NOVEMBER MEETING: Larry Cenotto gave us not only an entertaining but also a scholarly presentation on Gettysburg. A good demonstration that one does not need to live next to a battlefield park to be knowledgeable about it. Thank you Larry. Your slides were an excellent bonus.

DOOR PRIZES: The idea has been forwarded to sell tickets for an expanded drawing for door prizes. A good source of revenue for future activities - even resource speakers. Let's give it a try!

WESTCOAST CWRT CONFERENCE: The Conference was held in Fullerton, California and was sponsored by the Long Beach R.T. Judge Joseph Blocker and his wife Marilyn provided outstanding leadership in ensuring the success of the conference.

Jerry Russell, National Chairman CWRT Association, drew together a challenging group of speakers including, among a total of fifteen presentations in the two days, Bob Krich, Chief Historian, Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania, and W.C. "Jack" Davis, Consulting Editor of Civil War Times Illustrated as well as Jerry Russell who spoke on "Two Days at Shiloh" and the next day "The Battle of Pea Ridge." We were fully occupied from 8:30 am to 9:30 pm both Saturday and Sunday making the trip to Southern California very worthwhile.

Among many other things we learned of - the Lincoln Memorial Shrine at Redlands, CA. It is a memorial to Lincoln and the Civil War period and is a research center for both scholars and students.

PROGRAM IDEAS: How about a series of short presentations at a meeting sometime this year? There are a number of our members who could truly contribute. Please let me know if you would like to try a 10-15 minute segment for the April meeting - we need several for a full evening. Don't be shy!

**A member suggestion - regarding battle sites you are interested in visiting! Can we put you in contact with someone who has already been there? This could be a good source for touring a site, how to get there, highlights of a visit, answers to individual questions. I will ask regarding the above at our next meeting. A good possibility for information exchange.

FUTURE PROGRAMS: An interesting program for an early date next year will be our own member George Hood on the life of General Hood. Such an illustrious ancestor! Incidentally, our own member Faith Hilberg is a direct descendant of General Alfred Howe-Terry. Such an illustrious group.

Another exceptional program along the way will be presented by Richard Beyer and his subject will be Battlefield Monuments of the Civil War. Richard Beyer is, of course, perhaps the most widely known sculpturer in the Northwest today. We understand he did not wish it to be known - however - his principle claim to fame in Seattle seems to be the "Waiting for the Intercity" situated at the north end of the Fremont Bridge. This
LOGOS: Several logo designs have been submitted as reproduced here in miniature. We need volunteers to serve on a committee to decide what to do with them - notify Stu, Dio or Loren if you would like to take on this task.

DUES: Please make your check out to PSCWRT for $10 and give or mail to Dio.

BOOKS FOR SALE: If you have some books for sale these could be on our display table if anyone so desires.

MEMORABILIA DISPLAY: We wish to encourage the display of personal memorabilia from Civil War days. Bring along your ancestor momentos and an explanation for the display table - there is always time.

PROFILE: We need to have member profile information - send or bring to the meeting and give to Loren for publication in our newsletter. This is a good way to know each other better.

PRODUCT ANNOUNCEMENTS: We have received many letters and announcements from publishers and others who specifically request that our membership be informed of their "products." These announcements will be placed on our display table for members to look over. (It appears that our PSCWRT has made some "mailing lists."

JANUARY MEETING: January 8 is our date - a top flight program is arranged. SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION CARD TODAY. Choice of menu is: Petite Filet or Baked Salmon. Your card should include: Name(s), choice of menu, and guest name (in order to register them at the main gate and prepare a name tag).

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome new members to our Round Table: John Bourdage (General Grant's relative), and Sandy Jantzen.

TICKET DRAWINGS: To add to our treasury, bring in your extra books to be raffled - 3 tickets for $1.00. The raffle, books, drawing might mean a committee? The more the better!

