NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 9, 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, May 7, 2019.

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

RICHARD A. SAUERS WILL DISCUSS THE BOYS IN BLUE, AN ILLUSTRATED TALK ABOUT HUMOR IN THE RANKS, from privates to generals, including fights, pranks, and just plain weird stuff that went on during the war. Dr. Sauers is the author of more than two dozen books, including A Caspian Sea of Ink: The Meade-Sickles Controversy, Meade: Victor of Gettysburg, Advance the Colors! Pennsylvania Civil War Battle Flags, How to Do Civil War Research, The Fishing Creek Confederacy: A Story of Civil War Draft Resistance, William Francis Bartlett, The Burnside Expedition in North Carolina, and The National Tribune Civil War Index. Dr. Sauers is the Executive Director of the Western Museum of Mining and Industry in Colorado Springs.

The latest book edited by Richard Sauers, The National Tribune Civil War Index, is currently out of stock at Savas Beatie, the publisher. They are reprinting, and you can order the three volumes at a 10% discount by calling them at: 916-941-6896.
IMPORTANT DISPATCHES

May and Summer Birthdays
Quite a few members have birthdays in May and through the summer and we’d like to acknowledge their special day!

May
Arthur Banner
Bonnie Bray
Peter M. Coulton
Richard Dickson
Larry Johnson

Philip LeDuc
Mike Leopold
Denise Movius
Steve Murphy
Janice Olson

Steve Raymond
Stuart Streichler
Stuart Webber
Bob Woolworth, Jr.

June
Marshall Moon

July
Russell D. Hicks
Michael H. Jones
Steve Olsen

Gary Preston
Annie Terrell
Paul Timmerman

Sheila Yocum

August
Marsha Brooks
Larry Jilbert
Dana Jones

Beverly Karbowski
Greg Marshall
Amy Merkley

Dick Miller

Tremendous Response by our Membership at the Annual Auction!
By Mark R. Terry

A HUGE THANKS to all who came to the April 2019 membership meeting, donated items and made bids on the silent and live auctions! With appeals from Jeff Rombauer and Jim Dimond, who was the Auctioneer for our Live Auction, along with Mike Movius, who awarded ribbons to those who donated extra generously, the auction was a great success!!!

As of the writing of this newsletter, the total amount came to $4,855.70, and that is still not counting some pledges that were made that have not yet been fulfilled, so we may break the $5,000 level yet!

Some more members we need to thank. Steve Murphy was very helpful (and persistent) in tracking down every live auction bid winner. Treasurers Stephen Pierce and Chris McDonald did a wonderful job accounting for the monetary donations from the silent and live auctions that were being given to them throughout the evening. I am sure there are others I have left out who need to be appreciated, but THANK YOU to all of you!

This is encouraging, as it shows that you, our membership, trust and appreciate the efforts of Pat Brady to bring in outstanding speakers for each meeting. Speaking of which, Pat got what he wanted at the auction- a pecan pie- with a bid for $100 to make sure of it! The other live auction items also sold well too for the most part.

But, more than that were the donations given without anything in return save the satisfaction of helping the PSCWRT become even better. Thanks to you, we can continue to learn more and
also help educate others about the seminal event in our nation’s history - the American Civil War. See elsewhere in this newsletter the speakers and topics for the upcoming 2019-2020 season!

**Important Notice: Please take slide screen home over summer**

The Round Table owns the slide screen we use, and between meetings we store it at China Harbor. The restaurant prefers we not store it there over the entire summer, a reasonable request. A year ago, after the May 2018 meeting, Pat Brady took it home for the summer and brought it back for the September 2018 meeting. But he cannot do that after the upcoming May 9, 2019 meeting because the September 2019 speaker will fly in from out of town, and Pat will meet him at SeaTac, drive him to lodging and later to the meeting. That would mean driving to SeaTac with the slide screen in the car, and Pat does not want to park at SeaTac (or anywhere else) with a slide screen (or anything else) showing in the car. **So, we need a volunteer to take the slide screen home after the May 11, 2019 meeting and bring it to the September 12, 2019 meeting.** If you can help out, please speak to Pat at the May 11, 2019 meeting or email him at patsbrady@comcast.net. Thank you.

