March 15, 1990

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 1990: 6:00 pm social hour, 7:00 pm 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 enclosed reservation card and mail it.

APRIL 12, 1990 PROGRAM: Our speaker will be Myra-Ann Rutledge and her topic will be the Lincoln assassination, which she has been studying over two years in order to write a historical novel. April 14, 1990 is the 125th anniversary of the assassination on Good Friday, 1865.

MORE ON LINCOLN ASSASSINATION: On May 12 and 13, 1990 in Bel Air, Maryland, the Tudor Hall Conference will feature speakers and a bus tour concerning Booth and the assassination. Speakers will include Terry Alford, James O. Hall, and Michael Kauffman (author of the article in the latest issue of Blue and Gray). See Myra-Ann Rutledge for details. She will be the co-chair for the conference on the 13th.

OUR THANKS to John Earnst for his fascinating account of the rewards and problems he encountered as Superintendent of Gettysburg National Military Park from 1974 to 1988.

MAY 17, 1990 PROGRAM: (Note that our May 1990 meeting is on the third Thursday, not the usual second Thursday.) Our speaker will be Professor Herman Hattaway of the University of Missouri at Kansas City. Professor Hattaway is the author of "General Stephen D. Lee," co-author of "How the North Won" and "Why the South Lost" (a shortened paperback version of the latter has been published under the title, "The Elements of Confederate Defeat"). The two books Professor Hattaway has co-authored are among the most influential Civil War books written in the past decade. "Why the South Lost" has especially provoked discussion and controversy, and the themes of that work will be Professor Hattaway's subject at our May meeting.

READ! Our speakers this season include several noted authors. You will get more out of what they have to say if you read in advance some of the titles mentioned above. If your local branch library does not have a particular book, fill out an interlibrary loan slip. If local bookstores such as Heritage Bookshop, Bek's, Elliott Bay, or University Bookstore do not have a book in stock, they can order it. Most Civil War books are available by mail or phone from Morningside Bookshop, PO Box 1087, Dayton, Ohio 45401, (513) 461-6736.

HELP! Professor Hattaway will be in Seattle from Thursday, May 17, 1990 through Sunday, May 20, 1990. He will need a place to stay; if he can stay with you for one or more of those days, please contact Pat Brady. We need volunteers not only for housing but also for those willing to give Professor Hattaway a view of what is worth seeing in the Puget Sound area. Professor Hattaway is being kind enough to stay in Seattle a few extra days in order to cut the plane fare to a discount rate. Let's show him some hospitality in return. Volunteers please contact Pat Brady.

SPEAKERS NEEDED: We are always looking for more speakers, members or nonmembers, long topics or short. We need more member participation. Please see Pat Brady.