NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 10, 2018
China Harbor, 2040 Westlake Avenue North, Seattle, Washington
Time: Social hour at 6 p.m.; Dinner served at 6:45 p.m.; Program at 8 p.m.

MENU CHOICES: Mongolian Beef, Chicken, Salmon or Vegetarian
Dinner includes: salad, vegetable delight, General Tso’s chicken, fried rice and fresh fruit.
Cost: $24 for adults; $10 for minors and college students. See below for reservations. Payable at the door. Opting out of dinner? $5 fee for non-members, $1 fee for members.

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
Reservations are MANDATORY and be in by 12 NOON on Tuesday, May 8, 2018.

STEPHEN MURPHY WILL DISCUSS THE BOOK HE HAS EDITED, THE PERFECT SCOUT, THE FIRST-PERSON NARRATIVE OF GEORGE QUIMBY, detailed as a scout for Sherman’s March to the Sea. While delivering dispatches to the blockading fleet through Rebel lines and surviving close escapes from Confederate forces, Quimby encountered plantation owners and slaves, sometimes receiving assistance from them, and even meeting his future wife. The long-lost manuscript was finally found after a family death followed by a house-cleaning. Raised in Washington and educated at the UW, Steve is a retired small business consultant and has traveled extensively.

IMPORTANT DISPATCHES

May Means PSCWRT Election
By Mike Movius

Every May on even numbered years, we hold an election of new officers, and 2018 is no exception. This year, we have a fine group of members who have stepped forward and are willing to accept the responsibilities and perform the duties of the several offices. The slate of officer candidates is as follows:
President – Jeff Rombauer
Vice President Successor – Rick Solomon
Vice President Program – Pat Brady
Vice President Editor – Mark Terry
Vice President Marketing – Dave Otis
Vice President Membership – Arthur Banner
Vice President Partnerships – Nick K. Adams
Vice President Reservations – Steve Murphy
Vice President Social Media – Mike Movius
Treasurer – Stephen Pierce
Secretary – Doug Galuszka

Non-voting board members include the following “Advisors”:

Steve Garratt
Barbara Bruff Hemmingsen
Verlin Judd
Michael Kirschner
George Yocum

Please keep in mind, that if you are interested in becoming an Advisor, just tell someone on the board!

May and Summer Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all of our members who celebrate from May through August! Since we don’t meet during the summer, we wanted to make sure your birthdays would be honored! By the way, if your birthday is not listed, be sure to contact the newsletter editor. I counted 30 members from the latest roster who we don’t have birth months for. Additionally, there are some couples who we only have one birth month for. Please step forward and let us know. If you are not sure, ask and we can confirm. Thanks

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**NEWS AND PROJECTS**

**Annual Auction Successful!**
By Mark R. Terry

A huge “THANK YOU” to all those who attended the April PSCWRT meeting and gave to the cause. Through your generosity, we were able to raise $3,012.00 towards the Round Table so VP Programming Pat Brady can go out and find great speakers to come to Seattle and give their presentations to us. Here are the results of the auction as reported by Jeff Rombauer, Treasurer:

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Special thanks go to George Yocum, who gracefully volunteered to be the coordinator. Also, our MC and Auctioneer Dick Miller, who again did an outstanding job. Dick used every form of motivation, including threatening the membership that if not enough funds were raised, we’d all be treated to his presentations all season! While almost everyone went home with something, most of the money that was raised simply came from donations at the live auction, when Dick put out the call and people responded.

**Puget Sound Civil War Round Table Programs 2018-2019 Season- A Sneak Peek**

Recently, VP Programming Pat Brady released the list of speakers, topics and descriptions for the 2018-2019 Season of the Puget Sound Civil War Round Table coming up this fall, our 34th Season as an organization!
The full descriptions will be printed in the September 2018 Washington Volunteer but listed below are the dates, speakers and topics to whet your appetite for the fall. It will be another wonderful season of speakers that Pat Brady has put together for all of us. Thanks, Pat!

