AUGUST 15, 1991

WELCOME: Welcome to the Puget Sound Round Table's 5th year. Our new bulletin format is just one of many changes in store for our members which we hope will enhance the membership's efforts to study the Civil War. All suggestions and ideas are welcome. Please feel free to talk to any of the officers or board members before or after any meeting.

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 1991: 6 pm social hour, 7 pm dinner at Enlisted Mess, Sand Point Naval Station. Write your menu choice, name and the names of any guests on the enclosed card and mail it. We need an accurate count in advance in order to avoid delay in serving dinner. M E N U: Petite Filet or Poached Halibut in a Wine Sauce. The vegetable will be Peas & Mushrooms along with a Baked Potato.

SEPTEMBER 12, 1991 PROGRAM: Our speaker will be the noted Civil War Historian Phillip Shaw Paludan author of "A People's Contest: The Union and Civil War 1861-1865." Mr. Paludan is Professor of History at the University of Kansas and has written extensively on the Civil War. Paludan's other books are "Victims: A True Story of the Civil War" and "A Covenant with Death: The Constitution and Law, and Equality in the Civil War Era." His topic for our meeting will be "The Lincoln Administration." Let your friends, neighbors and relatives know about this meeting, so we can have a large turnout for our distinguished guest.

PALUDAN TOO: We need a volunteer who would be able to meet Professor Paludan at SEA-TAC Airport on September 12 at 1:30 PM. If you could help us in this matter, please call Pat Brady at 236-1134.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! We need 15 volunteers willing to man the phones Sunday September 8th from 7 PM to 11:15 at KCTS (Channel 9) during their September Pledge Drive. This will be a tremendous opportunity to secure additional recognition for the Puget Sound Civil War Round Table as well as performing a public service. Programming for the evening will be an encore showing of Ken Burn's Civil War. WE NEED AN ANSWER BY AUGUST 21, so if you are interested in participating please call George Hood ASAP at 881-2930.

VIDEO WATCH: With all the publicity surrounding the movie GLORY, members may be interested in other Civil War movies that are available on home video. Each month this year the bulletin will list selected movie titles that can be rented or purchased at local video stores such as Tower Video, Blockbuster Video or Warehouse Music.

Our first two recommendations are BIRTH OF A NATION (1915) A landmark accomplishment of early film making history and the subject of great controversy. The film views the Civil War and Reconstruction from the viewpoint of two families, one North, one South, (Sound Familiar?) Directed by the legendary D. W. Griffith, the film stars Lillian Gish, Mae Marsh & Henry Walthall. 127 minutes, black & white, priced from $19.95 to $64.95. Available on VHS or laser disk. THE GENERAL (1927) Cited as one of the 50 best American movies ever made, THE GENERAL is based on an authentic episode of the Civil War, the Andrews Raid. The film stars Buster Keaton at his comedic best and Marian Meek. 76 minutes, black & white, priced to sell from $19.95 to $44.95, available on VHS and laser disk. Both movies are silent, so viewers would be wise to choose a tape with added musical scores.

SEATTLE ANTIQUARIAN BOOK FAIR: For those members seeking scarce and out of print Civil War titles, we recommend a visit to the Seattle Antiquarian Book Fair which will be held September 20 & 21st at the Flag Pavilion on the Seattle Center Grounds. Tickets are $5.00 for Friday night and $2.00 for Saturday.

85 book dealers, many from out of town will be displaying samples of their rare and used stock.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Dues for the 1991-1992 year are now payable. $15.00 per individual, $20.00 per couple. For New members there is a $5.00 initiation fee which covers the cost of a name tag. If you will not be at the first meeting please mail your check (payable to Puget Sound CWRT) to Harold Hoyt, 7455 S. 127th, Seattle, WA 98178. Members who are current in their dues for the 1991-1992 year will see a P by their name on the enclosed roster.

