

THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



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Soldiering is Not Play: Leadership Challenges for Volunteer Officers in the Civil War

Mike Schellhammer will examine the often overlooked difficulties of leadership for officers and non-commissioned officers of Volunteer Regiments during the Civil War. Using the 83rd Pennsylvania as an example, he will apply his own experiences as an Army Officer to gain insight into lessons that might otherwise have gone unnoticed.

Mike Schellhammer is an intelligence specialist with the Department of Defense, with 20 years of service in the Regular Army and Army Reserve as an officer of infantry, military intelligence, and civil affairs. He has served

throughout the United States, in Korea, in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait during the first Persian Gulf War, in Haiti during the 1994 intervention and in Bosnia with the 1st United Kingdom Armored Division in 1996. In August, he returned from duty in Iraq with the 5th Special Forces Group. He is the author of **The 83rd Pennsylvania Volunteers in the Civil War** (McFarland and Co.), as well as several articles that have appeared in the Washington Times and the Washington Post. He was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, where the 83rd Pennsylvania was raised.

September 2004 Meeting

Date:	Tuesday, September 14, 2004	Place:	Officer's Club Fort Lesley J. McNair Washington, DC
Price:	\$28.00 per person.		
Agenda:	6:00 pm Social Hour: 7:00 pm Dinner:	Cash Bar Salad Prime Rib of Beef Apple Pie	(Vegetarian meals are available upon request in advance.)
	8:00 pm Speaker: Topic:	Mike Schellhammer Soldiering is Not Play: Leadership Challenges for Volunteer Officers in the Civil War	

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Bearss Brigade Field Trip Trivia
Based on the Recent Excursions of the
CWRT of DC to West Virginia
by John D. Woodward, Jr.

On 26-27 June 2004, the DC Civil War Round Table, in the form of thirty brave souls, ventured forth with the indomitable Ed Bearss to retrace “Lee’s Retreat to Appomattox”. The tour started at Petersburg, with an interpretation of the fighting at Fort Stedman and concluded with a visit to the North Carolina monument at Appomattox to memorialize the sacrifice made by “the valley of humility . . .” or *Esse Quam Videri*, as they say in Tarheel State.

Susan Claffey and Bob Busillo did a superb job of organizing and planning the tour. Participants appreciated the Saturday morning Reeves Bakery doughnuts as a particularly nice touch. A steady stream of refreshments, in the form of ice cold beer, also ranked high in praise among the members.

Although not by nature a clotheshorse, Ed Bearss displayed his keen sartorial tastes on Day One by sporting a bright red U.S. Marine Corps baseball cap, which earned praise from passers-by. (His Montana saloon cap, which he sported on Day Two, was more true to form, in that it suggested a life of riotous dissipation.)

Ed, as usual, displayed his mastery of Civil War (and related) trivia. As Ed has a naturally salacious bent, some of the trivial matters discussed below might not be suitable for small children. The questions below are all courtesy of Ed’s observations on the field trip.

1. Who were the last Union and Confederate Generals to die in action, and where?
2. What does *Esse Quam Videri* mean (hint: it’s Latin)?
3. What role did George Patton’s sister perform when she visited George, then a young officer stationed at El Paso, Texas?

4. Where did the notorious redcoat, Colonel Banastre Tarleton, tarry, thus causing him to be tardy on his way to capture Thomas Jefferson?
5. “Beauregard” was the Virginia home of this Confederate officer, badly wounded in the lungs at First Manassas.
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(Answers will appear in next month’s newsletter.)

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**African American Physicians
of the Union Army
by Dr. Robert Slawson**

Join the Maryland Historical Society (MdHS) and the National Museum of Civil War Medicine at the Baltimore Civil War Museum, located at 601 President Street, for a special lecture, African-American Physicians of the Union Army by Dr. Robert Slawson Thursday, September 23 at 7 p.m.

Dr. Robert Slawson, former associate professor of radiation oncology at University of Maryland Medical School, will share his exciting new research on African-American physicians serving in the Union Army.

Presented in partnership with the Friends of President Street Station, the program is \$6 for non-members and \$2 for MdHS and Friends Joint Members. Admission includes museum admission. Reservations recommended. Call 410-685-3750 ext. 321 for reservations or more information.

50 Years Ago

On September 14, 1954, Mr. Daniel O'Flaherty spoke to 91 members and guests of the Round Table about General Jo Shelby, a Confederate cavalry officer.

25 Years Ago

In September 1979, Howard C. Westwood, gave his fourteenth presentation to the Round Table, his fifth as the first speaker of the year. His topic was "The Raiment of the Gods of War in Mississippi on May 13-14, 1863," which discussed the activities of spies.

**An Evening with Walt Whitman
Sunday, October 2, 2004, 7-9 p.m.**

Interpreter Kevin Rawlings returns to Fort Ward Museum in his newly created role as Walt Whitman, the 19th-century poet, nurse and observer of the Civil War. During an evening of reminiscences, readings, and informal conversation with reception guests, Walt Whitman will share his literary and humanitarian experiences while serving at Washington-area hospitals and camps, including several in Alexandria. Rawlings captures the essence of one of America's best-loved poets in his clothing, mannerisms, and extensive research into the complex life of this companion to the troops.

Capping off an evening of first-person impressions and light refreshments, Walt Whitman will conduct a drawing for a pristine copy of the rare book, **Mr. Lincoln's Forts: A Guide to the Civil War Defenses of Washington.**

Kevin Rawlings has specialized in 19th-century living history for 20 years, portraying Union and Confederate soldiers as well as a Civil War Santa Claus and Uncle Sam. He is the author of **We Were Marching on Christmas Day: A History and Chronicle of Christmas During the Civil War.** Proceeds from this event benefit Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site.

The cost is \$25 per person. Contributions are tax deductible as allowable by law. Reservations are required. To make reservations, provide your name, address, day and evening phone numbers, and a check payable to Fort Ward Museum, to:

Fort Ward Museum
4301 W. Braddock Rd.
Alexandria, VA 22304

Spies and Spymasters of the Civil War
Revised and Expanded Edition
 by Donald E. Markle

The most comprehensive work on the subject ever written, **Spies and Spymasters of the Civil War** covers the entire history of Civil War espionage. The activities and tactics of hundreds of spies are described, including spymasters like Allan Pinkerton, Lafayette Baker, and Generals Dodge, Sharpe, and Garfield. The book also examines the role of Negro underground organizations and women spies. The expanded edition's new chapter presents the remarkable development of American political and military intelligence from its origins in the Civil War to today. With an appendix of Civil War spies, a bibliography of books written by Civil War spies, and a glossary of Civil War spy terms, this book is the ultimate guide to Civil War espionage and the foundations of modern-day military intelligence.

Donald E. Markle is an alumnus of the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College. A veteran of 34 years in the U.S. Department of Defense Intelligence, Markle has given numerous lectures on the topic of espionage in the Civil War. He resides in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

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of Stonewall Jackson**
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LOST VICTORIES challenges the venerated status of Robert E. Lee and common explanations of the Confederacy's defeat. While studies of the Civil War generally credit Lee with military expertise, this book argues that Stonewall Jackson was a superior strategist who could have won the war for the South. Had Lee accepted Jackson's plan for an invasion of the North, the South might have surprised and dismayed the Union forces into defeat. Using primary sources, Bevin Alexander reconstructs the battles that demonstrate Jackson's brilliance as a commander, including Antietam, Fredericksburg, and Chancellorsville. Detailed maps accompany this controversial account of a pivotal moment in American history.

