

THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



News Letter

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The Perfect Steel Trap Harpers Ferry 1859

Bob O'Connor's presentation to the Round Table will be about **The Perfect Steel Trap Harpers Ferry 1859**, his first book. O'Connor not only tells the story of the John Brown raid, his capture and execution, which most books have already cover, but also the interesting trial of John Brown and his men, and the journey and fate of seven of John Brown's men who escaped.

"That part is something most people do not know about," O'Connor adds.

The book, published in 2006, was named finalist in the best book awards for 2006 by **USA Book News** in the historical fiction category.

The topic is timely as 2009 is the 150th anniversary of the raid. The area around Harpers Ferry already has put together almost 100 events for the commemoration. The Commonwealth of Virginia has designated the John Brown event as the start of the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War.

September 2008 Meeting

Date:	Tuesday, September 9, 2008	Place:	Officers' Club Fort Lesley J. McNair Washington, DC
Price:	Dinner \$29.00 per person Lecture only \$5.00		
Agenda:	6:00 pm Social Hour: 6.45 pm Dinner:	Cash Bar Prime rib Vegetable of the Day (Vegetarian meals are available upon request in advance.) Mashed Potatoes Apple Pie	
	8:00 pm Speaker: Topic:	Bob O'Connor The Perfect Steel Trap Harpers Ferry 1859	

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Newsletter by Email

This newsletter is now available by email as an alternative to US mail. All recipients of this newsletter are requested to choose the email version of the newsletter. This will reduce newsletter expenses and allow the money to be used for things like battlefield preservation. To receive this newsletter by email, please indicate so on your membership form, or email the newsletter editor. The newsletter is published on our web site listed below. The newsletter editor's address is:

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Reenactment of Sunday Service Prior to Battle of Antietam

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Sharpsburg, Maryland, their congregation and its church building played an important role in the Battle of Antietam, serving as the principal Confederate hospital after the fighting. The battle was a defining point in the life of their community, and its largest annual festival, Sharpsburg Heritage Days, marks the anniversary of the fighting with a parade, historical programs and various community events. This year, Heritage Days will be a two-day event, held on September 13 and 14.

To mark the 146th anniversary of the battle this year and as a part of Heritage Days, the church will be holding a special commemorative service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 14, at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, 209 West Main Street, Sharpsburg, Maryland.

The worship service will be a reenactment of a Civil War era Holy Communion, using the 1789 Book of Common Prayer and period costume, music and ceremonial. Our preacher for the service will be Rev. John Schildt, a retired Methodist pastor and long-time student of the Battle of Antietam, who has written several books about the battle and Washington County Civil War history. In his sermon, Rev. Schildt will reflect on the spiritual meaning of the battle for modern Christians. There will also be special prayers for the fallen. The service will be followed by period refreshments in the Parish Hall.

Everyone is welcome to come to their service, and if anyone regularly dresses in period costume, they would especially love to have them come and help the experience be as authentic as possible. The night before, they will also be hosting a pig roast and American religious music concert. Civil War relics will be on display at the church and a series of lectures will be taking place on both days of the festival.

Parking is available on street and in a lot off the alley behind the Church.

For further information, please contact: Mark A. Michael, Rector, Saint Paul's Church, 301-432-7098, stpaulssharpburg@gmail.org, www.stpaulssharpburg.org.

East Cavalry Battlefield Tour with Marc Thompson on October 4

A day trip on Saturday, October 4, in concert with the Rappahannock Valley Civil War Round Table, will explore part of J.E.B. Stuart's route to Gettysburg and culminate in the interpretation of the action on July 3, 1863, at the East Cavalry Battlefield. Marc Thompson will be our tour guide. Marc plans stops in Union Mills, Westminster and Hanover before reaching the East Cavalry Battlefield.

Marc Thompson has been a speaker for our group and led several of our day tours as well. He is an associate with Booz Allen Hamilton as a consultant to the office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence. He is a retired USAF Colonel, with 28 years of service as an intelligence officer. Marc has worked as a volunteer tour guide and historian with the National Park Service at Chancellorsville Battlefield. Besides his work at Chancellorsville, Marc is currently the President of the Rappahannock Valley Civil War Round Table in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and is a past President of the Omaha Civil War Round Table.

Although details are still being firmed up as to pick up locations in Fredericksburg and DC, the cost of the tour will be \$50 and includes bus, lunch, tour guide and handouts. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Susan Claffey (202-654-2907 or sclaffey@gsabc.com) or Jim Hurdle (703-525-3681 or hurdle.jim@verizon.net).

Bob O'Conner

Bob O'Connor, 63, lives in Charles Town, West Virginia, and works in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. He has published three books, all historical fiction, and all about people from the area where he lives and works.

He was born in Dixon, Illinois, the boyhood home of Ronald Reagan. His Mom still lives there. He is a graduate of Northern Illinois University.

O'Connor's other two books are **The Virginian Who Might Have Saved Lincoln** and **Catesby: Eyewitness to the Civil War**. The Lincoln book is the first ever written about Ward Hill Lamon, who was Lincoln's personal bodyguard, but was not at Ford's Theater. **The Virginian Who Might Have Saved Lincoln** is available as a 5 CD set audio book which was named first runner-up in the 2008 National Indie Excellence Awards for Audio Books - Fiction. **Catesby** was an African American blacksmith who was captured by John Brown. The book follows his difficult quest to find freedom from slavery, taking the reader on an adventure which includes Catesby's enlistment in the 54th Massachusetts and his incarceration in Andersonville Prison.

O'Connor is a member of the Harpers Ferry Civil War Round Table. He was the originator of the Antietam Memorial Illumination which for twenty years has honored the 21,115 men who fell defending our freedoms at the Battle of Antietam Creek in Sharpsburg.

He works part-time for the Jefferson County Convention and Visitors Bureau in Harpers Ferry, providing tours, writing press releases, working with the media, and doing administrative duties. He also works part time for the City of Charles Town, writing grants and chairing their annual Heritage Days event.

For additional information, photos of the book covers and a photograph of the author, please go to www.boboconnorbooks.com.

Schedule of Speakers 2008-09

- Sep 9 Bob O'Connor: The Perfect Steel Trap
Harpers Ferry 1859
- Oct 4 East Cavalry Battlefield Tour with
Mark Thompson
- Oct 14 Eileen Patch: Living History/Portrayal
of NY Regt Sergeant
- Nov 12 (Note: Wednesday) TBA
- Dec 9 Marc Leepson: Monocacy
- Jan 13 Thad Adams: Confederate Patent
Office
- Feb 10 Jason Emerson: Madness of Mary
Todd Lincoln
- Mar 10 Dr. Lisa Budreau: Burials, Cemeteries
& National Commemoration
- Apr 14 Clint Johnson: The Chase & Capture
of President Jefferson Davis
- May 12 Elizabeth Pyror: Clara Barton
- Jun 9 Ed Bonekemper: Grant and Lee
- Jun 27-28 Annual Field Trip with Ed Bearss

A meeting with Ed Bearss at the National Archives is being planned.

25 Years Ago

Howard C. Westwood spoke to the Round table on September 13, 1983. His topic was "After Vicksburg, What of Mobile?" The tidbit "Well-Aged Bread" later in the newsletter is from the September 1983 newsletter.

Our Fourth Annual Ed Bearss Award for Preservation Presented to the Richmond Battlefields Association

Our Round Table can be proud of its efforts in support Civil War preservation. The past four years, we have made nearly \$5000 in donations to several worthy causes - Friends of Chickamauga, Bentonville Battlefield, Adams County Conservancy, and the Daniel Lady Farm in Gettysburg. In July, we once again made our annual award of \$1,000 to the preservation activity selected by our member, Ed Bearss.

This year's recipient was the Richmond Battlefields Association (RBA). The RBA was named by Civil War Preservation Trust as its "Preservation Organization of the Year" in 2007. It is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the preservation of historic Civil War sites surrounding Richmond, Virginia - the former capital of the Confederacy. It works with landowners to protect hallowed ground through donations of property, land purchases and preservation easements. Its most recent success was the purchase of land at Cold Harbor that saw heavy and historic fighting during June 1 - 3, 1864. This tract was the scene of at least three episodes of fighting during the Cold Harbor battle.

Thank you to all who donated those few extra coins and bills in your pocket for Bearss Bear, those who added a bit each month to their dinner registration form for the Bearss Award, and for those who supported our Round Tables' tours and activities. These are what make our charitable efforts possible. A little from each of us makes for a very nice donation and we hope to continue and to do more.

Introducing Our New Program Committee

The Round Table has established a program committee to work with the Vice-President to plan the annual speaker schedule,

annual Civil War weekend tour, and day trips for each program year. This is a welcome development that will take a large part of the burden off the shoulders of the Vice-President. Our past practice was to place the entire responsibility to identify, contact, and schedule speakers for the next program year on the Vice-President.

This group will consider speakers, topics and destinations, and share the work of contacting potential speakers to fill the program calendar. It is hoped that by making the planning for the program year a less daunting task that more Round Table members will consent to serve in the role of Vice-President and ultimately President.

This year's committee is made up of all volunteers and includes immediate Past-President Gordon Berg, Past-Presidents Jim Hurdle and Wendy Swanson, and our soon-to-be published author Gail Stephens. Susan Claffey as Vice-President rounds out the group. If you have ideas about topics, speakers or trip destinations be sure to share them with the Program Committee.

50 Years Ago

On September 9, 1958, Dr. J. Walter Coleman, Staff Historian, National Park Service, spoke to the Round Table about the Battle of Antietam. On September 20, the Round Table enjoyed a Battlefield tour of Antietam via Compton's Gap.

The September 1958 newsletter had the following notice: "The first woman subscriber to the Newsletter, under the \$3-a-year arrangement is Miss Margaret J. O'Connell of Pennington, N. J. She attended the recent CW Seminar at Gettysburg College. Member Bell I. Wiley was the chief lecturer; Col. J. Gay Seabourne, our president attended the sessions." Women would not be able to join the Round Table until November, 1983.

Well-Aged Bread

The durability of "hardtack", the staple bread issued to Union Troops during the Civil War, is legendary. In both the United States and Britain the same naval item was known as "sea biscuit" or "ship's biscuit". During World War II a British officer told your editor that his brother, an admiral in the Royal Navy's supply service, saw ship's biscuit taken from storage in about 1940 which had been baked for the Crimean War, fought in 1853-56.

Taming the Wilderness Colonial Era of Ellwood to be examined

Friends of Wilderness Battlefield (FoWB) will be hosting craftsmen as they demonstrate many of the skills required to survive during the settling of The Wilderness in Spotsylvania and Orange Counties in the late 18th century. Artisans and specialists will demonstrate a number of period trades and crafts.

The event will take place on the grounds of Ellwood, a late 18th century manor house located on the Wilderness Battlefield one-third of a mile south of the Wilderness Intersection on Route #20. On September 28 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. the public, adults and children alike, are invited to attend and learn how Ellwood was built and became a thriving plantation. Taming the Wilderness is free to the public, with donations gratefully accepted.

Constructed circa 1790, Ellwood Manor has an impressive history spanning the early Federal period, the Civil War, Reconstruction and the 20th Century. Today, as part of the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, much emphasis is rightfully placed on the stately manor's Civil War heritage. From the wounding of Stonewall Jackson at Chancellorsville to the terrible fighting in the Wilderness, many important Civil War events occurred in and around the home.

The September 28 event will, however, focus on an earlier period, the "taming" of The Wilderness, some of the wildest land in Virginia in the last quarter of the 18th century. Demonstrations occurring throughout the day are interactive and will include:

- Traditional masonry styles and techniques, by John Friedrichs of New Dimensions Building, Rockingham County.
- The tools and techniques used to work logs into shape for use in building construction, by Craig Jacobs of Salvagewrights in Orange.
- Blacksmithing and traditional ironworking by Ross and Melissa Sullivan of Cherry Hill Forge, in King George.
- The practice of hand-splitting wooden shingles using traditional methods, by Steve Lohr of Madison.
- Spinning and weaving, by Linda George of Fredericksburg.
- Frontier arms and tools by the Westmoreland Longhunters.
- Joinery and various other structural techniques and interior features of architecture of the period by Langley Freeauf.
- Food preparation and open-hearth cooking by Susan Titus.
- The making of split-oak baskets by Mary Lynn Rowland.

There will be children's games from the late 18th century. Guided tours of the newly restored portions of the house will be available throughout the day. This is a rain or shine event, with water, juice and snacks available on the grounds. For more information regarding this event, please email fowb@fowb.org.

Get Serious about Preservation!

This past June, the DC Round Table awarded its annual Ed Bearss Preservation Award to the Friends of Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park. The award, totaling \$1000, was given to the group at the request of the man himself – Ed Bearss. As all of you know, this is something the Round Table does every year to honor Ed and to repay him, in some small way, for speaking to us and leading our field trip for free – yes, without compensation.

We're not alone. Ed donates his time to many groups in order to spark interest in the Civil War and to build momentum to preserve the Civil War landscape. This is an important time, because more of that landscape is disappearing every year. Therefore, now is the time to save it.

Your dinner reservation form has a spot to make a contribution. In addition, the Bearss' Bear, to collect money for the same purpose, is on the table at every meeting. Think what five or ten dollars from each of you every month would add up to at the end of the year. Added to the monies that we manage to set aside from book raffles, etc., we could contribute more than \$1000 to battlefield preservation.

There are many deserving Civil War preservation efforts out there, some large like the Civil War Preservation Trust, and some small like the Friends of Chickamauga and Chattanooga. Ed manages every year to choose those who are most deserving, so let's help him out and help out a good cause. Literally, we are the people who can help save history.

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This From George Civil War Letters of Sergeant George Magusta Englis

You could call it one man's perspective on his American Civil War experience or a biography of a short life. Letters written home from assignments with the 89th NY Regiment of Volunteer Infantry reveal the personality and values of George Magusta Englis. Like peeling layers from an onion, each letter puts the reader closer to the soldier's soul. Using timely phrases such as "On to Richmond," and "All for the Union," he most often closed his letters "This from George."

Because a grieving mother saved the Civil War letters her son wrote home from his service in the 89th NY, Eileen Patch of Endwell, NY inherited them. She transcribed, researched and annotated the 59 letters. Dressed as her great grandmother, Sarah Englis in historically accurate 1880s clothes, Ms. Patch will look back 20 years to the war and read excerpts from the soldier's letters.

