THANKS to our September Speaker Phillip Shaw Paludan. Mr Paludan's talk was highly informative and interesting. A BIG THANKS to all our members for the great turnout. A fantastic start for the year with so many members in attendance.

NEXT MEETING
THURSDAY OCTOBER 10, 1991: 6 pm social hour, 7 pm dinner at Enlisted Mess, Sand Point Naval Station. Sign your name on the dinner reservation card. Give your meal preference. Give the full name of your dinner guest(s) and their meal preference. Call if you must cancel. If for any reason you do not have a reservation come anyway - they can handle it. We need an accurate count in advance in order to avoid delay in serving dinner. MENU: Top Sirloin Steak or Sea Scallops au Grautin served with Honey Glazed Carrots and Baked Potato with sour cream.

OCTOBER 10, 1991
PROGRAM: Our speaker will be Norman P. Bolotin, Vice-President of Laing Communications of Bellevue, which is publishing a series of Civil War Books for young readers. Two of the titles already published in the series are "A Nation Torn" and "Behind the Blue and Gray: The Soldier’s Life in the Civil War." Mr. Bolotin would like to learn of any unpublished Civil War letters or diaries held by Round Table Members.

VIDEO WATCH: The video recommendation for this month is GONE WITH THE WIND (1939) A spectacular film version of Margaret Mitchell's best selling novel of the travails of Scarlett O'Hara and Rhett Butler during the Civil War and Reconstruction in Georgia. It is hard to imagine any Round Table member not having seen this movie. 230 minutes, color. Starring Clark Gable & Vivien Leigh and a cast of thousands. VHS $89.95. A special 50th anniversary video was issued with a documentary on the making of the film.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Dues for the 1991-1992 year are still 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.

FORTHCOMING BOOKS:
Guild Press of Indiana is issuing a new biography of General Richard S. Ewell by Samuel J. Martin. THE ROAD TO GLORY: CONFEDERATE GENERAL RICHARD S. EWELL. This is the first new biography of Ewell since 1940. If you are interested mail a check payable to Guild Press, 6000 Sunset Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46208. Hardcover is $24.95 (& 2.60 handling) or paperback $16.95.

BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION: Not all preservation efforts underway today concern buying battlefield land. For the past several years the Abraham Lincoln Association, the University of Illinois Law School and the Legal Studies Center, Sangamon State University has cosponsored THE LINCOLN LEGAL PAPERS project. This is an on going effort to find, photocopy and publish all documents relating to Abraham Lincoln’s legal practice. All gifts are tax-deductible and are matched by an equal amount of support from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Donations may be made out to the Abraham Lincoln Association, The Lincoln Legal Papers, Old State Capitol, Springfield, IL 62701 or call (217) 785-9130.

OFFICERS 1991-1992:
President: Jeff Rombauer
VP-Patrick S. Brady
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: Fort Colville was located in Stevens County in North east Washington. According to Alice Cromie in her "Tour Guide to the Civil War" "troops stationed here apparently fought tidium by tiresome pranks on the town of Colville. In 1861 soldiers raided the town laundry and ran off with the Chinese proprietor and most of the stock. In 1862 a lieutenant killed a civilian but was acquitted according to local legend, because no one dared to testify against him. Maj. Curtis, commanding officer, dismantled the Colville distillery in a move perhaps to cut down on high and bottled spirits."

CIVIL WAR BOOKS

NOTES: The month's topic is a guide to Civil War Reference Books.

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 year's 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) 518-5071.

A BIG THANKS: The PSCWRT evening at Channel 9 on September 8 was a big success. We had numerous calls inquiring about membership in the roundtable, as well as helping Channel 9 raise a lot of money. Thanks to Marc Duvall, George Hood, John Bourdage, Jiggs Hoyt, Rod King, Don Larson, Loren Mann, Dr. Tate Mason, Gene & Ellen McCormack, Don Murray, Ralph Newman, Phyllis Ramsay, Eliz Ruskauff, Gerald & Shirlee Witzel and Jeff Rombaier. It was a fun and interesting evening, despite the caller from Canada who wanted the station to play Doris Day records.

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 membership cards.
American history. Most helpful are the bibliographical notes at the end of each topic which offer useful guides to further reading.


From John Joseph Abercrombie to Samuel Zook, Warner wrote short life sketches of every full rank Union general with the emphasis on their Civil War service. A photo of each officer is included.


Similar to his book on Union generals, Warner wrote brief biographies of each of the 425 men who were Confederate generals.


A disappointing book, the authors offer only sketchy outlines of the lives of every Union officer who was breveted a Brigadier General. Like Warner's books, photos of every officer are presented.


A complete reference work on every officer who served in the U.S. Army from its organization until the turn of this century. Besides officer sketches, Heitman includes numerous tables on subjects ranging from Contract surgeons to blockhouses.

Short biographies of every member who served in the Confederate Congress. The authors evaluate the role each man played during his term of office.


A massive day-by-day accounting of the naval activities of the Civil War. Appendices include a chapter on Naval Sheet music of the civil war as well as brief histories of all Confederate Naval forces.


An early compilation of the service records of Union naval officers, the book went through numerous editions.


Brief sketches on all Confederate Naval Officers.


Technical and service records of all Union and Confederate Naval Vessels. The book is heavy illustrated with contemporary photos.


Perhaps the best edition of this massive book which gives brief histories of all 2494 regiments, 126 battalions and 939 batteries which served in the Union Army. Dyer spent five years of his life compiling this work from the Official Records.


Not as detailed as Dyer's work cited above, this is the best available source for units of the Confederate Army. Crute gives brief histories of all units on a state by state basis.


The bulk of this book concerns losses in "three hundred fighting regiments" of the union army. Starting with the 1st Maine cavalry Fox gives breakdowns of casualties, engagements and interesting notes on each regiment.


An honest attempt by a Union officer to compile troop strengths in both the Union and Confederate Armies, and the numbers engaged by both sides in major battles of the war.