winter issue of Prologue, a NARA publication.

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		Desert of the Day	
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	Topic: African American Troops in the Civil War		

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**50 Years Ago**

“**T**he Gunboat Attacks at Forts Henry and Donaldson” was the topic for the February 1954 meeting. The program was resented by Captain Samuel G. Kelly, Assistant Director of Naval History, Department of the Navy.

**25 Years Ago**

**J**ohn C. Breckinridge was the fifth Secretary of War for the Confederacy. At the February 1979 meeting of the Round Table, William C. (Jack) Davis briefly detailed Breckinridge’s career prior to the war and then focused chiefly on his development as a general and his contribution to Confederate success, and defeat.

The establishment of the “Bruce Catton Award” was announced in the February 1979 newsletter. The award consisted of a walnut plaque with a gold colored plate bearing a suitable inscription and intended to be presented each year at our annual banquet.

Last month’s newsletter reported that 25 years ago in January, the Round Table heard about the New York City Draft Riots. Unfortunately, the speaker had been sitting in a draft, and was not able to give his presentation due to illness. Instead, Dennis Kelly of the Manassas Battlefield Park gave a truly outstanding talk on Confederate General P. G. T. Beauregard, apparently the first time the Round Table had heard about Gen. Beauregard.

**Edwin C. Bearss Award**

**A**t the January meeting, the Round Table presented the Edwin C. Bearss Award to the Civil War Preservation Trust to help preservation work at Fort Donelson. The amount of the award is \$1000.00.

**New Member**

**A** grand welcome to our newest member, Col. Frederick Bromm.

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Snow dates: March 13, and/or March 20, 2004

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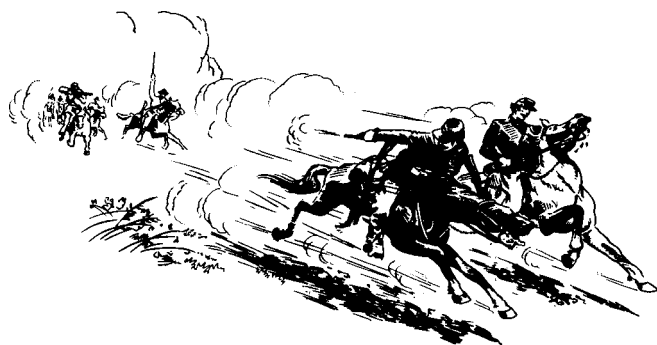
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## *News Letter*

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## The History of the Washington Navy Yard

**A**fter graduating from the Pennsylvania Military College in 1967 with a BA in History, Edward J. Marolda served as a company-grade officer in the U. S. Army's 4th Transportation Command in the Republic of Vietnam. He then returned to Georgetown University where he received an MA in European Diplomatic History in 1971. He has since been employed by the Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC, as a staff historian from 1971 to 1987, as head of the Contemporary History Branch until 1996, and since then as the Senior Historian.

Edward Marolda has published 8 books about U. S. Naval history, including: **FDR and the U.S. Navy**, St. Martin's Press, 1998; **The Washington Navy Yard: An Illustrated History**, Naval Historical Center, 1999; and **Theodore Roosevelt, the U.S. Navy, and the Spanish-American War**, St. Martin's Press, 2001.

The program will discuss the history of the Washington Naval Yard and will include a slide presentation.

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## **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Civil War Weekend at Virginia Tech**

March 12-14, 2004

**T**he 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Civil War weekend at Virginia Tech promises to be a special occasion. A record enrollment of university alumni and friends, as well as Civil War buffs from across America, seems assured. The three-day program will feature a variety of presentations by James I. "Bud" Robertson, Alumni Distinguished Professor and Executive Director of the Virginia Center for Civil War Studies at Virginia Tech, William C. "Jack" Davis, Director of Programs for the Civil War Center and Professor of History at Virginia Tech, Thomas P. Lowery, M.D., retired psychiatrist and author, A. Stuart McGehee, Professor of History at West Virginia State College, John V. Quarstein, Administer of Historic Services at the Virginia War Museum in Newport News, VA, and John Selby, Professor of History at Roanoke College.

