THANKS: Thanks to our November speaker Warren Wilkinson. Mr. Wilkinson's talk on the 57th Massachusetts was highly interesting and informative. We appreciate Mr. Wilkinson traveling all the way from Georgia to share his insights into Civil War history. A tip of the hat to our members for the great turnout for the November meeting.

NEXT MEETING
THURSDAY DECEMBER 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. MENU: Swiss Steak Jardinere or Baked Salmon served with a Vegetable medley and baked potato with sour cream.

DECEMBER 12, 1991
PROGRAM: Our annual short topics meeting. Three to four short topics will be presented by members.

VIDEO WATCH: THE RED BADGE OF COURAGE (1951) is this month's recommended film. A young recruit in the Union Army matures into manhood as he experiences the devastation of the American Civil War. Based on the novel by Stephen Crane, the movie was directed by John Huston, and has World War II hero Audie Murphy as the hero. 70 minutes, black & white, available on VHS for $24.95.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: A reminder to members that dues for the 1991-1992 year are still 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. 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. THIS WILL BE THE FINAL BULLETIN SENT TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET PAID THEIR DUES FOR THE YEAR.


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: The Society of Port Republic Preservationists is seeking help to save the "Turner Ashby House" in Port Republic. This large two-story frame building of Federal style was built in 1832. During the battle of Port Republic in June 1862 the body of General Turner Ashby was brought here, behind the battleline, to the home of Frank Kemper, which was being used as a hospital. Here, Turner's body was...
prepared for burial, and was displayed for those wishing to pay final respects. The Port Republic group is seeking to raise $95,000 by February 15, 1992 to purchase the house. All donations are tax-deductible. For further information call Barbara Moore 703-434-7373 or 703 249-4435 evenings, or write S.P.R.P. P.O. Box 82, Port Republic, VA 24471.

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THIS MONTH IN THE CIVIL WAR. December 12, 1861 saw minor skirmishing at Charleston, Mo.; Gradyville, KY.; and in Western Virginia. December 12, 1862 saw federal forces crossing the Rappahannock in front of Fredericksburg in preparation of a major assault against entrenched Confederates. On December 12, 1863 Federal cavalry units successfully conducted raids against Confederate railroads in West Virginia. In Nashville on December 12, 1864 Federal General Thomas was preparing to attack Confederate forces under Hood.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:
Our schedule of meetings and topics for the rest of the year tentatively looks like this: For 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 Vancouver National Historical Site. Clark County. E. Evergreen Blvd., Vancouver. The commanding officer's house built in 1848 was Gen. Grant's office when he was quartermaster. It is now a museum. In 1861 only 50 men were garrisoned here. At various times, Union Generals Sherman, McClellan, Sheridan and Crook saw service here.

CIVIL WAR BOOKNOTES:
The month's topic is a guide to books on Railroads in the Civil War.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION: If you are interested in Lincoln, you may wish to become a member of the Lincoln Memorial Association of Redlands, California. The Lincoln Memorial Shrine and Gardens is located behind the public library in Redlands, and has an outstanding collection of Lincoln and Civil War documents and books. For $7.50 a year a member receives 4 bulletins a year as well as a copy of the annual Lincoln Day Dinner Address given by noted Lincoln scholars. For further information write Lincoln Memorial Association, 125 W Vine Street, Redlands, CA 92373 or call (714) 798-7632 Tues-Sat.

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.

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