

THE WASHINGTON VOLUNTEER
PUGET SOUND CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE
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MAY 2013

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 9, 2013

China Harbor, 2040 Westlake Avenue North, Seattle, Washington

Time: Social hour at **6 p.m.**; Dinner served at **7 p.m.**; Program at **8 p.m.**

MENU CHOICES: Mongolian Beef, Chicken or Salmon

Dinner includes: salad, vegetable delight, General Tso's chicken, fried rice and fresh fruit. **Cost is \$21 for adults and \$10 for minors and college students**, payable at the door, **but reservations and meal choices are required.**

To make reservations and meal choices:

Call **Rod Cameron at 206-524-4434** and let him know what entrée you would like and how many will be attending.

Deadline for reservations is 12 NOON on Tuesday, May 7, 2013.

NOTE: Remember to turn off cell phones before the meeting so there are no distractions for the speaker. Thank you!



**MARY ANN GWINN WILL
DISCUSS RECENT CIVIL WAR
BOOKS,**

including Amanda Foreman's *The World on Fire: Britain's Crucial Role in the Civil War*, a superb account of Confederate spies plotting in London; English lords and ladies debating whether North or South was right; and British eccentrics

taking up arms in the American bloodbath. She will also discuss books on battlefield illustrator/journalists, the Civil War in American Art, and William Henry Seward. **Ms. Gwinn is the Seattle Times Book Editor and co-host of "Well Read," the books and authors TV show.**

IMPORTANT DISPATCHES

Auction Report!

Our Annual Auction, held in conjunction with the April, 2013 meeting was a great success! I'm very sorry if you couldn't be there, as a great time was had by all. Members donated books, artwork, miscellaneous items and some yummy treats to eat. We also had some valuable items for the "live" part of our auction. **Dick Miller** was the Auctioneer, with **Blaine Gunkel** taking the items from table to table to encourage bidding. And bidding we did! At the end of the evening, our fund raiser's grand total was **\$1,282!** Remember that the purpose of this auction helps Pat Brady to bring in guest speakers throughout the year, especially those more expensive "Airplane Speakers". Thanks to all who donated items, plus those who could be there and participated. Besides Dick and Blaine, thanks also go to all those who helped organize and

manage the auction, such as Rick Solomon, Jeff Rombauer, Stephen Pierce and Beverly Gunkel. Special mention should go to those who helped carry member Pauline Morrison- who is in a wheelchair- up and down the staircase, since there is no elevator. I don't know who helped Pauline get up to the second floor, but Pat Brady and Larry Cenotto helped her get back down. Well done and thank you!

Summer/Fall 2013 Civil War Events

With the end of the Round Table season, you may be looking for a way to scratch your "Civil War Itch". The following calendar of events is organized by the Washington Civil War Association (<http://wcwa.net/index.html>), which may just take care of that...

- May 18 **Fort Lewis Armed Forces Day**
Contact: *Kevin Saville, kevin@saville.net or (360) 292-0966.*
- May 18 **Bremerton Armed Forces Day**
Contact: *Howard Struve, hstruve@wavecable.com, (360) 874-8548.*
- May 25-27 **Battle of Deep Creek (Battle Reenactment) Medical Lake, WA** (near Spokane)
Contact: *Brian Tafoya, info@3michigan.org, evening (509) 796-4446, cell (509) 863-2312.*
- June 15-16 **Battle of Fulbright Park (Battle Reenactment) Union Gap, Washington**
Contact: *Rich Bright, brightnot66@yahoo.com.*
- July 4 **4th of July Parade Centralia/Chehalis**
Contact: *Rusty & Bonnie Starr (425) 743-9851 or Kevin Saville, kevin@saville.net, (360) 292-0966.*
- July 20-21 **Battle of Chehalis River (Battle Reenactment) Chehalis WA**
Contact: *Kevin Saville, kevin@saville.net, (360) 292-0966; Rusty & Bonnie Starr, Maifstarr@aol.com or bonniebluestarr@aol.com, (425) 743-9851; or the **Veteran's Memorial Museum** (<http://www.veteransmuseum.org/>)*
- August 2-4 **Battle of Roy (Battle Reenactment) Roy, WA**
Contact: *Shelly Butterfield, shellydbutter@aol.com, (253) 222-3590*
- August 17 **Echoes of the Blue & Gray, Evergreen Cemetery, Everett. One day battle event followed by the memorial service.**
Contact: *Bruce Smith, babrsmith@peoplepc.com, (425) 483-0351.*
- September 21 **Mount Rainer Scenic Railroad Living History and Skirmish, Elbe, WA**
Contact: *Bob Carter, bnkcarter@msn.com*
- November 9 **Veteran's Day Parade, Auburn, WA.**
Contact: *C.B. Zohnzohnster@yahoo.com, (206) 909-7831.*

Website Update

By Mike Movius

During the past couple months; I have been making some changes/improvements to our website. Let me give you the “411” on my work.

NEW FEATURES

FAVICON - Notice the small cannon on the command line of your browser.

