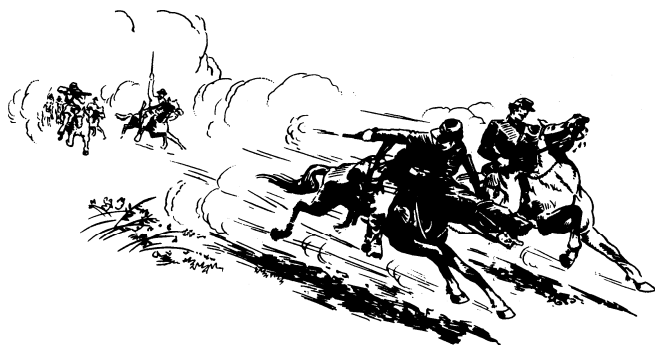


THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



News Letter

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The Chase & Capture of President Jefferson Davis

Clint Johnson of Ashe County, North Carolina, will discuss his latest book **Pursuit: The Chase, Capture, Persecution and Surprising Release of Confederate President Jefferson Davis**. Johnson examines for the first time the legal issues surrounding why Davis was kept in a military prison for two years, charged with a ridiculous crime that was not a crime and then never tried for that charge, and then he was released after the personal intervention of both the Attorney General of the United States and the Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Johnson also asks and answers several questions that have never been completely addressed by historians:

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.

PLEASE NOTE IMPORTANT SECURITY NOTICE ON PAGE 2

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>

Clint Johnson

Clint Johnson of Ashe County, North Carolina, is a full-time writer. He is a journalism graduate of the University of Florida and a Florida native with ancestors who fought with units from Florida, Alabama and Georgia (including one ancestor described in his pension papers as "addle-brained by the war").

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.

The deadline for reservations is Monday, April 13, 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: \$_____

Please mail this form and your check to: Mr. John Restall
 3324 Glenmore Dr.
 Falls Church, VA 22041-3317

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.



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.**



Civil War Round Table of the District of Columbia

“GETTYSBURG VIGNETTES”

THE STRUGGLE FOR EAST CEMETERY RIDGE & CULP’S HILL and THE RETREAT & PURSUIT OF LEE’S ARMY

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.
4. My baggage and personal effects are at all times my sole responsibility.
5. Schedules, itinerary, and tour details, although provided in good faith based on information available, are subject to change and revision.
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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