NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 11, 2019
China Harbor, 2040 Westlake Avenue North, Seattle, Washington
Time: Social hour at 6 p.m.; Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.; Program at 7:45 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 Steve Murphy at: steve@adaptech.us
Or lastly, call Steve Murphy at (206) 522-2268
Reservations are MANDATORY and be in by 12 NOON on Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

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

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. Believing that his own men had tried to kill him during the battle, Slough resigned his commission as colonel of the regiment and headed east to rejoin the war at Harper’s Ferry, Virginia. Dick will discuss the Union defense of Harper’s Ferry against Stonewall Jackson, May 28-30, 1862; Slough’s participation as a brigade commander during the defense; and the role that the May 30 battle of Harper’s Ferry played in Jackson’s Shenandoah Valley Campaign.

A past president of our Round Table and our premier auctioneer, Dick Miller has written a biography of Slough.

THIS MONTH- APRIL- IS OUR ANNUAL AUCTION!
By Mark R. Terry

Except for annual member dues, the Puget Sound Civil War Round Table uses no other means to procure income other than this month’s annual auction. Dues are important, but they cannot by themselves pay for the many excellent speakers we have each year. In order to keep our dues affordable, we organize this auction. But what about the $24 dinner fees? Glad you asked! To pay for our dinners, $23 of the fee go to China Harbor Restaurant, our gracious hosts since the
spring of 2007, so the PSCWRT only gets $1 per each dinner reservation. Again, we are holding costs down to make membership affordable as much as possible. Keep these efforts in mind when deciding how much to give to help the cause. Please donate items as well—whatever you feel people will bid on. Remember that items do NOT have to be Civil War related. Anything that folks would enjoy is fair game!

Here is the link to our website auction page, with ideas for donations, and also includes several forms including the silent auction bid sheets and donation receipts for tax purposes: https://www.pscwrt.org/activities/annual-auction.html

Speaking of taxes, recently our PSCWRT once again attained their non-profit 501(3)(c) designation, retroactive to December 2016. Thank you to PSCWRT President Jeff Rombauer and his wife for making that happen.

**Auction Schedule**

We cannot stress enough to ARRIVE EARLY, especially if you have items to donate! **Times are approximate.** Announcements should be made when needed.

6:00 - Social Hour
6:20 - Silent Auction Begins
6:45-7:00 – Dinner Served
7:15 - Live Auction Begins: Jim Dimond, Auctioneer
7:45 - Live Auction Ends
7:45 - Speaker Introduction
7:45 – 9:00 Dick Miller Speaker Presentation
9:05 - Silent Auction bidding ends!

**Please pay for items won at the end of the evening!** While that sounds obvious, we have had items “walk away” without being paid for in the past. Please pay with a check or cash.

**How to Donate Auction Items**

1. **ARRIVE EARLY!** Arrive before 6:00. It is amazing how quickly time goes by. Every minute will be needed to arrange items on the tables and coordinated with the Auctioneer.
2. **Silent Auction items:** at the back of this newsletter will be a copy of the Silent Auction Bid Sheet. You can make as many copies as you need. Fill the main information out for EACH ITEM that you will be donating. Place those items on the tables provided.
3. **Live Auction items:** There should be a table reserved for live auction items. These are normally items that are worth more than those for the silent auction. They could also be services provided by you to the winning bidder, so be sure to contact Jim Dimond who will be the Auctioneer for the evening.

**NOTICE REGARDING AUCTION DONATIONS:**
The Round Table welcomes donations throughout the year, and especially at the April 11, 2019 Auction Meeting. At that meeting, donations may be made and paid before dinner and after dinner, when Auctioneer Jim Dimond will call for donations from the floor during the live auction.
DONATIONS REQUESTED
By Mike Movius

One of the most unique things about Civil War Roundtables is that they endeavor to bring accomplished historians to meetings. That not only gives members an excellent opportunity to learn first-hand about a thoroughly researched and documented aspect of the Civil War but allows members to get to know some of the best authors, to buy a volume and seeks an autograph or two.

Puget Sound Civil War Roundtable not only promises these types of experiences but delivers on that promise. Over the past years, we have entertained some of the greats in Civil War history land.

Because we are the only real CWRT in the Pacific Northwest, it costs our organization a significant amount to fly those authors to Seattle, to put them up for the night and to pay for their dinner. We most generally do NOT pay an honorarium and that is a plus to our treasury.

During our annual auction over the past couple years, we have been asking members to simply make a donation to help defray the costs for maintaining such a high-caliber of speakers. And, that has been fairly successful. This year, the Board may be taking the additional step to allow donors to use their credit cards, which would be a big step INDEED! Currently however, credit cards can only be used on the PSCWRT website. Bring cash or your check book to the meeting.

To incentivize your donations, we will be giving donors ribbons for their name tags that we hope you wear throughout the next season. The categories are as follows:

- **SPONSOR** $50.00
- **GOLD SPONSOR** $100.00
- **PLATINUM SPONSOR** $250.00

Make your donation from our website: [http://www.pscwrt.org/about/donations/level.php](http://www.pscwrt.org/about/donations/level.php)
We will ensure you get the proper ribbon!

