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NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 1989. 6:00 p.m. social hour, 7:00 p.m. dinner at Officers Mess, Sand Point Naval Station. MENU: London Broil or Poached Halibut in wine sauce. Write your choice, your name, and the names of any guests on the reservation card and mail it.

APRIL 13, 1989 PROGRAM: Our speaker will be William D. Matter of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Matter, a graduate of Pennsylvania State University, is a retired U.S. Air Force pilot. He has spent the last ten years in the research and writing of "If It Takes All Summer: The Battle of Spotsylvania," recently published by The University of North Carolina Press. The book is the definitive account of a pivotal battle fought between the armies of Grant and Lee in May 1864, and is one of the most thorough Civil War battle studies ever written. Mr. Matter's topic on April 13th will be the Battle of Spotsylvania. On Friday, April 14, 1989, Mr. Matter will sign copies of his book at Bek's Bookstore, Rainier Square, from noon to 2 p.m.

SPREAD THE WORD about Mr. Matter's talk on April 13th to friends who might be interested. Do the same for the speaker at our May meeting, Professor Glatthaar, another recent author on the Civil War. We would like to give these speakers the turnout they deserve.

MAY 11, 1989 PROGRAM: Our speaker will be Joseph T. Glatthaar. Mr. Glatthaar, who received his Ph.D from the University of Wisconsin and has taught at the Combat Studies Institute, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, is now a history professor at the University of Houston. In 1985 his book, "The March to the Sea and Beyond: Sherman's Troops in the Savannah and Carolina's Campaigns," was published by New York University Press. The book is a lively account of Sherman's campaigns through the eyes of the men in the Union ranks. He is currently working on a book on Black troops in the Civil War. Mr. Glatthaar's topic on May 11th will be a look at Sherman's campaigns as seen through the eyes of the men in the Confederate ranks opposing him.

OUR THANKS to Dr. William Trier, Professor of Surgery at the UW Medical School, for his first-rate discussion of Civil War Medicine at our March meeting. Professor Trier's knowledge and thorough preparation resulted in one of the livelier presentations this Round Table has had since it was founded. His research for this topic extended over the past year; Civil War medicine is not currently taught in medical school--fortunately. Professor Trier answered every question but one: How did anybody survive the war?

NOMINATIONS for officers and directors for September 1989 through May 1990 will be discussed at the April meeting. Those who volunteered--both of them--are being contacted. Because of the shortage of volunteers, a draft is underway. It looks like next year's slate will be a mixture of old blood, draftees, and a volunteer or two.