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	6.45 pm Dinner:	Roast Chicken	
		Vegetable of the Day	(Vegetarian meals are available upon request in advance.)
		Roast Red Potatoes	
		Chocolate Cake	
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	Topic:	This From George	
		Civil War Letters of Sergeant George Magusta Englis	

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President's Column by Tom Devaney The Civil War - Part I

For my first column as President of the D.C. Civil War Round Table, let me discuss the culture that permitted the Civil War to happen at all and what that means to American history and us as Americans today. As a republic that has endured for more than two centuries under the same form of government, the U.S. has faced, adapted to, and endured many challenges, nearly all of which have been addressed within the framework of a constitutional government. The exception to this rule is the Civil War, when 11 states refused to abide by the result of a fairly conducted presidential election with an unambiguous winner and instead left the union to form their own republic.

Historians have offered different explanations for this breakdown in an otherwise tremendous American success story. Perhaps the best answer is that the war reflected a failure of American citizens themselves. In the 1840s-50s, they took for granted the durability of the republic, instead emphasizing their own private economic interests and moral visions.

This was exactly the behavior that had worried the country's founding fathers, who created a government based on the tenets of classical republicanism. Republics, they knew, are held together not by authority imposed from above, but rather from below, by the citizens themselves. Historically, republics have tended to fall apart. They die when their citizens prove unworthy of citizenship and through laziness or self absorption let the republic fall into dictatorship or anarchy.

According to Machiavelli, the prerequisite for having a political voice in a republic was civic virtue, the ability to see beyond their own narrow self-interests to the good of the larger republic. He and others thought that citizen-soldiers were indispensable to a sound republic, that military service could verify one's

willingness to sacrifice for the republic and instill civic virtue.

American revolutionaries tied civic virtue to property ownership, but by 1820, most of these property requirements had vanished. By 1830, there was a growing sense that white men possessed the wisdom needed for good self-government simply because they were common people. This was the triumph of Jacksonian, or what's been called "the white man's," democracy.

East Cavalry Battlefield Tour with Marc Thompson on October 4

A day trip is planned for Saturday, October 4, with the Rappahannock Valley Civil War Round Table to explore J. E. B. Stuart's route to Gettysburg and the cavalry battle on July 3, 1863 at the East Cavalry Battlefield. Marc Thompson will be our tour guide. Marc plans stops in Union Mills, Westminster and Hanover before reaching the East Cavalry Battlefield. The bus pick-up locations will be the Gordon Road Commuter lot in Fredericksburg, VA and Forest Glen Metro Stop in metro DC. The cost of the tour is \$55 and includes bus, lunch, tour guide and handouts. If you are interested in joining us, please send your registration in ASAP. If you have questions, contact either Susan Claffey at sclaffey@gsabc.com or (202) 654-2907, or Jim Hurdle at hurdle.jim@verizon.net or (703) 525-3681.

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Eileen Patch

Eileen Patch was born Eileen Mae Knapp in Johnson City, New York. As a child, she visited the family farm in Corbettsville, where her grandmother, Sarah Englis Knapp, grew up. Although she was too young to remember her grandmother, cousins told her about Sarah's brother George, who went to war in 1861.

Eileen Patch inherited the 57 letters the family saved from those George wrote home during the Civil War. This inheritance and her long-time interest in family history led to an intense study of her great uncle's war experience, including trips to battlefield sites and research at military archives. The study led to her first book, **This From George**.



Eileen Patch dressed as her great grandmother, Sarah Englis.

The letters, many signed "This from George," are a brief history of service in the 89th New York Regiment from 1861 until 1865 as seen through the eyes of a Corbettsville farm boy. They gradually reveal the personality and

values of Sergeant George Magusta Englis; each letter puts the reader closer to the soldier's soul.

Eileen Patch has a BS in elementary education from SUNY Potsdam and raised three children with her husband, F. David Patch. She founded a private preschool and has worked as an organist and choir director. She has edited club newsletters and written magazine articles.

Celebrate Auburn: A Commemoration Of The 145th Anniversary Of The Battle Of Coffee Hill At Auburn.

Join The Piedmont Environmental Council for an afternoon celebration of the history of Auburn and the Battle of Coffee Hill, considered one of the most significant battles in Fauquier County. The celebration will be from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Saturday, October 11, 2008, at Weston, 447 Weston Road, Casanova, Virginia.

Sit on historic Weston's lawn and learn more about Fauquier County's place in the Civil War and the daring tactics of Maj. Gen. J. E. B. Stuart's cavalry during their harrowing two days in Auburn. Activities will include a Civil War encampment, talks by local experts on the Battle of Auburn and Fauquier's role in the Civil War, period games for children, period musicians, displays of local Civil War artifacts, and a cavalry demonstration. Justin LaMountain and Greenman Forest Management will also demonstrate horse-logging at this event. Food available for purchase, or feel free to bring your own picnic and eat on Weston's beautiful lawn. Admission is free. For more information, call or email Maggi MacQuilliam at 540-347-2334, ext. 29.

Directions to this event: From Warrenton - take Meetze Road south out of town. Turn left onto Casanova Road (RT 616). At bend in road, make a left onto Weston Road (RT 747) and follow into Weston.

25 Years Ago

Christopher M. Calkins spoke to the Round Table on October 11, 1983. His topic was "The Petersburg Campaign, June 15, 1864 – April 2, 1865." Christopher Calkins was a historian at the Petersburg National Battlefield, and the author of **Thirty-six Hours Before Appomattox**. He also led the Round Table's field trip that fall to the Petersburg Battlefield.

50 Years Ago

On October 14, 1958, Sir Stanley Spurling of St. Georges, Bermuda, spoke to the Round Table about the "Confederate Blockade Running From Bermuda." Sir Stanley was personally acquainted with three men who participated in the Confederate blockade running, and owned the richest collection of known prints of Confederate blockade runners.

Calling All Civil War Connoisseurs, American History Buffs, And Citizens Of All Ages!

The National Park Service invites you to attend, "Secessionists, Smugglers and Spies!" on Sunday, November 2 at 1:00 pm and again at 2:30 p.m., at Oxon Cove Park in Oxon Hill, MD.

Through a series of vignettes, visitors will step back in time and experience Civil War history in southern, Maryland. Oxon Hill Farm, part of Oxon Cove Park will be the scene where visitors embark on a quarter mile walking tour. Participants will encounter a run-away slave, a secessionist and land owner, a spy, a group of African American infantry representing the four regiments who trained at Camp Stanton in Benedict, Maryland, and smugglers. Visitors will witness a group of Confederate prisoners being escorted to Point Lookout by Union soldiers. A member of the U.S. Cavalry with his horse will appear in the exhibit area along with Underground Railroad and Civil War items.

Reservations are encouraged as space is limited for this event.

Please contact Park Ranger Marilyn Cohen-Brown at (301) 839-1176 for reservations and additional information.

"No Unnecessary War For A Dishonest Vessel"

From our October 1958 newsletter.

The capture of a Confederate blockade runner by another built in the same British shipyards almost precipitated a foreign war a decade after Appomattox. The capture resulted in the deaths of veterans of the Civil War, Confederate and Union, before a Spanish firing squad. Executed were the skipper of the *Virginus*, Capt. James Fry, once of the U. S. Navy but later of the Confederate Navy, and Gen. W. A. C. (Whack) Ryan, formerly of the N. Y. Volunteers. Fry took the ship job of running arms to insurrectionist Cubans because his wife and seven children couldn't live in New Orleans off the dole of cheese and crackers. Ryan took the job because he loved uniforms and fighting. They were captured aboard the *Virginus*, off Jamaica in British waters, by a Spanish man-of-war, the British-built *Tornado*. A British ship of war, the *HMS Niobe*, followed them into Santiago harbor. Before British guns pointed on the city could stop the executions, 36 men with Captain Fry and General Ryan lay dead in front of the shot-pocked wall.

Down in New Orleans citizens voiced a protest at a mass meeting, of which the vice chairman was Confederate General James Longstreet who gave the nod to General Pickett at Gettysburg and who sent his men earlier in the attack at Peach Orchard. Over in Spain protested Union General Daniel Sickles, who lost a leg fighting Longstreet's men at Peach Orchard. Possible war with Spain was averted by President Grant's Secretary of State, Hamilton Fish, who wrote the epitaph: "No unnecessary war for a dishonest vessel."

James McPherson Coming To DC

Author James McPherson will be coming to D.C. on three occasions to speak about his new book, **Tried By War: Abraham Lincoln as Commander-in-Chief**.

The first event will be on October 20 at 7:00 pm at Politics & Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC. For more information, please contact Mike Giarratano at 202-363-7663 or events@politics-prose.com.

The next event will be on November 11 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, at the Smithsonian, Ripley Center, Ste. 3077, 1100 Jefferson Dr. SW, Washington, DC. sponsored by the Smithsonian Associates. For more information, please contact Faye Browning at 202-633-8595 or brownfa@si.edu.

The third event will be on Thursday, November 20, at 7:30 pm at Borders Books, 8027 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA. Directions: Located on Route 7, one quarter mile west of the Beltway across from the main entrance to Tysons I Shopping Center. Parking is available in the underground garage - two hours free with store validation. For more information, please contact Brandon Coats at 734-477-4926 or bcoats@bordersgroupinc.com, or 703-556-7766 at the store.

Mariners' Museum Bus Tour October 18, 2008

As part of their fundraising efforts to support the annual high school scholarship, the Rappahannock Civil War Round Table will sponsor a day-long bus trip to the Mariners' Museum in Newport News. The highlight of the tour will be a special guided tour of the USS Monitor Exhibit by members of the NOAA dive team that retrieved the USS Monitor turret now under conservation and restoration.

In addition to the USS Monitor Center, the museum contains the Chesapeake Bay Gallery, Age of Exploration, Admiral Nelson Touch, Defending the Seas, Great Hall of Steam, International Small Craft Center, and the Crabtree Miniature Ships.

During the ride down Marc Thompson will conduct a seminar on the Battle of Hampton Roads and review the associated Civil War land engagements and political actions of this time period.

The bus will depart the Gordon Road commuter lot at 7:30 am; stop at the I-64 rest area; and arrive in Newport News at 10:00 am. The tour group will break into 2 sections. Each section will alternate a 2.5 hour tour of the USS Monitor Exhibit and a 2.5 hour tour by docents of the Mariner Museum. After a box lunch at Holly Tree Overlook on Lake Maury, the groups will switch tours for the afternoon. We will visit the Gift Shop from 4:00 to 4:30 pm; then return to the Gordon Road commuter lot around 7:00 pm.

The \$80 fee includes bus, box lunch, museum fee and a \$30 tax deductible donation to the RVCWRT Scholarship Fund. After October 4th, the fee goes to \$85 per person.

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Dinner Reservation Form For Tuesday, October 14, 2008.

The deadline for reservations is Monday, October 13, 2008.

The cost is \$29.00 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: \$_____
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The North Anna Battles

The year 1864 represents a major turning point for military operations in the Civil War's Eastern theater, with a host of its significant battles becoming a part of the War's chronology. The Wilderness, Spotsylvania and The Crater are all well known to students of the war, but they are only part of the total story that was Grant's Overland Campaign. One often neglected portion of this campaign has been a series of engagements known as The North Anna Battles (May 21-25, 1864). Taking place between the high profile actions at Spotsylvania and Cold Harbor, The North Anna Battles have

been largely ignored, because of their low casualty figures and lack of enduring results. Yet, because of the possibilities they provided to both Grant and Lee, along with the impact they would have on subsequent operations at Cold Harbor, these battles do merit attention. Our November speaker, Colonel Marc Thompson, will provide us with an in-depth look at these important transitional battles of the Overland Campaign, placing them in proper context to what might have been and what would actually happen.

November 2008 Meeting

Date:	Wednesday, November 12, 2008	Place:	Officers' Club
Price:	Dinner \$29.00 per person Lecture only \$5.00		Fort Lesley J. McNair Washington, DC
Agenda:	6:00 pm Social Hour:	Cash Bar	
	6:45 pm Dinner:	Roast Chicken Vegetable of the Day (Vegetarian meals are available upon request in advance.) Roast Red Potatoes Chocolate Cake	
	8:00 pm Speaker:	Marc Thompson	
	Topic:	The North Anna Battles	

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President's Column by Tom Devaney The Civil War - Part II

Abraham Lincoln, who for many Americans is the very embodiment of the wisdom of the common man, urged in an 1837 speech that reverence for the law must become the political religion of the nation. He then saw the American experiment in republicanism spiral out of control. In 1861, William T. Sherman, the future Union general, concluded that the real problem was not agitation over slavery but "the democratic spirit, which substitutes mere opinions for the law." Our country, Sherman complained, had become so democratic that "the mere popular opinion of any town or village rises above the law. Men have ceased to look to the constitution and law books for their guides, but have studied popular opinion in barrooms and village newspapers."

Once the war broke out, the Union possessed only a tiny professional army. It would have to depend on the volunteer forces raised, officered and manned by civilians. Since the government lacked the institutions required to impose discipline, the volunteers had to impose discipline on themselves, finding in themselves the civic virtue to save the republic that had been so signally lacking in the political environment of the previous 25 years.

Fortunately, they accomplished this feat, fusing republican ideology with Victorian ideas about manliness. This is the interpretation of the Civil War that we emphasize today, memorializing their patriotism and self-sacrifice. The Civil War tested whether a nation based on liberty and equality could long endure. But focusing too much on the fact that it did and finding reassurance in that answer makes it easy for us to overlook the failures of 19th-century Americans that led to the war.

It is impossible to revisit the Civil War without reaching disquieting conclusions about our values and ourselves. What we believe about a war that took place almost 150 years ago exerts a profound influence on what we believe about ourselves today. In teaching the Civil War, we face a choice between reinforcing the American civil religion by emphasizing the necessity and justice of the struggle and the soldiers' valor, or tacitly questioning that religion by emphasizing that the war's commencement reflects the breakdown of American democracy.

We must remember the fragility of our democracy. It failed once, and that failure was retrieved only by the sacrifice of 620,000 Americans. At any given time, our democracy is only a generation away from failing again. Thus every generation is responsible for maintaining, protecting, and promoting our republic.

The Forgotten Cavalry Battles of Gettysburg

On June 23, 1863, Confederate General J. E. B. Stuart received orders from his commander, Robert E. Lee, to head for Pennsylvania, take a position on General Ewell's right to guard that flank, keep General Lee informed, and collect supplies for the Army of Northern Virginia. Those orders are at the heart of the debate that still swirls around Stuart's 1863 Maryland raid. Some say his absence the first two days of the battle at Gettysburg cost Lee the victory there.

Pursuant to these orders and oblivious to the storm of controversy to come, Stuart and his best three brigades set out at 1 a.m. on June 25. He was behind schedule almost from the start. To pass around the Union army in Virginia, he had to swing wider than planned and cross into Maryland at Rowser's Ford. On June 28, he

rode into Rockville. After destroying the telegraph lines, chance brought an encounter with a Union wagon train. More time was lost to capture it, parole the prisoners and flirt with the young ladies of the Rockville Female Academy.

