NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 10, 2015
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. See below.

To make reservations and meal choices, use one of these options (most preferred listed first):
Click on http://www.pscwrt.org/about/dinner-reservations.php
Email Rod Cameron at: rodcam@comcast.net
Or lastly, call Rod Cameron at 206-524-4434
Deadline for reservations is 12 NOON on Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

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

RICHARD WIGHTMAN FOX
WILL DISCUSS WHAT WE’VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT LINCOLN’S BODY, AND WHAT WE’VE NEVER KNOWN. This illustrated lecture shows how Lincoln's body mattered to him and his fellow citizens during his life, and how it was remembered after his death. Americans have never forgotten what happened “to” Lincoln's body at Ford's Theatre in 1865, but in the twentieth century they did forget what he had done “with” his body, from the 1840s to the 1860s, to make his mark as a republican leader. A Professor of History at the University of Southern California, Dr. Fox is the author of "Lincoln’s Body: A Cultural History" and several other books.

IMPORTANT DISPATCHES

The New Round Table Season is Upon Us! Have you Re-Enlisted?
Welcome to a new season of the Puget Sound Civil War Round Table! If you and/or your family were members last year, you should have received a letter within the past month regarding membership dues. As you know, the PSCWRT depend mainly on your dues as our main source of income. Treasurer Jeff Rombauer has made it easy for you, including a self-addressed stamped envelope so all you need to do is put your check in, seal it up and drop it into the nearest mailbox. Dues are still $20 for an individual, $25 for a couple.
For those of you who prefer to do things online, we have a PayPal account! If you are registered with PayPal, simply go to our website (www.pscwrt.org) and click on “Join PSCWRT Now!” There is a small fee for this, but you can instantly become a member in good standing. Our goal is to have 100% of our member’s dues paid by the end of September 2015. Thank you for re-enlisting!

Round Table Changes
Each year, the PSCWRT Board meets in August to prepare for the coming Round Table season. The board met again this past month to look back on the past season and find ways that the meetings can be improved. Below are the proposed changes:

Modifying the Book Raffle
The main reason for our meetings is to focus on the speaker and their presentation. Even though the book raffle is popular and helps our bank account, too often it takes up too much time. Look for changes in how this will be done at the September meeting.

Discontinue Monthly Civil War Quiz
To further streamline the meetings, the board voted to discontinue the monthly quiz at the meetings. One reason for the Quiz was that we were focusing on the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War, which is largely behind us now. We may still have a quiz in the newsletter, but it will be just for fun…

New Vice-President Membership!
The position of VP-Membership for the Round Table has been vacant for some time. Because of her interest in helping guests and new members feel welcome at meetings, Marilyn “Rex” Rexilius was nominated for this position- and she accepted! There will be more about “Rex” later in the newsletter.

Let us know what you think about these changes & a big THANK YOU to Marilyn!

Puget Sound Civil War Round Table Programs, 2015-2016

Editor’s Note: Below is the complete schedule of monthly programs for the Round Table year as planned by our VP of Programming, Pat Brady. We owe Pat a huge debt of thanks for bringing some very good speakers and presentations to our meetings! Write these dates on your calendars and keep them clear. Please note that changes may take place at any time. We will make every effort to communicate this to you if it happens.

SEPTEMBER 10, 2015. Richard Wightman Fox will discuss What We've Forgotten about Lincoln's Body, and What We've Never Known. [See program description on Page One]

OCTOBER 8, 2015. Clair Ferris will discuss Abraham Lincoln’s Funeral and the national outpouring of grief, including the extensive plans, the railroad cortege from Washington to Springfield, the procession at Springfield, and the burial at Oak Ridge Cemetery. Mr. Ferris is the owner and operator of Funeral Alternatives of Washington in Thurston County, and is an officer or board member of many civic organizations.
**NOVEMBER 12, 2015.** Frank “Rusty” Starr will discuss Medicine in the Civil War, from the pre-war years through 1865, emphasizing how the war revolutionized medicine in America, in a presentation that will include period medical instruments and artifacts. Mr. Starr is a Research Scientist in the medical field, with years of experience at Johns Hopkins and the University of Washington.

