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.Meets @ Civic Center Library

3839 N Drinkwater Blvd Scottsdale

.on the 3rd Tuesday of the month

6:45 PM—8:45 PM

.September thru May

.\$35 Annual Dues (individual)

.\$45 Annual Dues (family)

.Everyone Welcome

DALE PHILLIPS

presents-

The Battles of Baton Rouge and Port Hudson

November 16, 2010

6:45 PM

Civic Center Library



Obtaining his BA degree in American History from York College of Pennsylvania in 1978, Dale Phillips began his career with the National Park Service as an interpreter at Gettysburg National Military Park in 1976.

He has served as a ranger at Fort Sumter National Monument, the supervisory ranger/historian at Chickamauga/Chattanooga National Military Park and unit manager of the Chalmette Unit of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park.

Currently the superintendent of the George Rogers Clark National Historical Park in Vincennes, Indiana, Dale leads battlefield tours for the Civil War Educational Association, the Blue and Gray Educational Association and the Delta Steamboat Company.

DID YOU KNOW?

.Sickness accounted for a full 1/3 of all casualties in the Civil War. The 12th Connecticut Regiment entered the war with a compliment of 1,000 men. Before it entered its first engagement, sickness had reduced its strength to 600 able bodied soldiers.

.Fully armed, a soldier carried about seven pounds of ammunition. His cartridge box contained 40 rounds and an additional 60 rounds might be conveyed in the pocket if an extensive battle was anticipated.



FROM WES' DEN.....Everyone (112 attendance) who came to Jack Thomson's picture presentation on Fort Sumter must feel like they have really been there. Great tour. You might give some thought to visiting Fort Sumter on April 12, 2011. It is going to be a real blast! We may be able to bring him back sometime to tell and show us about the recover of articles from a blockade runner wreck. That would be a real show & tell. At our meeting, some memberships were paid and over \$200 was donated for our books and magazines. Thank you for your continuing support. Battlefield land is getting scare and of course pricy. Next year the 150th anniversary celebrations begin. Commemoration stamps, coins and events will encourage a real wave of Civil War interest. I will keep you informed.



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

UPCOMING ROUND TABLES

Dec 14, 2010... Christmas Party
members only...invitations will be mailed

Jan 18, 2011...Ed Bearss
*Well Known Myths & Little Known Facts
About The Civil War*

Feb 15, 2011...Brad Greenberg
*Mary Chestnut: A Personal View of The
Recent Unpleasantness*

Mar 15, 2011...Lesley Gordon
*So Much Suffering: The 16th Connecticut
Volunteers in War & Memory*

Apr 19, 2011...Frank O'Reilly
*The Liberty Hall Volunteers:
Stonewall Jackson's
College Boys*



May 17, 2011...Brian Wills
*My Dancing Days Are Over:
William Dorsey Pender & The Civil War*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Scottsdale Civil War Round Table needs volunteers to continue to make our organization the best. The Membership Committee Chairperson is Dr. John

Bamberl, who would welcome some help to expand our membership. Anyone with experience in public relations? ...we really need to get the word out there about our great group. A Chairperson is needed as well as committee members. Please contact Karen Becraft 480-991-2668 or through our website: www.scottsdalecwrtable.vze.com

SCWRT'S BOOK & MAGAZINE TABLE

Don't forget to stop by the book & magazine table that member, Hank Potosky handles. Books & magazines are donated by members. Hank manages it all and displays them at each meeting. All donations go to Civil War preservation .



SOUTH FROM THE NORTH WOODS

Civil War Blog Site by James Rosebrock
southfromthenorthwoods.blogspot.com

Quotations About
General James Ewell Brown Stuart

"He was noble and true, but his inner life was one of the purest and most exalted I have ever known."

"He told me he never expected to live through the war, and that if we were conquered, he did not want to live."

"generous to a fault, genial and vivacious in spirit"

"The greatest cavalryman ever foaled in America."

"His rare genius, heightened spirit, indifference to danger, indefatigable energy, wonderful endurance in the saddle, supreme coolness in action, and enthusiastic devotion to the cause in which he offered up his life are too well known, and form too large a part of 'the history of the times' for me to dwell on them here."

"I never met a more interesting and charming young man. He is very musical and sang many songs with Virginia and Vic."

"Stuart's fondness for the use of artillery was almost excessive."

"He led almost everything...Perpetual activity was a necessity of his existence."

"Never have I seen such a magnificent looking soldier. Faultlessly dressed, grandly mounted, with long, silky auburn locks curling beneath his plumed hat."

"Stuart was as ambitious as Caesar, was as full of dash as he was ambitious. He always took special care of himself."

THE BIRDS AND THE BEASTS

Friends and Mascots of Civil War Soldiers

by
Mary Jane Baetz
SCWRT Member

A loyal and loving pet is a great companion, so it is not unusual that soldiers took their pets with them or adopted one while they were at war. The soldiers loved dogs not only for their companionship but also because they could be trained to forage for food, carry supplies, and search for dead and wounded.

Sallie, a Brindle Bull Terrier, was the mascot of the 11th Pennsylvania Infantry. Adopted as a pup, she marched into battle, barking furiously at the enemy, and took it upon herself to stand guard over the dead and wounded. So beloved was Sallie that a small bronze statue of her rests at the base of a monument dedicated to the 11th Pennsylvania Infantry at Gettysburg. Visitors often leave dog biscuits there in memory of Sallie.

