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.on the 3rd Tuesday of the month
6:45 PM—8:45 PM

.September thru May
.\$25 Annual Dues (Due every Sept)
.\$35 Annual Dues for Mr & Mrs.
.Everyone Welcome

DID YOU KNOW?

.Although negative feelings about Britain ran high in the U.S. during the “Trent Affair”, in the aftermath of the death of Queen Victoria’s husband, Prince Albert, in December 1861, despite the threat of war between the two powers, flags in New York and several other cities were lowered to half-staff in recognition of his efforts to defuse the crisis.

.When his troops cheered as they prepared to go into action on July 2, Confederate Lieutenant General James Longstreet replied, “Cheer less, men, fight more!”

.Arriving by ship in San Francisco in 1853, at the height of the “Gold Rush”, Brevet Second Lieutenant John B. Hood and several other young officers decided to hire a carriage to take them to their hotel, until they discovered that the fare would be \$20, about ten days’ pay, whereupon they opted to walk.



The Trent

Throughout his travels in 22 countries and 48 states, Howard Strouse has always been interested in how things evolved and how our country grew and protected itself. A native of Ohio, he completed his undergraduate work at Columbia College and University of Missouri, majoring in Criminal Justice with a minor in history, Master’s in Criminal Justice and Law, another in History and Government. Following tours in the Far East and Germany for the U.S. Army Intelligence Center, he resigned from the military to begin a career as a federal Special Agent with the Department of Defense. Mr. Strouse has given presentations at universities, civil war round tables, libraries, social and fraternal organizations, history seminars and events. He is a Civil War re-enactor, portraying General Alpheus Williams (and sometimes, when his weight is trimmed, General George Meade). He is a member of the General Staff of the Blue and The Gray, an organization of individuals that portray various Civil War generals. He is a member and past General-in-Chief of the Columbus Ohio Civil War Round Table, and a member of two others, as well as our own, SCWRT. A topic we’ve not heard before at our Round Table, The Trent Affair was a diplomatic incident when British mail ship, *The Trent*, carrying two Confederate commissioners was halted by a Union ship and the Confederate diplomats were arrested.

You won’t want to miss it !

HOWARD STROUSE

-presents-

The Trent Affair: Lincoln Dodged A Bullet

February 19, 2008

6:45 PM

Civic Center Library



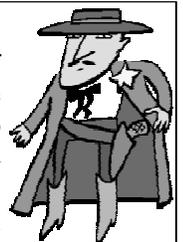
FROM WES’ DEN...

Judging by the January meeting with Ed Bearss, we are off to a great start. Our attendance was 129 and several people joined. As a card holding senior citizen, I was very happy to see Ed continuing his busy schedule with the same old strength and power. May he live 1000 years!

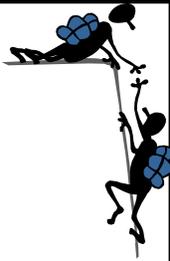
We have some needs for each of you to consider. Several people have called me concerning a meeting that they will miss and asking if anyone records each speaker? I need a volunteer to do this task. Jim Schlicke has handled our book table and publicity for a bunch of years and he would appreciate a replacement. We also need someone to show a VCR/film strip at every meeting, from 6:15 to 6:45pm. We always use to do this. Volunteers, please come forward, we need your help.

April is coming and that means officers will be elected again. If you have a desire to run, please declare yourself. If you have recently attended an out of state seminar, I would be happy to have you tell our audience what it was and if it was well done. Your report would be well received. Please call me and let me know if you would do this. As always, I urge you to donate and buy books/magazines from our table.

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



SCWRT NEEDS YOUR HELP !



Scottsdale Civil War Round Table is in need of volunteers to fill two positions:

- .Publicity/Membership Chairman
- .Managing Book Table

Publicity / Membership Chairman

In need of an outgoing individual who will promote SCWRT to the Snowbird RV Parks, Scottsdale & Tempe Libraries, Senior Citizen Centers (and any where else you can think of) by way of a meeting flyer that is provided for you.

Calling, e-mailing & working with newspapers in the Valley to print information about us and our meetings / speakers schedules.

Whoever steps forward to take this on would be responsible for getting the word out about us and to recruit new members.

There are two SCWRT members who have offered to assist you on this committee...

Dr. John Bamberl & Don Swanson who are presently waging a mailing campaign to Civil War Preservation Trust Members (with an Arizona address) to see if they would like to become SCWRT members.

We now have 140 SCWRT members and with a little extra work, we could double that figure. As Member, Mack Stanley quipped..."wouldn't it be something to have to get there early in order to get a seat !" Let's have that problem. Please step forward and say you will chair this committee !

Managing Book Table

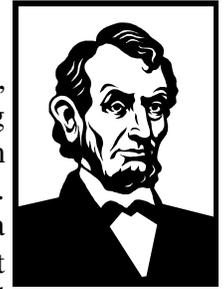
The Book Table at the meetings is a great way for our group to raise money from donated materials.

Jim Schlicke has done a fine job of this for many years and now seeks a replacement.

You would be responsible to manage the table, collect any monies donated and taking home any unsold items to bring back again to the next meeting.

Please say you will take a turn at this!

Lincoln, About Lee



On the morning of April 14, 1865, as Abraham Lincoln was having breakfast in the White House, his son Robert came down to join him. Robert, who had been serving as a captain on Grant's staff, was just from Appomattox, where he had witnessed the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia. The young man had a photograph of Robert E. Lee in his hand, which he passed to his father. Lincoln gazed at the image for a few minutes, saying nothing. Then he spoke, "It is a good face; it is the face of a noble, brave man. I am glad the war is over at last."

That was Lincoln's last morning.

WHO SAID THIS?

"We fought Great Britain in 1812 for insisting on the right to do precisely what Captain Wilkes has done."

(answer at bottom of this page)



UPCOMING ROUND TABLES

Mar 18th...Jack Thomson...*Photographs Of Charleston, S.C. During The Civil War*

Apr 15th...Michael Kauffman...*The American Brutus*

May 20th...Frank O'Reilly...*Lee: Marching Out Of Step - From Lexington To Greatness*

Abraham Lincoln in regards to the "Trent Affair"