**DECEMBER 10, 2015.** John Hough will discuss the 1864 Confederate attack on the Union gunboat USS Underwriter, anchored off New Bern, North Carolina. General George Pickett led the overall Confederate effort to retake the coastal town of New Bern, occupied by the Federals since 1862 and defended by stout earthworks. To support Pickett’s attack, naval Commander John Tayler Wood, a nephew of Jefferson Davis, led a Confederate small-boat raid meant to capture the Underwriter and use its guns to support Pickett’s attack. Pickett failed to retake New Bern, but Wood’s capture and destruction of the Underwriter cheered a war-weary South. A retired lawyer, former Marine Corps captain, and President of the Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society, Mr. Hough has published many articles on Pacific Northwest Maritime History, and is working on a biography of Jefferson Davis Howell, a West Coast steamer captain and brother-in-law of Jefferson Davis; Howell was a midshipman on the raid against the Underwriter. Mr. Hough’s article on the Underwriter raid has been accepted for publication by Sea History, journal of the U.S. Naval Institute.

**JANUARY 14, 2016.** Eva Abram will discuss FROM JAMESTOWN TO NICODEMUS — The Making of American Racism. She will discuss America's race relations leading up to the Civil War and beyond, and how our past shapes our present. Why did a country that started with high ideals of freedom from tyranny descend into Civil War that pitted brother against brother? What were the two sides fighting for? Against? Can we study the Civil War without taking into account the slavery that preceded it and the failed Reconstruction and the racial legacy that followed it? How can we come to terms with the past and move forward to work against the subtle and lasting practice of institutional racism that results in poverty and inequality?

**FEBRUARY 11, 2016.** Rick Solomon will discuss all four “Lee to the Rear” incidents. May 1864 was a desperate time for Lee’s Army of Northern Virginia. In addition to the famous “Lee to the Rear” incident early on the second day of the Battle of the Wilderness, memorialized in a poem, there were three more “Lee to the Rear” incidents a week later during the Battle of Spotsylvania. Did these incidents reflect a death wish by “Marse Robert”? A longtime Round Table member, Rick has been president and newsletter editor.

**MARCH 10, 2016.** Dick Miller will discuss The Gentleman and the Roughs: Colonel John Potts Slough and the 1st Colorado Volunteer Infantry. Based on research for his biography of Slough, Colonel of the 1st Colorado Infantry, Dick will be talking about Slough's efforts to organize, train and lead the hard-drinking and free-spirited Colorado volunteers through their victory at Glorieta Pass in March 1862. Shortly after the battle, Slough abruptly resigned his command, claiming that he feared for his life from his own men. Dick will discuss Slough's disastrous relationship with his officers and men, why it was so strained (especially in the context of the qualities Civil War officers needed to exhibit to win the respect of their men), and
whether his concern about being assassinated was his real reason for resigning. Dick is a Past-President of the Round Table.

**APRIL 14, 2016.** Richard Sommers will discuss Richmond Redeemed: Enduring Lessons in Strategic Leadership from the Siege of Petersburg. Analyzing the generalship of senior Federal and Confederate commanders, he will assess how Southern commanders were able to prolong the life of their army, their capital, and their country for so long, and how Union commanders eventually succeeded in not only capturing Petersburg and Richmond but also in destroying the Army of Northern Virginia and the Confederacy itself. Retired Senior Historian of the Army Heritage and Education Center, Dr. Sommers is the author of the landmark work, Richmond Redeemed: The Siege at Petersburg, and more than 100 chapters, articles, entries and reviews.

**MAY 12, 2016.** Timothy B. Smith will discuss Difficult and Broken Ground: The Terrain Factor at Shiloh. Many factors combined to produce the major Union victory there. Timing, numbers, and leadership were critical, but perhaps the most dominant factor was the terrain. Drawing on his award-winning book Shiloh: Conquer or Perish, Dr. Smith will walk us through a detailed examination of the terrain factor at Shiloh, explaining how the ground, often described as a trap for the Union forces, was actually shaped perfectly for Union victory and Confederate defeat. Little-known features will be examined in order to understand more fully how the battle was funneled in certain directions, leading to a major advantage for the Federal forces. Albert Sidney Johnston famously proclaimed that he must conquer or perish that day, and he, and perhaps his Confederacy, perished at Shiloh largely because of the terrain and its effect on the fighting. An Instructor in History at the University of Tennessee at Martin, Dr. Smith is the author of a dozen books and dozens of chapters, articles, and entries.

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**Meet Our New Vice President of Membership!**

*At our recent PSCWRT Board Meeting, Marilyn “Rex” Rexilius agreed to fill the post of Vice-President- Membership. We asked her to provide the newsletter with a short biography of herself. Here is her story, in her own words:*

![Marilyn Rexilius](image)

I am Marilyn Terman Rexilius. “Rex” to all my friends. I was born and raised in Colorado and Wyoming. I am the one in the family that keeps the records even though I am the youngest of three. I am a proud Army Mom of 20+ years and a retired Fire/EMS dispatcher from SNOPAC.