**NEWS AND PROJECTS**

**Upcoming Event**

**Prof. Aaron Sheehan-Dean speaks about his book *The Calculus of Violence: How Americans Fought the Civil War.***

Thursday, May 30, 2019. 3:30 to 5:00; Allen Auditorium on the UW campus

Member Phil LeDuc wrote: I'm informed by one of my friends on the UW History faculty that Prof. Aaron Sheehan-Dean of LSU will be at the UW on May 30 to give a talk based on his recent book *The Calculus of Violence: How Americans Fought the Civil War.*

The talk will be on Thursday, May 30 from 3:30 to 5:00 at Allen Auditorium on the UW campus. Allen Auditorium is on the ground floor of Allen Library, the "newer-looking" addition to Suzzallo Library.

**Puget Sound Civil War Round Table Programs 2019-2020 Season - A Preview**

Recently, VP Programming Pat Brady released the list of speakers, topics and descriptions for the 2019-2020 Season of the Puget Sound Civil War Round Table coming up this fall, **our 35th Season as an organization!**

The full descriptions will be printed in the September 2019 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. Thank you, Pat!

SEPTEMBER 12, 2019  John Reeves will discuss his book, *The Lost Indictment of Robert E. Lee: The Forgotten Case against an American Icon*

NOVEMBER 14, 2019   Amy Kinsel on the Confederate Monument Controversy

DECEMBER 12, 2019   Michael Kirschner on the mobilization of the Union Army in 1861.


FEBRUARY 13, 2020   Ethan S. Rafuse on General George B. McClellan and the Problems of Civil-Military Relations.

MARCH 12, 2020   Arthur Banner will discuss Joshua Chamberlain, hero of Little Round Top.

APRIL 9, 2020   Brian Burton on the General Fitz John Porter Controversy

MAY 14, 2020   Caroline Janney on the ways in which the Civil War generation *hoped* we would remember the war.

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

**FEATURED ARTICLES**

Book Review by Arthur Banner:  
*Civil War in the Southwest Borderlands, 1861-1867* by Andrew Masich

The book by Andrew Masich is exceedingly well researched, but so full of detail that it is easy to miss the forest through the trees. The book consists of a delineation of several important themes related to the Borderlands conflicts. The primary theme is a definition of Borderlands and a description of how this peripheral Southwestern area became a focus for conflicts and a target of Confederate hostility. A second theme was the manner by which different populations fought and how varying styles of warfare determined the outcomes. The third theme was the cause of the wars, which was complicated and hence the most difficult to come to grips with.

The designation of Borderlands is conceptual in nature referring to a place of interaction of different resident groups. For this book the Borderlands consisted of those territories on both sides of the Mexican border, including all or parts of Arizona, California, Chihuahua, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Sonora, Texas and Utah. A widely disparate group of people resided in this area, each seeking to assure their own existence. Survival depended on winning conflicts and sequestering the limited resources for their own needs. Ironically, the largest and most important conflict in the Borderlands involved not local groups with parochial concerns, but the combatants of the Civil War itself. Confederates invaded the area to assert their claim to the Southwest territories, thus provoking war with the resident Northerners. The fact that the combatants in the Borderlands lived beside one another in the same country or were related to the American Civil War accounts for the provocative title of the book.
The characteristics of the peoples of the borderlands were a key determinant of how the wars were fought and how they were won. Although they were all different, they were all united by their need to exert their manhood by military means and were thus devoted to conflict.

The Anglos were defined as English speaking people of European heritage. They fought as disciplined groups, and frequently became allied with the Hispanics and indigenous peoples. Their strength was based on their organization, communication, firearms, discipline and logistics. They were thus able to defeat the indigenous peoples and the Confederates.

The indigenous groups formed warrior societies who led both non-lethal raids for property and wars aimed at elimination of competitors. They perfected surprise, ambush and fighting-retreat tactics.

The Hispanics were the least well delineated, but were defined as Spanish speaking individuals of Spanish or mixed Spanish and Indian heritage. They seemed to be devoted to issues of manhood and honor much in the same way that characterized Anglos and the indigenous people.

The theme of overriding importance was the cause of the wars in the Borderlands. Determining the cause of wars is frequently difficult, since people seek a solitary explanation for events that are multidetermined. Lincoln attempted to explain the cause of the Civil War in his second inaugural address, but failed to do so, eventually attributing the war to the will of God. Like most wars, the Civil War had multiple causes including slavery, cultural differences and financial issues. The wars in the Borderlands were no exception, with causes including the nature of the Borderlands with its limited resources, the needs of the inhabitants and most of all the nature of aggression itself.

