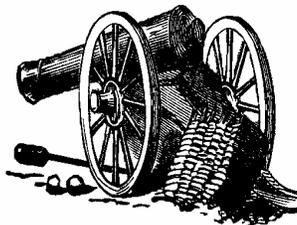


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UPCOMING ROUND TABLES

May 19th....**Richard McMurry**

The General In the Jar:

Joseph E. Johnston In Defense of Atlanta

CLARA BARTON QUOTES:

.I may be compelled to face danger but never fear it, and while our soldiers can stand and fight, I can stand and feed and nurse them.

.I may be willing to teach for nothing but if paid at all, I shall never do a man's work for less than a man's pay.



GAIL STEPHENS

-presents-

The Shadow of Shiloh: General Lew Wallace and The Civil War

April 21, 2009

6:45 PM Civic Center Library

Gail Stephens has a Bachelor's Degree in International Politics from George Washington University in Washington DC, and has done graduate work at Johns Hopkins and Harvard Universities. She worked for the Department of Defense for 26 years, retiring in 1994 as a member of the Department's Senior Executive Service. Upon retirement, she began to study the American Civil War. She volunteers at Monocacy National Battlefield near Frederick, Maryland, lectures regularly on various Civil War topics, including Monocacy, Major General Lew Wallace and the 1864 Maryland campaign, teaches courses at area colleges and gives battlefield tours. In 2002, she won the National Park Service's E.W. Peterkin award for her contributions to public understanding of Civil War history. She has written articles on Lew Wallace and the 1864 Valley campaign for several publications, including *North and South* magazine, and is currently writing a book about Lew Wallace's Civil War career, to be published by the Indiana Historical Society Press.

FROM WES' DEN.....Another good attendance: 110 who appreciated another talented speaker. My opinion is that no matter how well you knew Antietam, you positively learned more. Excellent presentation by Dave Hinze. Although we do not have our 200th member yet, a really big boost to us came from our book table. Accolades to Hank Potosky who faithfully manages this. Donations cleared \$300 at our March meeting. We need some helpers for this program. If you could take home a couple of boxes of books and bring them back for the next meeting, that would be a big help. I think Hank is the hardest working member that we have and he could use your help. As you plan historic tours, I would urge you to charge them on American Express credit cards. That way if the tour is cancelled and monies are not available for refund, American Express will reimburse you. They covered my \$3000 loss a year ago. It is the only card I know of that does that.



I remain your most obedient servant....*Wes Schmidt*

BOOK REVIEW

Don Swanson
(SCWRT Member)



The H. L. Hunley: The Secret Hope of the Confederacy by Tom Chaffin.

Published by Hill and Wang. Notes, illustrations, bibliography, index. 2008. 324 pp. \$26.00

SCWRTspeaker Rick Hatcher used Tom Chaffin's book as a source for his recent fascinating talk about the Confederate submarine *The Hunley* and a great source it is. Chaffin's book examines the background of the boat's namesake, Horace Hunley, in New Orleans through the development in Mobile, Alabama of *The Fish Boat* (the boat later took the name we know), its move to Charleston Harbor and the attack, and the ultimate recovery of the boat from the harbor floor. The on-going examination of the recovered submarine allows Chaffin to discuss much of the speculation around the boat's final moments including whether it initially survived and signaled after the attack, what actually caused the death of the crew and the now-confirmed story of crew member George Dixon's twenty-dollar gold piece.

The H.L. Hunley is written in an engaging style that moves the story rapidly along with just the right amount of detail for the reader wanting to know the story of this amazing vessel and its place in the history of naval warfare. *Highly recommended.*

Books You Might Have Missed

(older books about the Civil War that I think might be worth your time)

The Civil War: A Narrative (3 volumes) by Shelby Foote. 1986. Approximately 3000 pages. Available in trade paperback for \$78.00; other editions available.

Civil War buffs who know Shelby Foote only through his memorable appearance in the 1990 Ken Burns' PBS television series *The Civil War* are missing his timeless classic of "the war that defined a nation." While the sheer size of Foote's narrative can be intimidating, those enthusiasts willing to make the commitment will experience a novelist's lyrical touch in a non-fiction history. For those not convinced, try the Modern Library Editions of two stand-alone chapters, **Stars in their Courses: The Gettysburg Campaign** or **The Beleaguered City: The Vicksburg Campaign**. Better yet, listen to the audible versions of these that combine the author's personality and voice with his magnificent writing. *Highly Recommended.*

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

from John Bamberl (SCWRT Member)



Only 23% of the members of the Scottsdale Civil War Round Table are members of the Civil War Preservation Trust. Belonging to the CWPT is important to everyone who is interested in the Civil War and wants to preserve our national heritage. The Trust has preserved 25,000 acres of Civil War battlefields in the last eight years.

The Civil War Preservation Trust is an organization that is dedicated to the preservation of Civil War battlefields and the promotion of Civil War education in grade schools and high schools with its various education programs. Seventy-one classrooms across the United States have been adopted as members of the CWPT by generous members. It is important that we maintain and preserve the Civil War battlefields and encourage Civil War education in our schools. It is important that our own children and grandchildren can walk the field and experience the emotional empathy with the men who fought and died to make this a great nation.

The Civil War transformed a loose federation of States into a unified and confident nation that launched into the twentieth century as the world's leading economic producer and foremost democratic nation.

We need to preserve and protect this great legacy. One of the easiest ways to do this is to join and support the Civil War Preservation Trust. It is the best tax-deductible \$35 you will ever spend.

To learn more about Civil War Preservation Trust go to:
www.civilwar.org



PREVIEW OF SCWRT'S NEXT SEASON: September 2009 thru May 2010

Our super fantastic great program chairman, Mack Stanley, has another line-up for our next season that any Civil War Round Table group would envy. Mack is responsible for scheduling the speakers, making their flight and hotel reservations, picking them up at the airport and then...takes them out to dinner the night of their presentation. Most of us were still in high school when Mack took on this job!

Sept 15, 2009...Tom Cutrer
Oct 20, 2009...Terry Winschel
Nov 17, 2009...Gordon Rhea
Jan 19, 2010...Thomas Cartwright
Feb 16, 2010...Chris Kolakowski
Mar 16, 2010...Eric Mink
Apr 20, 2010...Howard Strouse
May 18, 2010...Brooks Simpson