Thanks to Suzanne Lebsack for her talk on a sensational murder trial in post Civil War Virginia. We look forward to seeing how she solves this intriguing murder mystery in the new book she is working on.

Elections of New Officers
At our May meeting elections for new officers were held. Our officers for 1996-97 are:
President - Clyde Cherberg
Vice President - Dr. William Trier
Vice President Programming - Pat Brady
Vice President Bulletin - Jeff Rombauer
Treasurer - George Hood
Assistant Treasurer - Tom McCarthy
Secretary - Marc Duvall
Circulation Chairman - Carole Murray
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W. H. Bennett, Jr., Sue Crichton,
Jim Dimond, Donald Larson
Rachel Roberts, Lin Russell & Rick Solomon

NEW BOOKS
In a quirk of publishing, two new books on George Armstrong Custer have appeared in local book stores. First to be published was Touched by Fire: The Life, Death, and Mythic Afterlife of George Armstrong Custer by Louise Barnett. New York: Henry Holt & Company, 1996 $30.00.

Special June Meeting Canceled
There will be no meeting in June as previously announced. Due to circumstances beyond his control, our special speaker, Mark Bradley was informed that his vacation time was canceled due to layoffs at the telephone company he works for in North Carolina. As Mr. Bradley was scheduled to speak to six round tables on the west coast, an attempt will be made to have him speak in the late fall. Our next regular meeting will take place in September when Thomas P. Lowry, author of The Story the Soldiers Wouldn't Tell: Sex in the Civil War will speak.

Only about 10% of the book covers Custer’s career through the end of the Civil War. The balance of the well written work is really a joint biography of Custer and his wife Libbie from a feminist viewpoint. In contrast, Custer: The Controversial Life of George Armstrong Custer by Jeffry D. Wert. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1996 [$27.50] is a more standard retelling of the Custer story. Wert devotes over 50% of his biography to Custer's Civil War career. While both authors cover Custer's life differently, both hold Custer primarily responsible for the disaster at the Little Big Horn.

Raffle and Silent Auction
Since our June meeting is canceled, the silent auction which was going to be held at that meeting will
have to be moved to September. If you wish to contribute to the auction, remember to contact Tom McCarthy at [206] 271-9518.

Summer Reenactments

The Washington Civil War Association plans a busy summer of events. Reenactments will be held in Salem, Oregon July 4 to 7th; In Arlington, WA, July 20-21st; August 10th to 11th in Ferndale, WA; August 31-September 2nd at Astoria, Oregon and September 28 to 29th in Eugene, Oregon. For further information call 1-800-260-5997.

Preservation News

The Ulysses S. Grant Association is seeking help to match a $10,000 grant from the federal government by the end of June. This worthy organization has already sponsored publication of 20 volumes of Grant's papers, with a projected 12 more volumes to be issued as well as an annotated edition of the 18th President's memoirs. If you would like to contribute to this project then send a check payable to Ulysses S. Grant Association, to John Y. Simon, Executive Director, Ulysses S. Grant Association, Morris Library, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois 62901. For additional information call [618] 453-2773.

More Presidential Papers

For those of you with the ability to use the Internet, you can visit the home page of The Papers of Jefferson Davis @ http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~pjtdavis/. This site contains information about this publishing project; what volumes have been published and how to order them; a Jefferson Davis bibliography; a Jefferson Davis genealogy and a Jefferson Davis chronology. There are dozens of Civil War sites on the world wide web and more are coming on line every week.

FOOD FOR CONFEDERATE POWDER.

COME along, ye sons of Erin, Boys that scorn the name of slaves,
Let us fly to the land of Liberty, across the Atlantic waves;
There I'll earn ten dollars a day, bedad, if I don't get drunk before
and awake and come to meself again at drill in a Federal corps!

Thin I'll march away to Richmond, or to Shenandoah Vale;
For the Union sure I'll fight it is, and me cry shall be Repale!
There I'll go for death or victory, and I'll win renown and fame,
For the hated Saxon is me foe, or me foe is all the same.

Under GRANT'S star-spangled banner, or with SHERMAN I'll be found,
Or in gallant BULTER'S army dalin' fire and wacks around,
And the wrongs of poor ould Ireland, that she suffered long ago,
Shall impart correctness to me ain, and vigour to me blow.

Until I've spent me blood's last dthrop, and fetched me latest breath,
In the North's pay, whilst I get it, I will battle to grim death;
After that, we'll all come back again, with a hundred thousand more,
Having mended the big Republic that rebellious faction tore;

With Our empty sleeves pinned nately to the bosoms of our coats,
And our wooden legs, and our pockets all cram-full of greenback notes,
And we'll kick the base invader where he came from o'er our sea,
Then hurroo for the United States, and Ireland to be free.

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Speakers Wanted

As always Pat Brady is looking for speakers. If you would be interested in presenting a topic at one of our meetings please call Pat at either 935-3648 or 689-8570.

Notices to be placed into the bulletin should be sent to Jeff Robbauer, 22306 255th Ave SE, Maple Valley, WA 98038

Book Signing: Jeff Shaara, son of author Michael Shaara, has written a prequel to his father's book The Killer Angels. He will be autographing this new Civil War novel Gods and Generals on June 19th at 5:00 pm at Elliott Bay Book Company in Pioneer Square [624-6600] and at 8:00 pm at the new Borders book store 17501 Southcenter Parkway, Tukwila 575 0444.