I am a very curious person. I have been lucky to find and take lots of college courses since retiring…most with a Civil War connection but I just love to learn! I have always been interested in genealogy and history, particularly my own family's journey. I started collecting information about my family members and the military roles of my ancestors while still in my teens. I am captivated with the why of the nearly continuous conflicts in which our country has participated from the War of Independence to the present day. My focus on the Civil War began when I realized that Abraham Lincoln was part of my Virginia family. Lincoln’s first cousins lived in the Shenandoah Valley in 1861. So did mine. That makes the subject not just history but my story.

I look forward to helping build the membership of this great club.
Washington Project Update

By Mike Movius

The project team continues to document veterans of the Civil War who are buried in Washington State. We are entering our third year, and although progress is slow, we are being as thorough as possible. Ask Nick K. Adams who has spent an inordinate amount of time photographing and cataloging veterans buried in Old Tacoma and Oakwood Cemeteries, as well as many in Yakima County. Ask Stephen and Patty Clayton who did the same at Calvary Cemetery in Seattle. Or, ask Keith Clark who spent as much time physically locating cemeteries in Mason County before he could survey them.

Our thanks go out to all of you who have supported the effort. Although it’s a mass undertaking, we have become one of the leaders in the country for doing this. In fact, we have been receiving inquiries from as far away as West Virginia asking for assistance.

To date, we have documented 420 Confederate veterans and 5,550 Union veterans for a total of 5,970…and counting.

Amos Bradley Memorial Dedication

By Mike Movius

On June 12, 2015, the Fairmount Memorial Association, Spokane Law Enforcement Museum, Historical Monuments Association and the Jonas Babcock Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution dedicated a new monument to Medal of Honor recipient Amos Bradley, USN at the Greenwood Memorial Terrace Cemetery.

The Sons of Union Civil War Veterans presented the colors, opening remarks were made by Susan Walker (NSDAR), the invocation was delivered by Reverend David Thompson, a welcome was extended by the Fairmount Association, a letter from Congresswoman Cathy McMorris-Rodgers was read, Michael Movius (PSCWRT) told the story of the Battle for New
Orleans and Amos Bradley’s involvement, the Washington Civil War Association unveiled the monument, the inscription was read by Mike Inman (WCWA), closing remarks were made by Susan Walker, the benediction was read by Chaplain Rosemary Wood (DUCWV), taps was played by Paul Manley (VFW) and the colors were retired.

The PSCWRT was instrumental in assisting with the involvement of the Sons of Union Civil War Veterans and the Washington Civil War Association as well as the marketing of the event. Thanks go out to Stephen Pierce for his liaison with WCWA and to Nick K. Adams who attended. As one can readily see, this dedication well-represented the Civil War community and was a huge success. It is also memorialized on our website: http://www.pscwrt.org/washington-project/cmoh/bradley/memorial-dedication.html

PRESIDENT'S CORNER
A Brief Biography of Union General Rutherford B. Hayes
By Rick Solomon

This brief biography of Rutherford B. Hayes will have an emphasis on his Civil War career. He was born in Delaware, Ohio, on October 4, 1822. He graduated from Kenyon College in 1842 as valedictorian. He graduated from Harvard Law School and was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1845. After being in private practice, Hayes was appointed the city solicitor by the Cincinnati city council to fill a vacancy and he won a full two-year term from the voters in April 1859. He got married to Lucy Webb in 1852.

As the Southern states started to secede after Lincoln’s election to the Presidency in 1860, Hayes was lukewarm on the idea of a civil war to restore the Union. Considering that the two sides might be irreconcilable, he suggested that the Union “let them go.” Although Ohio had voted for Lincoln in 1860, the Cincinnati voters turned against the Republican Party after secession. Its residents included many from the South, and they voted for the Democrats and Know-Nothings, who combined to sweep the city elections in April 1861, ejecting Hayes from the city solicitor’s office.

In June Hayes was appointed by Governor William Dennison to be major in the 23rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Joining the regiment as a private was William McKinley, another future president. After a month of training, Hayes and the 23rd Ohio set out for western Virginia in July 1861 as part of the Kanawha division. In September the regiment encountered Confederates at Carnifex Ferry and drove them back. In November 1861 Hayes was promoted to Lt. Colonel.