The Round Table's October 4 tour, with guide Marc Thompson, picked up J. E. B. Stuart and his troopers' trail at Veirs Mill Road juncture with Georgia Avenue. Seven members of the Rappahannock Valley Civil War Round Table joined the tour, whose first stop was the site of Hood's Mill. Confederate cavalry arrived here about daybreak on June 29. After doing what damage they could to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks, they rode on to Westminster, Maryland, as did the tour.

At Westminster later on June 29, Stuart's vanguard engaged elements of the Union First Delaware Cavalry. Though thoroughly green and vastly outnumbered, companies C and D bravely rode to meet the head of the Rebel column. The brisk cavalry skirmish at the junction of Main Street and the Washington Road has come to be known as Corbit's Charge, after the commander of the union troopers. During the action, two Confederate lieutenants (one of whom was Lt. William Murray of the 4th Virginia Cavalry) were killed and more were wounded on both sides. Our additional stops in Westminster were the site of Baughman's blacksmith shop where members of the Delaware cavalry were having their horses shod when surprised by the appearance of Stuart's men. We also paid our respects at Ascension Episcopal Church cemetery where Lt. Murray still lies at rest. The action at Westminster, though a Confederate victory, helped to further impede the junction of J. E. B. Stuart's troopers with Lee's army in Pennsylvania.

The tour and Stuart's cavalry moved on to Union Mills where they caught a few hours rest at this bucolic 1797 homestead and mill the night of June 29. Shortly afterwards, the Union Fifth Corps would also camp here on their way to Gettysburg. The Shriver's of Union Mills were a locally prominent family, whose property on the Westminster-Gettysburg road served as a base for various entrepreneurial and political activities. At the time of the Civil War, ownership was divided between William Shriver, who managed the mill, and his brother Andrew. Though he held no slaves, William was a Southern sympathizer and four of his sons actively served the Confederacy. His brother, Andrew, was an ardent Unionist.

On the evening of June 29, Stuart learned that General Judson Kilpatrick's Union Cavalry Division was at Littlestown, Pennsylvania, only a few miles away. On the advice of William Shriver, Stuart turned his troops to a more eastern route towards Hanover, Pennsylvania, hoping to meet General Jubal Early in the vicinity of York. The morning of June 30, Stuart and his staff breakfasted at William Shriver's home and his seventeen-year-old son, Herbert, was recruited by Stuart to guide him via the back roads to Hanover. As reward, Stuart promised Herbert an appointment to the Virginia Military Institute. Shriver accepted and remained with Stuart through the Gettysburg campaign and into early August. Following this episode, Herbert did secure an appointment to VMI, though largely through the influence of his cousin Jacob Shriver, a West Point graduate.

Stuart's movements were hampered by the wagon train he had captured in Rockville. Kilpatrick, on his way back toward Gettysburg, got his own troops moving very early and arrived at the vital crossroads in Hanover barely an hour ahead of Stuart. Here, a major, nearly day long, battle involving several engagements

was fought. Kilpatrick was the victor and Stuart, who was nearly captured by the Wolverines of newly promoted General George Armstrong Custer's brigade, was forced to go further to the north in his quest to find Ewell's Division. This movement consumed more time for Stuart and resulted in his missing Early who, as noted above, was in the vicinity of York. The tour stopped in Hanover three times to review the various locations and phases of the battle. Stops included Pennville, the Centre Square and Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Having avoided Kilpatrick, Stuart ran into Custer again on July 2 at Hunterstown, Pennsylvania, also known as the North Cavalry Battlefield. Significant troop concentrations here resulted in a fairly major engagement. Stuart won that fight and Custer almost got himself killed by Hampton's men. But once again, Stuart was delayed and forced to detour. We made an interpretive stop at the Felty Farm to review the action.

Stuart finally arrived at Gettysburg late in the day on July 2. Incredibly, Stuart had been either fighting or marching non-stop since Brandy Station on June 9. During that period, there were the following major battles involving Stuart's command: Brandy Station, Aldie, Middleburg, Upperville, the ride, Hanover and Hunterstown. All of this was hard, unrelenting marching and fighting.

The tour's final destination, the East Cavalry Battlefield, is often overlooked by visitors to Gettysburg. On July 2, Lee ordered Stuart to hold General Ewell's left. On July 3, those responsibilities would send Stuart on a collision course with General David Gregg's Federal Cavalry. Gregg received orders on July 2 to relocate his troops from the junction of Low Dutch Road and the Hanover Road. Fearing this would expose the Union's right flank, Gregg

sent a protest to his commander, General Alfred Pleasanton, and waited for a reply. The orders were reaffirmed, but Gregg was allowed to detach a brigade from Kilpatrick to cover the critical junction. An aide on the way to inform Kilpatrick of the order stumbled upon Custer who was on his way to rejoin Kilpatrick as ordered. Custer agreed to stay once Gregg assured him that he would take responsibility for Custer's disobedience to Kilpatrick's orders. Before Gregg vacated the area, he received a report from Pleasanton that a large body of Confederate Cavalry was seen moving in his direction. Thus, the stage was set for the cavalry battle between the Hanover and York Roads east of Gettysburg.

Stuart hid his men in the woods along Cress Ridge and on the Rummel Farm. He then ordered a single cannon to fire in each direction of the compass. The reason for this action remains a mystery. The tour leader suggested there was speculation that it was to signal Lee that he was in place behind the main Union line of Cemetery Ridge and Lee could now send Longstreet's Assault forward. The Union guns replied and soon the dismounted phase of the battle was joined. A Confederate Officer with the Virginia Cavalry would describe the fierce fighting that followed as "hand to hand, blow for blow, cut for cut, and oath for oath."

After two hours of mostly dismounted fighting, which included the initial artillery duel, a mounted sortie by a Confederate brigade accidentally initiated a grand charge. A ferocious mounted counterattack, lead by Custer, blunted the Confederate thrust and brought an end to the day's fighting. Neither side gained an advantage but Stuart's men were kept from gaining access to the potentially vulnerable rear of the Union lines, allowing the Federal infantry to focus all of their efforts on repulsing Pickett's Charge. The tour made stops

at Cress Ridge, Little's Run and the Michigan Brigade Monument before calling it a day.

It was another terrific tour by Marc Thompson. Marc brings his years of experience as a professional soldier and officer, to his historical interpretation. He relies heavily on using the U.S. Principles of War to describe and analyze the tactics of battle and decisions of the officers. He also brings his military briefing expertise to his analysis of the "players" in the campaigns. As one tour participant said, "He's good. We should have him do more tours for us."

Confederate Seal Press Salvaged In Bermuda

By Virgil C. (Pat) Jones (member)
(From our November 1958 Newsletter)

How Bermuda was converted almost overnight from "a quiet, sleepy, quaint colony" to a thriving blockade point, with people sleeping in its streets and its basements and warehouses filled with hardware and other vital materials to be sneaked into the Confederacy, was told with rare British humor by Sir Stanley Spurling at the October (1958) meeting of the Round Table.

Seventy-nine years old and known as Bermuda's "unofficial premier," Sir Stanley was the second non-American to face the Washington group.

One of his major contributions in his talk was a discussion of the seal of the Confederacy. This seal, it is generally accepted in Bermuda, he revealed, was made by J. S. Lyon, seal maker to the Queen of England. It was ordered by Secretary of State Judah P. Benjamin through James Mason, Confederate agent in London, and was shipped from England via Bermuda on July 6, 1864, in the trust of an officer. Three

times this officer tried unsuccessfully to get the seal and a press through the blockade. Finally, leaving the press with John Tudor Bourne, consul for the Confederacy at Bermuda, he managed to get into Wilmington with the seal in his pocket.

What happened to the seal and press in the decades immediately following the war remains a mystery. At Bourne's death in 1867, the press was sold at public auction, and then it went into obscurity. Some years later, John Samuel Darrell bought a curious iron device encrusted with rust at a junk sale. After considerable scraping, he recognized the old seal press of the Confederacy. It now, with a duplicate of the seal, is in the possession of His Honor Sir John Cox, C. B. E., Speaker of Bermuda's House of Assembly.

The seal itself remained out of sight for even a longer period. In 1912, Gallaird Hunt, the historian, discovered the original seal and encouraged its purchase by a group of Richmond citizens. It now is on display in the Confederate Museum there.

Sir Stanley, who revealed he had spent many an hour as a young man listening to some of the old blockade runner captains recall their experiences, told in some detail of the sleek, swift mystery ships that stole into Bermuda to unload their cargoes, and he also related the predicament of Major Norman Walker, sent to Bermuda as a representative of the Confederate Government. Mrs. Walker was expecting, and the major wanted the child to be born on Confederate soil and under the Confederate flag, but he did not want her exposed to the dangers of running the blockade. He solved his problem by raising a Confederate flag over her bed and by importing a barrel of Southern soil to spread beneath it.

Marc Thompson

Marc Thompson is an associate with Booz Allen Hamilton, who works as a consultant to the Operations Directorate (J-3) of the Joint Staff at the Pentagon. He is a retired USAF Colonel, with 28 years service as an intelligence officer. Marc is the current President of the Rappahannock Civil War Round Table in Fredericksburg, Virginia, has worked as a volunteer tour guide and historian with the National Park Service at Chancellorsville Battlefield for over 10 years, and was also President of the Omaha Civil War Round Table. He has addressed Civil War Round Table organizations in several states and led battlefield bus tours throughout Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

25th Anniversary of Membership for Women in the CWRT of DC

This month marks the 25th anniversary of the Civil War Round Table of DC voting to admit women to the membership. A vote was taken on November 8, 1983, to amend our Constitution and By-Laws to make both men and women eligible for membership effective November 9. The measure passed by more than a two-thirds vote.

25 Years Ago

Dr. Richard M. McMurray spoke to the Round table on November 8, 1983. His topic was “A Look AT John Bell Hood.” Dr. McMurray was a professor at the North Carolina University in Raleigh, and the author of the award winning book **John Bell Hood And The War For Southern Independence.**

50 Years Ago

On November 11, 1958, Bruce Catton, past president of the CWRT of DC and former editor of this newsletter, spoke to the Round Table about “Why Study the Civil War – What Does The Centennial Mean To You.”

That evening was designated “Centennial Night.” Mr. William S. Paley, President of CBS and a member of the Civil War Centennial Commission, introduced Mr. Catton and discussed plans and activities of the Centennial. An interesting feature of the program was a special photographic exhibit arranged by National Park Service Officials, showing battlefield areas which will become the focal point for tourists during the centennial years.

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Monocacy

The July 9, 1864, Battle of Monocacy is one of the Civil War's most significant yet little-known, battles. What played out that day in the corn and wheat fields near Frederick, Maryland, was a full-field engagement between 12,000 battle-hardened Confederate troops led by the controversial Jubal Early, and 5,800 Union troops, many of them untested in battle, under the mercurial Lew Wallace. When the fighting ended, Early had won the northernmost Confederate victory of the war.

Two days later, Early sat astride his horse outside the gates of Fort Stevens in the upper

northwestern fringes of Washington, D.C. There was near panic in the streets when Washington learned of the impending Rebel attack. But Jubal Early did not pull the trigger, giving General Ulysses S. Grant just enough time to bring thousands of veteran troops up from Richmond.

Historian Marc Leepson uses memoirs, diaries, and other primary sources in an engaging retelling of the events surrounding what became known as "the Battle that Saved Washington."

December 2008 Meeting

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Marc Leepson

Marc Leepson is a journalist, historian and author who specializes in writing about American history, the Vietnam War and Vietnam veterans.

A former staff writer for Congressional Quarterly, he has been arts editor and columnist for **The VVA Veteran**, the magazine published by Vietnam Veterans of America, since March of 1986, when his “Arts of War” column began.

He has written for many newspapers and magazines, including the **Washington Post**, **Washington Post Magazine**, **Smithsonian**, **Military History**, **Civil War Times Illustrated**, **New York Times**, **New York Times Book Review**, **Baltimore Sun**, **Chicago Tribune**, **Arizona Republic**, **New York Newsday**, **Detroit News**, **Dallas Morning News**, **Christian Science Monitor**, **St. Petersburg Times**, and **USA Today**. He also was a long-time contributor to the **Encyclopedia Americana Yearbook**.

He is the author of six books, most recently, **Desperate Engagement: How a Little Known Civil War Battle Saved Washington, D.C., and Changed American History**. His well-received, **Flag: An American Biography** (Thomas Dunne Books/St. Martin's Press, 2005), a history of the American flag from the beginnings to today, was published in 2005. His previous book was **Saving Monticello: The Levy Family's Epic Quest to Rescue the House Jefferson Built** (Free Press/Simon & Schuster, 2001; University of Virginia Press, paperback, 2003). He is the editor of **Webster's New World Dictionary of the Vietnam War** and a contributor to **The Dictionary of Virginia Biography**.

An adjunct professor of history at Lord Fairfax Community College in Warrenton, Virginia, he earned a BA in history from George Washington University in 1967. After serving in the U.S. Army from 1967-69, including a year in the Vietnam War, he earned a Masters Degree in history from George Washington University in 1971. He lives in Middleburg, Virginia, with his wife and their two children.

Book Review

by Gordon Berg

Robert E. Lee and the Fall of the Confederacy 1863-1865

Ethan S. Rafuse

Rowman & Littlefield, 2008, 283pp. \$34.95

No Civil War military figure has had more written about him than Robert Edward Lee. Is there anything new to say? Ethan Rafuse clearly thinks so and in **Robert E. Lee and the Fall of the Confederacy 1863-1865**, he argues his case that “strategic and operational considerations properly led Lee to a preference for offensive operations throughout the war.” The question Rafuse seeks to answer, while simultaneously defending Lee’s military acumen from the slings and arrows thrown at it by some modern historians, is how the Gray Fox and the Army of Northern Virginia went from “that moment of triumph at Chancellorsville to complete defeat in 1865.”

Rafuse brings impeccable credentials to this quest. An associate professor of history at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, KS, a disciple of the Herman Hattaway/Archer Jones school of Civil War military history, and a biographer of George B. McClellan and George G. Meade, two of Lee’s early opponents, Rafuse argues that, given the North’s overwhelming advantage in men and material, Lee’s only recourse was to pursue a “strategy of exhaustion.” This strategy, Rafuse writes, “seeks to destroy an enemy nation’s will or the resources that enable it wage

war over time.” Since the North’s resources were beyond Lee’s grasp, only the North’s will was “a viable target for Confederate military strategists.” That will, Rafuse concludes, could only be broken if the Confederacy made the restoration of the Union so costly in terms of Yankee lives as to be unacceptable to Northern society.