**April Birthdays**
Several members have birthdays in April and we’d like to acknowledge their special day! They are:

- Jolene Coulton
- Susan Martin
- Jay Secord
- Dempsey Dybdal
- Stephen Pierce
- Kim Terry
- Ed Malles
- Jay Rusling
IMPORTANT DISPATCHES

Upcoming Event

Fifth Annual PSCWRT Field Trip is to the Buffalo Soldiers Museum on Wednesday, April 17, starting at 11 a.m.

Our Roundtable’s Fifth Annual Field Trip will be to the Buffalo Soldier Museum on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, starting at 11 a.m. This museum opened in 2005. It is one of three museums concerning Buffalo Soldiers, the others being in Houston and Tucson.

The Buffalo Soldier Museum is located at 1940 Wilkeson St., Tacoma, WA 98405. We will be taken on a guided tour of the Museum by Jackie Jones-Hook who is the Executive Director. Our own Jim Dimond, who is on the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Soldier Museum, will give a brief presentation on Buffalo Soldiers who were Medal of Honor Recipients. Rick Solomon will give a short talk on Benjamin Grierson who was the first commander of the 10th US Cavalry, which was one of four Buffalo Soldier regiments immediately after the Civil War. After the tour, we will adjourn for a late lunch at some local restaurant or tavern.

There will be a sign-up sheet at our meeting on April 11. If you cannot make the meeting, but want to go, contact Jim or Rick using the contact information located at the end of the newsletter.

Those who wish to attend, but need a ride will be matched up with another participant. Don’t miss this interesting event!

FEATURED ARTICLES

Veterans in Our Back Yard: The Thrill Of The Chase by Loretta-Marie Dimond

There are lots of ways to search for Civil War veterans. The easiest way is to go out to any cemetery and look for military markers. A more difficult route is to start with documents and work towards a burial site.

On a crisp, foggy October Saturday Jim and I set out to find a burial site for a veteran. We'll call him Lewis. He was born in London, England in April 1843 of Welsh parents and came to America as a child. He never married. He died in Puyallup in November 1913. In 1864 Lewis signed up for a three-year tour of duty in the 6th US Cavalry (Private, Companies D and L).

1863 and 1864 had been bad years for the 6th. They were decimated at the Battle of Fairfield, Pennsylvania during the Gettysburg campaign when with the Army of the Potomac. They faced off against two of “Jeb” Stuart's best cavalry troops. They had to spend six months replacing their tremendous casualties, then were decimated again in Phil Sheridan's campaigns, and had to replace again. Lewis was one such recruit; he signed up on 20 December 1864, after the fighting at Cedar Creek. Breaking camp in February 1865, the 6th was involved in Confederate pursuit through Maryland, and had
pivotal roles in both Five Forks and Sailor's Creek. Their final charge was 9 April 1865 at Appomattox Court House, toward a white flag of surrender.

During Reconstruction, the 6th Regulars served in Texas (traveling by way of New Orleans to Austin) and headquarters commanders included Sheridan and Winfield Scott Hancock. A low level of civil hostility and violence occurred during the uneasy transition. Lewis, however, had his term of service expire before Company D's famous confrontation with ex-CSA “desperados” at Read Creek Swamp (Sherman, Texas).

Lewis became a coal miner and followed the frontier to Washington Territory before 1880. He worked at Wilkeson, Carbonado, Coal Creek in Renton, and probably other local mines. He filed for pension from Washington State in 1890, and was a member of Stevens Post #1, GAR, at Seattle in 1891.

I first met Lewis through the pages of the 1891 statewide GAR roster in January 2000. He was also on the 1890 veterans' fragment and then resided in Renton. I found his death certificate in January 2009. I knew where he was buried, and set him aside...so many veterans, so little time...but then he surfaced again as I was reducing my paper piles to scanned images.

On that October day, we needed an excuse for a field trip, and so, fortified by morning coffee and armed with two packages of convenience store breakfast pastries, we charged out for Woodbine Cemetery in Puyallup.

Woodbine is a wonderful place for graving. Like many cemeteries, only about half of the burials are marked. The office staff of Woodbine decided years ago to make it easy for researchers to do look-ups. Their entire cemetery's burial records have been printed out, laminated, and placed in a heavy-duty notebook nailed down by the office door. Site maps are in the window next to the notebook. Periodically, large portions of the notebook pages are removed by well-meaning thieves, who then enter another round of records onto Find-a-Grave or Billion Graves. But this time, we were lucky. The notebook was there and intact. It took only a few minutes to find Lewis.