The event also includes book sales and signings. Civil War Weekend is held at the Donaldson Brown Hotel and Conference Center on the Virginia Tech campus in Blacksburg. For further details and registration information, visit their web site at

[www.civilwar.vt.edu/propro/wknd.html](http://www.civilwar.vt.edu/propro/wknd.html)

## **7th National Conference on Battlefield Preservation**

April 19-25, 2004

**T**he week-long conference will combine meetings, workshops, presentations, and tours of four battlefield preservation groups: the American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP), the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT), the International Battlefield Terrain Conservation Group, and the International Battlefield Archeology Conference. This combination could result in one of the most

dynamic and diverse meetings on battlefield preservation ever presented in the United States.

Archeologists from around the world will meet during the Third International Battlefield Archeology Conference - Fields of Conflict III on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 20 and 21. Accepted papers include studies of the Varus battlefield (9 AD) in Germany and the Zboriv battlefield (1649 and 1919) in Ukraine. Other papers focus on archeological projects at battlefields of the American Revolution, the American Civil War, Paraguay's War of the Triple Alliance, both World Wars, and the Korean Conflict.

During the Second International Workshop on Earthworks and Battlefield Terrain Conservation, participants will meet to discuss the "Vimy Declaration for the Preservation of Battlefield Terrain" developed in 2000 at Arras, France. Presentations will address the critical topics of integrity, presentation, and treatment. On April 19 and 20, classroom and field training sessions about Sustainable Earthworks Management will be held for National Park Service employees who manage and maintain earthen fortifications.

The American Battlefield Protection Program's portion of the conference, "Path to Preservation," begins Friday, April 23, with an introductory workshop about battlefield preservation basics and ABPP grants. Sessions on Saturday, April 24, will touch on a range of battlefield preservation topics, including how to nominate a battlefield to the National Register of Historic Places, monument conservation, prioritizing battlefield land for protection, low impact archeology at battlefields, and developing protection strategies on small budgets.

The Civil War Preservation Trust will hold its annual meeting concurrently from April 22-25, and will offer tours of Civil War

battlefields near Nashville. ABPP conference attendees may register for selected CWPT sponsored tours and events.

For further information, contact:  
 Kristen Stevens, Conference Coordinator  
 American battlefield Protection program  
 Heritage Preservation Services  
 1849 C Street NW (2255)  
 Washington, DC 20240  
 or visit their web site at:  
[www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/conference/conference04.htm](http://www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/conference/conference04.htm)

**Hood's Last Hurrah:  
 The Fight For Middle Tennessee  
 CWPT's Annual Conference  
 April 22-25, 2004**

**T**he Civil War Preservation Trust's annual conference will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, April 22-25, 2004. The invited speakers and scholars are Edwin C. Bearss, Thomas Cartwright, Benjamin Franklin Cooling, Jim Jobe, Richard McMurry, James H. Ogden, III, Richard Sommers, Wiley Sword and Brian Steel Wills. Invited musical guests are Dave Para and Cathy Barton, the Dixie Heart String Band and the 5th Alabama Regiment Band.

The conference will be held at the Renaissance Nashville Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. The registration fee includes tours, tour guides, coaches, conference welcome packet, name tags, etc. (Fee does not include hotel registration, you must make your own reservation.)

The tours include the Battle of Nashville, the Battle of Franklin, Fort Donelson, Nathan Bedford Forrest in Middle Tennessee, Nashville Today, and Historic Homes and Garden. For further information, contact

Civil War Preservation Trust

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 Or visit their web site at: [www.civilwar.org](http://www.civilwar.org)

**2004 Liberty University  
 Civil War Seminar  
 March 26-27, 2004**

**O**n March 26-27, 2004, the Liberty University Center for the Study of the Civil War in Central Virginia will present its eighth Annual Civil War Seminar. This year's program is entitled Religion and the Civil War: Whose Side Was God On? Presentations for this year's seminar will range from Christianity and The Lost Cause to an examination of the religious lives of the War's greatest generals to the influence of chaplains on the average soldier to the roles of the Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant faiths in the War to the issue of whether Abraham Lincoln was a Christian.