The heart of Rafuse’s book details how Lee sought to accomplish this task through a strategy of attack and maneuver in the open country of Northern Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. While historians may well be correct that the war was ultimately won on the battlefields of the West, Rafuse convincingly argues that Virginia and Richmond, the Confederate capital, were the psychological and, to a large extent, the industrial underpinning of the would-be fledgling nation. Thus, he concludes, without Lee’s “consistently inspired, driving leadership and brilliance at the operational and tactical levels of war it is difficult to see how the war in Virginia could have lasted as long as it did.”

But did Lee’s brilliance prolong the war long after any real chance for establishing a separate Confederate nation had evaporated? Rafuse doesn’t say, but given the political climate in Richmond, probably not. But he is too good a historian to argue that Lee alone was responsible for the Confederacy’s battlefield victories in the East. In the main, Lee used tactics that were neither novel nor unique. He followed traditional 19th century military doctrine of keeping a firm base, using interior lines of communication and supply, and seeking to achieve strategic turning maneuvers as advocated by the Swiss military strategist Baron Antoine Henri Jomini, tactics that were all taught at West Point. But it was Lee’s overwhelming confidence in the élan of the men he led and his seemingly instinctual understanding of the personalities of many of the Union generals he opposed that allowed him to time-and-again successfully break the dictum of another 19th century military theorist,

Germany’s Dietrich Von Clausewitz, that warned against splitting a numerically inferior force in the face of the enemy

Nor could Lee be solely responsible for the defeats suffered by the Army of Northern Virginia and the eventual fall of the Confederacy. As General George Pickett wryly observed after the war, “The Union Army had something to do with it.” Rafuse gives surprisingly high marks to the Union generals Lee faced early in the war, principally for not making any catastrophic blunders that could have destroyed their army. He also accuses the Lincoln administration of unwittingly aiding Lee, at least until March 1864 when Ulysses S. Grant took over as supreme commander of all Union forces. It would be interesting to hear Rafuse and James McPherson debate the merits of Lincoln as commander-in-chief because Rafuse argues that Lincoln hamstrung various commanders of the Army of the Potomac, in part by forcing them to adopt an overland route to Richmond that protected Washington, DC, a strategy played to Lee’s tactical strengths. But Rafuse contends that a Peninsula route along the James River, a strategy first proposed by McClellan and later modified and successfully employed by Grant, would enable the Union to bring to bear its overwhelming superiority in men, artillery, and material together, thus forcing Lee into a defensive posture of siege warfare to protect Richmond, a strategy Lee believed would ultimately lead to defeat.

Rafuse has chosen only to examine Lee the tactician and does not investigate how the psychological makeup of Lee the warrior influenced his battlefield strategy. But if he had, Rafuse might have discovered that this aristocratic scion of Virginia’s slave holding planter class perhaps had reasons other than strategic necessity for holding the leash of the dogs of war so enthusiastically and for so long. After all, it was Lee who is quoted as saying "It is well that war is so terrible--we would grow too fond of it!" Perhaps, in the end, he had.

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**The CSS Alabama's Flag
In South Africa**

(From the November 1983 Newsletter.)

During July, August and September of 1863, the CSS Alabama visited Cape Town and cruised off the coast of South Africa. One of her officers was killed ashore in a hunting accident and buried in a Dutch family cemetery under a tombstone which still exists. The ship coaled and was repaired there and sold the cargo from at least one prize through an agent in Cape Town, William Anderson. She then made a long voyage in the Indian Ocean and returned to the Cape on March 20, 1864. Meanwhile her "Stars and Bars" had been

replaced by the new "Stainless Banner" adopted by the Confederate Navy, and Capt. Raphael Semmes gave one of the new flags to Confederate Agent Anderson in gratitude for his good work. On March 25 the CSS Alabama left for Europe and was sunk by the USS Kearsarge off Cherbourg on June 19, 1864.

The flag given to William Anderson is now in the South African Cultural History Museum in Cape Town. Another memento of the CSS Alabama's visits to the area is a song written in Afrikaans, "Daar kom die Alabama", which is still popular today.

50 Years Ago

On December 9, 1958, Col. Allen P. Julian, of Atlanta, Georgia, spoke to the Round Table about "The Atlanta Campaign." Colonel Julian was a much-sought CWRT speaker. He was Nebraska born, Indiana educated, and Georgia accepted. Atlanta accepted him so graciously that he was Director of the Atlanta Historical Society. **Gone With the Wind** author Margaret Mitchell once inscribed a book to "Colonel Allen P. Julian, commanding officer of the lone Federal post in Georgia."

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The Confederate Patent Office functioned throughout the Civil War, providing an outlet for creativity and innovation by Southern inventors. While the CPO functioned on a much smaller scale than the U.S. Patent Office and was subject almost from the first to the exigencies of communication across Union lines, the Commissioner and his Examiner did their jobs, filed their reports and thus provided a useful archive from which information about innovation in the South can be studied and appreciated. Some developments, particularly relating to weapons, were not patented, and several of these will be discussed as well. A

slide presentation will show period documents and photographs, and the Friends of the Hunley organization has given permission to show a number of photographs of the excavation of the interior of the Hunley since its raising from Charleston Harbor several years ago.

Mr. Adams has authored a short history of the Confederate Patent Office which is available at: <http://www.adamspat.com/Confederate.html>

His presentation adds substantial additional material to his history which was only recently made available to researchers.

January 2009 Meeting

Date:	Tuesday, January 13, 2009	Place:	Officers' Club
Price:	Dinner \$29.00 per person Lecture only \$5.00		Fort Lesley J. McNair Washington, DC
Agenda:	6:00 pm Social Hour:	Cash Bar	
	6.45 pm Dinner:	Tenderloin Tips with Noodles Vegetable of the Day (Vegetarian meals are available Rice Pilaf upon request in advance.) Cheese Cake	
	8:00 pm Speaker:	Thad Adams	
	Topic:	Confederate Patent Office	

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Thad Adams

Wesley Thaddeus Adams, III, was born on July 4, 1946 in Raleigh, North Carolina. He graduated from North Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1968 and from the School of Law at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Juris Doctor degree in 1971. Since 1971 he has practiced Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law in Charlotte, North Carolina, first with a large firm, and since 1978 in his own firm, Adams Intellectual Property Law, P.A.

Mr. Adams is registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and before the United States Copyright Royalty Arbitration Panel of the Library of Congress. He is also admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States of America and numerous lower courts.

Mr. Adams has carried an "AV" rating by Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory for many years. In the past several years Mr. Adams has been retained by other patent counsel throughout the United States to evaluate litigation positions and offer expert testimony in several significant patent infringement cases. Mr. Adams has presented dozens of presentations on patent, trademark and copyright topics before legal, industrial and trade groups.

Letter To The Round Table

I write in the hope that you personally, or another member of your group, will be able to help me with information regarding Private William H Sharrow, Company E, 1st Regiment of District of Columbia Infantry, Film M538, roll 3.

Currently, I am writing a 3,500 word biography of Sergeant Major William Hunter Sharrow (born York, England, 1845 – although he invariably claimed to be older and also to be born “at sea!”), 7th U.S. Cavalry Regiment, who is said to have died alongside Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer at the Battle of the Little Big Horn, June 25, 1876. The finished paper will be submitted to the Custer Battlefield Historical and Museum Association for possible inclusion in the 2009 Symposium, which is being held in Billings, Montana, in June next year.

Sharrow enlisted in the 2nd U.S. Cavalry Regiment (and assigned to Company C) in New York City, on March 21, 1865, for which he received a local bounty of \$600, which suggests he was an experienced soldier even though he was barely 20 years of age.

My question: Is the Private William H Sharrow of the 1st Regiment D of C Infantry and Custer’s Sgt. Maj. one and the same man? If so, he must have been remarkably mature-looking for his age. If not, who was he?

Any help that you are able to give would be very much appreciated.

Whilst writing, I would like congratulate you on producing such an attractive and interesting *News Letter*, particularly the November 2008 issue which contains a well-written article about GAC at East Cavalry Field, a place I had the privilege of visiting a few years ago.

Peter Russell
Chairman & Editor (Literary) of **The Crow’s Nest** – the biannual journal of the Custer Association of Great Britain.
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Help Stop the Wilderness Wal-Mart

Walmart is planning on building a 141,000 sq. ft. Superstore next to the Wilderness and Chancellorsville Battlefields. Do you want to see the historical significance of both of these battlefields marred forever by more pavement, more traffic and more development that a Wal-Mart Supercenter will bring in its wake?

You can take steps to help prevent the building of a Wal-Mart superstore by the battlefield. Send your concerns to the Orange County Supervisors at the Civil War Preservation website:

<http://www.civilwar.org/walmart08/>

The CWRT Of New York 52nd Annual Battlefield Tour

The 52nd Annual Battlefield Tour will take place May 14 -17, 2009. The destination will be Gettysburg, Pa. Their tour guide is Gary Kross. Tour participants will depart by bus from the Armory at 66th Street and Park Avenue early Thursday morning, May 14th. To reserve your place, a deposit of \$100 made out to CWRT/NY should be mailed to their treasurer, George Hornburg at 527 West 238th Street, Bronx, NY 10463. For more information, please contact John J. Sheehan at 646-227-5024 or visit www.cwrtnyc.org

The Good Fight That Didn't End

Edited by Calvin Goddard Zon

The University of South Carolina Press

From the letters, journals, and newspaper writings of Henry Perkins Goddard (1842-1916) of Norwich, Connecticut, we gain firsthand details about the passions and principles of a divided nation during the Civil War and Reconstruction as witnessed by a scrupulous soldier and scribe. Edited by his great grandson, **The Good Fight That Didn't End** includes Goddard's accounts of combat at

Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg, his travels across the war-torn South after the war, and his encounters and friendships with well-known historical and literary figures of the era, including Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses S. Grant, George McClellan, Ambrose Burnside, Joseph Hooker, George Armstrong Custer, Harriet Beecher Stowe, and Mark Twain.

Goddard served in the Union cavalry, infantry, general staff, and artillery, all the while also acting as war correspondent for the *Norwich Bulletin*. He distinguished himself as a skilled journalist, even in the throes of combat, and he vividly recorded the prevailing attitudes and motivations in the ranks of the Army of the Potomac as well as the bloody realities of war. In the decades following the war, Goddard's newspaper accounts from Connecticut, Maryland, and his travels across the South chronicle the open wounds on American society and unresolved issues of race relations in particular. In his writings and actions, Goddard shows himself to be a staunch advocate for the civil rights of freed African Americans, and he consistently defends their just and fair treatment. In his friendships with prominent former Confederates and high ranking officials in both the North and the South, Goddard places himself at a nexus of efforts toward national reconciliation, carefully recording the temper of the changing times.

Calvin Goddard Zon, great-grandson of Henry P. Goddard, is a journalist and historian in Washington, D.C.

The Good Fight that Didn't End (376 pp., 37 illus., \$44.95 hardcover) will be published on January 16, 2009. For more information, visit www.thegoodfight.us.

There will be a Booksigning on Sunday, January 18, at 5:00 p.m. at the Politics And Prose Bookstore, 5015 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, D.C., 202-364-1919.

25 Years Ago

Dr. Thomas B. Worsley, long-time Round Table member and former president, gave his fourth presentation to the Round Table on January 10, 1984. His topic was “It Happened At Willard’s.” Dr. Worsley described the history of the Willard and how it became the social center of Washington at the time of the Civil War.

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On January 13, 1959, Brig. Gen. Carl A. Baehr (USA, Ret.) spoke to the Round Table about “The Artillery at Gettysburg.” This was a much requested repeat of the presentation he gave six years earlier. General Baehr was an authority on artillery, as he commanded the artillery at the Anzio beachhead in World War II and took his forces through Rome to the Siegfried Line in Germany.

**The H. L. Hunley
The Secret Hope of the Confederacy**
by Tom Chaffin

On the evening of February 17, 1864, the Confederacy’s H. L. Hunley sank the

USS Housatonic and became the first submarine in world history to sink an enemy ship. But also perishing that moonlit night was the Hunley and her entire crew of eight. For generations, searchers prowled Charleston’s harbor, looking for the Hunley.

Now, in a tour de force of document-sleuthing and insights gleaned from the excavation of this remarkable vessel, Civil War era historian Tom Chaffin presents the most thorough telling of the Hunley’s story possible. Of panoramic breadth, this Civil War saga begins long before the submarine was even assembled and follows the tale into the boat’s final hours and through its recovery in 2000. Beyond his thorough survey of period documents relating to the submarine, Chaffin also conducted extensive interviews with Maria Jacobsen, senior archaeologist at Clemson University’s Warren Lasch Conservation Center, where the Hunley is now being excavated, to complete his portrait of this technological wonder. What emerges is a narrative that casts compelling doubts on many long-held assumptions, particularly those concerning the boat’s final hours. Thoroughly engaging and utterly new, **The H. L. Hunley** provides the definitive account of a storied craft.

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In 2005, historian Jason Emerson discovered a steamer trunk formerly owned by Robert Todd Lincoln's lawyer and stowed in an attic for forty years. The trunk contained a rare find: twenty-five letters pertaining to Mary Todd Lincoln's life and insanity case, letters assumed long destroyed by the Lincoln family. Mary wrote twenty of the letters herself, more than half from the insane asylum to which her son Robert had her committed, and many in the months and years after.

The Madness of Mary Lincoln is the first examination of Mary Lincoln's mental illness based on the lost letters, and the first new interpretation of the insanity case in twenty years. This compelling story of the purported insanity of one of America's most tragic first ladies provides new and previously unpublished materials, including the psychiatric diagnosis of Mary's mental illness and her lost will.

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Jason Emerson

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He has worked as a National Park Service park ranger at the Lincoln Home National Historic Site, Gettysburg National Military Park, and the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (the Arch) in St. Louis; a costumed interpreter at the Genesee Country Museum in Mumfordsville, KY, a professional journalist, a newsletter publisher, and a freelance writer.

