THANKS: A big thanks goes to our December speaker Dr. James Orcutt for his well illustrated talk on Pickett and the Pig War. Almost 90 of our members were greatly entertained by this excellent presentation. We would look forward to another presentation by Dr. Orcutt.

Next Meeting: Thursday January 12, 1995 6 PM Social Hour Dinner at 7 PM at the Yankee Diner, 5300 24th Ave NW, Seattle. Write your name, menu choice and the names of any guests and mail it ASAP. MENU: Stuffed Rainbow Trout or Havarti Chicken served with Caesar Salad, Biscuits, fresh vegetables, potatoes or rice, along with coffee or tea. $16.00 per person.

Program: One of our members, John W. Hinds will talk about the Civil War in Eastern North Carolina. John, a retired Air Force Colonel, command pilot and holder of the Legion of Merit, and Distinguished Flying Cross, is the grandson of Captain Melvin Lewis Clark, CO of Company B, 101st Pennsylvania Infantry. Captain Clark and two great uncles were captured at Plymouth, NC. Captain Clark was also selected as one of 500 Union officers who were honorary pall bearers in President Lincoln's funeral cortège from the White House to the Capitol. John has been researching for years the subject of the Civil War in North Carolina and will illustrate his talk with slides from a recent research trip to the area as well as from material from the National Archives.

Video Watch: Belle Grove Publishing Co., P.O. Box 483, Kearny, New Jersey 07032 offers some unique videos Echoes of the Blue & Gray - Civil War Veterans on Videocassettes Volumes 1, 2 & 3. Actual newsreel film footage of Civil War veterans taken early in this century is featured on these videos. Volume one features the 50th and 75th Gettysburg reunions while volume two highlights the 50th anniversary of the Grand Review, and the final Confederate and G.A.R. Reunions. Each volume costs $29.95 plus shipping.

New Books: A beautiful new book is available in local bookstores from Columbia University Press. The Columbia Book of Civil War Poetry: From Whitman to Walcott edited by Richard Marius. New York: Columbia University Press. 1994. $24.95. Over 130 poems on the Civil War are brought together in a "unique anthology." Collected here are poems on the horrors of war, the common soldier, the stillness of the battlefield, & the legacy of Lincoln, all illustrated with photographs from the Mathew Brady Collection of the National Archives. If you are interested in reading more than just battle narratives, then this work may be for you.

AN ANECDOTE

Lieutenant Alden tells a good anecdote which we find in the Gardiner Journal, of one of the prisoners who was taken at Chickamauga. Johnny Reb was looking at one of our guns, and remarked that he "didn't think that the Yanks would use them big guns much longer." "Why not?" inquired the Fed. "Because," said he, "The Confederacy is getting so narrow that you'll fire clear over it and hit your men on the other side."

Civil War Booknotes: Booknotes this month concerns the Civil War in North Carolina.

Historical Preservation: The Pennsylvania Capitol Preservation Committee has come up with a new twist to raise money to help restore the Civil War Battleflags of Pennsylvania. A large color poster [suitable for framing] of 18 flags carried by Pennsylvania regiments is available for $14.95 and $3.00 shipping from Capitol Preservation Committee, Room 30 Capitol Annex, Harrisburg, PA 17120 or you can call (717) 783-6484.

Display Table and Raffle: Please feel free to bring Civil War related items to share with our fellow members.
Please continue to support the raffle as this is an important source of funds for the round table.

DISPATCH FROM THE PRESIDENT

Several members have phoned requesting I repeat the following information that was given out at the December meeting. The President will send congratulations on birthdays for those over 80 years of age or older. Make your request in writing four to six weeks prior to the event. Include your phone number and specific mailing instructions and send to:

The White House
Greetings Office, Room 39
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

This White House kindness goes back many administrations. [I'd like to think Abraham Lincoln started it]

DONALD LARSON

This Month In the Civil War: In a message to the Third Session of the Confederate Congress, January 12, 1863 Jefferson Davis reviewed the state of his nation. "We are justified in asserting, with a pride surely not unbecoming, that these Confederate States have added another to the lessons taught by history for the instruction of man: that they have afforded another example of the impossibility of subjugating a people determined to be free: and have demonstrated that no superiority of numbers or available resources can overcome the resistance offered by such valor in combat, such constancy under suffering, and such cheerful endurance of privation as have been conspicuously displayed by this people in the defense of their rights or liberties."

WEST COAST SYMPOSIUM: Those interested in Abraham Lincoln may wish to attend "an important symposium" being held at Humphrey's Half Moon Inn in San Diego. March 15-19, 1995. The topic of the symposium is Abraham Lincoln and the Election of 1864 and among the speakers will be Don Fehrenbacher, William Hanchett, Harold Holzer, John Y. Simon, Frank J. Williams, William C. Davis, William D. Pederson, Richard M. McMurry, Archie P.