DROP BOX - For delivery of time sensitive documents straight to our server.

GOOGLE MAPS - This allows us to identify geographical locations. Look at WASHINGTON

PROJECT for a nice way to use this feature.

SEARCH PSCWRT - New Search feature just for the website.

LOCAL EVENTS - This allows us to have multiple events on one page and unclogs the pop-ups from the Home page.

NEW CONTENT

DOCUMENTING THE WAR

We added five new book reviews in WRITTEN WORD

CW IN-DEPTH

Walt Whitman's Poetry -

Cavalry Crossing a Ford

Wound Dresser

Military Prisons

Photographs

Prison Release document

First Lincoln Memorial

WASHINGTON PROJECT - This project seeks to identify and document Civil War monuments in Washington State; document the final resting place of Medal of Honor winners in Washington State; and document Civil War soldier (North and South) buried in our state.

MEMBER TREKS

Added 2 more treks by PSCWRT members

TIMELINE

June 1863 Letter to Erastus Corning

June 1863 Letter to Matthew Birchard

January 1863 appointment Letter to General Hooker

Prayer by Rev. Thomas H. Stockton given at Gettysburg 11-19-1863

MEMORIALIS

Don Logan

ROUNDTABLE LIBRARY

Book of the Month - THE UNION WAR

Books

2013 Reading List of the Civil War Institute

BACKUP NEEDED

On another note, we need a Webmaster backup. Several months ago, the webmaster of a sister organization passed away unexpectedly and they spent months trying to reconstitute the website.

Let's not be put in that position. We have one of, if not the best website of any Civil War Roundtable. I use an Apple product to create and manage the site. So, we need someone with an Apple computer. Who will step up?

FACEBOOK - A WAVE WITH IMPACT

by Mike Movius

Hey, I don't know if Facebook is the best social media channel or even if even in second place. But, it is certainly something to be reckoned with. So, what do I mean by channel? Remember your old TV with the channel changing knob? Change the channel from 4 to 5 and you went from KOMO to KING. Right? Today, think of changing channels from Facebook to Twitter, to Pinterest, to Google+ to YouTube to LinkedIn to Foursquare to Gowalla to Yelp...MAKE ME STOP!

Even if you think this is the damn dumbest thing EVER, it is the way that people today are communicating. What happened to the good old boy meets girl thing? Well, have you heard about Christian Mingle, Great Expectations, AskMen, Find Me My Man, Match.com, Zoosk, eHarmony, chemistry.com, or OurTime? Yes, it's stupid. We're all the same people, but the younger set is using technology to do what we did in person. They're into precision. They don't want to fail like their parents or grandparents. Humbug!

Everyone wants to belong. We still have interests that need nourishment. We still need tactile expression. This generation is searching for conversation, understanding and acceptance despite all of the crap that gets in their way; their needs are exactly like ours. We may be a bit older, not so 'with-it', but actually we've figured it out...and they haven't.

But, what they have figured out is useful to us. Just a month ago, we had a Facebook page [www.facebook.com/pscwrtr] with 77 people who "liked" it. That translates to seventy-seven people who were invited by friends...or are members of the Roundtable...who decided to become associated with us. Nice...but, was it really? I decided to do a little experiment. I advertised on Facebook...I got to choose the demographics, interests, etc. of a target audience and paid good American greenbacks (thanks to Salmon P. Chase) to entice new members of our social media channel.

And, it has worked. Today, April 20, 2013, we now have 147 individuals who LIKE our page, are interested in what we have to say and interact with us...many on a daily basis. In about a month, we received a 90+% increase for a dollar a day for 30 days. They are expressing their level of knowledge, historical prejudices, and opinions with us. One wants to become a member. He fits in with the demographic of our RT. He is local (Seattle). And, he is interested in connecting with us because he likes what we are talking about and represent.

Insipid? Pedestrian? Sure...Call it whatever you will. But, it works. Why not the Civil War on Facebook? Frankly, this is the best way to go to attract new members that we have come across in a long time. And, I'll bet you if one of us wants to visit a Civil War site where they live, they'd be happy to give some tips or more. We want younger, interested people as members...this is the

best new way of recruitment. Tell me what you think at webmaster@pscwr.org and LIKE us on Facebook - www.facebook.com/pscwr

EDITOR'S NOTE: *With the anniversary of the Battle of Chancellorsville this month, I found the description of this book to be quite interesting. I've never seen a full-length book on the wounding and death of "Stonewall" Jackson, so it got my attention and may be of interest you as well. If you want to pre-order it via Amazon.com, contact Mike Movius and order it through him so that you help the Round Table.*

Book Preview: CALAMITY AT CHANCELLORSVILLE: The Wounding and Death of Confederate General Stonewall Jackson By Mathew Lively (Available in May, 2013)