Hayes and the 23nd Ohio saw little action after this until the battle of South Mountain on September 14, 1862. Here Hayes led a charge against an entrenched position shouting, ”Give them hell! Give the sons of bitches hell!” Hayes was shot through his left arm, fracturing the bone. He had one of his men tie a handkerchief above the wound in an effort to stop the bleeding, and continued to lead his men in the battle. While resting, he ordered his men to meet a flanking attack, but instead his entire command moved backward, leaving Hayes lying in between the lines. Eventually, his men brought Hayes back behind their lines, and he was taken to a hospital. The regiment continued on to Antietam, but Hayes was out of action for the rest of the campaign.
In October 1862, he was promoted to colonel and assigned to command of the first brigade of the Kanawha Division as a brevet brigadier general. In 1863 Hayes saw little action, except on July 19 when he and his men helped to defeat John Hunt Morgan’s cavalry at the Battle of Buffington Island. This was the decisive engagement that stopped Morgan’s Ohio Raid. In the spring of 1864 Hayes served in Major General David Hunter’s Army of the Shenandoah. During the Shenandoah Valley Campaign of 1864 Hayes was slightly wounded by a bullet to the shoulder at Kernstown on July 24. Hayes’s men turned back a Confederate attack at Berryville and were involved in the Union victories at Winchester, Fisher’s Hill and Cedar Creek. At Cedar Creek, Hayes sprained his ankle after being thrown from a horse. Hayes’s leadership and bravery drew the attention of his superiors, with Ulysses S. Grant later writing of Hayes that “His conduct on the field was marked by conspicuous gallantry as well as the display of qualities of a higher order than that of mere personal daring.”

In October 1864 Hayes was promoted to brigadier general and breveted major general. While serving in the Army of the Shenandoah in 1864, Hayes was nominated by Republicans to run for the House of Representatives from Ohio’s 2nd congressional district. Asked by friends in Cincinnati to leave the army to campaign, Hayes refused, saying that an “officer fit for duty who at this crisis would abandon his post to electioneer for a seat in congress ought to be scalped.” Instead, Hayes wrote several letters to the voters explaining his political positions and was elected by a 2,400 vote majority over the incumbent Democrat Alexander Long. He was re-elected in 1866.

Hayes was elected as governor of Ohio in 1867, 1869, and 1875. He was elected President in the controversial election of 1876 by a single electoral vote even though his Democrat opponent, Samuel J. Tilden, had more popular votes. After serving as President for four years Hayes kept his campaign pledge of not seeking another term. Hayes died of complications of a heart attack at his home on January 17, 1893.

See you September 10th!

Rick Solomon, President

THE LAST WORD
By Mark R. Terry

Welcome Back!!! Yes, it’s that time of year again when we begin a new “season” of the Puget Sound Civil War Round Table. If you have already paid your dues, THANK YOU for re-enlisting. If you haven’t, I urge you to do so, because we have another good lineup of speakers and presentations coming up and you will not want to miss it.

There are many reasons to be excited about the coming season, but I wanted to highlight some of them. Mainly due to the work of Mike Movius, our website and our social media presence, the PSCWRT is becoming well known. Groups like the one that organized the Amos Bradley Monument dedication are contacting us to get involved. As Mike pointed out, our
Washington Project to find and record every Civil War veteran’s grave in this state is getting attention across the country. A huge THANK YOU to those members who have contributed to the Washington Project as well. We are connecting with other Civil War groups within our state to get more involved in historic places, as we did at the Pickett House earlier this year. Speaking of that, plans are in the works to do another Civil War Field Trip as a group this year. If you missed going up to see the Pickett House & the Old Whatcom County Courthouse, stay tuned for details on the next trip!

We will continue working to make our meetings enjoyable and interesting. It was a big task last season but through the efforts of motivated members and the board, we purchased a sound system and other equipment to increase the quality of presentations. It drained our account somewhat but the effort was worth it. Thankfully, the Annual Auction and other donations helped keep the Round Table in the black regardless.

The main thing is that we need you, the members of the PSCWRT, to come to meetings and be involved as much as you can. Let us know how we are doing- both positive and negative. Let your friends and colleagues outside the Round Table know about it too. If someone you know is interested in history give them an invite and we will welcome them! Speaking of that, member Ed Malles is always looking for volunteers to be a part of his “Partisan Rangers”. This is a group whose focus is on new guests and members of our Round Table, making them feel comfortable and connecting them to other members. Please let us know if you want to help. We need as many “Rangers” as we can get!

**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 October 2015 Washington Volunteer is Monday, September 21, 2015.*

*Please have it in Mark Terry’s hands via email or snailmail by then. Thank you!*

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