create a position of Publicity Director for the Puget Sound Civil War Round Table. If you are interested and would like to help spread the news about our group and its activities to schools, neighborhood weeklies, etc. please contact Jeff Rombauer or Dio Richardson.

VIDEO WATCH: Video watch this year will cover films with a "western" slant on the Civil War. These films may not be historically factually but they are entertaining. Our first recommendation is ALVAREZ KELLY [1966] William Holden, Richard Widmark, and Janice Rule star in a film based on the Great Cattle Raid by the Confederates before Petersburg. A Civil War western in which Holden plays a cattle driver at odds with Widmark who wants him to rustle cattle for the Confederates. 116 min. Color, VHS & Beta, $14.95

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES: 1992-1993 membership dues are now payable. $15.00 per individual and $20.00 for couples. 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 will see a P by their name on the enclosed roster.

DISPLAY TABLE AND RAFFLE: One of the highlights of our meetings is members bringing in Civil War artifacts for all to see. Please feel free to share with members any special Civil War artifact, book or other item which you believe our members might find interesting. For September there will be a special display of rare books and prints on Ulysses S. Grant. We continue to need items for our raffle table so please bring in books to donate. This spring we will be holding a special silent auction to raise funds for battlefield preservation.

BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION: The Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation, Box 229, Middletown, VA 22645 [(703) 869-2064] is seeking help to save 158 acres of this historic 1864 battlefield. For $25.00 you can purchase a "honorary square foot and receive a certificate suitable for framing. For addition information write to the address given above.

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Huntington, WV 25726 [(304) 733-3917] has issued two superior reprints of Union Regimentals. Available for $32.50 post paid is 4th Ohio Volunteers. For $40.00 History of the 72d Indiana Volunteer Infantry of the Lighting Brigade by Benjamin F. Magee is available. Both of these works are quite rare in the original editions, and are considered among the better unit histories published.

THIS MONTH IN THE CIVIL WAR: Albert Sidney Johnson was appointed Confederate commander in the west on September 10, 1861. In Cincinnati in September 1862, a thousand "squirrel hunters" volunteered to defend the city from Bragg's Army. On September 10, 1863 Little Rock, Arkansas fell to Union forces under Frederick Steele. There was little fighting on September 10, 1864 anywhere in the country.

CIVIL WAR BOOKNOTES: This month's booknotes is a guide to books on U. S. Grant.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Our schedule of meetings and topics for the rest of the year is given below: Arthur Mokin in October will discuss the Monitor and Merrimac. Jim Hansen in November will speak on Civil War Prisons. Our December speaker Fred Wilmoth will talk about the Mexican War Experiences of Confederate Generals. Our January 1993 speaker will be Professor Tracy McKenzie from the University of Washington. Col. Richard Sinsel will talk about the Capture of Fort Esperanza in Texas in February 1993. March 1993 our featured speaker will be Professor Carol Reardon from Penn State. Our own Dr. William Trier will talk on Civil War Music in April 1993 and for our final program in May 1993, members Jim Diamond, Marc Duvall and Maynard Sanders will present short topics.

WEST COAST CIVIL WAR CONFERENCE: The 8th annual West Coast Civil War Conference will be held November 13-15, at the Red Lion Inn, San Jose, California. This years topic will be on the War on the Mississippi. The guest speaker will be noted historian William C. Davis. $100 until September 30th, $125 thereafter. For more information contact Theodore P. Savas (408) 879-9039 or David Woodbury (415) 445-6097.

CIVIL WAR GROUPS: Our group this month is the Stephen A. Douglas Association. If you are interested in Civil War politics and history and would like to receive this groups' THE LITTLE GIANT publication, you can become a life member for only $50.00 by writing to Stephen A. Douglas Association, 175 East Delaware Place, Chicago, Illinois 60611 or call (312) 787-1860.

CIVIL WAR SITES IN THE WEST: When you visit Arizona stop by the Picacho Peak Battle Ground located between Phoenix and Tucson. Here the only Confederate-Union skirmish in Arizona took place on April 15, 1862 when Confederates were attacked by California cavalry. Three of the attacking Union forces were killed and another 3 captured by the Confederates. A Confederate Monument is located 2 miles north of the battlefield.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE: The PSCWRT Board of Directors voted at its summer meeting to submit to the members in October a minor change in the Roundtable Constitution, i. e. to add an additional position of Vice President Programs. Comments are welcome on this subject at the September Meeting.