Bevin Alexander is the author of many military histories, including **Korea: The First War We Lost**, also published by Hippocrene Books. His other works include **How Wars are Won: The 13 Rules of War** (Crown, 2002),

and **Robert E. Lee's Civil War** (Adams Media Corporation, 1999). He was a combat historian in the Korean War. Currently, he resides in Brems Bluff, Virginia.

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- ___ Length of Tour (2 days) ___ Overnight stay
- ___ Other _____

2. If our next field trip is like our prior field trips in terms of length and location (MD, VA, WV), how likely are you to participate in a CWRT-DC field trip?

- ___ Wouldn't miss it ___ Probably would not
- ___ Probably would ___ Definitely would not
- ___ Unsure/Depends

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3. If you do NOT participate in the CWRT-DC annual field trip, why not?

Topics not interesting Cost
 Field trips not interesting Overnight stay
 Other _____

4. Which of the following would you prefer:

1 Day Trip Weekend Trip
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5. What (trip fee & out of pocket) are you willing/able to spend on a field trip that interests you?

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6. Would you prefer that the field trip focus in depth on a particular battle or portion of a campaign as opposed to covering lots of ground and the entire campaign? (For example, our last field trip could have zeroed in on the breakthrough at Pamplin Park and what occurred at Appomattox, rather than the entire retreat route.)

Yes, I'd like more focus & less bus time
 No, I like the way we do it now

7. Which of the following locations most interest you for next year's field trip (June 25-26, 2005)? (Please indicate all that interest you and rank with "1" being the most interest.)

Antietam
 Fort Monroe and Hampton Roads
 Siege of Petersburg (Battle of the Crater, Hatcher's Run)
 Sheridan in the Shenandoah 1864 (3rd Winchester, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek)
 The Wilderness, Laurel Hill & Spotsylvania Courthouse
 Peninsula Campaign (7 Days, Malvern Hill)
 "Lee's Greatest Victories" (Chancellorsville & Second Manassas)
 Richmond Battlefields (with Museum of the Confederacy and Tredegar Iron Works)

8. Would you be willing to participate in a field trip to any of the following locations: Check all that apply. Note: Additional expense for airfare would be required and possibly extra time for travel.

Shiloh Trans-Mississippi
 New Mexico Chickamauga
 Vicksburg Other _____

9. Logistically, what is most important to you when you are on the field trip? (Please indicate all that apply and rank with "1" being the most important.)

Quality of hotel Bar at hotel
 Quality of meals Length of tour
 Tour being on time/schedule
 Time of return to Ft. McNair
 Meals provided on the tour
 Light breakfast on the bus
 Types of refreshments/snacks on the bus
 Other _____

10. Are you comfortable with our Round Table making a modest profit from the field trip in order to fund other Round Table activities such as speaker honorariums, speaker travel expenses and an annual preservation award (the Ed Bearss' Award)?

Yes No Don't know, tell me more

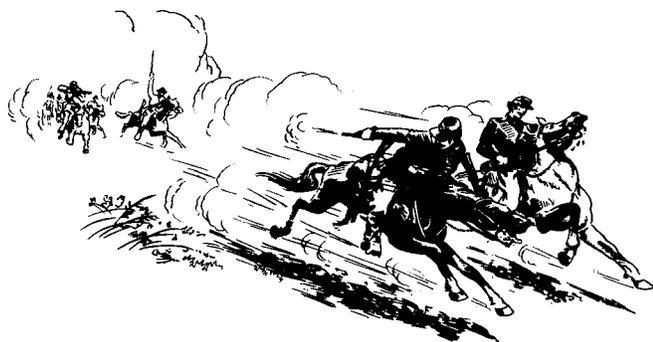
11. What other locations/battlefields/campaigns would you suggest for future field trips:

12. Any other suggestions or comments to improve future field trips:

Thank you for taking the time to complete our survey. We hope to make this year's field trip the best one ever.

Bob Busillo, Susan Claffey, Henry Rivera

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Touched with Fire: US Presidents and the Civil War

In "Touched by Fire", James M. Perry reintroduces us to Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, Benjamin Harrison, and William McKinley. Drawing on diaries, letters, and other first-hand accounts, Perry recreates the battles that brought these men fame and extols the courage that made them extraordinary leaders, especially under fire. "Touched by Fire" sheds new light on these Gilded Age presidents and makes for a vivid reminder of what a truly great generation can accomplish.

James M. Perry began his journalism career at **Leatherneck Magazine**, and then worked for 35 years covering politics for the **National Observer** and **The Wall Street Journal**. He is the author of five previous books, most recently **A Bohemian Brigade**, about the reporters who covered the Civil War. In 1997 he was awarded the National Press Club's Fourth Estate Award for a distinguished career in journalism.

October 2004 Meeting

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Agenda:	6:00 pm Social Hour:	Cash Bar	Washington, DC
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		Chicken Marsala	(Vegetarian meals are available upon request in advance.)
		Tiramisu	
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	Topic:	Touched with Fire: US Presidents and the Civil War	

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- Sheridan in the Shenandoah 1864 (3rd Winchester, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek)
- The Wilderness, Laurel Hill & Spotsylvania Courthouse
- Peninsula Campaign (7 Days, Malvern Hill)
- "Lee's Greatest Victories" (Chancellorsville & Second Manassas)
- Richmond Battlefields (with Museum of the Confederacy and Tredegar Iron Works)

8. Would you be willing to participate in a field trip to any of the following locations: Check all that apply. Note: Additional expense for airfare would be required and possibly extra time for travel.

- Shiloh Trans-Mississippi
- New Mexico Chickamauga
- Vicksburg Other _____

9. Logistically, what is most important to you when you are on the field trip? (Please indicate all that apply and rank with "1" being the most important.)

- Quality of hotel Bar at hotel
- Quality of meals Length of tour
- Tour being on time/schedule
- Time of return to Ft. McNair
- Meals provided on the tour
- Light breakfast on the bus
- Types of refreshments/snacks on the bus
- Other _____

10. Are you comfortable with our Round Table making a modest profit from the field trip in order to fund other Round Table activities such as speaker honorariums, speaker travel expenses and an annual preservation award (the Ed Bearss' Award)?

- Yes No Don't know, tell me more

11. What other locations/battlefields/campaigns would you suggest for future field trips:

12. Any other suggestions or comments to improve future field trips:

Thank you for taking the time to complete our survey. We hope to make this year's field trip the best one ever.

Bob Busillo, Susan Claffey, Henry Rivera

THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



News Letter

November 2004
Volume 54, Number 3

Remembrances

A Narrative History of the West Point Class of 1862

The set of circumstances that surrounded West Point at the beginning of the Civil War are not likely to be seen again. Drawing upon letters written by members of the class, official West Point and military records, reports and other histories, Brian McEnany will describe how the Class of 1862 faced the beginning of the Civil War in April 1861. The impact of the election of Lincoln, the secession of eleven states and the loss of two-thirds of the class created a group of cadets with strongly held beliefs to support the Union. Members of the class participated in virtually every major

campaign conducted by the Army of the Potomac, from the Peninsular Campaign to Appomattox. One member was promoted to major general of cavalry within two years, one received the medal of honor - almost all were brevetted two or three ranks for bravery during the war. The focus of the history is on Tully McCrea of Ohio, a 19 year old cadet, and follows him through his career as a cadet and an officer in the Army of the Potomac. It is through his eyes that Brian McEnany includes the other 27 members of the class.