McDonald and David E. Long. Cost of the conference is $285 prior to 1/20/95 and $335 after. A room at the Half Moon Inn is an additional $75.00 per night. For additional information call History America Tours 1-800-628-8542.

MUSIC: Back in the 1950's the American composer Richard Bales, arranged two orchestral suites using music of the Civil War period. The Confederacy and The Union. Columbia Records at that time issued this music on two long playing LP's along with handsomely illustrated booklets explaining Civil War soldier life and the music presented on the albums. Now these albums have been reissued on CDs by Columbia for $24.95 each. The Confederacy has ten movements or songs highlighted by The Bonnie Blue Flag, Lorena, The Yellow Rose of Texas, General Lee's Grand March as well as a reading of General Robert E Lee's Farewell Order to the Army of Northern Virginia. The Union also has ten movements or songs, including such favorites as The Battle Cry of Freedom, The Invalid Corps, Just Before the Battle, The Vacant Chair, and two long medley's The Funeral March of Abraham Lincoln and Music from the Grand Review of the Union Armies. Also contained on this album is a cut of Raymond Massey reading the Gettysburg Address. Both of these albums can be found in local music stores.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: For our February meeting Emilie Wedell will talk about the U.S. Christian Commission. March 6, 1995 William Brookaher will lecture on the Battle of Wilson's Creek. April 1995 will find Dr. Earl J. Hess of Lincoln Memorial University talking on the Battle of Pea Ridge while for our final meeting of the year in May, member Jim Dimond will talk on the Galvanized Yankees.

There will be no group subscription for round table members this year to Civil War History as we did not reach the minimum number of members to receive the discounted group rate.
The tragedy and suffering brought about by the American Civil War is perhaps reflected in the actions of the Southern state as well as it is in North Carolina. At the time of the secession crisis during the winter of 1860-61, North Carolina was a state whose population was composed primarily of small, self-sufficient farmers. The state's population was only 992,622, of which 831,100 were white, 331,059 were slaves and 30,463 were free blacks. 72% of the white families owned no slaves and the largest city was Wilmington with barely 10,000 residents. Traditionally conservative in national politics, North Carolinians were reluctant to secede from the Union, and only joined the Confederacy in May, 1861 after Lincoln's call for 75,000 troops to put down the rebellion.

While there were no important military operations in the Tarheel state until near the end of the war, North Carolina played an important role in the Confederacy. Although the state contained only about 1/8th of the Confederacy's white population it supplied almost 1/6th of the Confederate Army and suffered almost 1/4th of its battle deaths. Because of this heavy commitment to the Confederacy, as well as the Union blockade of its coast, declining economic conditions brought about large scale suffering to North Carolina's population and wide spread disaffection with the Confederate government. By war's end, large areas of North Carolina were so overrun with deserters from the rebel army that Confederate authority was undermined in many areas of the state despite the

Originally published in 1901, this valuable set consists of short sketches on every military unit from North Carolina written by a member of that unit. As with any work written by many hands, the quality of each sketch varies, but Douglas Southall Freeman called this set "five invaluable volumes."


This immense diary by the wife of a prominent planter presents a intimate glimpse of plantation life in North Carolina as impacted by the Civil War


A well written narrative based on extensive research which utilizes numerous first-person accounts. Gragg's work is the best account on the Fort Fisher campaign.


An expansion of the work listed below, Barrett's book is a complete history of all military operations in North Carolina during the Civil War, covering all 11 major battles and 73 skirmishes which were fought in the state.


An excellent history of the fighting in the Carolinas during the last few months of the Civil War in 1865.

A brief, older history of North Carolina troops during the Civil War. Most of the book’s emphasis is on the Army of Northern Virginia, although several chapters cover the service of the four North Carolina Regiments with the Army of Tennessee.


   Largely a military history of North Carolina troops based on the *Official Records*, this study was cut short by the death of the author.


   The best of the modern rosters for Confederate troops. Contains detailed service records for each member of a regiment or military unit.


   One of the most divisive issues in North Carolina was over conscription. Almost 1/4th of all men drafted into the Confederate Army were from the tarheel state and the draft’s enforcement brought about wide spread political opposition.


      A reprint of a scarce turn of the century booklet which contains dramatic stories of blockade runner.


      These three volumes by Trotter present a complete popularly written history of North Carolina during the Civil War and are now available in paperback.


   A simplified history of North Carolina’s military contribution to the Confederacy, Tucker ignores the political divisions which racked the state.


   A highly sympathetic biography of "the War Governor" of the Confederacy.


   One of the best "readers" on a Confederate state. The editors include documents which cover, military, political, economic, social, educational as well as religious aspects of life in the tarheel state during the Confederacy.