The Reel Civil War: The Civil War in the Cinema

On March 27-28, 2009, Liberty University will present its 13th annual Civil War Seminar. This year's program is entitled *The Reel Civil War: The Civil War in the Cinema*. Featured speakers include the following nationally renowned authors whose books are familiar to all Civil War enthusiasts:

Bruce Chadwick: *The Reel Civil War: Myth Making in American Film*
A Dramatic Homage to *Gone With the Wind*
Ron Maxwell: Producer/Director of *Gettysburg* and *Gods and Generals*
CBN Anchorman Lee Webb: *Walking a Minefield: Reporting the Civil War Today*
David Sachsman: *Memory and Myth: The Civil War in Fiction and Film*
Ken Elston: *Raising the Ghost: Composing Engaging Theatre from the Story of John S. Mosby*
Mel Reid: *Glory, Twenty Years after the Fact*
Katharine Lane Antolini: *Scarlett O'Hara as the Confederate Woman*

Paul Ashdown: *From Cold Mountain to the Carpathians: Filming a Civil War Odyssey in Transylvania*

Dr. Brenda Ayres: *Reconciliation in Civil War Movies: The Colt, Shenandoah, Mosby's Marauders, Little Colonel, Little Rebel, Johnny Shiloh*

Kevin Hershberger of Lions Gate Films: *Filming The Civil War Documentary*

Kenny Rowlette: *Civil War Films of the Centennial Celebration (1961-1965)*

Dr. Brian Wills: *Screening History: Hollywood's Depiction of the American Civil War*

In addition to the speakers' presentations, there will be numerous exhibits of Civil War artifacts and memorabilia for the public, vendors of Civil War items, and a special exhibit of Civil War movie posters. The Seminar will conclude with a special period church service on Sunday, March 29, led by the Reverend Alan Farley of Reenactor's Mission for Jesus Christ.

The event will be held at the Kirkley Hotel on Friday, March 27, 2009, and the Saturday, March 28, 2009, session will be held in DeMoss Hall on the campus of Liberty University, located in Lynchburg, Virginia. Everyone is encouraged to secure reservations for this seminar by Wednesday, March 25. Admission to the seminar is \$65 (which includes all of the seminar sessions, the Friday night banquet, and Saturday's luncheon). Admission for Friday only is \$35; admission for Saturday only is \$40.

Special lodging rates at the Kirkley Hotel of Lynchburg are available for those who will be attending the seminar. For pricing and location of lodging, call 434-237-6333.

For special group pricing for the seminar or more information, call 434-592-4366 or email klburdeaux@liberty.edu. You may also access more info at:

<http://www.liberty.edu/index.cfm?PID=8516>.

Invitation from Bull Run CWRT

The Bull Run Civil War Round Table has invited our members to join them in attending one or two plays that will be performed at Ford's Theatre in honor of its reopening and the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth:

The Heavens Are Hung in Black

Saturday, March 7, 2009, 2:30 P.M.

"Highlighting the five months between the death of Lincoln's son Willie and the delivery of the Emancipation Proclamation, **The Heavens Are Hung in Black** will offer audiences a glimpse into the person who was Abraham Lincoln. Faced with unbearable personal, political and historical pressures, watch how Lincoln copes with the world around him and eventually, through an amazing transformation of thinking, conquers it.

The Civil War

Sunday, April 26, 2009, 2:30 P.M.

"A musical landscape of the people, voices and sentiments of the American Civil War, the show is inspired by the words of Walt Whitman, Frederick Douglass, Sejourner Truth, and Abraham Lincoln as well as the lives (as documented through letters, photographs, and journals) of ordinary people in extraordinary times."

Invited participants: Round Table members, their families and invited guests

Ticket cost: \$43.00 (a savings of nine dollars) per show if twenty or more members go. No refunds will be available.

Sign-up instructions: Sign up with Jill Hilliard at jbrolling@live.com or (703)866-0569 as soon as possible. We will reserve tickets as soon as we have twenty or more people. Indicate how many tickets you wish to purchase and your e-mail and phone number.

Detailed instructions for payment of tickets, assembly location, transportation, and restaurant reservations (for those who wish) will be provided.

Lincoln and His Admirals

By Craig Symonds

Abraham Lincoln once wrote very honestly to his Navy Secretary, Gideon Welles: "I know little about ships." Lincoln preferred to leave the Navy to his advisors and admirals in the early days of the Civil War. Eventually, Lincoln transformed himself into one of the greatest naval strategists of his age and came to preside over the largest national armada the U.S. had ever had. In *Lincoln and His Admirals*, prize-winning historian Craig L. Symonds unveils this previously unexamined aspect of Lincoln's presidency, showing how the activities of the Union Navy under President Lincoln ultimately affected the course of history.

A unique and riveting portrait of Lincoln and the admirals under his command, *Lincoln and His Admirals* offers an illuminating account of Lincoln and the nation at war. In the bicentennial year of Lincoln's birth, it offers a memorable portrait of a side of his presidency often overlooked by historians.

Symonds is Professor Emeritus at the U.S. Naval Academy and the author of ten previous books, including *Decision at Sea: Five Naval Battles that Shaped American History*, which won the Theodore and Franklin D. Roosevelt Prize in 2006.

25 Years Ago

Dr. Mark E. Neely, Jr., gave a presentation to the Round Table on February 14, 1984. His topic was "Mary Todd Lincoln Declared Insane." This was a joint meeting with the Lincoln Group of Washington.

50 Years Ago

On February 10, 1959, Rear Admiral John B. Hefferman spoke to the Round table about “The Capture of New Orleans.” Admiral Hefferman was the President of the Round Table in 1954-55.

**Tenth Annual Civil War Seminar
Secret Missions And The Uncivil War**

Saturday, February 28, 2009

Appomattox Court House National Historical Park and the Department of History and Political Science at Longwood University are pleased to present the Tenth Annual Civil War Seminar, Saturday, February 28, 2009. This year’s seminar will focus on “Secret Missions and the Uncivil War.” The program begins at 9:35 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. The following is a list of times, speakers, and topics:

9:35 a.m. Introduction by Dr. David Coles, History Professor, Longwood University

9:45 a.m. Tonia “Teej” Smith—
“Gentlemen, You Have Played This Damned Well’: The Execution of Confederate Spies Colonel William Orton Williams and Lieutenant Walter Gibson Peter.”

10:30 a.m. James Blankenship—“Like the Crater of a Volcano: The Ordnance Wharf Explosion at City Point.”

11:15 a.m. Tracy Chernault—“Sheridan’s Scouts: Cheerfully going wherever ordered.”

1:15 p.m. David Long—“Black Flag Warfare: When Lincoln Tried to Kill Jefferson Davis (The Dahlgren Raid).”

2:30 p.m. Robert Mackey—“John S. Mosby’s and Partisan Warfare.”

Signs will be posted on the Longwood University Campus. For directions to the campus go to www.longwood.edu . For more information contact Dr. David Coles at 434-395-2220 or Patrick Schroeder at 434-352-8987, Ext. 32.

Dinner Reservation Form For Tuesday, January 13, 2009.

The deadline for reservations is Monday, January 12, 2009.

The cost is \$29.00 per person. Please make your check payable to CWRT of DC.

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Emancipation Proclamation On Display

In honor of the Lincoln Bicentennial, the original Emancipation Proclamation will be on display at the National Archives on February 12-16 (M-F). Due to the fragility of the document, it is infrequently displayed for view so don't miss this opportunity.

“Authors on Deck” Book Series at the US Navy Memorial

The United States Navy Memorial presents “Authors on Deck,” an ongoing series of lecture programs, showcasing books on the sea services. These free, noon-time presentations are open to the public and aimed at a general adult audience. During the one-hour programs, authors will discuss their books, take questions from the audience and sign their books. Our gift shop will have the books available for sale. Audience members are welcome to bring a “brown bag” lunch.

The events take place in the Presidents Room of the Naval Heritage Center, located adjacent to the Navy Memorial at 701 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20004. The Naval Heritage Center is just steps

from the Archives/Navy Memorial/Penn Quarter METRO station. There is also a parking garage in our building, accessed from D Street, NW. Visit www.navymemorial.org or contact Mark Weber, at 202-380-0723, or by email at mweber@navymemorial.org for additional information.

2009 “Authors on Deck” Series

February 10: **Lincoln and His Admirals** by Craig L. Symonds, Oxford University Press

February 17: **The Messman Chronicles: African-Americans in the US Navy 1932-43** by Richard E. Miller, Naval Institute Press

February 26: **The Golden Thirteen: Recollections of the First Black Naval Officers** by Paul Stillwell, Naval Institute Press

March 4: **First Class: Women Join the Ranks at the Naval Academy** by Sharon Disher, Naval Institute Press

March 26: **Life in Mr. Lincoln's Navy** by Dennis Ringle, Naval Institute Press

April 2: **A Sailors History of US Navy** by Tom Cutler, Naval Institute Press

Get Serious about Preservation!

This past June, the DC Round Table awarded its annual Ed Bearss Preservation Award to the Friends of Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park. The award, totaling \$1000, was given to the group at the request of the man himself – Ed Bearss. As all of you know, this is something the Round Table does every year to honor Ed and to repay him, in some small way, for speaking to us and leading our field trip for free – yes, without compensation.

We're not alone. Ed donates his time to many groups in order to spark interest in the Civil War and to build momentum to preserve the Civil War landscape. This is an important time, because more of that landscape is disappearing every year. Therefore, now is the time to save it.

Your dinner reservation form has a spot to make a contribution. In addition, the Bearss' Bear, to collect money for the same purpose, is on the table at every meeting. Think what five or ten dollars from each of you every month would add up to at the end of the year. Added to the monies that we manage to set aside from book raffles, etc., we could contribute more than \$1000 to battlefield preservation.

There are many deserving Civil War preservation efforts out there, some large like the Civil War Preservation Trust, and some small like the Friends of Chickamauga and Chattanooga. Ed manages every year to choose those who are most deserving, so let's help him out and help out a good cause. Literally, we are the people who can help save history.

THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



News Letter

March 2009
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The Seeds of American Burial Practice

In September 1918, on the eve of America's celebrated World War I offensive in northern France, the U.S. secretary of war pledged that the government would provide a home burial to all who died in foreign service. Alternatively, families could opt to have their loved ones buried in national battlefield cemeteries overseas. The secretary's promise resulted in a massive operation that cost the government more than thirty million dollars and firmly established a precedent that endures.

This unique approach to commemoration adopted by the U.S. after the First World War and the accompanying expansion of the federal government's power, are a direct result of the nation's response to the massive death tolls of the Civil War, more than fifty years before. The bloody apocalypse was the dominant force that shaped the memory of war for countless generations of Americans.

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Lisa Budreau

Lisa Budreau is a research historian currently based at the Office of Medical History for The Army's Surgeon General. She holds a doctorate from Oxford University, England, and a Master of Arts in American Studies from the University of Nottingham. Dr. Budreau, an Anglo-American, has published and lectured in Europe and the U.S. on a variety of topics regarding war and remembrance. She has a diverse background in cultural heritage that includes museums, teaching and battlefield tour guiding. In 2008, Lisa edited a pictorial history on the Army Nurse Corps entitled **Answering the Call** (published by GPO). Her new book, **Bodies of War: World War 1 and the Politics of Commemoration in America, 1919-1933**, will be available in late 2009.

The Seeds of American Burial Practice

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By the end of the nineteenth century families expected options regarding the final resting place of their war dead, to include national cemeteries for those who chose not to bring their loved ones home; they also anticipated an unrestrained right to erect monuments upon former battlefields. Unlike citizens of other nations, the American public held their government and military leaders responsible for the care of their deceased to the extent that they presumed the use of modern funereal procedures and advanced search and identification methods.

Other factors such as the significant role women played as keepers of public memory, the manner in which the dominant collective memory excluded African Americans, and the process in which remembrance concentrated on tactics, courage and valor rather than the human cost, would play out again in the construction of future war memory with uncanny similarity.

These diverse national expectations made the task of commemorating the first modern,

international war of the twentieth century an intrinsically complicated one, yet its legacy persists. Dr. Lisa Budreau will base her illustrated presentation on segments of her book **Bodies of War** (available in late 2009, NYU Press) that highlight the Civil War's key influences upon the evolution of collective war memory.

Threat to Monocacy Battlefield

The Frederick County Council has proposed building a \$527 million dollar plant to burn waste to generate energy located directly across the Monocacy River from Monocacy National Battlefield in the McKinney Industrial Park. They are holding a series of hearings on the issue of the plant and its location.

The plant would have a huge impact on the park. Its 350-450 foot smokestack will be directly west of the battlefield, and will be the biggest thing on the near horizon from every point in the park. The noise from the huge trucks bringing and dumping trash from Frederick and Carroll Counties will also impact the battlefield because the plant will be just across the Monocacy River from the Worthington Farm. The possibility that this plant would be constructed caused the Civil War Preservation Trust to put Monocacy on its ten most endangered battlefields list.

Don't let the shortsighted commissioners in Frederick County spoil a national battlefield. There are other sites for this plant, but they have been rejected, one of them because it would spoil the area's rural character. Yet, they are willing to spoil a national park, where soldiers fought and died. Please send a protest to the Board of County Commissioners, Frederick County, MD, Winchester Hall, 12 East Church St., Frederick, MD 21701.

The Battle of the Crater: A Complete History

By John F. Schmutz

\$75.00 Hardcover, 428 pages

McFarland, Jan 2009

The Battle of the Crater is one of the lesser known and understood, but most intriguing battles of the Civil War. It is set amongst the brutal and unendurable trench warfare at Petersburg, Virginia, which served as a remarkable foreshadowing of the situation faced by the adversaries in France fifty years later. The battle itself, and the machinations leading up to it, present a plot worthy of the most creative piece of fiction so much so that one might find it incredulous if it was not all proven fact.

The plot has all the elements necessary for the weaving of a great novel: political correctness run amuck, the commander of the critical lead element drunk and hiding in a bomb shelter as his troops pass into harm's way, a titanic clash of egos and petty jealousy at the high command, and an unusually colorful cast of characters. Add to this mix the employment of unique military tactics and movements, war atrocities, the destruction of the military career of one of the war's most famous generals, the blundering of an officer considered the war's worst general, and then throw in a Congressional investigation, and one has the makings of remarkable novel, though perhaps one that strains credulity. However, these elements are all documented facts. The battle itself grew in familiarity recently with the release of the movie *Cold Mountain*, which opened with an eleven minute, spell-binding segment on the battle.

This new book delves into the military and political background of the battle by tracing the rival armies from the early months of 1864, through their bitter conflicts of the Overland Campaign, and ending with the crossing of the James River and the onset of the siege of Petersburg. A hard look at the way the war was

perceived by both sides after over three years of blood letting is carefully laid out in order for one to appreciate the relative impact the battle had on the body politic of both sides. Thus, while this work is lengthy for an analysis of a battle which lasted less than ten hours, there is a considerable investment of time in placing the battle in its proper perspective in history. No work to date has so treated this important, intriguing conflict which has received far less than its due in serious academic analysis.