GROUP TOURS: Are there any members who might be interested in participating in a group tour of Civil War Battlefield sites? If you think that you might be interested in such a tour please contact Board member Phillis Ramsay.

BATTLEFIELDS' FAMILY FEATURE: While high tech warfare may interest some, others are more intrigued by past battles. Now the National Park Service is making it a lot easier to research your family's Civil War Record. Visitors to two battlefields, Antietam in Maryland and Shiloh in Tennessee can type an ancestor's name into a computer to find out whether he was a Union or Confederate soldier, what regiment he was in and where that regiment fought. The information is limited now, but by 1995 the complete database will be accessible at all 28 major Civil War Battlefields.

Civil War Trivia: Can you name
1. Who was the governor of the Confederate Territory of Arizona?
2. What was "Salt-horse"?
3. Who were "goober grabbers"?
Civil War booknotes

**ULYSSES S. GRANT**

• The Papers of Ulysses S. Grant: Edited by John Y. Simon. Carbondale and Edwardsville: Southern Illinois University Press, 1967 to Date, Cloth, Pp. 18 volumes. The ultimate source of information on Grant, the volumes published so far cover Grant's correspondence up until 1867. Each volume has a superb introduction giving a brief historical background, a chronology of events, detailed exhaustive notes to each letter, a calendar of letters to Grant, and a comprehensive index.

• Personal Memoirs of Ulysses S. Grant. New York: The Century Company, 1895. Cloth, Pp. 2 volumes. Grant's Personal Memoirs rank as one of the best military autobiographies of all time. The second edition is more desirable that the original edition because Grant's son Frederick Dent Grant annotated his father's memoirs. In the columns of each page are references to books that Grant used when writing his memoirs, short biographical notes on minor Civil War participants, and information on events which Grant skipped over.


Carswell McClellan, a cousin to General George B. McClellan, served as a member of the 32nd New York volunteers, and on the staff of Gen. Andrew A. Humphreys during the Civil War. His book is a highly critical attack on Grant's memoirs by a long time Army of the Potomac officer who felt that Grant slighted the eastern army's contribution to victory.


Arnold was a noted English literary critic whose review essay on Grant's Memoirs in 1886 created a storm of protest in this country. Mark Twain's caustic reply defends Grant's grammar which was lambasted by Arnold.


Pitkin's book is an able retelling of the last year in Grant's life as he battled throat cancer while trying to complete his memoirs.


Adam Badeau was Grant's military secretary from 1864 until 1869. Civil War Books calls this work "a detailed and overly sympa-
thetic account of Grant's campaigns.


For years before the publication of this book, Grant's reputation was that of a "butcher of men", an unimaginative plodder who won only because he had more men to waste. This reasoned analysis by the noted English military historian J. F. C. Fuller helped restore Grant's reputation as an innovative strategist.


Hesseltine's intention was to reexamine Grant's political career impartially. The author concluded that "many of the more persistent charges of Grant's stupidity and corruption were born in partisan politics."


This controversial work by McFee-ly is the most modern biography of Grant. The author views Grant's life as "a story of the quest of an ordinary American man in the mid-nineteenth century to make his mark." Many may question McFee-ly's view that Grant's simple strategy to win the war was to outkill and outlast the enemy.


Frost's book contains hundred's of pictures and prints of Grant, his associates and the places associated with them. The pictures are interconnected with a biography of Grant by Frost, who was a noted authority on Custer.


Hidden away for over seventy years before they were finally published, Mrs Grant's memoirs offer a unique personal view of Grant and his family.


Horace Porter served as an aide on Grant's staff the last eighteen months of the war. These justly famous memoirs written in the 1890's [but based on extensive notes made during the war] provide a close up view of Grant. Porter's work has been reprinted numerous times.


Written by longtime Puget Sound Civil War Roundtable member Chuck Ellington, this work examines in detail a critical period of Grant's life when he was isolated from his family for two years being stationed on the West Coast in the pre Civil War army.