The two keynote speakers for the seminar will be Dr. Randall M. Miller and Dr. Steven E. Woodworth. In addition to their keynote addresses, Miller and Woodworth will also make other presentations. Other speakers include Bill Potter, Alan Farley, Rick Williams, Kenny Rowlette and Dr. Peter Colon. Debating the issue of Abraham Lincoln's Christianity will be Dr. H. Rondell Romburg and Dr. D. James Kennedy.

The event will be held on the campus of Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia. For further information, contact:

The Liberty University History Department  
 Civil War Seminar  
 1971 University Boulevard  
 Lynchburg, VA 24502.

Phone: 434-582-2512 or 434-582-2087  
 Or visit their website at: [Liberty.edu/civilwar](http://Liberty.edu/civilwar)



**50 Years Ago**

**B**ell Irving Wiley, “the Johnny Reb and Billy Yank man”, spoke to the Round Table at the March 1954 meeting. His topic was “On the Trail of Jeff Davis and Company.” The newsletter was unclear as to whether this was a discussion of the final flight and capture of the Confederate president or a general examination of the problems of leadership encountered by that gentleman throughout the four years of war, but said that it promised to be an illuminating and entertaining speech.

**25 Years Ago**

**H**orace E. Jones, Jr., the president of the Round Table in 1975-76, spoke to the membership in March 1979 about J. E. B. Stuarts’ rides around McClellan’s Army of the Potomac, and other raids, on the Peninsula of Virginia in 1862.

**New Member**

**A** grand welcome to our newest member, Kevin C. Willis.

**2004 Annual Field Trip**

**M**ark your calendar and plan to join us for the 2004 annual field trip on June 26-27. Our tour leader will be the incomparable Ed Bearss, who will guide us on Lee’s Retreat to Appomattox. Registration and additional information will be in a future newsletter.

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Please plan to join in a fun day of history, hard work and hands-on preservation at a favorite site near you. As an added bonus (incentive?) for volunteers, historians will be present at each location to give talks to participants. If you would be interested in joining in a CWRT of DC work crew, please provide your name to Susan Claffey at [sclaffey@americasblood.org](mailto:sclaffey@americasblood.org) or 301-585-7917.

## **Smoke & Sorrow Shenandoah Valley 1864**

May 21-22, 2004

**S**moke and Sorrow is a two-day exploration of "The Burning" - the economic destruction wrought by Union forces upon the Shenandoah Valley in the final autumn of the American Civil War. In the fall of 1864, as the Union solidified its control of the Shenandoah Valley, Federal troops passed from village to village, destroying farms, mills, lives - the "breadbasket of the Confederacy". Mark your calendar to join noted historians John Heatwole and Jeff Wert as they bring to life and help us understand this devastating time. You'll also be able to choose from three tours exploring the personal stories of this tragic consequence of the American Civil War.

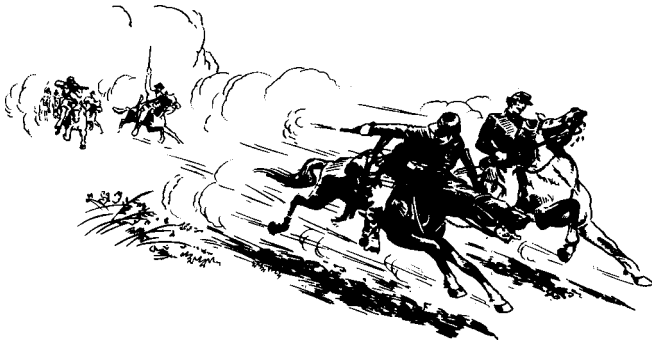
For details and registration information visit their web site at:

[www.ShenandoahAtWar.org](http://www.ShenandoahAtWar.org)

This is a 140th Anniversary event - for information about other 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events, visit their web site at:

