Thanks! To Gordon Rhea for traveling all the way from Virginia to present a very informative talk on The Generalship of Ulysses S. Grant during the Wilderness Campaign. Rhea's depth of knowledge on the subject was impressive and we look forward to his new book on the Battle of Spottsylvania. Again thanks to the more than 80 members who attended the meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday November 9, 1995 at the Yankee Diner. 6 PM Social Hour with dinner at 7 PM. Choice of Pot Roast or Teriyaki Chicken served with Caesar Salad, Biscuits, fresh vegetables, potatoes or rice along with coffee or tea. $16.00 per person. Please write your menu choice, name and the name of any guests on the enclosed postcard and mail it ASAP.

Program: Professor Thomas J. Pressly, of the University of Washington, and one of our founding members, will talk about Catholics in the Civil War. Dr. Pressly is the author of the highly regarded Americans Interpret Their Civil War.

DUES: Membership dues for 1995-96 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. Mail your check [payable to PSCWRT] to George Hood, 7105 156th Place NE, Redmond, WA 98052. If you live in the new 360 area code, please let George know so he can correct the roster.

New Books: Over 2000 regiments served in the Union Army during the Civil War. Only about 600 of these units had some sort of regimental history compiled by their members in the decades after the war. Now as part of the modern revival of interest in the conflict many fine new regimental studies are being published, based on extensive research in soldier's letters, diaries and other contemporary sources. Two such studies have just been issued. Iron Men, Iron Will: The Nineteenth Indiana Regiment of the Iron Brigade by Craig L. Dunn has been published by Guild Press of Indiana [6000 Sunset Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46208 317-253-0097] Dunn's book is priced at $29.95 for cloth edition or $24.95 for paper. Available from Bohemian Brigade Bookshop [7347 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville TN 37929 615-694-8227] is Volunteers for Union and Liberty: History of the 5th Tennessee Infantry, U.S.A. 1862-1865 by Robert K. Cannon $39.95 & $3.75 shipping and handling.

Civil War Booknotes: Booknotes this month will discuss books relating to Catholics in the Civil War.

State Money

In the first year of the Confederacy State bank money was at a considerable discount, and at this time the members of a volunteer company, in Richmond for the purpose of equipment went to the theatre to see a play which was of the kind that ends in a happy marriage. The play passed off without interruption until the generous father placed a roll of money in the hands of the blushing bride, when a soldier, who was deeply interested in the heroine of the play and who had some of the depreciated money, yelled out: "Say, Miss, you better look at that money, and see if I 'tain't State bank.

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Display Table & Raffle: Please feel free to bring Civil War related items to share with our fellow members. Please remember to contribute to and participate in our raffle as this is an important source of funds for this group. Our annual silent auction to raise funds for battlefield
preservation will be held at our December meeting this year. Member Sue Crichton is in charge of the silent auction this year and would like all members who are contributing items to contact her by the November meeting. Sue would like to have a list of items up for auction published in the December Bulletin.


This Month In the Civil War: November 9th 1861 saw the removal of General William T. Sherman from command of the Department of Ohio due to nervous exhaustion. General Ambrose Burnside assumed full command of the Army of the Potomac on November 9th, 1862. President Lincoln went to the theater on November 9th, 1863 and saw John Wilkes Booth perform in The Marble Heart. Finally on November 9th, 1864. Gen. Sherman reorganized his command in preparation for the March to the Sea.

OTHER VOICES: Since 1988 The Journal of Confederate History has published 13 issues covering various aspects of Confederate history. Past “special issues” have covered such topics as Andersonville, Burial Sites and Biographies of Mississippi Confederate Generals; Afro-Americans in Confederate Armies; A Guide to Confederate Ancestors and The Diary of Col. W. W. Ward of the 9th Tennessee Cavalry. The journal is a serial book (soft cover) published by the Southern Heritage Press. Subscriptions are available for $39.95 & 4.00 shipping for four separate and different books. If interested write Southern Heritage Press, P.O. Box 1615, Murfreesboro, TN 37133-1615.

PRESERVATION NEWS: Interested individuals and organizations can help preserve and restore over one hundred aging monuments at the Antietam National Battlefield. The park has set up an “adopt a monument” program to raise funds to stop the deterioration of these monuments. For more details call (301) 432-7672 or write Adopt A Monument, Antietam National Battlefield, P.O. Box 158, Sharpsburg, MD 21782.

EARLY ORDERS
Mother is the Battle Over?

Mother, is the battle over? Thousands have been killed they say—
Is my father coming?—tell me, have the Southerners gain’d the day?
Is he well? or is he wounded? Mother, do you think he’s slain?
If you knew, I pray you, tell me—will my father come again?

Mother, dear, you’re always sighing since you last the paper read—
Tell me why you are crying—why that cap is on your head?

Ah! I see you cannot tell me—father’s one among the slain!
Al tho’ he lov’d us very dearly, he will never come again.

COLLECTORS CORNER: The Eastern National Park & Monument Association, which handles sales of books, videos and other items at many of our National Parks has issued a Publications & Gifts Catalog for 1995-1996. This catalog contains many Civil War related items which would make fine gifts for Civil War buffs from jigsaw puzzles, coloring books, CD’s, maps and books. If you would like a copy of the catalog call 1-800-829-2903 or write Eastern national Park & Monument Association, America’s National Parks, 1100 East Hector Street, Suite 105, Conshohocken, PA 19428.

CHRISTMAS IN THE CAMPS OF 1863: On Saturday November 25th, 1995 a special living history display of typical camp life during a winter campaign will be held in the parking lot of 508 Main Street, Edmonds, Washington. The event will last from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be no admission charge. For further information of if you would like to participate, please contact either Paul Siner 771-1242 or Lin Russell 774-0042.

MUSIC: The Seattle Symphony has issued a highly praised recording of Aaron Copland’s Lincoln Portrait on a new album entitled Portraits of Freedom [Delos international, Hollywood CA 1993 $6.99 CT or $14.99 CD]. In a review published in the latest issue of The Lincoln Herald, this recording has been praised for its “luster, precision and warmth that are quite remarkable”. The noted actor James Earl Jones reads the words of Lincoln bringing them “to life with freshness, immediacy, and searing conviction.” This album is available in local record stores.