We wrote down his site information and aimed for the oldest section of the cemetery. Ground search didn't yield a gravestone. Uh oh. Jim was smelling another marker project. I jotted down the names of a few nearby marked burials, including the Early Modified Belknap stone for veteran Daniel Igo (Lieutenant, Company E, 211th Pennsylvania, and member of Ladd Post #17 GAR at Puyallup), and we went back to the notebook to make sure of my information. Oops. We'd been looking in Section B, Lot 49. We needed Section A, Lot 49. Fifty feet to the west. We drove to the correct location and, sure enough, there he was, his marker leering at us from the side of the road. He was in the Masonic lot. His inscription showed his blue lodge information and his date of death, but nothing to indicate he was a Civil War vet. We put a flag out and took a picture.

Lewis Lewis. Everybody sing along. “Oh, no, said me gotta go now...yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah,” Happy April, no fooling.

Editor’s Note: Being a local band, I’m sure this is where the Kingsmen got the idea for their song!
Recommendations for additional reading on the Speaker’s Topic: Harper’s Ferry in the Civil War
By Jeff Rombauer

Situated at the confluence of the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers, which create a gap, through the Blue Ridge Mountains, Harpers Ferry played a key role during the American Civil War. Known before the war as the target of the abolitionists John Brown who attempted to seize the U.S. Armory in November 1859 to arm a slave revolt, the town changed hands during the war eight times. Stonewall Jackson occupied the town in the spring of 1861, shipping the armory equipment to Richmond, as well as seizing railroad engines and equipment. In the May of 1862 Confederate Forces threatened the town. Jackson returned to the area in September 1862, capturing almost 13,000 Union troops [the largest surrender of U.S. Forces until the Battle of Bataan in 1942]. During the Gettysburg Campaign, the controversy over who should control the Union forces in the town led to the resignation of General Hooker from command of the Army of the Potomac. In the spring and summer of 1864 Confederate troops under the command of Gen. Jubal Early threatened the town. The war had a devastating impact on the area with the loss of almost half of the population. For additional reading about Harpers Ferry the following are recommended.


This early history of Jefferson County includes a history of Civil War events in Harpers Ferry by a prolific historian of the area and era. Bushong also wrote biographies of Turner Ashby, Jubal Early and Tom Rosser.


An overly dramatic account of the history of Harpers Ferry published just before the Centennial.


A well written, researched and detailed study of how Harpers Ferry was devastated by events of the Civil War.


Tanner spent decades researching the Valley Campaign but has been criticized for concentrating on only the Confederate side of the story.


Cozzens presents a comprehensive study of Jackson’s Shenandoah Campaign including a detailed look at Union leadership, Jackson’s errors as well as success, and the mythology of the campaign.

THE LAST WORD

A Letter- and a Quote- from Mr. Catton
By Mark R. Terry

This month I am sharing something personal with you. Oddly enough, it relates to the Civil War Round Table. Fifty years ago, when I was 10 years old, I had some questions that I wanted to ask a Civil War historian. The only one that I knew about was Bruce Catton, so I wrote to him in care of American Heritage Publishing. Lo and behold, he wrote me back! Recently I shared this with a fellow Round Table member and so I thought I would share it with all of you. Thank you for indulging me.

I wish I had a copy of what I wrote to him, but you can see from Catton’s response that fifty years ago I was looking for a Civil War Round Table to join- I wanted to know if he knew of a club that was studying the Civil War! Here is a scan of the original letter:
Dear Mark Terry:

It was nice to hear from you and I am glad to know that you are interested in the story of the Civil War. I don't know that there are any boys' groups engaged in studying the War, but possibly one could be organized in your neighborhood if enough young people were interested.

I am very sorry but I don't know about the book, "Air War Against Hitler's Germany," and I cannot tell you where you might find it. Have you tried the nearest library, and have you looked in any second-hand book stores?

Sincerely,

Bruce Catton

Mr. Mark Terry
921 No. Avenue 51
Los Angeles, California 90042

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Bruce Catton was probably the foremost Civil War historian of the 1950’s and 60’s. While he wrote many excellent books, one of his quotes is my favorite. Oddly enough, an author had quoted him without a reference. Sometime later I finally found it. This passage is a favorite of mine because it sums up what it is that keeps us interested and obsessed with the American Civil War. I hope that it touches you as well.

“We are people to whom the past is forever speaking. We listen to it because we cannot help ourselves, for the past speaks to us with many voices. Far out of that dark nowhere which is the time before we were born, men who were flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone went through fire and storm to break a path to the future. We are part of the future they died for; they are part of the past that bought the future. What they did- the lives they lived, the sacrifices they made, the stories they told and the songs they sang and, finally, the deaths they died- make up a part of our experience. We cannot cut ourselves off from it. It is as real to us as something that happened last week. It is a basic part of our heritage as Americans.”

Bruce Catton, *America Goes To War*, page 68.

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**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: Stephen Pierce, Treasurer, 8008 190 Street SW, Edmonds WA 98026-6028. Call 425-773-0097 or email: horseless8@hotmail.com

We welcome your article or research submissions for the newsletter, but they may be edited for space. The deadline for the May 2019 Washington Volunteer is Monday, April 22, 2019. Please have it in Mark Terry’s hands via email or snailmail by then. Thank you!

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