There's A Nameless Grave In The Battlefield

This mute reminder of Antietam's awful cost suggests how many thousand homes were sunk in grief such as the poem "After All" describes. The soldiers themselves shared this grief. One of their saddest duties was the burial of comrades. When the graves had been dug, if there was found on their person any means of identifying them or if any one knew who they were, little pieces of board were secured and placed at the head of each. On these little boards, pieces of cracker-box, generally, would be placed the name and regiment of the deceased comrade written in pencil. Under the rain and the snows the writing would be obliterated or the boards themselves tumble down, and those lying in their graves on the battlefield would pass into the number of the great "unknown." There were no opportunities afforded in these burial details to go through any religious forms. The numbers forbade. Yet the lads who formed burial parties always gave their meed of reverence.

25 Years Ago

Elden E. "Josh" Billings gave a presentation to the Round Table on March 13, 1984. His topic was "Phil Sheridan: A Character Sketch." Josh Billings was president of the Round Table in 1966-67.

50 Years Ago

On March 10, 1959, Richard F. Lufkin, a non-resident member of the Round Table from Boston, gave a presentation to the Round Table on “Benjamin Franklin Butler, Civil War General and Governor of Massachusetts.”

**Bivouacs and Battlefields:
Fauquier County’s Civil War
Landscape**

The Fauquier County government and local citizens’ groups will co-host a **FREE** one day symposium titled “Bivouacs and Battlefields: Fauquier County’s Civil War Landscape” on Saturday, March 28, at Fauquier High School, 705 Waterloo Road, Warrenton, Virginia 20186. The event will bring to life the historical significance of the Fauquier countryside.

The lectures will start at 8:30 a.m., break for an hour at lunch, and feature Robert K. Krick, Bud Hall, Garry Adelman, Childs Burden, and Kris White as speakers. The lecture will conclude with a special 3-D presentation by Bob Zeller. Fauquier County, positioned between Washington and Richmond, was a geographical

crossroads of the American Civil War. By the summer of 1862, Fauquier County was considered an area of strategic importance to both Union and Confederate commanders. For the South, it provided a gateway from the Shenandoah Valley to Manassas. For the North, it cushioned the defense of Washington, D.C. and protected the movement of troops and supplies through Manassas Gap. Fauquier County became occupied territory.

Questionable loyalties, cavalry raiders, piecemeal battles, and spies all were part of the physical and cultural landscape during the war. Fauquier County contains 12 battlefields that number among the 384 most significant battlefields in a war that involved some 10,660 military engagements. Aldie, Auburn I, Auburn II, Brandy Station, Buckland Mills, Kelly’s Ford, Manassas Gap, Middleburg, Rappahannock Station, Rappahannock II, Thoroughfare Gap, and Upperville were fought in the county’s mountain gaps, along its railroads and roads, and across the entire stretch of the Rappahannock River.

Fauquier High School
705 Waterloo Road
Warrenton, Virginia 20186.

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After All

The apples are ripe in the orchard,
The work of the reaper is done,
And the golden woodlands reddened
In the blood of the dying sun.

At the cottage-door the grandsire
Sits pale in his easy-chair,
While the gentle wind of twilight
Plays with his silver hair.

A woman is kneeling beside him;
A fair young head is pressed,
In the first wild passion of sorrow,
Against his aged breast.

And far from over the distance
The faltering echoes come
Of the flying blast of trumpet
And the rattling roll of drum

And the grandsire speaks in a whisper :
"The end no man can see;
But we give him to his country,
And we give our prayers to Thee."

The violets star the meadows,
The rose-buds fringe the door,
And over the grassy orchard
The pink-white blossoms pour.

But the grandsire's chair is empty,
The cottage is dark and still;
There's a nameless grave in the battle-field.
And a new one under the hill.

And a pallid, tearless woman
By the cold hearth sits alone;
And the old clock in the corner
Ticks on with a steady drone.

William Winter

"After All" and "There's A Nameless Grave
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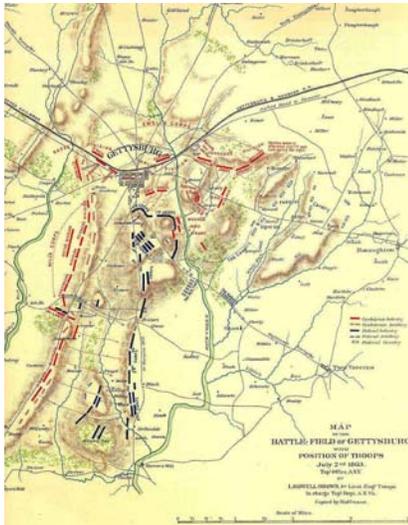
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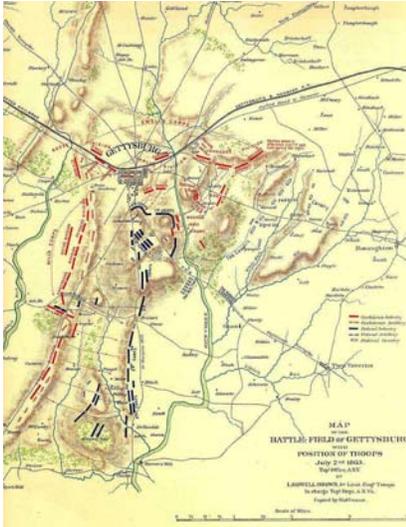
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News Letter

April 2009
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The Chase & Capture of President Jefferson Davis

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1. Did President Lincoln want Davis and his cabinet to not only escape trial, but escape the country?
2. Was there a Union army plan to help Davis escape the country?
3. What is the truth about the charge that Davis was disguised as a woman when he was captured?
4. Why did it take so long to charge Davis with a crime and why was he never tried?

If you have lawyer friends who are not members of the Round Table, this is the meeting they should attend because there will be discussion of lawyers, judges and legal ethics.

April 2009 Meeting

Date:	Tuesday, April 14, 2009	Place:	Officers' Club
Price:	Dinner \$29.00 per person Lecture only \$5.00		Fort Lesley J. McNair Washington, DC
Agenda:	6:00 pm Social Hour: 6.45 pm Dinner:	Cash Bar Prime rib Vegetable of the Day (Vegetarian meals are available upon request in advance.) Roasted Potatoes Chocolate Ice Cream	
	8:00 pm Speaker: Topic:	Clint Johnson The Chase & Capture of President Jefferson Davis	

Guests are always welcome to attend our meetings.

The deadline for reservations is Monday, April 13, 2009. Please send them to:

Mr. John Restall 3324 Glenmore Dr. Falls Church, VA 22041-3317	Phone: 703-578-1942 Email: restall@joimail.com If reserving a dinner by email, make such you receive a confirmation email.
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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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Note: The entrance to Ft. McNair is now on 2nd Street.

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CWRT of DC Membership Committee
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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 June on the second Tuesday of each month at the Fort Leslie J. McNair Officer's Club in Washington, DC. Guests are always welcome at our meetings.

For further information about the Round Table, to submit a newsletter article, or present a program to the Round Table, please contact the newsletter editor.

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Newsletter by Email

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His other books include **The Politically Incorrect Guide To The South** (published by D.C.'s Regnery Publishing), **In The Footsteps of Robert E. Lee**, **In the Footsteps of Stonewall Jackson**, **In The Footsteps of J.E.B. Stuart**, **Civil War Blunders**, **Touring The Carolinas' Civil War Sites**, **Touring Virginia's and West Virginia's Civil War Sites**, **The 25 Best Civil War Sites**, and **Colonial America and The American Revolution - The 25 Best Sites**.

25 Years Ago

Dennis E. Frye gave a presentation to the Round Table on April 10, 1984. His topic was "John Brown." On April 21, 1984, the Round Table sponsored a field trip to Harpers

Ferry. The field trip was led by Dennis Frye and visited sites made famous by John Brown's raid.

50 Years Ago

On April 14, 1959, Bruce Catton presented the Round Table's Gold Medal Award to Bell Irvin Wiley, who in turn gave a presentation to the Round Table. His topic was "And Both Endured," his remarks having been taken from a chapter in a forthcoming book (They Who Fought There). Both Bruce Catton and Bell Wiley were members of the Round Table.

Bermuda Favored Confederacy

On March 20, 1959, the Confederate flag flew proudly over St. George's, Bermuda. The flag was hoisted over a building converted into a Confederate museum to honor what few Americans know--the role played by Bermuda during the American Civil War on the side of the South. The plaque on the restored building reads that the building was occupied by the Confederate agent, Maj. Norman Walker, and later became the Globe Hotel. Walker directed the shipments of goods in the blockade running.

Dinner Reservation Form For Tuesday, April 14, 2009.

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The cost is \$29.00 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: \$_____

(Please see the description on the opposite side of this form.)

Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____

(Needed in case the meeting must be cancelled .)

Total enclosed: \$_____

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CWRT Fundraising Program

A Letter From Savas Beatty Publishing

Thank you for your CWRT and the service you provide for your members. We understand how important it is to groups like yours to raise money for battlefield preservation, to bring in guest speakers, and to keep membership dues low.

We here at Savas Beatie have developed a simple way for your CWRT to raise money for your favorite charity, promote Civil War scholarship, and support hardworking authors and independent Civil War publishing.

When any of your members (or their family and friends) purchase a book from our website and use your group's individual code at check out, we will donate 30% (THIRTY PERCENT) of the cost of the book back to your Round Table! Yes, it is that simple. Any Book. Any Topic (not just Civil War). Any Time. Here's how it works:

- Encourage your membership, friends, and family to visit our dynamic website at: www.savasbeatie.com;

- Browse our selection of Civil War and other general and military history titles;

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If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Hall at 916-941-6896 or tammy@savasbeatie.com.

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- Deposits are applied to payment of the tour price.
- To reserve a space on this tour, you must submit a completed Registration Request, the signed and dated Responsibility Statement and Liability Disclaimer (both below) and deposit or payment in full. First come/ First Served.
- Submitting a Reservation Request does not guarantee you a space on this tour. You will be notified of your status when your request has been received and processed. If there is no space available, you will automatically be placed on a waiting list, notified of your status, and any payment included with this Reservation Request will be refunded.
- The tour is designed for adults but may be suitable for children 14 years or age or older, with the necessary curiosity and interest. Regardless of age, children must pay full price and those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Deposit or payment in full required to complete your registration request:

- Deposit of \$150 per person or payment in full due with this Registration Request. Please note: if making deposit, balance is due 30 days prior to the tour. You will not be invoiced. If the balance is not received 30 days prior to departure, your place cannot be guaranteed. Full payment is due if registering within 15 days of the date of departure. In addition, anyone contemplating registering within 15 days of the date of departure should call 202-306-4988 to confirm space availability.

Cancellations and Refunds

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO OUR CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS POLICY.

- Cancellation within 30 days of departure: \$50.00 retained; remainder refunded
- Cancellation within 15 days of departure: \$125 retained; remainder refunded.
- Cancellation within 7 days of departure: no refund.
- Cancellation by the Civil War Round Table of the District of Columbia: full refund.
- No refund for unused portions of this tour, including but not limited to missed meals, hotel nights.
- Refunds will be processed within 45 days of cancellation.

You may cancel your participation in this tour either of two ways: by Phone: 202-306-4988 or by Email: cwrt_dc@comcast.net prior to June 25, 2009.

Preparing for this Tour

Tour Departs from Ft. McNair--Directions to Ft. McNair:

<http://www.fmmc.army.mil/sites/about/directions.asp>

Hotel: Days Inn, 865 York Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325, (717) 334-0030

http://www.daysinn.com/DaysInn/control/Booking/property_info?propertyId=06239&brandInfo=DI

Informational Websites:

Gettysburg National Military Park: <http://www.nps.gov/gett/>

The Fight for Culp's Hill: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Culp's_Hill

The Fight for Cemetery Hill: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cemetery_Hill

Lee's Retreat: http://www.emmitsburg.net/archive_list/articles/history/civil_war/imboden_memoirs.htm

The Monterey Pass Battlefield Association: <http://www.emmitsburg.net/montereypass/index.htm>

One Continuous Fight: <http://www.gettysburgretreat.com/>

Weather: Historically, the weather in the Gettysburg area in late June is humid with an average high temperature in the low 80's and an average low temperature in the low 60's.

Suggested Reading:

Gettysburg: Culp's Hill and Cemetery Hill Chapel Hill by Harry W. Pfanz.

"The Hour Was One of Horror" East Cemetery Hill at Gettysburg by John M. Archer.

One Continuous Fight: The Retreat from Gettysburg and the Pursuit of Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, July 4-14, 1863 by Eric J. Wittenberg, J. David Petrucci, and Michael F. Nugent.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can I find up to date information about the tour?

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How can I order a meal that fits my dietary needs (food allergies/vegetarian)?

- Persons with special dietary requirements should complete the appropriate section on the Registration Request. You will be notified if your request cannot be met.

Does the tour operate rain or shine?

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How do I know if I meet the physical requirements for the tour?

- Participants should be in good physical condition as this tour involves walking. If you are doubtful of your physical abilities, please contact 202-306-4988 to discuss requirements for the tour.

What do I need to bring/wear on tour?

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Is travel insurance provided?

- No, travel insurance is not provided.

Do you wait for everyone before the tour departs?

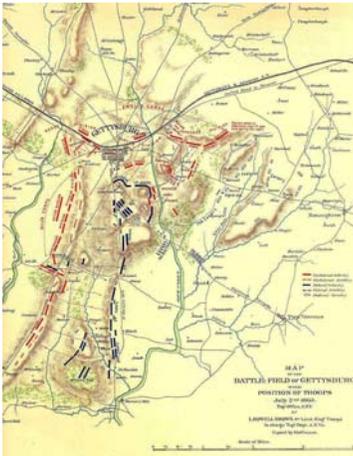
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How are seats determined on the bus?

- Seats on the bus are first-come/first-served but seats at or near the front of the bus may be reserved for those with special needs and those involved in leading the tour..

Important Tour Policies:

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- Smoking is not permitted on the bus.
- Our Cancellation and Refund Policy is strictly enforced.
- Itinerary subject to minor changes as determined by the tour leader.
- **The tour bus will depart from Ft. McNair promptly at 8:00 am. Entrance to Ft. McNair is through the 2nd Street gate. Please arrive by 7:30 am and be prepared for a delay getting through the gate due to the security check performed on every vehicle that does not carry a current DOD vehicle pass. You will be asked for a picture ID and your vehicle and bags are subject to search unless you have a current DOD vehicle pass.**



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REGISTRATION REQUEST AND RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT & LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

Gettysburg Vignettes June 27 & 28	Registration Deadline: June 12, 2009
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Each Registrant Must Submit this Form.