Jack, also a Bull Terrier, was the mascot of the 102nd Pennsylvania Infantry. He followed his regiment into battles in the Wilderness campaigns. Captured twice, Jack was considered so valuable that he was once exchanged for a Confederate soldier.

The 69th New York adopted two Irish Wolfhounds as their regimental mascot which they clad in green coats bearing the number "69" in gold letters. The dogs marched immediately behind the Regimental Color Guard. The wolfhound was also depicted on the regiment's coat of arms.

George Custer not only had his dog with him, but at one time gleefully captured a raccoon and squirrel from a Confederate officer. He later wrote to his wife that the critters would soon be added to his menagerie at home.

Soldiers adopted all sorts of other species too. A fine feathered rooster named Jake was the beloved mascot of the Confederate 3rd Tennessee regiment. He gave the Federal soldiers a good heckling when they captured Fort Donelson.

General Robert E. Lee befriended a hen who liked to sleep beneath his cot. She rewarded Lee with a fresh egg each morning during his Pennsylvania campaign.

The 12th Wisconsin Volunteers had a tame bear that marched with them all the way to Missouri, while the

26th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry had a badger as a mascot.

The 3rd Louisiana CSA, had a donkey who insisted on mistaking an officer for his original owner. Each night the donkey would push into the commander's tent and try to sleep with him.

A camel named "Old Douglas" joined up with the 43rd Mississippi, which soon became known as the "Camel Regiment". The camel had the same duties as the horses including transporting baggage to and from the Officers' mess. He was typically tied up in between duties but it didn't take long for Douglas to break every rope and chain he was tied with. One time he broke loose and, dragging a fence post behind him, ran through a field of grazing horses; needless to say, he caused a stampede of the terrified horses.

During the Siege of Vicksburg, Union sharpshooters were ordered to shoot Old Douglas. They did, but soon sharpshooters from the 43rd Mississippi killed the Union soldiers in retaliation. Today, the remains of Old Douglas lie in an honored place in the Vicksburg Cemetery.



"Old Abe" and Wisconsin soldiers

Perhaps the most famous of all the animals was "Old Abe", a female bald eagle. Captured by Chief Sky near the Chippewa River in Wisconsin, she was traded early on and then eventually sold for \$2.50 to the 8th Wisconsin Company C.

"Old Abe" had her own personal handlers and a special perch for her to ride on when the men went to battle. During the fighting she would soar high above the battlefield screeching her war cry and spreading her wings against the enemy. She survived the din and smoke of 36 battles and 50 skirmishes in all! Confederate troops called her the "Yankee Buzzard"



and tried to capture her, but did not succeed. In fact, she was held in such high regard that even General Grant and General Sherman were known to have tipped their hats to her.

Old Abe lived until 1881, long after the war ended, but died of smoke inhalation in a fire in Wisconsin's State Capitol Building. Today she is memorialized in a full-size replica displayed in that building and also has a place in the Vicksburg National Military Park high atop the Wisconsin Memorial.

Today, her legend lives on even more remarkably with the 101st Airborne Division of the United States Army. Known as the "Screaming Eagles", the Division's insignia depicts a fierce, screaming bald eagle on a black background. The Screaming Eagle is none other than "Old Abe".



101st Airborne Division insignia: the "Screaming Eagle"

Confederate Trivia Richmond, Virginia

1. *What was the date of the famous bread riot in Richmond?*
2. *Name two other prisons located in Richmond.*
3. *Name the lady who ran Richmond's Chimborazo Hospital.*
4. *Name the Southern prison located in a warehouse in Richmond.*
5. *What fortress defended Richmond against a naval attack up the James?*
6. *On what date did the Confederate government abandon the capital?*
7. *Name the cemetery in Richmond where many famous Confederates are buried.*
8. *What Confederate general first defended the Southern capital?*
9. *Name the river that flows through Richmond.*
10. *What was Richmond's population in 1860?*

1. April, 1863 2. Castle's Lightning and Thunder 3. Phoebe Yates Pember 4. Libby Prison 5. Fort Darling/Drewry's Bluff 6. April 2, 1865 7. Hollywood Cemetery 8. Joseph E. Johnston 9. James River 10. 37,910

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO PLAN YOUR RETIREMENT !!

If you qualify and meet the requirements, you can live in the Confederate Old Soldiers Home in Higginsville, Missouri. Or rather, you used to be able to.

All ex-Confederate soldiers and sailors were eligible if they had served honorably during the War and were of good character but had to be indigent and infirm or were permanently disabled in the Missouri State Guards.

Insane persons, habitual drunkards, persons suffering with cancerous affections or contagious disease were not welcome and according to the rules..would not be admitted under any circumstances.

The Confederate Soldiers Home of Missouri opened in 1891 and provided refuge to more than 1600 veterans, wives, children and widows for nearly 60 years. The very last of these former rebel soldiers, John T. Graves, died at the home in 1950 at the age of 108. He is buried along side 800 other's in the site's cemetery. Visitors today can venture to the location of the former buildings and stroll through the restored 106 year old chapel and cemetery. There is also a 135 acre memorial park.



**Confederate Soldier's Home
(courtesy of Missouri State Archives)**