November 2004 Meeting

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Price:	\$28.00 per person.		
Agenda:	6:00 pm Social Hour: Cash Bar		
	7:00 pm Dinner: Salad		
		Pork Chops	(Vegetarian meals are available upon request in advance.)
		Pecan Pie	
	8:00 pm Speaker: Brian McEnany		
	Topic: Remembrances A Narrative History of the West Point Class of 1862		

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Brian McEnany

Brian R. McEnany was born in Cornwall, New York, in 1940. An Army Brat, he traveled extensively with his family in the U.S. and Japan. By the time he was 13, Brian had traveled through every state in the Union and attended 12 different grade schools before attending Brooklyn Technical High School in New York City. A long time admirer of West Point, he successfully applied to enter the United States Military Academy in the spring of 1958 and entered with the Class of 1962, four days after graduation from high school.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree from West Point in June 1962. During the Vietnam War, he was selected to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, New York, where he successfully completed the course of instruction and was awarded a Master of Science degree in Operations Research and Statistics and a Master of Science degree in Management upon graduation in January 1970.

He served twenty-two years in the Army with various artillery assignments in Germany, Korea, and the US with combat service in

Vietnam. He has been assigned in various operational positions from battalion to division level and served multiple tours in the Pentagon with the Joint Staff and the Army Staff as an operations research analyst.

He retired from the military in January 1984 and is now works full time for Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) in McLean where he is an Assistant Vice President for Technology. He has been active member of the Military Operations Research Society since 1971, was elected its president in 1995 and a Fellow of the Society in 1999. He is currently an Associate Editor of its Military Operations Research Journal.

His fulltime hobby is writing a history of the West Point Class of 1862. Begun as a project for his 40th reunion at West Point in 2002, he is expanding an abbreviated history prepared for the class meeting into a full-fledged book effort.

Brian met and married Lillian Martin in 1965 and they have three daughters (Anne, Erin and Kathleen). He currently lives in Vienna, Virginia.

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50 Years Ago

In November, 1954, Lt. Col. Henry Pleasants, Jr., spoke to the Round Table about "The Real Tragedy of the Crater." Our speaker was a cousin of Lt. Col. (later Brig. Gen.) Henry Pleasants, who commanded the 48th Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment. They spent 28 days digging the tunnel and placing the explosives that produced the crater. The following recollection of Barry Benson, an old Rebel, is from the November 1954 newsletter.

"When somebody in England sent over to Richmond a dozen fine rifles, having telescope sights, with the request that they be given to the twelve bravest men in the Confederate Army, I was given one. I don't know why, because I was not so brave, but anyhow I got one. I was told to go out and sharp-shoot the Yankees. We were in the Wilderness of Virginia. This was in May, 1864, and the Lord knows there were plenty of Yankees to sharp-shoot at.

"I climbed a tree, right off. The first day I did not have much luck - I only got a private. I did not shoot but once. The next day I did better - got a sergeant and two privates. The third day was my field day. I got me a Major General plumb through the head." (That was Maj. Gen. John Sedgwick.)

25 Years Ago

In November 1979, Malcolm H. McGann, Jr., spoke to the Round Table about "The Blockade Runners." It was the first time in fifteen years that the Round Table had a program on blockade running or a related subject.

U.S. Grant – Overlooked Genius

The Falls Church Military History Forum presents free lectures on various military conflicts every other Friday at the City of Falls Church Senior Center, 223 Little Falls Street in Falls Church, Virginia.

From 10:00 to 12:00 on November 5, 2004, Dr. Ed Bonekemper will talk about his book, **U.S. Grant – Overlooked Genius**. The forum enthusiastically appreciated his previous lecture on September 24 on his book **How Robert E. Lee Lost the Civil War**.

For a complete schedule of these talks, call Bob McAllister at (703) 243-2035 or the Senior Center at (703) 248-5020 or -5021.

THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



News Letter

December 2004
Volume 54, Number 4

Divided Loyalties in 1861: The Decision of Major Alfred Mordecai

Major Alfred Mordecai entered West Point at age 15 and he graduated first in his class in 1823. He was born in Warrentown, North Carolina, in 1804 and he died in 1887.

Upon graduation, Alfred Mordecai became an assistant professor at the United States Military Academy in New York. Later, he was commissioned in the engineers and was involved in the construction of two forts in Virginia. Eventually, he became commander of the Washington Arsenal. Alfred Mordecai

made important contributions to the military technology with his introduction of scientific research and development to the military art.

When the Civil War between the states broke out in 1861, it created a dilemma for him. He was torn with his love for the South, his distaste for secession and his loyalty to the army and country. Mordecai made a decision to retire from the U.S. Army at age 57, so he wouldn't have to fight against either side.

December 2004 Meeting

Date:	Tuesday, December 14, 2004	Place:	Officer's Club
Price:	\$28.00 per person.		Fort Lesley J. McNair
Agenda:	6:00 pm Social Hour:	Cash Bar	Washington, DC
	7:00 pm Dinner:	Salad	
		Tenderloin Tips	(Vegetarian meals are available upon request in advance.)
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	8:00 pm Speaker:	Stanley L. Falk	
	Topic:	Divided Loyalties in 1861: The Decision of Major Alfred Mordecai	

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Stanley L. Falk

Stanley L. Falk is a military historian specializing in World War II in the Pacific and Southeast Asia. He holds MA and PhD degrees in American History from Georgetown University.

He is a former Chief Historian of the Air Force and has also been Professor of International Relations at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and Deputy Chief Historian for Southeast Asia at the Army Center of Military History. He also served in the Historical Division of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

A graduate of the World War II Army Japanese Language Program, he served for two years as an historical officer in the GHQ Historical Section, US Army Far East Command, Tokyo. After returning to civilian life, he remained in the Army Reserve, eventually retiring with the rank of colonel.

He is the author of five books on World War II, including **Bataan: The March of Death, Decision at Leyte**, and **Seventy Days to Singapore**, as well as textbooks on national security affairs, and numerous essays, articles, and reviews.

He has lectured in the United States and abroad, at war colleges, universities, and other institutions, as well as appearing on the programs of scholarly and professional organizations.

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Official Records**

Being offered for sale is a complete set of the reprint version of the **War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies**, including the **Atlas**, from the National Historical Society. This set was published about 30 years ago, and is in very good condition. The asking price is \$1500.00. The set is located in Alexandria, VA. For more information, or to buy the set, please contact:

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50 Years Ago

In December, 1954, the Round Table was treated to a round table debate on unsolved questions left by the war, moderated by Ralph Donnelly. The questions were:

1. What was the Grand Strategy of the Confederacy? Was there an underlying, overall plan developed by the Southern leaders to win the war, and was it conceived in the early days, or was it improvised as the conflict progressed? Were sea power and the blockade runners used intelligently to win a victory or did they simply constitute a glamorous chapter of high adventure?

2. What effect did Northern sentiment in the South and Southern sentiment in the North have on the conduct and progress of the war?