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2018**   Kent Hickey will discuss the **1865-66 travels to Appomattox and throughout the South by young Northern journalist John Richard Dennett.**

**OCTOBER 11, 2018**   Walter Stahr will discuss his latest book, *Stanton: Lincoln’s War Secretary.*

**NOVEMBER 8, 2018**   Gerry L. Alexander will discuss *Abraham Lincoln and his influence on Washington Territory.*

**DECEMBER 13, 2018**   Stuart Streichler will discuss the **Impeachment of Andrew Johnson.**

**JANUARY 10, 2019**   Michael Kirschner will discuss the **2nd Wisconsin Infantry**, a regiment that was part of the Iron Brigade.
FEBRUARY 7, 2019    Richard Roland will discuss the roles of Union Generals George H. Thomas, John M. Schofield, and others vs. General John B. Hood’s 1864 Tennessee Campaign.  
Note that this is the first Thursday of February, NOT the second, which falls on Valentine’s Day.

MARCH 14, 2019   Andrew E. Masich will present a slide lecture on his award-winning book, Civil War in the Southwest Borderlands, 1861-1867.

APRIL 11, 2019    Dick Miller will resume his story of John Potts Slough, the colorful commander of the 1st Colorado Volunteers at the Battle of Glorieta Pass, New Mexico.

MAY 9, 2019    Richard A. Sauers will discuss The Boys in Blue, an illustrated talk about humor in the ranks.

Please Note that the list is subject to change. We will keep you informed of any changes.

PSCWRT Member Wins Writing Award!
By Mark R. Terry

On April 21, 2018, at the Chanticleer Writing Awards, Nick K. Adams, PSCWRT member [second from right in photo], won the First Place Award in the category of Civil War Fiction for his new book Away at War: A Civil War Story of the Family Left Behind. Chanticleer Reviews, considered one of the leading US book reviews organizations, operates out of Bellingham. They annually accept many thousands of submissions from around the world, primarily from smaller Independent Publishers, or authors who self-publish (as opposed to the large corporation publishers who dominate the industry). With thousands of entries, Nick’s work passed seven levels of evaluations to get to the end! Congratulations, Nick!

FEATURED ARTICLES

Recommendations for additional reading on the Speaker’s Topics: Sherman’s March to the Sea
By Jeff Rombauer

One of the key campaigns of the Civil War had little to do with actual fighting, but caused great emotional & physical distress to Southern civilians. Conceived to show that the Confederacy was nothing but a hollow shell, unable to defend its citizens, Sherman’s campaign from Atlanta to the sea cut a wide “swath of destruction.” in Georgia. Writing in 1984, the novelist James Reston, Jr noted the mere mention of Sherman’s name one hundred and twenty years later “can elicit an instant emotional response.” Listed below additional books to read on this campaign.


Three personal accounts by Union officers about the “March”. Hitchcock was a lawyer in St. Louis, when he was appointed as an aide to General Sherman in the fall of 1864. His letters and diary are a unique valuable contribution. Nichols was a journalist who also served on Sherman’s staff. His book was one of the earliest factual accounts of the march and sold over 60,000 books in its first year. Osborn was the chief of artillery for the Federal Army of the Tennessee during the campaign.


Accounts about Southern women and their efforts to defend home and family from Sherman’s troops.


A series of newspaper articles published in 1962. The attitude of the writer can best be summed up by his prologue. “Never in the history of our nation has a conqueror laid such wanton waste in his wake as did this fellow-American of the Union forces.”


A general history of the march written by a prolific civil war historian.


From a review posted on the internet comes these comments regarding this controversial book. “Reston's bottom line is that the horrors allegedly committed by Sherman are exaggerated, but he clearly redefined modern warfare, by making it a legitimate tactic to terrorize civilians in order to undermine the enemies "will to resist." This tactic found its ultimate expression in Hiroshima, but was strongly echoed in Vietnam.”


A well written and extensively modern history of the campaign by a well-regarded writer.


The authors provide a brief history of the “March” before studying its impact as depicted in literature, movies and myth.

**REMEMBER: BRING A FRIEND TO ONE OF OUR MEETINGS.** The best way to get someone to attend is to ask them in person!
Quite A Ride
By Mike Movius

Well, this is my last President’s Corner, having served as your president from September 2016 until May 2018. You have put up with a lot of change and I’m grateful for your patience as we tried a lot of things…some of which were successful, while others were a bit less. So, let’s take a trip down memory lane.