ROAD TO RICHMOND by Harold Adams Small
Published by University of California Press, 1939

This is an interesting book which could nearly serve as a history of the Eastern Civil War campaigns from a soldier's view. Author Small's narrative is based on letters and diaries of his father, Abner R. Small, 16th Maine Volunteers, serving in the Army of the Potomac.

The author's Preface is a far better review than your reviewer could write, and is quoted in part:

"The present memoirist was in the Army of the Potomac. He was in several of the army's great battles, and it is an advantage to his narrative that he was on a part of the field not familiar to us from other accounts: at Fredericksburg, he was in the one successful charge made on the Confederate position: at Chancellorsville, he made a daring reconnaissance that now helps to fill a gap in the record of what happened on the Union right: at Gettysburg he was in the regiment that was sacrificed to cover the last withdrawal of troops from Seminary Ridge - regiment which never had its full share of honors, because the commanders who normally would have reported the facts were killed or disabled.

"Near the latter end of the war he was for six months a prisoner. His prison diary is the actual day to day
CHARLES G. KIRK  
Colonel, USAF (Ret)

Born July 28, 1906 in Aberdeen, South Dakota, of parents from that part of Missouri called, "Little Dixie."

Charles was educated in the public schools of Springfield and The Dalles, Oregon; with a brief stint in Kalama, Washington, and Kirksville, Missouri. Given the glow of higher education at Oregon State (where he learned that he did not want to become a farmer), the University of Washington, George Washington Law School, and Georgetown University graduate school of foreign relations. Also, the USAF Air War College (the second class of 1947-48) and some technical education at RAF station Gressden Lodge.

Upon retirement from the U.S. Air Force on November 1, 1961, he moved to the country near Medford, Oregon, where his wife and he lived until August 1, 1974. While there he served as Trustee of the Southern Oregon Historical Society, and later as president. He served twice as president of the Jackson County Izaak Walton League, and a member of the Southern Oregon Forest Practices Committee.

In August, 1974, he moved to Bellevue where the family still resides. He has also served as president of the Greater Seattle Chapter of the Retired Officers Association, and is currently president of the Greater Seattle Chapter of the Izaak Walton League. In the past, he has been an ardent fisherman; an ardent upland bird and waterfowl hunter. He likes fine shotguns, fly rods, beautiful women and the Morgan horses. (He started as a second lieutenant in the Cavalry).

My wife is a hunting and fishing partner, as well as a camp follower for 57 years. Before breaking both wrists she was quite a water-colorist and a sculptress, and was one of the then few women handlers in Retriever Field Trails. She is a graduate of the University of Washington and was born in Seattle.

HOW I FOUND OUT I WAS A CONFEDERATE

In Springfield, Oregon in 1912, the G.A.R. Hall was bigger than the Masonic Lodge. Many of our school exercises were held there, and our school songs in school, our stories, etc. were colored accordingly. One day when we were home in Missouri in 1913, I was playing with my toy soldiers on the living room floor of the home we were visiting. Miss Leila Britt, my mother's friend came in and said, "Charles, what are you doing?" I replied: "Shooting Rebles." The yell you could have heard in the next county -

"Jessie Morgan Wright, what have you taught your son?" During the next hours, on past dinner and until bedtime, I learned about Wilson's Creek and Shiloh, Vicksburg and Franklin, Atlanta, and the bloodstained walk home from Northern Alabama. Oh, I learned much more - my great grandmother and grandmother hiding in the old cabin built by my great grandfather in 1820 while their home was burned and everything living killed; and about the folks back in Kentucky and Parryville - later re-infused by one of my still living great-grandmothers who said that she was born just half way between the birthplace of Jefferson Davis and that soundrel Lincoln.

Our family has furnished soldiers for the U.S. in the Revolution, the War of 1812; the Mexican war; one in 1861-65; the Spanish War, WWI, WWII, and Viet Nam. (I was on duty during Korea, but did not fight there.)

Don't forget to send in your reservation card with all other necessary information for our January 8 meeting - see you there!