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NEXT MEETING THURSDAY MAY 17, 1990: 6:00 pm social hour, 7:00 pm dinner at Officers Mess, Sand Point Naval Station. MENU: Top Sirloin Steak or Chicken Kiev. Write your name, your choice and the number of guests on the enclosed reservation card and mail it. Bring guests; let's give our May speaker the turnout he deserves.

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.

ABRIDGED READING. If you want to get the gist of Herman Hattaway's "Why The South Lost" but don't have time to read the whole book, read Chapter 12, "The Battle is the Lord's," pages 268-293, and chapter 14, "God, Guilt and the Confederacy in Collapse," pages 336-367.

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.

OUR THANKS to Myra-Ann Rutledge for her enthusiastic, lively and well-informed discussion of the Lincoln assassination. Myra-Ann is an excellent speaker, and this was one of the better topics we have had. We wish Myra-Ann the best with her novel.

NEXT YEAR'S SLATE: Pres., George Hood; VP & Program Chair, Pat Brady; Sec., Loren Mann; Treas., Jiggs Hoyt; Asst. Treas., Steve Beatty; Circulation Chairman, Richard Bennett; Board of Directors, Marc Duvall, Stewart Pope, Dick Richardson, Jeff Rombauer, Tate Mason and Terry Lattin. A vote on this slate will be taken at the May meeting.

PRECLUDE ANDIAM. Write Supt. Richard Rambur, Antietam National Battlefield, PO Box 158, Sharpsburg, MD 21782, and urge adoption of Plan B (maximum restoration of the 1862 cultural landscape). Also write Senators Slade Gorton and Brock Adams and urge them to contact Richard Rambur stating their support for Plan B.

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.