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## *News Letter*

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### Black Jack Logan

**H**is legacy is Memorial Day. He was a dominant player in the politics of the Gilded Age, a four-term congressman and a three-term senator who was as popular as he was partisan. He was the vice presidential candidate in the losing race in 1884. Although not universally regarded as a statesman, had he not died unexpectedly at the age of sixty, many could argue that he would have become the 23rd President of the United States of America in 1888. The Civil War was the epiphany that changed his political and social philosophy. But more than that, the War made him a star. He was so famous at the end of the war to be idolized in poem, painting, song and statue. He was mentioned in newspapers and periodicals by merely using his surname (like “Grant” or

“Sherman”), and everyone knew to whom they referred. No fewer than seven books were written about him during his lifetime. He authored three large tomes as well, displaying the passion of his convictions. Notwithstanding his dominant role in three decades of United States history, he is arguably the most noteworthy 19th-century American to fade into oblivion early in the 21st century.

His name is John Alexander Logan, but his swarthy appearance won him an enduring nom de guerre. Gary Ecelbarger will present Black Jack Logan, with a focus on his role as a corps and army commander during the Atlanta Campaign of 1864.

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### April 2004 Meeting

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	Topic:	Black Jack Logan	

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## **Tredegar National Civil War Center Foundation Congressional Reception**

**P**rofessor James McPherson has called the Civil War “the most important pivotal event in our history, even more important, perhaps, than the American Revolution that gave birth to the United States.” Under development in Richmond, Virginia, “ground zero” of the war, is a new exhibit and education center that will tell the whole story of the conflict that still shapes our nation. The center will include Union, Confederate, and African American perspectives. The center will be located in the Tredegar Iron Works, which was the industrial hub of the Confederacy. The 39,000-square-foot facility will include 18,000 square feet of exhibit, education and program space, including a 12,000-square-foot exhibit on the war’s causes, course, and legacies. The Center’s education programs will reach across the nation. Developing the Center is the Tredegar National Civil War Center Foundation, a nonprofit tax-exempt corporation.

The Foundation is holding a Congressional reception for its supporters in Congress and the Bush Administration on April 21, 2004 in Room B340 of the Rayburn Building from 6 to 8 P.M. The reception will reflect Tredegar’s unique mission of telling the whole story of the Civil War through graphics, media, and small displays. The purpose of this reception is to build Congressional support for Tredegar’s federal funding requests and therefore will recognize the efforts of those Congressional members who have already been supporters of the project. In addition, Tredegar will also recognize the first recipient of the Gravely Prize, which will be an annual award given to a teacher who best exemplifies teaching the Civil War from multiple perspectives. Special program features include remarks by James McPherson, Pulitzer Prizing Winning historian, and musical selections by One Voice choir.

For further information, please contact John Salmon, Staff Historian of the Tredegar National Civil War Center Foundation, at 804-788-6485, or by email at [jsalmon@tredegar.org](mailto:jsalmon@tredegar.org).

## **Gary Ecelbarger**

**G**ary Ecelbarger is the author of two books, two contributed works, and 10 magazine articles pertaining to Civil War personalities and events. He is a frequent tour guide for the Civil War Education Association, the American History Education Association, and other professional groups. His current project, a biography of John A. Logan, will be published by Lyons Press in 2005.

## **Cavalry Training Session Kicks Off Opening Of Perryville Battlefield**

**M**ore than 140 years after Kentucky’s largest battle was fought outside of Perryville, the clatter of cavalry hooves and the rumble of Civil War-era artillery will again be heard at the Perryville battlefield. On April 3–4, more than 300 Civil War re-enactors and 20 cannon are expected to attend a cavalry drill and artillery training session at the Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site.

Sponsored by the Kentucky Cavalry Brigade, the event will include a large cavalry drill (based on 19th century military techniques), hands-on demonstrations, and a night firing of artillery to be held at dusk on Saturday, April 3. This event is open to the public and is expected to be one of the largest re-enactor cavalry drills to be held in the nation this year.