TITANIC CIVIL WAR: Members should plan on seeing the special exhibit at the Museum of History and Industry in Seattle on the Titanic Disaster. The exhibit runs until October 20 and Seattle is only one of four cities in the United States that will show this special display. The museum is open 7 days a week from 10 am to 5 pm and costs $3.00 for adults, $1.50 for children 6 to 12 and seniors over 55. What relationship does the Titanic have to events 50 years earlier? Only this, one of the best known first hand personal accounts by a Titanic survivor is THE TRUTH ABOUT THE TITANIC by Colonel Archibald Gracie, better known to Civil War scholars as the author of one of the best Civil War battle stories THE TRUTH ABOUT CHICKAMAUGA. It is believed that Colonel Gracie (who refused to enter a life boat) was the last person to leave the ship and survive.

FORTHCOMING BOOKS: Butternut & Blue (3411 Northwind Road, Baltimore, MD 21234) is planning to issue reprints of two rare Civil War books CONFEDERATE CAPITAL AND HOOD'S TEXAS BRIGADE by Mrs. A. V. Winkler ($35) and HISTORY OF THE 97TH REGIMENT NEW YORK VOLUNTEERS by Isaac Hall. The University of Missouri (2910 Lemoine Boulevard, Columbia, MO 65201) will be issuing a new study THE CONFEDERATE CONSTITUTION OF 1861 by Marshall L. Derosa $32.50.
MEMBERSHIP: We are always looking for new members. Please speak to friends who may be interested.

DISPLAY TABLE AND RAFFLE: Bring in your Civil War artifacts for all to see. Please bring books or other items for the raffle and buy raffle tickets.

BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION: Please support the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites, P.O. Box 1862, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22402, $20 membership. Led by Gary Gallagher and Bob Krick this is an excellent and effective organization. The Puget Sound Civil War Round Table Board of Directors is recommending that our group donate $250 to this group. A vote will be taken at the September Meeting upon this motion.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS: Our schedule of meetings and topics for the rest of year tentatively looks like this: October 10, 1991 Norman P. Bolotin, Vice President of Laing Communications will speak on Publishing Civil War History for Children. November 14, 1991 Warren Wilkinson, author of "Mother, May You Never See the Sights I've Seen" A History of the 57th Massachusetts, will talk about the regiment. For the December 12, 1991 meeting the speaker will be Tom Hertet, whose topic will be General Longstreet. January 9, 1992 "Jiggs" Hoyt will present a talk on Civil War Railroads. February 13, 1992 Professor Archie McDonald of Stephen F. Austin University will discuss Civil War Music. Don Murray will talk about Mary Todd Lincoln at our March 12, 1992 meeting. For our April 9, 1992 meeting the noted Civil War writer Jeffrey Wert (whose latest book is Mosby's Rangers) will speak on events in the Shenandoah in 1864. And for our final meeting on May 14, 1992 Dr. James Morgan will talk on the Confederate Surgeon General.

CIVIL WAR SITES IN WASHINGTON: While our state (still only a territory) had only a population of 12,000 in 1861 and was far removed from the fighting there are still a number of "Civil War" sites one can visit in Washington State. One such site is the Captain George Pickett House, 910 Bancroft St., Bellingham, WA. Here Captain George Pickett of Gettysburg fame, lived with his Indian wife and son while he was stationed at Fort Bellingham. There is a historical marker at the site.

CIVIL WAR BOOKS: As an on going help to our members we will be publishing each month on a separate sheet an annotated listing of Civil War books arranged by topics which we hope will help guide members in their reading. The first month's topic is a guide to Civil War Bibliographies.

ANNUAL WEST COAST CONFERENCE: The 7th Annual West Coast Civil War Conference will be held November 8 - 10th at the Holiday Inn Airport Hotel, Long Beach, California. The theme of this years conference is "Hollywood's View of the Civil War: From Birth of a Nation to Glory," Keynote speaker for the conference is James M. McPherson. Cost of the conference is $125 (less if you book before September 1st). For further information interested members should contact Rich Rollins (213) 540-6601 or Lew W. Merideth at (213) 518-3071.

NOTICES: This is your bulletin and if you would like to have notices of meetings, questions, etc. published in it just give Pat Brady or Jeff Rombauer a written copy of your notice at the meeting prior to the date of the bulletin you wish to have your announcement published.

DUES ARE PAYABLE NOW for the Sept. 1991 through May 1992 season. A "P" in front of your name means you have paid. $15.00 per individual, $20.00 per couple; $5.00 initiation fee to cover cost of name tag for new members. If you will not be at the next