25 Years Ago

In December 1979, Col. Joseph B. Mitchell gave his ninth presentation to the Round Table. It was the first time Gen. John Bell Hood of Texas had been the topic of a presentation to the Round Table.

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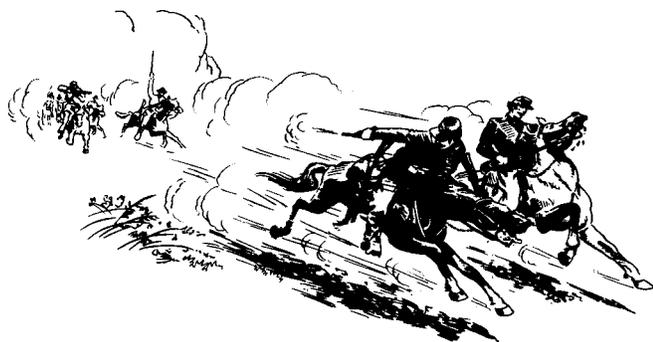
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News Letter

January 2005
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Botched Battle At Bristoe: The Bristoe Station Campaign of October 1863

Following the great bloodletting at Gettysburg in July 1863, the two opposing armies occupied quiet camps and countless picket posts in central Virginia, neither side making any attempt to bring on further hostilities. The fighting that did occur was relegated to desultory cavalry actions. This all changed in October 1863.

Following the Rebel victory at Chickamauga and reports of low morale and disgruntled conscripts in the Union Army of the Potomac, Robert E. Lee decided to break the

deadlock and go on the offensive. Lee's objective was to attack George G. Meade's scattered forces before they could reach the safety of Washington. Falling directly into Lee's trap, Meade hastily withdrew his army to Centreville, leaving the Union 2nd Corps to act as rear guard and fend off the entire Rebel army. On October 14, wishing to impress his superior Lee, A. P. Hill caught up with the Second Corps and impetuously attacked these troops near the non-descript railroad station at Bristoe. This foolhardy assault would go down as one of the bloodiest ambushes of the entire war.

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50 Years Ago

The new year (1954) was to be a good one for the Civil War Round Table, The program for the first meeting -- Tuesday evening, January 12 -- 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 earlier Civil War signal equipment.

(The following was preceded in the January 1954 newsletter by a well known story about a galvanized Yankee.)

All of which is a reminder that some of the best little stories about the Civil War do not necessarily have any particular basis in fact. There is, for example, one this writer stumbled on the other day while reading a history of the First Kentucky Cavalry (Union).

This regiment insisted that it had on its rolls an Irish private who possessed a furlough good for the entire war.

According to the regimental historian, in the early days of the war this private got word from home that his wife was dying, and could live but a few days. He went through channels to get a furlough so that he could go home and make her final hours as comfortable as possible, and he finally wound up presenting his plea to General George H. Thomas, in whose command the First Kentucky Cavalry was then brigaded, General Thomas, touched by his plea, wrote out a furlough stipulating that the private could go home and stay there until his wife died.

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The snapper, of course, lies in the fact -- or the assertion, anyhow -- that when the soldier got home his wife quite unexpectedly, and most considerately, recovered completely.

The regiment's history insists that this soldier was thus legally out of action for the rest of the war. He would occasionally come to camp and visit his pals for a spell; went too far with it, one time, and was visiting in some Kentucky outpost that got jumped by John Hunt Morgan's men, being captured and paroled.

That First Kentucky Cavalry, incidentally, must have been quite an outfit, being distinguished by a degree of informality as to uniforms, discipline and drill which would almost seem to place it in Bedford Forrest's command rather than in the Union Army. It is alleged, for instance, that its colonel never bothered to give formal, text-book tactical orders to his men, Instead, he would give such orders as: "Huddle up;" "Scatter out;" "Git up and git;" "Form a line of fight" and, on one occasion, the command: "Two ranks into four -- git!"

25 Years Ago

In January 1980, after a few remarks about the role and importance of railways in recent wars, Col. William P. Jones, Jr., described the career of that extraordinary man, Herman Haupt, who at age 44 when the Civil War began undoubtedly was the foremost railroad construction engineer in the United States and perhaps in the world. Of course Haupt's war service in charge of railroads supporting the Army of the Potomac was emphasized, but his entire career was so interesting and remarkable that the portions before and after the War were not be neglected. He had unique opportunities to observe many of the principal Union leaders at close range, and his opinions of them were of great interest. Slides illustrated the program.

Col. William P. Jones, Jr., was the president of the Round table in 1976-77 and newsletter editor from 1970 to 1986.

New Members

A grand welcome to the following new members:

Gordon Berg and Gregory Childs

THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



News Letter

February 2005
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Abraham Lincoln

Jim Swanson will be speaking about Abraham Lincoln at our next meeting. There may be an interesting guest at this meeting. At our last meeting, stories were told of Mary Surrat's ghost making appearances at the Fort McNair Officers Club. Mary Surrat was hung with the Lincoln conspirators, the first woman executed by the Federal Government. Since then, many have maintained she was innocent and had no part in the conspiracy.

The ghost of Mary Surrat has been seen wandering the building on the Fort McNair base

which used to house foreign officers. The building stands on the spot where she and other conspirators were hanged. Reportedly, on the night of the first snowfall of the year, her footsteps can be seen going from there to the Officers Club.

Several of the employees have reported seeing her late at night, peeking around corners and in the stair wells. She has been known to switch lights off on at least one occasion, although when requested, she did turn them back on.

February 2005 Meeting

Date:	Tuesday, February 8, 2005	Place:	Officer's Club Fort Lesley J. McNair Washington, DC
Price:	\$28.00 per person.		
Agenda:	6:00 pm Social Hour: Cash Bar 7:00 pm Dinner: Salad Herb Roasted Chicken (Vegetarian meals are available upon request in advance.) Chocolate Cake		
	8:00 pm Speaker: Jim Swanson Topic: Abraham Lincoln		

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50 Years Ago

In February, 1955, the Round Table was treated to a discussion of the Vicksburg Campaign by Francis Wilshin. Francis Wilshin was descended from a Southern sea captain and blockade runner, and from a lieutenant in Jeb Stuart's Fifth Virginia Cavalry. He was assisted in his presentation by Mr. Pemberton, a New York attorney, and the grandson of Gen. Pemberton, who was defeated at Vicksburg.

Last month's flashback into Round Table history was off by a year. Your editor had grabbed the January 1954 issue rather than the January 1955 issue of the newsletter. In January 1955, the speaker was Virgil "Pat" Carrington Jones and his topic was "Guerillas vs. Union Life Lines," a preview of a new book. He discussed the operations of four major partisan leaders: John H. McNeill in West Virginia; Elijah V. "Lige" White along the Potomac and in Maryland; Harry Gilmor up and down the Shenandoah Valley and into Maryland; and John S. Mosby nearer Washington.

25 Years Ago

In February 1980, David W. Gaddy spoke to the Round Table about "Talking Flags and Silent Men." Our speaker took as his theme the

statement by David Marshall in **The Story of the U.S. Army Signal Corps**, edited by Max L. Marshall: "The Confederate States Army Signal Corps was the first independent branch of professional signalmen in the military history of the world." It was started by former Engineer 2nd Lt. E. P. Alexander, famous later as commander of Longstreet's reserve artillery at Gettysburg and as author of **Military Memoirs of a Confederate**, who assisted Army Surgeon Albert J. Myer, later Union Chief Signal Officer, in field testing the "wig-wag" system of flags and torches, then went South and beat his mentor into the field at First Manassas.