Name: _____

Check for double occupancy and indicate name of your roommate: _____

Address: _____

City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____
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Telephone: _____	E-mail: _____
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Room preference: King 2 Queen (No guarantee but every effort will be made to meet request.) **SMOKING**
(otherwise non-smoking)

PLEASE SELECT ENTRÉE CHOICE: Baked Chicken Broiled Salmon Prime Rib of Beef

Please specify any other special room, limited mobility or dietary requirements: _____

Tour Cost: \$ 290 Per Person, Single Occupancy, \$245 Double Occupancy (You are responsible for finding a roommate.) See "Tour Cost and Registration Information."	TOTAL Enclosed: _____
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CANCELLATION POLICY: SEE "CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS".

Mail this completed and signed form with check payable to the CWRT of DC to: **John Restall**
3324 Glenmore Drive
Falls Church, VA 22041-3317

If you are parking your vehicle at Ft. McNair, the following information is REQUIRED with registration.

Make: _____	Model: _____
License Plate #: _____	State of Issue: _____
Drivers License #: _____	State of Issue: _____
Owner's Name: _____	Owner's Telephone #: _____

READ CAREFULLY: RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT & LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

The undersigned agrees that:

1. I will not hold the Civil War Round Table of the District of Columbia ("CWRT"), its officers, board members or members liable for personal injury, death, property damage or accident, delay or irregularity arising out of any act or omission of any entity supplying any goods or services in connection with this tour.
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3. The CWRT may, without penalty or liability, make changes in the itinerary of this tour, withdraw the tour announced, decline to accept any person as a participant in this tour and require any participant to withdraw from this tour at any time whenever, in the judgment of its authorized agent, any of these actions are necessary.
4. My baggage and personal effects are at all times my sole responsibility.
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6. I have read this Responsibility Statement and Liability Disclaimer, the itinerary for this tour, as well as the terms and conditions of application and participation as set forth in the tour information and this Registration Request, and recognize and accept any and all risks associated with this tour, and the conditions, including the Cancellations and Refunds Policy, set forth herein.
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THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



News Letter

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A Portrait of Robert E. Lee Through His Private Letters

Robert E. Lee's war correspondence is well known, and here and there personal letters have found their way into print, but the great majority of his most intimate messages have never been made public. These letters reveal a far more complex and contradictory man than the one who comes most readily to the imagination, for it is with his family and his friends that Lee is at his most candid, most engaging, and most vulnerable. Over the past several years historian Elizabeth Brown Pryor has uncovered a rich trove of unpublished Lee materials that had been held in both private and public collections. Her new book, a unique blend of analysis, narrative, and historiography,

presents dozens of these letters in their entirety, most by Lee but a few by family members. Each letter becomes a departure point for an essay that shows what the letter uniquely reveals about Lee's time or character. The material covers all aspects of Lee's life--his early years, West Point, his work as an engineer, his relationships with his children and his slaves, his decision to join the South, his thoughts on military strategy, and his disappointments after defeat in the Civil War. The result is perhaps the most intimate picture to date of Lee, one that deftly analyzes the meaning of his actions within the context of his personality, his relationships, and the social tenor of his times.

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Price:	Dinner \$29.00 per person Lecture only \$5.00		Fort Lesley J. McNair Washington, DC
Agenda:	6:00 pm Social Hour:	Cash Bar	
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	Topic:	Robert E. Lee	

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Newsletter by Email

This newsletter is now available by email as an alternative to US mail. All recipients of this newsletter are requested to choose the email version of the newsletter. This will reduce newsletter expenses and allow the money to be used for things like battlefield preservation. To receive this newsletter by email, please indicate so on your membership form, or email the newsletter editor. The newsletter is published on our web site listed below. The newsletter editor's address is:

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Clint Johnson

In April 2005 National Geographic Maps, with the Civil War Preservation Trust and the National Park Service, published a map to accompany the magazine article “Civil War Battlefields: Saving the Landscape of America’s Deadliest War” which ran in National Geographic Magazine. In response to requests from Civil War aficionados, students, and preservationists to purchase reprints of this highly detailed thematic map, it is once again available as a premium printed edition, ideal for framing. Additionally, the map is being offered to members of Civil War Round Tables at a 40% discount and free shipping until June of 2009. If anyone is interested in taking advantage of this special pricing simply visit www.natgeomaps.com/vip and enter the promo code: **NGCIVILWAR** in the “New Member Registration” section on the left-side of the page. Should you wish to view the map online or read the original article, you can visit: http://www.natgeomaps.com/battles_civilwar

Monocacy Incinerator Update

At a recent CWRTDC meeting, a petition to stop the incinerator near the Monocacy Battlefield was circulated to the members. The Frederick County commissioners have decided to suspend plans for the incinerator. The full story can be read online at www.fredericknewspost.com by entering “incinerator” in the search box.

25 Years Ago

Dr. Russell F. Weigley gave a presentation to the Round Table on May 8, 1984. His topic was “How Lee Defeated the Confederacy.”

50 Years Ago

On May 11, 1959, Colonel Robert S. Henry discussed the highlights in the fast moving history of Harpers Ferry. A battlefield tour of harpers Ferry was sponsored by the Round Table on May 23, 1959.

Dinner Reservation Form For Tuesday, May 12, 2009.

The deadline for reservations is Monday, May 11, 2009.
 The cost is \$29.00 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: \$_____
 (Please see the description on the opposite side of this form.)

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

Total enclosed: \$_____

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When any of your members (or their family and friends) purchase a book from our website and use your group's individual code at check out, we will donate 30% (THIRTY PERCENT) of the cost of the book back to your Round Table! Yes, it is that simple. Any Book. Any Topic (not just Civil War). Any Time. Here's how it works:

- Encourage your membership, friends, and family to visit our dynamic website at: www.savasbeatie.com;

- Browse our selection of Civil War and other general and military history titles;

- Almost all of our books are either signed by the author, or ship with a customized signed book plate!

- Enter your Coupon Code – CWRTofDC – when making your PayPal purchase;

- Once a quarter, we will write a check directly to your CWRT to use however you like;

Please share this information with your members at your next meeting, print it in your upcoming newsletter, consider keeping it in each newsletter, and mention it in your next email blast.

If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Hall at 916-941-6896 or tammy@savasbeatie.com.

We look forward to working with you to raise money for your CWRT!

Get Serious about Preservation!

This past June, the DC Round Table awarded its annual Ed Bearss Preservation Award to the Friends of Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park. The award, totaling \$1000, was given to the group at the request of the man himself – Ed Bearss. As all of you know, this is something the Round Table does every year to honor Ed and to repay him, in some small way, for speaking to us and leading our field trip for free – yes, without compensation.

We're not alone. Ed donates his time to many groups in order to spark interest in the Civil War and to build momentum to preserve the Civil War landscape. This is an important time, because more of that landscape is disappearing every year. Therefore, now is the time to save it.

Your dinner reservation form has a spot to make a contribution. In addition, the Bearss' Bear, to collect money for the same purpose, is on the table at every meeting. Think what five or ten dollars from each of you every month would add up to at the end of the year. Added to the monies that we manage to set aside from book raffles, etc., we could contribute more than \$1000 to battlefield preservation.

There are many deserving Civil War preservation efforts out there, some large like the Civil War Preservation Trust, and some small like the Friends of Chickamauga and Chattanooga. Ed manages every year to choose those who are most deserving, so let's help him out and help out a good cause. Literally, we are the people who can help save history.

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Grant and Lee

Grant and Lee: **Victorious American and Vanquished Virginian** by Edward (Ed) H. Bonekemper, III is a comprehensive comparison of the commanding general skills of Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee. Unlike most analyses, Ed Bonekemper clarifies the impact both generals had on the outcome of the Civil War. Building on the detailed accounts of both generals' major campaigns and battles, this book provides a detailed comparison of the primary military and personal traits of the two generals.

Ed Bonekemper, III is an adjunct lecturer of U.S. military history at Muhlenberg College.

For over 34 years he served as a Federal Government attorney, including 11 years of active duty with the U.S. Coast Guard and 17 as the senior hazardous materials transportation attorney for the U.S. Department of Transportation.

He is a retired commander in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve. His other books include **How Robert E. Lee Lost the Civil War** (1998), **A Victor, Not a Butcher: Ulysses S. Grant's Overlooked Military Genius** (2004), and **McClellan and Failure: A Study of Civil War Fear, Incompetence and Worse** (2007).

June 2009 Meeting

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Agenda:	6:00 pm Social Hour:	Cash Bar	
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Jubal's in the Valley

Gail Stephens, a member of our Round Table member, will be giving a talk at the Monocacy National Battlefield Visitor Center, 5201 Urbana Pike, Frederick, Maryland 21704 on August 8, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. on Jubal Early's 1864 invasion of Maryland, the last Confederate offensive in the East. The title is "Jubal's in the Valley." It's an examination of the campaign from June to September, including Early's goals and what he actually accomplished. For more information, please call 301-662-3515.

Ed's Birthday Party

Everyone is invited to Ed Bearss' Annual Birthday Bash at the Arlington Hilton. The date is June 26, 2009, Ed's actual birthday, so we're in for a very special event. Details and the registration form is on our web site. For more information, please call Wendy Swanson at 703-536-5464.

Officer Elections

The officers for next year will be elected at the June meeting. The candidates for 2009-10 are: President: Susan Claffey; Vice President: Wendy Swanson; Secretary: Jacqueline L. Lussier; Treasurer: John W. Restall; Board Members: Twyla Jackino, Dalton L. Truluck, and Suzanne Rice.

The Civil War Book Review

The **Civil War Book Review**, a quarterly journal published by the LSU Libraries' Special Collections Division, has released its Winter 2009 issue at www.cwbr.com. This year's editions of **Civil War Book Review** will commemorate the life of Abraham Lincoln. Each of the four issues for 2009 issue will contain special features on the life of Lincoln

and on the latest scholarship on the 16th president.

In this issue, readers will find several important features on the latest in Lincoln studies. The **CWBR** Author Interview features renowned Lincoln scholar Harold Holzer discussing his new book **Lincoln President-Elect: Abraham Lincoln and the Great Secession Winter, 1860-1861**. Several historians have reassessed Lincoln's ascent to power and how he handled the crisis of the Union prior to his inauguration. And as Holzer discusses in his interview, he believes that Lincoln faced the challenges not as an inexperienced political novice, but as a savvy politician. In addition to his political career, students of the Civil War era remain fascinated by Lincoln's personal life. Daniel Mark Epstein has written a book about the marriage of Abraham and Mary Lincoln, a hotly debated subject since the death of Abraham Lincoln in 1865. Virginia Laas reviews **The Lincolns: Portrait of a Marriage**. In his latest installment of **Rediscovering Civil War Classics**, David Madden discusses a new release, Fred Kaplan's **Lincoln: The Biography of a Writer**, a book that rediscovers the literary side of the 16th president. Madden critiques Kaplan's analysis while suggesting other ways to view Lincoln as a writer. And in **Civil War Treasures**, Leah Wood Jewett combs the archives of the Louisiana State University Libraries' Special Collections division for primary and secondary source material related to Abraham Lincoln. Her latest column serves as a ready reference guide to Lincoln and the archival collections of our host institution.

In addition to the special focus on Lincoln in this issue, plenty of new titles on the Civil War era in general are included. Georgia receives special attention in this issue with featured reviews of two books on the city of Savannah, reviving interest in the study of the war's impact on southern cities. Jacqueline Jones has written **Saving Savannah: The City and the Civil War**, which Mary A. DeCredico reviews. And

Mark A. Smith reviews **Guardian of Savannah: Fort McAllister, Georgia, in the Civil War and Beyond**. Sherman's March to the Sea continues to fascinate scholars; perhaps no military engagement had such a deep psychological impact on southerners as this engagement. Noah Andre Trudeau's **Southern Storm: Sherman's March to the Sea** offers a narrative history of Sherman's campaign. Brian Melton reviews this new release. And in **Sherman's March in Myth and Memory**, Edward Caudill and Paul Ashdown discuss how different groups of Americans have remembered the march since the end of the war itself. Glenn Robins reviews this book.

Finally, 2009 marks the tenth anniversary of **CWBR**. The **CWBR** is fortunate to have such a loyal base of readers, 2.5 million last year alone, who support their work by frequenting the web site, sharing with friends, and contributing to the financial support of the journal.

Civil War Book Review is published in the first week of the months of February, May, August, and November. If you would like to receive e-mail reminders of upcoming issues and special features on the website, click on "Sign me up for **CWBR** Updates!" link at the bottom of any page in the journal. From there, you can provide them with your contact information so that you will receive these e-mail reminders. Of course, they will NEVER share your personal information with any third party.

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To contribute to the **Civil War Book Review** fund, or for information on editorial matters, contact Christopher Childers, Editor, by phone at (225) 578-3553 or by email at rchild2@lsu.edu.

Compelled to Fight

Mariner Publishing is hosting a Very Special Evening June 4th at 7:30 pm in the Turman Room at VMI for Civil War Round Table members to celebrate the launching of Thomas Rittenburg's new book about the home front, the cause of Civil War and Secession in Rockbridge County, Virginia, **Compelled to Fight, The Secession Crisis in Rockbridge County, Virginia**.

The American Civil War continues to stir passion and fascination for many readers and historians. While there are hundreds of books about the war itself there are hardly any that delve into the mysteries of why a once united country at peace with itself and the world went to war—a war that has not been exceeded on this continent for its destruction or slaughter. Read this book and you will understand why Virginia seceded.

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- James I. Robertson, Jr.

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Lincoln at the Crossroads Alliance to Present
An Evening With Mr. Lincoln
at The Kennedy Center's Terrace Theater

WASHINGTON, D.C. - On June 11, 2009, the Lincoln at the Crossroads Alliance will present at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Terrace Theater, renowned Lincoln impersonator Mr. James A. Getty in *An Evening with Mr. Lincoln*. As one of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania's "most recognized" resident actors, Mr. Getty has been described as "America's foremost Lincoln portrayer" (History American Tours).

An Evening With Mr. Lincoln will begin at 7:30 p.m. and audiences will see and hear President Lincoln recount his homespun stories of youth, recollections of his personal and political life, the Battle of Bull Run and its aftermath, McClellan comes to Washington and reorganizes the Army, Confederate spies in Washington, especially Rose Greenhow, the Mason-Slidell Affair and the threat of war with Great Britain, and seeing the Grand Review at Bailey's Crossroads and Mrs. Howe writing the Battle Hymn of the Republic later that night at Willard's Hotel. Mr. Getty's performance fulfills one of the Alliance's goals of increasing historical awareness of not only Mr. Lincoln but of the events that occurred in the Bailey's Crossroads area during the American Civil War.

In addition to Mr. Getty's presentation, Mr. Ron Tunison, renowned sculptor of historical monuments, will be in attendance. Mr. Tunison has been commissioned to create a bronze statue of President Lincoln and a bas relief of the Grand Review of 1861, a major public art work in be placed in Bailey's Crossroads.