- You’ll have to remember the updated Name Tags we brought forward. They have given us a much better (readable) way of identifying each other.
- We started holding meetings outside our regular monthly meetings at China Harbor. Ballard, Everett and Bellevue Libraries have been excellent ways to reach out to those with an interest in the Civil War and could become members who might otherwise never learn about us.
- In fact, we have an excellent opportunity to Expand the CWRT into Everett. The library coordinator told us that the turnout for a weekday evening presentation was absolutely unprecedented. Even if it becomes a separate entity, PSCWT would benefit.
- The Online Presentation from an author in New Jersey was quite novel. And, it allowed PSCWRT members living in Texas to become engaged with us.
- Starting Online Board Meetings brought on some trepidation. But, because our board of directors are scattered all over Puget Sound, it only seemed to make sense to do that. Moreover, it saved wear and tear on our vehicles, as well as our nerves.
- Speaking about our board, we Expanded the Board to include positions for marketing, social media, partnerships and membership. These are all key ways that organizations such as ours must use to survive. (Keep in mind that 64 CWRTs around the country have lapsed in the past 5 years due to membership declines.)
- Adding new positions to the board clearly involves more PSCWT members. Advisors are non-voting members who provide their perspectives about the items on the board agenda. They also can become a pool of potential new board members.
- The Civil War Ancestors project hasn’t reached the level of maturity we expected. But, although only a few members have taken advantage of the services offered by Mark Terry and Stephen Pierce, it still remains as a great way for members to learn how to conduct genealogical research and to publish their findings on our website.
- Collecting Members Birth Month so we can acknowledge their birthdays in the Washington Volunteer was another change. Although it’s a small thing, most of us enjoy seeing our names in print every once in a while.
- Speaking about the Washington Volunteer, we began a new tradition of publishing an abbreviated Biography of Board Members. I’m hoping that we can continue to do so such that everyone gets a hint from whence we came.
- Adding to Preservation Month was something we did this year. Every November, we ask members to buy some of the trinkets I’ve picked up while on a Civil War trek. This year, we expanded the offering to include an auction for tickets to exclusive Color Bearer events hosted by the Civil War Trust. Color Bearer is the designation CWT gives to
those who donate $1,000 or more to their preservation efforts. In the first year, we covered the cost completely.

- **The CWRT Congress** continues to be a major project that I began. The purpose is to teach the leadership of CWRTs around the country how very successful round tables have expanded their membership, provided improved services to members and raised funds to do so. I began that mostly to learn what others have done and how they did it. The first congress was held at Bull Run CWRT and served 80+ attendees. The second will be in Harrisburg and will feature some very innovative additions.

- The cleaning and rededication of the Hiram Gale Monument at Evergreen-Washelli was an important event. And, we all recall the **Funeral for Civil War Veteran** Private James Powers and his wife. Most of us will never attend a funeral service like that again. Thank you, Jim Dimond!

- The **Standing Committee** initiative was one of those that didn’t quite get off the ground. Essentially, we sought members to volunteer for committees…Editorial, Finance, Greeter, Membership, Preservation, Program, Public Relations, Genealogy and Social Media. But, rather than establishing large committees of members, we continue to only have a couple individuals work in each of those areas.

- We flattened the **Annual Dues** such that we now have one affordable rate. We increased our dues from $20 for individuals to $25 while softening the increase by including couple memberships for the same $25. The change resulted in a modest revenue increase to our treasury.

- We tried to establish a **Civil War Speakers Bureau** after receiving requests from several organizations around Seattle. Although we identified several members who volunteered to do so, I dare say that the requesting organizations rather faded from view.

- Using **Social Media Marketing** techniques, we actually began to see the results with people coming to our meetings after hearing about PSCWRT on Meetup and Facebook.

- We did begin the **Behind the Lines** project. Behind the Lines, you will recall, is our way of discussing things other than battles, battlefields and battlefield generals. Our presentations have both been at the Bellevue Library, and have been a smash hit by those who attended. Our thanks to Joanne Rajoppi and Nick K. Adams for their insights into life...behind the lines.

- Last August, we held a **Planning Retreat** at the Swedish Culture Center. We invited the entire membership to assist us in defining our approach to the 2017-18 season. Several board and non-board members attended. We came up with six initiatives…history walks, bring a friend, a membership survey, book sales change, Go Fund Me donations and the CWT Color Bearer. It was great to include more members, and to include their thoughts for membership and fundraising expansion.