“This re-enactor training camp is a wonderful way to kick off the Park’s annual opening,” said Kurt Holman, manager of the Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site. “We hope to do this every year on the first weekend of April.”

### 50 Years Ago

Ralph Selph Henry was presented with the Round Table's second Gold Medal Award at the April 1954 meeting. After the Gold Medal Award presentation, Dr. Allen Nevins discussed "Some Unsolved Problems of the Civil War."

### 25 Years Ago

Dr. James I. (Bud) Robertson spoke to the Round Table in April 1979 about "Johnny Reb and the Fairer Sex." The newsletter included two stories related to the topic, one of which is reprinted below.

This story was condensed from the publication **The American Medical Weekly**, November 7, 1874, in the following form:

"The case report was related by Capt. L. G. Capers after the War Between the States. During a battle on May 12, 1863, Capt. Capers, M.D., saw a young soldier fall. Examination showed a compound fracture of the left tibia, from which the rifle ball had ricocheted and amputated the left testicle. Just then a young woman came running from a fine mansion to the rear, requesting aid for her daughter who had been shot in the left side of the abdomen, between the umbilicus and the anterior process of the ilium, presumably with penetration of the uterus. There was no exit wound. Dr. Capers treated the young woman over the next several months until she recovered. Some six months later, he was called to see her again, to find her abdomen greatly enlarged, and 278 days after she had been shot, he delivered her of a fine boy of 8 pounds. Not until after his examination of her did the Captain give credence to her insistence on being a 'Virgo Intacta'. Three weeks later, he found the infant's scrotum swollen and containing a hard object. Capt. Capers operated, extracting a battered minie

ball. He then located the young soldier, who had recovered, 'who at first was most skeptical,' but who visited the girl, and 4 months later married her. Several years later the Captain received a letter from them stating they were happily married with 2 more children, but that the first most resembled the father."

The November 21, 1874, issue of **The American Medical Weekly**, had the following disclaimer:

"Editor's note: Dr. L. G. Capers, of Vicksburg, Miss., disclaims responsibility for the truth of that remarkable case of impregnation by a minie ball, as reported in No. 19 of this Journal. He tells the story as it was told to him. He does not say it is untrue, but is disposed to appositely remember the truth of the old adage, that 'accidents may happen in the best regulated families.' The joke is, that the Doctor reported the case without any signature, but as the editor is indisposed to be made the victim of canards, and recognized the writing sent, he was unwilling to deprive the author of the contemplated fun, and allowed him to enjoy even more of this than was anticipated. The readers have enjoyed the story much, but not enough 'to cut capers' after reading it."

As a further note on this story, the original version said that "On the 12th day of May, 1863, the battle of R. was fought. Gen. G.'s brigade met the advance of Grant's army, under Gen. L., about one mile from the village of R." A quick look in Ronald Mosocco's **The Chronological Tracking of the American Civil War** reveals that on May 12, 1863, there was an engagement at Raymond, MS, with Maj. Gen. John A. Logan, USA, repelling Brig. Gen. John Gregg, CSA. But I doubt Gary Ecelbarger will provide further insight into this particular aspect of Gen. Logan's campaigns.

## Battles and Leaders of the Civil War

The brutal American Civil War raged between the North and the South during a period of deep divisions within the United States. Since the war, historians have attempted to capture the events that unfolded, but few accounts can compare with those included in the volumes of the **Battles and Leaders of the Civil War** series.

When the first four volumes of **Battles and Leaders of the Civil War** were published in the late nineteenth century, they became the most sought after Civil War sources. More recently, Peter Cozzens, commended military historian and the author of many books on the Civil and American Indian Wars, expanded the illustrious collection with two additional volumes.

Cozzens adds his exhaustive research into Civil War reports from newspapers, magazines, personal memoirs and letters. In **Volume 5**, published in 2002, he presents articles written by prominent leaders including Generals Grant, Beauregard, and Sherman as well as President Hayes. Many of these selected

articles were first published decades after the war in well-known magazines such as **Century**, **Harper's**, **McClure's** and the **Magazine of American History**.