Dave Gaddy developed the story, comparing the Union and Confederate organizational approach, including telegraphy. He talked about the intelligence and counterintelligence aspects of intercepting telegrams and, flag signals, of Beauregard's "coastal watchers," which foreshadowed the Aussies in the Southwest Pacific in World War II, and of how he used his signal observers as an economy-of-force tool.

Finally, he told of the secret "second hat" worn by the chief of the Confederate Signal Bureau, William Norris, as head of the Secret Service Bureau, and of the ciphers used by the Confederacy.

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P. K. (Pretty Kute) Story

This account was printed in the January 1955 newsletter. It was originally from Jefferson City, **Mosby's Missouri Message**, March 11, 1921.

General Sterling Price, in his raid through Missouri in September, 1864, captured Pilot Knob. The Pilot Knob Iron Company had many fine mules which were branded "P.K." Price confiscated these. A few weeks later, when the Confederate troops got near Jefferson City, two of the mules became lame. The Confederates left them with old Farmer Brown, and took two fresh mules from him. Brown nursed them and by spring he had a fine span of mules. One of his jealous neighbors reported to the Pilot Knob company the whereabouts of the mules and they sent an agent who instituted a replevin suit in a justice's court. Farmer Brown employed Col. J. Ed. Belch to defend the case. The agent identified the mules by the brand "P.K." He said, this was the Pilot Knob Iron Company's brand, The defendant could only state the manner and time of getting the mules and their condition when he got them. Belch made a short argument:

"Gentlemen of the Jury," he began, "Here is this hireling of a big corporation running around over the country hunting up mules left by Price's army. He has jumped old man Brown and is trying to take away his only means of making a crop this summer. When Brown got these mules they were broken down, lame, and poor and could do nothing but eat. Now he has nursed them, fed and curried them and just got them in shape to work, and this fellow wants to take them away from him. He never worked them, never fed them, but just identified them by the brand 'P.K.' He says this stands for Pilot Knob. He must think we are suckers in Cole County. P.K.! Pilot Knob! Whoever heard of anybody spelling Knob with a 'K'? N-o-b spells Knob and I have got it right here in the dictionary. In all of my experience I have never seen a clearer case of corroboration. I will tell you, gentlemen, what 'P.K.' stands for. Brown got his mules from Price's army. They got his mules. Price's army was all cavalry. 'P.K.' stands for Price's Cavalry."

The jury promptly returned a verdict for the defendant and the agent was so much disgusted with Cole County justice that he did not make an appeal.

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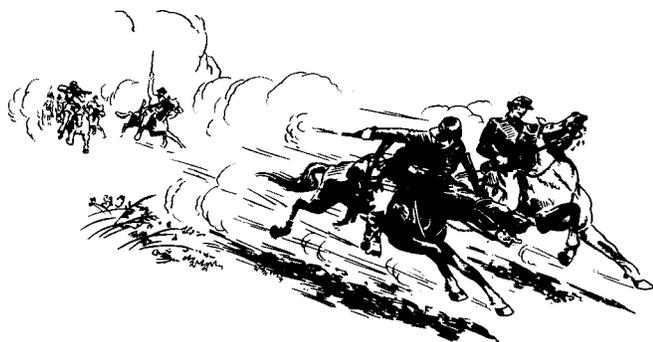
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News Letter

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They Fought Like Demons Women Soldiers in the American Civil War

At least 250 women, disguised as men, served in the ranks of both the North and the South during the Civil War. Although works about female Civil War soldiers have appeared over the past several years, DeAnne Blanton will provide an overview of all who served. After covering the major combat actions in which women served (and in which several were killed), DeAnne will reconstruct the reasons why women entered the armed forces: many were simply patriotic, while others followed their husbands or lovers and yet others

yearned to break free from the constraints that Victorian society had laid on them as women. Women soldiers will be described in combat, on the march, in camp and in the hospital. Some even wound up in grim prisons kept by both sides, while a few hid pregnancies and were only discovered after giving birth. Many times the rank and file hid them from officers, who were duty-bound to discharge women if they were found out. Solid research, including a look at the careers of a few women soldiers after the war, makes this a compelling topic.

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Agenda:	6:00 pm Social Hour:	Cash Bar	
	7:00 pm Dinner:	Salad Meatloaf, Redskin Potatoes (Vegetarian meals are available upon request in advance.) Fruit Bavarian	
	8:00 pm Speaker:	DeAnne Blanton	
	Topic:	They Fought Like Demons	

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DeAnne Blanton

DeAnne Blanton is an archivist at the National Archives in Washington, DC, specializing in 19th century U.S. Army records. She is President Emeritus of the Society for Women and the Civil War. She is also the co-author of **They Fought Like Demons: Women Soldiers in the American Civil War**, published in 2002 by Louisiana State University Press, and now available in paperback from Vintage. **They Fought Like Demons** is still in stock at Barnes & Noble. DeAnne will be speaking about some of the interesting women she rediscovered while researching the book.

Historic Dress During The Antebellum Years

The staff of Arlington House, the Robert E. Lee Memorial, will be presenting a program on Historic Dress during the Antebellum Years on March 26th at WiMSA (entrance of Arlington National Cemetery) beginning at 1 pm. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Vanna Lewis of Richmond, VA, a longtime volunteer of Arlington House.

Mrs. Lewis will cover what men and women wore during that time. She will even discuss the difference between the classes pertaining to dress (white, black, poor, rich, slave, free) and what children wore as well. A demonstration of actually putting on the 7 LAYERS of clothing will follow. Mrs. Lewis is an expert on that subject and what colors were worn and the style of hair and jewelry. Many people seek her advice when they get involved in going to Victorian Balls.

If you wish to attend, you may come by Metro and take the blue line to the Arlington Cemetery stop. Then, it is just a three minute walk to the venue. If driving, you can park at the cemetery parking lot. The parking fee is minimal.

Sixth Annual Civil War Seminar The Appomattox Campaign and The Surrender

The Appomattox Court House National Historical Park and the Department of History and Political Science at Longwood University are pleased to present the Sixth Annual Civil War Seminar, Saturday, March 5, 2005. This year's seminar will focus on "The Appomattox Campaign and The Surrender." The program begins at 9:30 a.m. on the campus of Longwood University in the Hull Building, room 132, in Farmville, VA. The seminar is free and open to the public. Lunch is available at the Longwood University dining hall. A list of times, speakers, and topics is available on the Internet at:

www.nps.gov/apco/pphtml/eventdetail14517.html

On April 7-12, 2005, in observance of the 140th anniversary of the Appomattox surrender, the Appomattox Court House National Historical Park will present a series of programs designed to give the park visitor a strong overview of the events at Appomattox Court House, Virginia in April 1865, which brought about the end of the Civil War.

50 Years Ago

In March, 1955, the Round Table entertained officials of the B&O and Southern Railways. The topic of the evening was "The Iron Horse on the Washington Battlefield," given by Maj. Marshall Andrews. The American Civil War was not the first railroad war (the Crimean War and the Second Italian War in 1850 used railroads) but it was the first in which the railroad was a decisive factor and the one in which the railroads gave a new dimension to strategic mobility. Railroads made possible the maintenance of armies in the field between campaigns, made possible a concerted action of several armies along a front of hundreds of miles, and permitted reinforcement of one army by another.