Sigmund Freud regarded aggression as instinctive, much in the same way that it is instinctive to seek pleasure. Freud posited that just as men needed sex, they needed conflict. Erich Fromm characterized aggression, not as a response to stimuli but as a “constantly flowing impulse rooted in the constitution of the human organism.” Conrad Lorenz proposed a hydraulic mechanism for war, i.e. tensions build until they boil over into action, often precipitated by a minimal stimulus for war or by no stimulus at all. Thus, the residents of the Borderlands were under constant aggressive tension and sought relief by seeking conflict. It is a story as old as mankind itself.

Aggression is a component of the human condition and of America in particular. Whether it is war, crime or personal confrontations, America has been immersed in aggression. America was born of aggression in the revolution, and suffered through the violence of the Civil War. George Santayana reminds us that he who forgets history is doomed to repeat it. Our history of aggression still haunts us. We recall the frequent episodes of mass shootings at schools and other public areas. We are beholden to Masich for reminding us of our forgotten story. We control aggression as we control sexuality, ambivalently but finally with conviction. We have no choice.

Veterans in Our Back Yard: More “Galvanized” Yankees
by Loretta-Marie Dimond

I admit to a fascination regarding the fellows who changed sides from gray to blue.
American west was a vast and unguarded place after the regular troops were called home to fight the war. Someone had to take their spot and help keep the peace. In wild and desolate places bearing names like Fort Rice, Dakota Territory, or Fort Douglas, Utah Territory, or Fort Missoula, Montana Territory, the regular garrisons were vacant and their ranks were filled by those who took the loyalty oath rather than remain as Federal POWs. These men were sent west deliberately. Had they engaged with Confederate troops and been captured, they faced the death penalty as deserters. There were, after all, a few things about warfare that were not civil, even in a civil war.

The situation regarding James Iddings was discussed in a previous column. Here are two more of the “galvanized” Yankees who eventually made their way to Washington.

Henry Chandler Williamson, Company D, 1st US Volunteers. He was born in Laurens County, Georgia in July 1845. He started the war in an unidentified Confederate regiment, but was captured in 1863 and taken to Point Lookout, Maryland. His Union enlistment began on 1 May 1864 and ran until 27 November 1865. As a recruit in the regiment commanded by Charles Augustus Ropes Dimon, he found himself at Fort Rice, in the middle of a Sioux uprising. Several of his fellows didn't survive the sojourn on the Great Plains (weather was a factor here) and they were buried at Fort Rice, but when the river was dammed all of their graves were relocated to the Little Big Horn's national cemetery. Henry survived the war and apparently never looked back. He came to Washington Territory. He died in Seattle on 25 March 1920; his cremated remains are buried at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Here's a real adventure for you, the “galvanized” Yankee buried at Klickitat County's Sixprong Cemetery. To get there, you'll first need to find the ghost town of Gaunt. Follow the poorly marked Sixprong road up the gulley divide to an obscure dirt road marking a section line. Follow your nose east a couple of miles, to a gate made out of barbed wire fencing. Don't forget to close it behind you, because you are on open range land. Thomas Wilson Allbritton is buried there. He was born in South Carolina in 1840. According to the Klickitat County Historical Society, he began the war as a Confederate medic, was wounded and taken prisoner at Gettysburg, and thereafter became a “galvanized” Yankee in Company C of the 1st US Volunteers. He too may have served at Fort Rice in the west. He mustered out October 1865 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Research into his military adventures is ongoing. In 1900 he was living in Iowa, and came to Washington shortly before his death (12 October 1912). He has a civilian marker. And while you're there, at least one other vet is buried at Sixprong.

The “galvanized” Yankees buried in the national and post cemeteries all have government markers showing their Federal service. Those buried in civilian cemeteries do not have, nor are they eligible for, government markers. Blame it on “statutory limitations.”

Galvanized Yankees by Dee Brown is an excellent read, and I recommend it for your summer vacation. Or any other Civil War book of your choice. Read at least one. See you in the fall.

I do love fan mail! Thanks to the eagle eyes of a loyal reader, a small potential discrepancy in my January article has been discovered, and I'd like to explore it for a moment. The posthumous adventures of the Compton and Berray families, IMHO, did not include the Comet Lodge Odd
Fellows Cemetery of south Seattle. My reader has found conflicting evidence. This gives me the opportunity to discuss one of Seattle's most maligned and neglected cemeteries.

Seattle had two cemeteries operated by the Odd Fellows: Seattle (now Mount Pleasant) and Georgetown/Graham Street/south Seattle/Comet Lodge (now an unpleasant place indeed). Before 1907 Comet Lodge was almost always called the “Georgetown IOOF Cemetery.” It had about two hundred verified burials, including several Civil War vets (see a future column).

