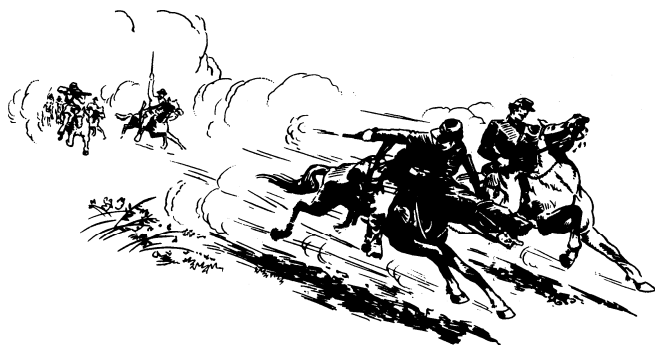


THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



News Letter

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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

Date:	Tuesday, June 9, 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:	Chicken Florentine Vegetable of the Day (Vegetarian meals are available Roasted Red potatoes upon request in advance.) Chocolate Cake	
	8:00 pm Speaker:	Edward (Ed) H. Bonekemper, III	
	Topic:	Grant and Lee	

Guests are always welcome to attend our meetings.

The deadline for reservations is Monday, June 8, 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.

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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Membership in the Civil War Round Table of the District of Columbia is open to anyone interested in the study of the American Civil War or American history. Our program year runs from September through June of the following year. Dues are \$30.00 per year (\$15 if you join after January 31, 2009) and should be mailed with a membership application form (available on our web site or from the address below) to:

CWRT of DC Membership Committee
Kenneth R. Rice
4110 N. 17th Street
Arlington, VA 22207-3005

Checks should be made out to **The CWRT of DC**. Membership includes a subscription to the monthly newsletter which contains notice of dinner meeting dates, speakers, and topics; information on field trips, and various Civil War related articles. Dinner meetings are held from September through 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.

IMPORTANT SECURITY NOTICE

The entrance to Ft. McNair has been moved to a new gate and search facility on 2nd Street. Please be prepared for a short delay getting through the gate when you arrive. This is for both vehicles and pedestrians. They will ask for a picture ID, search bags, and cars without a current DOD sticker.

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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Visit our web site at: <http://users.erols.com/kennrice/cwrtdc.htm>

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.

Civil War Book Review is the journal of record for new or newly reprinted books about the antebellum, Civil War, and Reconstruction eras, and is a project of the United States Civil War Center, LSU Libraries Special Collections. A reader's survey can be accessed through the **CWBR** homepage.

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.

Exhaustively researched, painstakingly crafted, this is surely the most complete history ever done of a county in the Civil War era. Equally important, Rittenburg's study challenges communities everywhere to look back at the hidden stories in their own evolution.

- James I. Robertson, Jr.

In **Compelled to Fight** the causes of the Civil War are examined through Rockbridge County, Virginia, a microcosm of ante bellum Virginia and touches upon why this Union loving people in the most critical border state abandoned hope of compromise and cast their lot with the South.

Rittenburg presents the who's who of Lexington, VMI, W&L, Rockbridge County and the local events that led to ultimate secession. A book signing will follow. **Compelled to Fight** is 500 pages, illustrated and indexed, \$34.95.

Refreshments will be served. Please bring a friend. For further information or to purchase **Compelled To Fight**, please call (540) 264-0021 or visit www.marinermedia.com.

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;

- 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.

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.

REGISTRATION REQUEST AND RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT & LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

Gettysburg Vignettes June 27 & 28 Registration Deadline: June 12, 2009		
<i>Each Registrant Must Submit this Form.</i>		
Name:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Check for double occupancy and indicate name of your roommate:		
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		
<i>Please specify any other special room, limited mobility or dietary requirements:</i>		

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".	
Mail this completed and signed form <u>with check</u> 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 <u>REQUIRED</u> with registration.	
Make:	Model:
License Plate #:	State of Issue:
Drivers License #:	State of Issue:
Owner's Name:	Owner's Telephone #:

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- 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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 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
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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
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