Under the sponsorship of the Bailey's Crossroads Revitalization Corporation, the Fairfax County History Commission, and the Northern Virginia Association for History, Mr. Getty's performance is one of several events leading up to the reenactment of Lincoln's Grand Review of 1861, scheduled for November 2011 at Bailey's Crossroads, Virginia.

For additional information about the Lincoln at the Crossroads Alliance presentation of *An Evening With Mr. Lincoln* or any of the future events planned by the Alliance, contact Maria Elena Schacknies at meschacknies@latcra.org or 703/820-1904.

Additional information pertaining to the mission, goals, and events sponsored by the Alliance can also be found online at www.latcra.org. For information about the Terrace Theater, ticket sales, and the full range of Kennedy Center services, contact the Sales Services Office at 202-416-8460, 202-416-8421 (fax) or go online to www.kennedy-center.com.

For more information please contact Maria Elena Schacknies at 703-820-2239 or cultura@att.net.

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Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Telephone:	E-mail:	
Room preference: <input type="checkbox"/> King <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Queen (No guarantee but every effort will be made to meet request.) <input type="checkbox"/> SMOKING (otherwise non-smoking)		
PLEASE SELECT ENTRÉE CHOICE : <input type="checkbox"/> Baked Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Broiled Salmon <input type="checkbox"/> Prime Rib of Beef Please specify any other special room, limited mobility or dietary requirements:		

Tour Cost: \$ 290 Per Person, Single Occupancy, \$245 Double Occupancy (You are responsible for finding a roommate.) See "Tour Cost and Registration Information."	TOTAL Enclosed:
CANCELLATION POLICY: SEE "CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS".	
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6. I have read this Responsibility Statement and Liability Disclaimer, the itinerary for this tour, as well as the terms and conditions of application and participation as set forth in the tour information and this Registration Request, and recognize and accept any and all risks associated with this tour, and the conditions, including the Cancellations and Refunds Policy, set forth herein.
7. In consideration of, and as part payment for, the right to participate in this tour, I, on behalf of my dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, agree to release, hold harmless and indemnify the CWRT, its officers, board members and members from any and all liability for any loss, death, or injury to my person or property suffered in connection with this tour.

 Signature of Registrant /Tour Participant Date

If the registrant is under 21 years of age, the signature of a parent or legal guardian is required. (Note that the minimum age is 14.)

 Parent or legal guardian (print name or names on line above)

 Signature Date



Civil War Round Table of the District of Columbia
2009 Civil War Weekend
“GETTYSBURG VIGNETTES”
**THE STRUGGLE FOR EAST CEMETERY RIDGE &
CULP’S HILL**
and
THE RETREAT & PURSUIT OF LEE’S ARMY
with
Ed Bearss
June 27 & 28, 2009

Join , **Ed Bearss**, on Saturday for a look at a sector of the **Gettysburg** battlefield that is **often overlooked** by both tourists and historians alike—East Cemetery Hill and Culp’s Hill. Had the Confederates broken through, and they nearly succeeded, with their attacks on July 2 or 3, Pickett’s charge would have been unnecessary.

Saturday will also include the **new Gettysburg Museum and Visitor Center**. You may tour, at your own pace, the museum and bookstore and watch the movie **“A New Birth of Freedom.”** You will also have an opportunity to see the newly restored **“Battle of Gettysburg” Cyclorama**. Of the 12 galleries in the new Gettysburg Museum of the American Civil War, 11 are based on phrases from Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address and are organized to help visitors understand and appreciate the museum’s major themes, which include the Gettysburg Campaign and the Civil War together with its causes and consequences.

On Sunday, the tour will follow **the retreat of Robert E. Lee’s army from Gettysburg**. Against long odds and burdened with thousands of casualties, Lee’s post-Gettysburg challenge was to complete a successful withdrawal of his army across the Potomac River. Union commander **George Meade’s** equally difficult task was to intercept Lee and destroy his army. The responsibility for defending the vulnerable Southern columns belonged to its cavalry chieftain, **Jeb Stuart**. If Stuart mishandled his famous ride north to Gettysburg, his generalship during this retreat more than redeemed his damaged reputation. **The ten days of retreat triggered nearly two dozen skirmishes and major engagements**, including fighting at Granite Hill, Monterey Pass, Hagerstown, Williamsport, Funkstown, Boonsboro, and Falling Waters.

While following the retreat route, the tour will visit many **off the beaten path** sites including the spot at Monterey Pass where some of Lee’s wagons fell over a cliff and we will walk a remnant of the actual road bed used by Lee’s Confederates.

What Is Included:

- Expert Tour Leader
- Hotel accommodations for one (1) night.
- Meals, as indicated on the itinerary below.
- Admissions, service charges and gratuities.
- All on-tour transportation. Motor coach on Saturday and Sunday, transportation to hotel and dinner Saturday evening and return motor coach to starting location on Sunday.
- Map packet
- Snacks and refreshments on bus

What Is Not included:

- Meals other than specified on itinerary below, personal items such as wines, liquors, a-la-carte orders, in-hotel movies, room service.
- All items not specifically mentioned as included.

Tour Cost and Registration Information

- **Tour cost is \$290 per person single occupancy and \$245 per person double occupancy. Participants are responsible for their own room sharing arrangements. The CWRT-DC will not be pairing participants. If you do not identify your roommate at the time of registration, you will be charged the single occupancy rate.**
- Deposits are applied to payment of the tour price.
- To reserve a space on this tour, you must submit a completed Registration Request, the signed and dated Responsibility Statement and Liability Disclaimer (both below) and deposit or payment in full. First come/ First Served.
- Submitting a Reservation Request does not guarantee you a space on this tour. You will be notified of your status when your request has been received and processed. If there is no space available, you will automatically be placed on a waiting list, notified of your status, and any payment included with this Reservation Request will be refunded.
- The tour is designed for adults but may be suitable for children 14 years or age or older, with the necessary curiosity and interest. Regardless of age, children must pay full price and those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Deposit or payment in full required to complete your registration request:

- Deposit of \$150 per person or payment in full due with this Registration Request. Please note: if making deposit, balance is due 30 days prior to the tour. You will not be invoiced. If the balance is not received 30 days prior to departure, your place cannot be guaranteed. Full payment is due if registering within 15 days of the date of departure. In addition, anyone contemplating registering within 15 days of the date of departure should call 202-306-4988 to confirm space availability.

Cancellations and Refunds

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO OUR CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS POLICY.

- Cancellation within 30 days of departure: \$50.00 retained; remainder refunded
- Cancellation within 15 days of departure: \$125 retained; remainder refunded.
- Cancellation within 7 days of departure: no refund.
- Cancellation by the Civil War Round Table of the District of Columbia: full refund.
- No refund for unused portions of this tour, including but not limited to missed meals, hotel nights.
- Refunds will be processed within 45 days of cancellation.

You may cancel your participation in this tour either of two ways: by Phone: 202-306-4988 or by Email: cwrt_dc@comcast.net prior to June 25, 2009.

Preparing for this Tour

Tour Departs from Ft. McNair--Directions to Ft. McNair:

<http://www.fmmc.army.mil/sites/about/directions.asp>

Hotel: Days Inn, 865 York Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325, (717) 334-0030

http://www.daysinn.com/DaysInn/control/Booking/property_info?propertyId=06239&brandInfo=DI

Informational Websites:

Gettysburg National Military Park: <http://www.nps.gov/gett/>

The Fight for Culp's Hill: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Culp's_Hill

The Fight for Cemetery Hill: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cemetery_Hill

Lee's Retreat: http://www.emmitsburg.net/archive_list/articles/history/civil_war/imboden_memoirs.htm

The Monterey Pass Battlefield Association: <http://www.emmitsburg.net/montereypass/index.htm>

One Continuous Fight: <http://www.gettysburgretreat.com/>

Weather: Historically, the weather in the Gettysburg area in late June is humid with an average high temperature in the low 80's and an average low temperature in the low 60's.

Suggested Reading:

Gettysburg: Culp's Hill and Cemetery Hill Chapel Hill by Harry W. Pfanz.

"The Hour Was One of Horror" East Cemetery Hill at Gettysburg by John M. Archer.

One Continuous Fight: The Retreat from Gettysburg and the Pursuit of Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, July 4-14, 1863 by Eric J. Wittenberg, J. David Petrucci, and Michael F. Nugent.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can I find up to date information about the tour?

- You may call **202-306-4988**, email cwrt_dc@comcast.net or check the **CWRT-DC website** at <http://users.erols.com/kennrice/cwrtdc.htm> for up-to-date tour information. If you have any concerns about weather, we suggest you call 202-306-4988 prior to departing from home.

How can I order a meal that fits my dietary needs (food allergies/vegetarian)?

- Persons with special dietary requirements should complete the appropriate section on the Registration Request. You will be notified if your request cannot be met.

Does the tour operate rain or shine?

- Yes, the tour operates rain or shine. However, in the case of severe weather, the tour may be rescheduled, please call **202-306-4988** for last minute tour information.

How do I know if I meet the physical requirements for the tour?

- Participants should be in good physical condition as this tour involves walking. If you are doubtful of your physical abilities, please contact 202-306-4988 to discuss requirements for the tour.

What do I need to bring/wear on tour?

- Bring comfortable walking shoes and clothes suitable for the weather, hats, sunglasses, and be prepared for rain.
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Is travel insurance provided?

- No, travel insurance is not provided.

Do you wait for everyone before the tour departs?

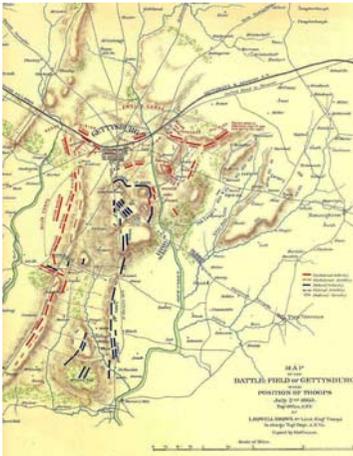
- Tour departs ON-TIME and does not wait for late arrivals.

How are seats determined on the bus?

- Seats on the bus are first-come/first-served but seats at or near the front of the bus may be reserved for those with special needs and those involved in leading the tour..

Important Tour Policies:

- Signed Responsibility Statement and Liability Disclaimer is required from all participants.
- Smoking is not permitted on the bus.
- Our Cancellation and Refund Policy is strictly enforced.
- Itinerary subject to minor changes as determined by the tour leader.
- **The tour bus will depart from Ft. McNair promptly at 8:00 am. Entrance to Ft. McNair is through the 2nd Street gate. Please arrive by 7:30 am and be prepared for a delay getting through the gate due to the security check performed on every vehicle that does not carry a current DOD vehicle pass. You will be asked for a picture ID and your vehicle and bags are subject to search unless you have a current DOD vehicle pass.**



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Saturday, June 27, 2009

- 8:00 AM Depart Ft. McNair
- 9:45 AM Arrive Gettysburg Visitor Center for rest break
- 10:00 AM Depart for Culp’s Hill (walk)
 - CSA Gen. “Allegheny” Johnson’s July 2, 1863 attack
 - Pardee Field & Spangler’s Spring
 - Benner’s Hill
- 1:00 PM Arrive Museum and Visitor Center (Tour at your own pace)
 - Lunch the Visitor Center Refreshment Saloon (NOT included in tour fee)
 - View the new 22-minute movie 'A New Birth of Freedom' and the newly restored Cyclorama painting (Movie & Cyclorama included in tour fee)
 - Tour the exhibits bookstore
- 3:30 PM East Cemetery Hill
 - Jubal Early’s Attack on July 2, 1863
- 5:00 PM You Have a Choice: more time at the Visitor Center or tour of Power’s Hill
 - Power’s Hill (walk)
 - Union logistics at their “Grand Central Station”
- 6:00 PM Depart for dinner (included in tour fee)
- 7:45 PM Arrive at hotel—Days Inn, Gettysburg (included in tour fee)

Sunday, June 28, 2009 (Box lunch provided on bus & included in tour fee)

- 8:00 AM Depart Hotel
- 8:30 AM Arrive Sachs Bridge
- 9:00 AM Arrive Fairfield, PA
 - Battle of Fairfield (walk)
- 9:50 AM Blue Ridge Summit, PA
 - Battle for Monterey Pass
- 11:10 AM Arrive Smithsburg, MD
- Noon Arrive Hagerstown, MD
 - Battle of Hagerstown
- 12:30 PM Arrive Funkstown, MD
 - Battle of Funkstown
- 1:30 PM Arrive Williamsport, MD
 - Battle of Williamsport (walk)
- 3:00 PM Battle of Falling Water and Crossing of Potomac
- 4:30 PM Depart for Ft. McNair
- 6:30 PM Arrive Ft. McNair

REGISTRATION REQUEST AND RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT & LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

Gettysburg Vignettes June 27 & 28	Registration Deadline: June 12, 2009
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Each Registrant Must Submit this Form.

Name: _____

Check for double occupancy and indicate name of your roommate: _____

Address: _____

City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____
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Telephone: _____	E-mail: _____
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Room preference: King 2 Queen (No guarantee but every effort will be made to meet request.) **SMOKING**
(otherwise non-smoking)

PLEASE SELECT ENTRÉE CHOICE: Baked Chicken Broiled Salmon Prime Rib of Beef

Please specify any other special room, limited mobility or dietary requirements: _____

Tour Cost: \$ 290 Per Person, Single Occupancy, \$245 Double Occupancy (You are responsible for finding a roommate.) See "Tour Cost and Registration Information."	TOTAL Enclosed: _____
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CANCELLATION POLICY: SEE "CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS".

**Mail this completed and signed form with check payable to the CWRT of DC to: **John Restall
3324 Glenmore Drive
Falls Church, VA 22041-3317****

If you are parking your vehicle at Ft. McNair, the following information is REQUIRED with registration.

Make: _____	Model: _____
License Plate #: _____	State of Issue: _____
Drivers License #: _____	State of Issue: _____
Owner's Name: _____	Owner's Telephone #: _____

READ CAREFULLY: RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT & LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

The undersigned agrees that:

1. I will not hold the Civil War Round Table of the District of Columbia ("CWRT"), its officers, board members or members liable for personal injury, death, property damage or accident, delay or irregularity arising out of any act or omission of any entity supplying any goods or services in connection with this tour.
2. I will not hold the CWRT, its officers, board members or members liable for personal injury, death, property damage or loss that I suffer in connection with this tour.
3. The CWRT may, without penalty or liability, make changes in the itinerary of this tour, withdraw the tour announced, decline to accept any person as a participant in this tour and require any participant to withdraw from this tour at any time whenever, in the judgment of its authorized agent, any of these actions are necessary.
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