- The planning initiatives brought about another change. We began to hold **Business Meetings** prior to speaker presentations. That gave us an opportunity to talk about progress, hand out VIP ribbons to those who actually brought a friend and rounded out the evening in ways that haven’t happened in recent memory.

- The **Resolution to Honor the Non-Combatant African Americans** who supported their armies at Gettysburg. This was started by Secretary Doug Galuszka and passed by the board. However, the response around the Civil War community was somewhat less enthusiastic than expected. It remains a viable idea, but obviously may have to be brought forward at some time in the future.
Finally, we proposed and passed a resolution to **Honor PSCWRT Members** in some way. It’s funny how some things get proposed with a process and all, but they seem to morph into something similar, but none-the-less different. You will all see what I mean at the upcoming May meeting.

So many ideas…so much effort…and so many people supporting them. My fervent hope is that we do not retrench into complacency. That we continue to innovate and to think “out of the box” of ways to expand our reach, to involve members in ways that fit their lifestyles. Thank you for the opportunity to be your president and spokesman. It’s been quite a ride!

**THE LAST WORD**

**You Never Know…**

By Mark R. Terry

In case you don’t know, I’ve been employed by Community Transit as a Coach Operator (AKA “Bus Driver”) for many years. I’ve often shared my passion for the American Civil War history and about the Puget Sound Civil War Round Table with my co-workers.

One driver in particular- Brad Barr- seemed interested in the Civil War and also the Round Table, but he could never quite make the commitment. Being the editor of our Washington Volunteer, each month I make a “hard copy” of the newsletter to make copies to send to members who don’t have Internet access. After that is done, I am left with that hard copy. What should I do with it? I started taking it to work and putting it that driver’s box! I can’t say I’ve done it for every meeting, but I’ve tried my best. Ironically, this past month of April, I thought to myself that maybe it wasn’t worth the effort to keep doing this. Then I thought “why should I stop now?” and proceeded to fold it, stuff it in an envelope and put it in his box.

What do you know but on April 8, about a week after I did that, I saw the name “Bradley Barr” in an email saying he was a “new member”! Wow, I was thrilled! It made me realize that my little effort was worth the time and trouble to do. So, my question to you is:

**Who do you know or are acquainted with that might be interested in the PSCWRT? Be encouraged that it is worth the time, trouble and sometimes the expense to tell them. Don’t give up, but keep talking with them, sharing who the speakers and topics are. Hopefully at some point, they too may decide to join!**

**You never know…**

**Last, but not least,**

Thank you everyone for a very successful CWRT season in 2017-2018. It can’t be said enough that without the support and participation of you, our members, the PSCWRT would not exist. Many of you have “gone the extra mile” to take the time, effort, energy and expense to do special projects. The thing is, we can ALWAYS use more help to accomplish our goals. I hope you read Mike Movius’ “President's Corner”. Mike took his expertise in leadership and used it to help
move our organization forward in many ways, but progress is never easy and it only comes about when someone steps forward and says “I can do that”. Will you be that someone?

Have a wonderful summer and we will see you in September!!!

**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: $25 per individual or 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 for space. The deadline for the September 2018 Washington Volunteer is Monday, August 27, 2018. Please have it in Mark Terry’s hands via email or snailmail by then. Thank you!

**2017-2018 OFFICERS**
**Elected:**
- President: Mike Movius, president@pscwrt.org
- Vice-President-Successor: Nick K. Adams, carmodnick@comcasst.net
- Past-President: Rick Solomon, ricksolo@ricksolo.com
- Treasurer: Jeff Rombauer, jeffrombauer@foxinternet.com
- Secretary: Douglas Galuszka
- Vice-President-Programming: Pat Brady, patsbrady@comcast.net
- Vice-President- Membership: Vacant
- Vice-President- Marketing: Vacant
- Vice-President- Partnerships: Steve Clayton, cpsclayton@msn.com
- Vice President-Reservations:
- Vice-President-Editor: Mark Terry, markimlor@comcast.net
- Vice President-Social Media: Mike Movius, webmaster@pscwrt.org

*All, except for Past President, an automatic position.*