In 1987, an individual claiming to own the Comet Lodge Cemetery hired a sewer construction company's bulldozer operator to level the cemetery. Surviving markers were pushed to the southeast corner of the property, and construction was anticipated to follow (Seattle Times, 3 May 1989). A legal battle ensued that resulted in the property coming into possession of King County. Restoration of the cemetery would be attempted, we were told, from surviving plot maps showing where the grave markers belonged, and from genealogical surveys which predated the bulldozer. To augment this effort, unspecified persons (interns, perhaps, or real estate professionals, or volunteers from the Washington State Cemetery Association) researched the early City of Seattle and King County death records for information on persons who **might have been buried** at Comet Lodge. They cast a broad net. They came up with nearly 500 names. If the death record said anything resembling “IOOF,” the record was copied. The three Comptons, Levi, Caroline, and Rowena, appear on this working list, alongside an unrelated Compton (who was positively buried at Comet Lodge, and had a stone). The working list fell into the hands of cemetery researcher Maggie Rail, who published the list, in its entirety, as persons who **were buried** at Comet Lodge (at interment.net). Other researchers copied the interment.net list and posted it to Find-a-Grave. Ms Rail passed away in 2018; the basis for her interment.net records may now be at the Washington State Archives.

I do not share the late Ms Rail's certainty. But what's interesting, if the Comptons were indeed buried at Comet Lodge, that alone would be a good reason for the exhumation. By 1937 the Comet Lodge cemetery had no maintenance and lots of vandalism. Yet the Comptons lived at 2118 Second Avenue, in the shadow of Queen Anne Hill; it's a long drive to Georgetown just to bury someone. In this Internet age there are numerous errors which take on lives of their own at the speed of light. What really matters for the Compton and Berray families is not where they were, but where they are. For the moment, I stand by my research. I intend to double-check the King County death records at the Regional Archives in Bellevue, which may have different notations. Keep looking for those primary source documents, everybody, because I've been wrong before and will be again! History is built on synthesis. It's a community effort. Discover the joy of history!

**THE LAST WORD**

**Looking Forward to Next Season as Newsletter Editor**

By Mark R. Terry

PSCWRT Board positions have two-year terms. As the VP-Editor, my responsibility is to help create each month’s newsletter, called the Washington Volunteer. Recently, I’ve been reflecting
on how long I’ve been doing this, and realized that next year will be my tenth year as editor! It occurred to me that perhaps a decade is long enough to do this.

So, at this time I’m announcing that this coming year, 2019-2020, will be my last season as the newsletter editor for the PSCWRT for the foreseeable future.

What this means is that over the course of the next season, I will be searching for candidates among our membership who would like to take this challenge on.

Along with the VP-Social Media, Mike Movius, the newsletter editor is the communication link between the board and the members. The Washington Volunteer also helps serve as the “face” of the PSCWRT to all the other CWRTs across the country and the world, so it is an important job.

Thank you, All!

Meanwhile, I want to thank all of those who, over the course of the season, helped in contributing to the newsletter. Each month our president, Jeff Rombauer, wrote up reviews of books pertaining to each month’s topic which gave added depth and also pointed to other sources for members interested in pursuing them. Loretta-Marie Dimond wrote a monthly column pertaining to Civil War veterans who moved to the PNW after the war and died here- many interesting stories plus some background into researching these veterans. Arthur Banner shared stimulating in-depth reviews on classic Civil War books and some speaker’s books from his monthly book club group. Mike Movius gave us a taste of visiting Civil War battlefields, sites and museums through his trips with the American Battlefield Trust (formerly Civil War Trust), which hopefully inspired you to do the same!

Speaking of Mike Movius, he helped me tremendously by distributing the newsletter in pdf and online formats for our members and also to other CWRTs through our website. So, basically, without Mike you would not be getting each month’s newsletter! Thank you, Mike for all of your help each month!

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. Note that the contents of each newsletter do not necessarily reflect the views of the PSCWRT. The deadline for the September 2019 Washington Volunteer is Monday, August 26, 2019. Please have it in Mark Terry’s hands via email or snailmail by then. Thank you!

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Along with those who helped with the Washington Volunteer, thanks should be given to our board of officers, listed above. Their goal is to do what is necessary to improve the Round Table and fulfill its mission.

In addition to our officers, also give a shout out of thanks to our Board Advisors listed below:

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To all PSCWRT Members:
Thank you for attending the meetings this year and being involved where you can. We are always looking for more members to “own” the Round Table and to see it continue to grow.
We look forward to your return in the fall, but meanwhile, enjoy the summer. Have fun and be safe. God bless you!