25 Years Ago

In March 1980, Josh Billings gave his eighth presentation to the Round Table. His topic was "The New York Draft Riots of 1863."

By the end of 1862 it was evident, if it had not been before, that a long, protracted war faced the North. Several expedients had been tried to keep volunteers flowing into the Federal armies with little success. As more rigid measures were undertaken, the crescendo of opposition to the Lincoln Administration increased. With the passage of the Enrollment and Conscription Act of early 1863, the first national conscription as contrasted with previous state action, opposition became more and more vociferous.

Among the questions our speaker attempted to answer were: Who were the rioters and why did they riot? Was the riot a case of popular indignation or an engineered action? What were the results of the riots? Was the Confederate Government behind them?

The answers to some of these questions remain in doubt to this day.

New Members

A grand welcome to the following new members:

Col. Charles E. Heller
Gerald (Jerry) Mendenhall

Sheridan's Valley Campaign (August-October 1864)

Preliminary Itinerary with Tour Leader,
Ed Bearss:

Saturday; June 11, 2005

7:30 a.m. Depart Ft. McNair

9:00 a.m. Harper's Ferry, Charles Town,
Leetown, Berryville

(Rest stop in Charles Town)

NOON Lunch, Winchester

1:15 p.m. 2nd Battle of Kernstown

2:00 p.m. 3rd Battle of Winchester,
Hackwood, Enos Dinker,
National Cemetery

4:30 p.m. Depart for Fishers Hill

6:30 p.m. Arrive hotel, New Market

7:30 p.m. Dinner

Sunday; June 12, 2005

8:15 a.m. Depart

8:20 a.m. Shirley Hill

9:00 a.m. New Market Battlefield

12:15 p.m. Lunch

2:00 p.m. Tom's Brook
(Overlook of Shenandoah River
and Three Top Mountain)

3:00 p.m. Cedar Creek
(128th New York Marker)

4:15 p.m. Belle Grove Plantation

5:15 p.m. Middletown Cemetery,
Middletown

5:30 p.m. Miller House

5:45 p.m. Depart for Ft. McNair

7:15 p.m. Arrive Ft. McNair

Complete details, including tour cost and registration information, will be coming soon. If interested, contact Susan Claffey at:

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The American Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar

The American Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar, now in development in Richmond, Virginia, will tell the whole story of the conflict that still shapes our nation. The Center will be a place of discovery where Americans can understand the clashing views of the pivotal event in our nation's history and see how it produced the nation we know today. By knitting Union, Confederate, and African American narratives into a single story that includes everyone, the Center aims to help Americans understand the larger meanings of the conflict, the freedoms we take for granted today, and our responsibility to uphold them.

The 1861 Gun Foundry will house a 10,000-square-foot exhibition exploring the causes, course, and legacies of the war from Union, Confederate, and African American perspectives. The Gun Foundry is a spectacular Civil War artifact in itself and, coupled with interactive media and objects from the Smithsonian Institution, the Chicago Historical Society, and the African American collection of John H. Motley, the exhibition will have something for all visitors and students. Groundbreaking for the Center will take place on April 22, 2005, and it will open in mid-summer 2006.

April 2005 Meeting

Date:	Tuesday, April 12, 2005	Place:	Officer's Club Fort Lesley J. McNair Washington, DC
Price:	\$28.00 per person.		
Agenda:	6:00 pm Social Hour: 7:00 pm Dinner:	Cash Bar Salad Chicken Piccata, Noodles Alfredo, Tiramisu	(Vegetarian meals are available upon request in advance.)
	8:00 pm Speaker: Topic:	Alex Wise The American Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar	

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Dean Roy Warner

Dean Warner passed away on February 24, 2005, due to complications from diabetes. Dean was a veteran of the US Marine Corps, and had worked in the Department of Veterans Affairs for over 25 years. He had been a member of the District of Columbia and Montgomery County Civil War Round Tables, which were an important part of his life. He was President of the CWRT of DC in 1983-84, and served as the newsletter editor from 1987 to 2001.

Survivors include his wife, Melody Warner of Marlton, NJ, his sister Marjory Weidner of Cherry Hill, NJ, his niece Pamela Leone, nephew Phillip Weidner and several great nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to:

The American Diabetes Association
1060 N. Kings Highway, Suite 309
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.

Alex Wise

Alex Wise is President of the Tredegar National Civil War Center Foundation based in Richmond, Virginia. The mission of the Foundation is “to tell the whole story of the conflict that still shapes America.” To accomplish that mission, the Foundation is developing the American Civil War Center in Richmond’s historic Tredegar Iron Works.

Previously, Mr. Wise served two governors as Director of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, the Commonwealth’s historic preservation agency. He has also practiced law at McGuire Woods, worked in all three branches of federal government, and taught school at Episcopal High School in Alexandria. He has a BA from the University of Virginia, MA degrees from George Washington University and Georgetown University, and a JD from Washington and Lee University.

The great great grandson of Confederate general Henry A. Wise, Mr. Wise has a special interest in the Civil War. He is a former president of the Museum of the Confederacy and a former trustee of the Civil War Preservation Trust.

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Chesapeake Civil War Round Table

On April 14, Anne Rubin, of the University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus, will speak on "Confederate Nationalism." Dr. Rubin was one of the two leaders of the "Valley of the Shadow" project which examined the records of a county in Virginia and a county in Pennsylvania during the Civil War to determine how the war affected the lives of ordinary citizens. On April 28, George Rable, University of Alabama, will speak on "The Confederate Republic."

Both presentations will be at 7 pm in Room 219 of the Cade Building on the campus of Anne Arundel Community College in Arnold, Maryland. Take Route 50 east to exit 27, then Route 2 north (Governor Ritchie Highway) toward Baltimore. Stay on Route 2 for about three miles. Turn right at West Campus Drive, (you will see a large sign for the college that resembles sails on a sailboat.) The Cade Building is the large brick building beyond the parking lot on the immediate right.

50 Years Ago

In April, 1955, the Round Table awarded its third Gold Medal to Bruce Catton, who spoke about "Sheridan at Five Forks."

25 Years Ago

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Capitol Hill Civil War Round Table

The next meeting of the Capitol Hill Civil War Round Table will be on April 4, 2005. Jeremiah Goulka, author of **The Grand Old Man of Maine, Selected Letters of Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain**, will speak about his book at 6:30 pm in Room 1300/1302 of the Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC. Guests are welcome. Refreshments will be served at 6:00 pm.

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Rappahannock Valley CWRT's Spring Bus Tour

This year's Rappahannock Valley CWRT annual Spring Bus Tour will be to the Seven Days Battlefields. Executive Board Member, Marc Thompson, will lead this one-day event to all the major Seven Days battlefields, including: Oak Grove, Beaver Dam Creek, Gaines Mill, Savage Station, Glendale and Malvern Hill. Besides these sites, both the Lee and McClellan headquarters at the Dabbs and Trent Houses will be visited. The tour will focus on the personalities of the key Confederate and Union commanders, their operational objectives, and the effects of the terrain on achieving those objectives.