On May 2, 1863, Confederate General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson led his Second Corps around the unsuspecting Army of the Potomac on one of the most daring flank marches in history. His surprise flank attack-launched with the five simple words "You can go forward, then"-collapsed a Union corps in one of the most stunning accomplishments of the war. Flushed with victory, Jackson decided to continue attacking into the night. He and members of his staff rode beyond the lines to scout the ground while his units reorganized. However, Southern soldiers mistook the riders for Union cavalry and opened fire, mortally wounding Jackson at the apogee of his military career. One of the rounds broke Jackson's left arm, which required amputation. A week later Old Jack was dead. *Calamity at Chancellorsville: The Wounding and Death of Confederate General Stonewall Jackson* is the first full-length examination of Jackson's final days. Contrary to popular belief, eyewitnesses often disagreed regarding key facts relating to the events surrounding Jackson's reconnaissance, wounding, harrowing journey out of harm's way, medical care, and death. These accounts, for example, conflict regarding where Jackson was fatally wounded and even the road he was on when struck. If he wasn't wounded where history has recorded, then who delivered the fatal volley? How many times did he fall from the stretcher? What medical treatment did he receive? What type of amputation did Dr. Hunter McGuire perform? Did Jackson really utter his famous last words, "Let us cross over the river, and rest under the shade of the trees?" What was the cause of his death? Author Mathew W. Lively utilizes extensive primary source material and a firm understanding of the area to re-examine the gripping story of the final days of one of the Confederacy's greatest generals, and how Southerners came to view Jackson's death during and after the conflict. Dr. Lively begins his compelling narrative with a visit from Jackson's family prior to the battle of Chancellorsville, then follows his course through the conflict to its fatal outcome. Instead of revising history, Dr. Lively offers up a fresh new perspective. *Calamity at Chancellorsville* will stand as the definitive account of one of the most important and surprisingly misunderstood events of the American Civil War.

CIVIL WAR TRIVIA QUIZ

Most of the questions will deal with the Battle of Chancellorsville, Virginia the 150th Anniversary of this battle. Be ready to answer the questions correctly, and you may go home with some extra prizes!

- On May 2, 1863, Stonewall Jackson became the most famous victim of friendly fire. From what state were those who fired upon Jackson and his party?
- What candidate for governor of Ohio was arrested by the federal army on May 5, 1863 for violating General Burnside's General Order 38?
- On May 30, 1863, General Robert E. Lee completed restructuring the Army of Northern Virginia. Who were the three corps commanders?

THE LAST WORD

By Mark R. Terry

It has been quite a year for our Puget Sound Civil War Round Table! Looking back over the schedule of speakers, we've been informed, enlightened, entertained, provoked and challenged. Many thanks go to **Pat Brady** for bringing them to us- without speakers we would have no reason to have meetings. President **David Palmer** has lead our monthly meetings and worked behind the scenes with the Board to improve what we do. Thanks, Dave! We've done a few new things, such as Battlefield Preservation Month, a re-tooled Auction (which was a great success) and the Washington State Civil War Veterans Project. This brings me to **Michael Movius**, who has tirelessly worked on the website, developing it into one of the best CWRT sites on the internet. If you have any doubts about that, check the article "Website Update" in this month's issue for what he has added recently. Mike's emphasis on the PSCWRT Facebook page has generated interest in our group not just locally, but all over the United States. Well done, Mike! Every meeting the first person you meet is Treasurer **Jeff Rombauer**. Jeff has done a great job of keeping our finances in order, paying the bills and watching the bottom line- thank you, Jeff! Others who work behind the scenes to make sure everything works well are **Rod Cameron**, who takes down all the menu requests and submits the total to China Harbor and **Stephen Pierce**, who works to publicize the Round Table and also manages the PSCWRT Roster, which we have found to be crucial. **Dick Miller** & **Rick Solomon** help lead and give critical advice and on the board, as has **Jim Dimond** and Secretary **Larry Jilbert**, who takes the board meeting minutes. Others give help in little known ways, such as **Leighton Wingate** (badges) and **Larry Cenotto**, AKA "The Sheriff", who makes sure we all wear our badges at meetings. My thanks to the officers and board members in putting together each month's newsletter!

Finally and most important- **THANK YOU to our members** for supporting the Round Table, attending meetings and being involved. Without you there would be no PSCWRT! I look forward to even more participation and involvement from you all in the seasons to come...

Lastly, we said "goodbye" to members Trauty Mercer, Ed Donnelly and Don Logan who passed away in the last calendar year. Thanks so much- you will be missed.

DUES & DONATIONS

The PSCWRT season goes from September to the following May. Dues should be paid in September. Dues are payable either at the meeting or by mail: \$20 per individual, \$25 for a couple. Also, donations are gratefully accepted. These will help secure speakers for our

meetings. Please note that all donations are tax deductible as the PSCWRT is a 501(c)3 organization. Mail to: Jeff Rombauer, Treasurer, 22306 255th Ave. SE, Maple Valley, WA 98038-7626. Call 425-432-1346, or email: jeffrombauer@foxinternet.com.

We welcome your article or research submissions for the newsletter, but they may be edited. The deadline for the September, 2013 Washington Volunteer is Wednesday, August 28, 2013. Please have it in Mark Terry's hands via email or snailmail by then. Thank you!

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