**Volume 6**, published in April 2004, provides a great collection of information from primary sources and includes accounts from key personalities of the war like Jefferson Davis and William S. Rosecrans, but also adds the voices of those in lower positions. Through the eyes of volunteers, draftees, soldiers and lower-ranking officers, Cozzens presents a fuller picture of the reality of Civil War marches, battles and encampments.

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Guest's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Cost of dinners: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution to Edwin C. Bearss Award: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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<input type="checkbox"/> Check if sharing room	Additional Person:		
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City:		State:	Zip:
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## News Letter

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### Grant's Secret Service

**D**r. William B. Feis earned a B.A. and an M.A. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a PhD in military history from the Ohio State University. In 1993, he was awarded a Dissertation Year Fellowship by the U.S. Army Center of Military History in Washington, D.C. Dr. Feis has written numerous articles and essays on the Civil War, specifically on intelligence operations and their impact on command decision-making. In 1990, his article in *Civil War History* entitled "A Union Military Intelligence Failure: Jubal Early's Raid, June 12-July 14, 1864" won the National Intelligence Study Center Award for Best Scholarly Article on Intelligence. His book **Grant's Secret**

**Service: The Intelligence War from Belmont to Appomattox** (University of Nebraska Press, 2002) was the September 2002 Editor's Choice of the History Book Club and was a finalist for the 2003 Army Historical Foundation Book Award. Dr. Feis is currently an associate professor of history at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. Dr. Feis' talk will focus on his book and the issue of intelligence and command in the Civil War as well as on his future projects, including work on the guerrilla war, Grenville M. Dodge's personal autobiography, and William Tecumseh Sherman and intelligence in the Western Theater.

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### May 2004 Meeting

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, May 11, 2004	<b>Place:</b>	Officer's Club
<b>Price:</b>	\$27.00 per person		Fort Lesley J. McNair
<b>Agenda:</b>	6:00 pm Social Hour:	Cash Bar	Washington, DC
	7:00 pm Dinner:	Salad	
		Chicken Marsala	(Vegetarian meals are available
		Desert of the Day	upon request in advance.)
8:00 pm	Speaker:	Dr. William B. Feis	
	Topic:	Grant's Secret Service	

The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, May 5, 2004. Please send them to:

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Office Phone: 202-371-7135  
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As the Round Table must pay for all meals ordered, members and guests are obligated to pay for the meal in the event they do not attend.

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The May meeting is our Annual Business Meeting. Below is a list of the candidates from the Nomination Committee:

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Treasurer	James Hurdle
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Board Member	Peter Greaney
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Additional nominations for these positions will be accepted from the floor at the meeting.

### The 140th Anniversary Re-enactment of the Battle of Spotsylvania

No place more vividly reflects the Civil War's tragic cost—in all its forms—than Spotsylvania County, Virginia, site of the historic Battle of Spotsylvania.

This spring, on the 140th anniversary of the battle, Spotsylvania County will play host to thousands of re-enactors, authentically dressed and equipped as Confederate and Union soldiers, as they make history come alive during the weekend of May 7, 8 and 9, 2004.

The event will take place at historic Belvedere Plantation, 1601 Belvedere Drive, Fredericksburg, Va., just off Route 17 South, seven miles from the interchange of US Route 1 and Interstate 95, Exit 126. For more information, visit their web site at:

<http://www.spotsylvania140th.com>

### 50 Years Ago

In May, 1954, F. Earl Lutz, president of the Richmond Civil War Round Table, spoke to the Round Table about “Soldier Newspapers in the Civil War, The Literary Achievements of Billy Yank and Johnny Reb.”

### 25 Years Ago

The Second Manassas Campaign was the topic at the May 1979 meeting of the Round Table. Dennis Kelly was the speaker. The spring field trip was to the Second Manassas Battlefield, which had 28 people in attendance.

In June, 1979, the speaker was Dr. Stephen Z. Starr, former Director of the Cincinnati Historical Society. Dr. Starr spoke about “A new Source for Civil War History: The Regimental and Company Order and Letter Books.”

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