The tour is Saturday, April 16th, departing Fredericksburg at 7 am, and returning around 6 pm. It is recommended that you bring a sack lunch, snacks and something to drink, as there are no restaurants near the sites being visited. Bring comfortable walking shoes for off the bus excursions. Departure will be from the Park & Ride lot on Courthouse Road (Route 208).

This event is not open to reservations for persons outside the Rappahannock Valley CWRT until April 1st. Cost of this trip is \$45.00 per individual or \$85.00 per couple. Email your reservation to the trip coordinator at trips@rvcwrt.org, stating your name, and whether your reservation is for an individual or a couple. Payment should be mailed to:

Rappahannock Valley Civil War Roundtable
Attention: Seven Days Tour
PO Box 7632
Fredericksburg, VA 22404

For more information about the tour, contact Marc at (703) 366-2939 or mark@rvcwrt.org.

9th Annual Civil War Forum Battlefield Conference First & Second Manassas

The 9th Annual Civil War Forum Battlefield Conference will be held from March 31 to April 3 at the Hampton Inn in Manassas, VA.

The conference includes tours of the manassas battlefields and other local Civil War sites., three evening programs (dinner, and speakers), and Sunday morning tour of notable Civil War grave sites in Arlington National Cemetery. The evening speakers are Jim Burgess, Scott Patchan and Gary Ecelbarger. Hotel guest rooms, and lunches are not included. Individual evening programs (dinner and speaker) can be reserved for \$25 per night.

For more details and registration information, please visit their web site at: <http://homepage.mac.com/civilwarforum/Personal6.html> or contact David Woodbury at (650) 722-2674.

Volunteers Needed To Plant Trees On Mullins Farm At Chancellorsville

On Saturday, April 2, at 9 am, volunteers from across the county will travel to Chancellorsville to help plant 2,000 trees on the Lick Run Battlefield (formerly the Mullins Farm). The purpose of the tree planting is to begin restoration of the historic Civil War era wood line.

Volunteers are encouraged to bring shovels and work gloves if they have them, and to dress appropriately (the event will be held rain or shine). Volunteers will be provided with lunch and Park Day t-shirts. Following the tree planting, NPS historian Eric Mink will give a short walking tour of the property.

Parking will be available at the former Countryside Nursery & Garden on Route 3 (6161 Plank Road). Overflow parking is available at the Gordon Road commuter lot.

Civil War Book Discussions Borders Books Tysons Corners

Two Civil War-related book discussions are coming up at Borders at Tysons Corner in April and May. Details are below.

Wednesday, April 27, at 7:30 pm
Jeffrey Wert - **The Sword of Lincoln**

From Antietam to Gettysburg to Appomattox, the Army of the Potomac repeatedly battled and eventually defeated Robert E. Lee. In the first comprehensive history of this army since Bruce Catton's trilogy, Jeffrey Wert - esteemed author of **Gettysburg, Day Three** and **A Brotherhood of Valor** - gives readers a riveting portrait of the Union's storied, controversial vanguard. Drawing in part on previously unpublished documents, he takes readers into the heart of the action with the ordinary soldiers of the Irish, Iron and Excelsior Brigades, among others, and contrasts their experiences with those of their Confederate adversaries. You will enjoy re-living the army's story and talking with the author of this insightful book.

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David S. Reynolds - **John Brown, Abolitionist: The Man Who Killed Slavery, Sparked the Civil War, and Seeded Civil Rights**

Few historical figures are as intriguing as John Brown, the controversial Abolitionist who used terrorist tactics against slavery and single-handedly changed the course of American history. In his brilliant biography of Brown, prize-winning critic and cultural biographer David S. Reynolds brings to life the Puritan warrior who gripped slavery by the throat and triggered the Civil War. Was Brown an insane criminal or a Christ-like martyr? A forerunner of Osama bin Laden or of Martin Luther King, Jr.? Reynolds sorts through the tangled evidence and makes some surprising

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Borders At Tysons Corner
8027 Leesburg Pike
Vienna, VA 22182
703-556-7766

(Across the street from the main entrance to Tysons I. Parking is available in the underground garage and is free for two hours with store validation.)

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Name: _____ Number of people: _____

Guest: _____ Cost of Tour: _____ x \$ 50

Mail Registration & Check to: Jim Hurdle Total Enclosed: _____

1632 N. Randolph St.
Arlington VA 22207-3025

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Needed if tour must be cancelled. If tour is cancelled, cost will be fully refunded.

Sheridan's Valley Campaign (August-October 1864)

Tour Itinerary with Leader, Ed Bearss:

Saturday; June 11, 2005

7:30 am Depart Ft. McNair
 9:00 am Harper's Ferry, Charles Town,
 Leetown, Berryville
 Rest stop in Charles Town
 NOON Lunch, Winchester
 (Fast food stop, out of pocket)
 1:15 pm 2nd Battle of Kernstown
 2:00 pm 3rd Battle of Winchester (Opequon)
 Hackwood, Enos Dinker, National
 Cemetery
 4:30 pm Depart for Fishers Hill
 6:30 pm Arrive hotel
 Quality Inn Shenandoah Valley
 162 W. Old Cross Rd
 New Market
 7:30 pm Buffet Dinner at hotel with CASH
 bar

Sunday; June 12, 2005

Breakfast Out of pocket, hotel has room service
 & restaurant on premises
 8:15 am Depart
 8:20 am Shirley Hill
 9:00 am New Market Battlefield
 NOON Buffet Lunch — Old Mill, Strasburg
 2:00 pm Tom's Brook
 Overlook of Shenandoah River and
 Three Top Mountain
 3:00 pm Cedar Creek
 128th New York Marker
 4:15 pm Belle Grove Plantation
 5:15 pm Middletown Cemetery,
 5:30 pm Miller House
 5:45 pm Depart for Ft. McNair
 7:15 pm Arrive Ft. McNair

2005 Field Trip Sheridan's 1864 Valley Campaign with Ed Bearss June 11 & 12, 2005

For additional information, contact:
Susan Claffey (sclaffey@americasblood.org, 202-654-2907)

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City:	State:	Zip:	
Telephone:	E-mail:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Smoking Room <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Smoking Room <input type="checkbox"/> King/Queen or <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Doubles			
Please specify any other special room or dietary requests here:			

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Signature:		
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THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



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The Military Genius of Ulysses S. Grant

Ulysses S. Grant has been tarred with negative labels such as “butcher,” “plodding,” and “uncreative.” Ed Bonekemper shows that Grant was a creative, cunning, and quick general who was a winner wherever he fought in the Civil War. Between Fort Sumter and Appomattox, three Civil War armies surrendered – all of them to “Unconditional Surrender” Grant.

Ed Bonekemper presents a fresh analysis of the military career of Ulysses S. Grant. He describes Grant’s western successes, including those at Forts Henry and Donelson, Shiloh, his brilliant Vicksburg Campaign, and his saving Chattanooga. Grant’s generally low-casualty western successes compelled President Lincoln to bring Grant to the East to win the war. Grant did so in less than a year with fewer casualties

than eastern armies had suffered in the preceding three fruitless years.

Grant’s troops suffered fewer casualties throughout the entire war than Robert E. Lee’s soldiers and that Grant’s casualty rate was lower than those of Lee, Braxton Bragg, John Bell Hood, and most leading generals of the war. He includes a thumbnail analysis of historians’ treatment of Grant, who often suffered at the hands of pro-Lee historians.

Grant’s admirers will be heartened by the narrative and statistical support for the proposition that he possessed military genius, was the outstanding general of the Civil War, and conducted one of the greatest campaigns in military history – the capture of Vicksburg and its 30,000 man army.

May 2005 Meeting

Date:	Tuesday, May 10, 2005	Place:	Officer’s Club
Price:	\$28.00 per person.		Fort Lesley J. McNair
Agenda:	6:00 pm Social Hour:	Cash Bar	Washington, DC
	7:00 pm Dinner:	Salad	
		Filet Mignon	(Vegetarian meals are available upon request in advance.)
		Apple Pie	
	8:00 pm Speaker:	Edward Bonekemper	
	Topic:	The Military Genius of Ulysses S. Grant	

The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, May 4, 2005. Please send them to:

Mr. James Hurdle	Phone:	703-525-3681
1632 N Randolph St.	Email:	hurdle.jim @verizon.net
Arlington, VA 22207-3025		

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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Membership in the Civil War Round Table of the District of Columbia is open to anyone interested in the study of the American Civil War or American history. Our program year runs from September through May of the following year. Dues are \$25.00 per year (\$12 if you join after January 31, 2005) and should be mailed with a membership application form (available on our web site or from the address below) to:

CWRT of DC Membership Committee
Kenneth R. Rice
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Arlington, VA 22207-3005

Checks should be made out to **The CWRT of DC**. Membership includes a subscription to the monthly newsletter which contains notice of dinner meeting dates, speakers, and topics; information on field trips; and various Civil War related articles. Dinner meetings are held from September through May on the second Tuesday of each month at the Fort Leslie J. McNair Officer's Club in Washington, DC.

Books Needed

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

IMPORTANT SECURITY NOTICE

We have been entering and leaving through the P Street gate. Please be prepared for a delay getting through the gate when you arrive. This is for both vehicles and pedestrians. They will ask for a picture ID, search bags and cars without a current DOD sticker.

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Edward H. Bonekemper, III

Ed Bonekemper, the author of **How Robert E. Lee Lost the Civil War** and **A Victor, Not a Butcher: Ulysses S. Grant's Overlooked Military Genius** received a BA in Military History from Muhlenburg College in Allentown, PA, an MA in History from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA, and a JD from Yale Law School, New Haven, CT. He is a retired US Coast Guard Reserve Commander, and has been a U. S. Government attorney for 35 years.

Ed Bonekemper has been an adjunct lecturer at Muhlenberg College on U.S. military history (Aug. 2003-present), an adjunct professor at the American Military University (internet teaching) on U.S. Constitutional history (2003-4), an instructor on American constitutional history and maritime law at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy (1970s). He has lectured on **How Robert E. Lee Lost the Civil War** on over 50 occasions at the Smithsonian Institution, the Virginia Festival of the Book, Civil War Roundtables, Barnes & Noble and Borders bookstores, etc. (1998-present). He has also lectured on a **Victor, Not a Butcher: Ulysses S. Grant's Overlooked Military Genius** on over 35 occasions (25 more scheduled—including Smithsonian Institution and Civil War Roundtables across the country).

50 Years Ago

Admiral John B. Heffernan, USN, spoke to the Round Table about Raphael Semmes in May, 1955. Raphael Semmes was the Captain of the CSS Alabama, and an acting brigadier-general at Appomattox.

The 9th semi-annual filed was on May 21, 1955, and featured a tour of the Spotsylvania battlefield. The narrator for the filed trip was Francis F. Wilshin, a historian with the National Park Service.

25 Years Ago

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Living History of Civil War Medicine

On June 11-12, 2005, St. Elizabeth's Hospital will celebrate the Living History of Civil War Medicine. Various Civil War reenactment groups and museums will participate. This educational event is free and suitable for people of all ages who would like to learn more about medicine and the role of Saint Elizabeth's Hospital during this era.

The Keynote speaker on June 11th will be Eric Dean, the author of the book "Shook Over Hell", Posttraumatic Stress, Vietnam and Civil War. He will discuss case studies of soldiers treated at St. Elizabeth's Hospital during the Civil War.

For further information, please visit their web site at <http://www.seh150.org> and contact Dr. S. Kanhouwa at 202-645-9770.

Montgomery County CWRT Celebrates 25 Years

Presenting Dr. James I. Robertson, Jr.
Thursday, May 12, 2005
Holiday Inn, Gaithersburg

The Montgomery County Civil War Round Table will be celebrating its 25th year with an appearance by Bud Robertson recreating his first visit (1981) to our annual May banquet with his talk on "Virginia in the Civil War." And if you don't know how highly those Virginians think of their part in the War, just ask one of them! We are delighted to invite all of the round tables in the area to our celebration to hear the best speaker on the circuit today. Please join us for a festive evening.

A cash bar will start at 6:00 pm. A Civil War era band will play beginning at 6:15 pm. A silent auction will be held all evening. Please bring your books and get them signed during the reception. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. Dinner will be London Broil and strawberry cheesecake for dessert (vegetable plate or fruit plate is available). Special events, awards, music, book raffle and speaker start at 8:00 pm. Dinner cost is \$24.00 per person, or to hear the speaker only \$5.00 per person. Whether you are coming for dinner or to hear the speaker only, you must have a pre-paid reservation. Make checks out to MCCWRT and mail with the information below to:

Vicki Heilig
11843 Summer Oak Drive
Germantown, MD 20874
Phone: (301) 972-3496

The deadline for paid reservations is Monday, May 9, 2005. Please provide the following: Name, Guests' Names (w/tag names) Nametag Name (if different), Address, Phone Number, Number of Guests, Check Amount (\$24 per person for dinner or \$5 per person for the speaker). Do you or your guests prefer a vegetable or a fruit plate? Please designate choice by name.

Battery Martin Scott

A book is being written on the Palisades section of Washington, DC. Battery Martin Scott was named presumably after or for Major (later Lt. Col.) Martin Scott, 5th US Infantry, who was killed Sept. 8, 1847 in the Battle Molino del Roy during the Mexican War. He was a native of Bennington, VT. This is cited on pages 128 - 129 in the book **Mr. Lincoln's Forts: A Guide to the Civil War Defenses** by Benjamin Franklin Cooling III and Walton H. Owen II. However, there is a Fort Martin Scott in Texas named after the same man. A historian in Alexandria has commented that it unusual that two places are named after the same person. If you have any information re this, please contact Cici Hughes at cicihughes@aol.com.

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 Hackwood, Enos Dinker, National
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2005 Field Trip Sheridan's 1864 Valley Campaign with Ed Bearss June 11 & 12, 2005

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City: _____

State: _____ Zip (plus 4): _____ - _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Office Phone: (____) _____ - _____

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Kenneth R. Rice
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If you have any speaker or topic preferences for future meetings, please list on them on the back.

Dinner Reservation Form For Tuesday, May 10, 2005.

The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, May 4, 2005.
The cost is \$28.00 per person. Please make your check payable to CWRT of DC.

Member's Name: _____ Number of people: _____

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

Contribution to Edwin C. Bearss Award: \$_____

Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____
(Needed in case the meeting must be cancelled.)

Total enclosed: \$_____

Please mail this form and your check to: Mr. James Hurdle
1632 N Randolph St.
Arlington, VA 22207-3025