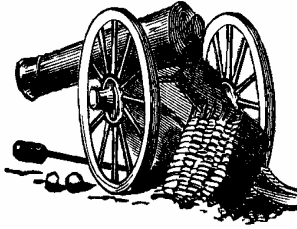


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.on the 3rd Tuesday of the month

6:45 PM—8:45 PM

.September thru May

.\$35 Annual Dues (Due every Sept)

.\$45 Annual Dues for families

.Everyone Welcome

## ED BEARSS

-presents-

### *Six Civil War Military Figures Who Made A Real Difference*

January 13, 2009

6:45 PM

Civic Center Library



One of the country's foremost Civil War Historians, who is described as a "walking encyclopedia" of the Civil War, Ed Bearss was with the U.S. National Park Service for 40 years. A U.S. Marine Corps veteran of World War II, he is known for his work on the American Civil War and is a celebrated tour guide, lecturer and authority on all aspects of our Civil War. U.S. Park Historian Emeritus, he is the author of 15 books about the Civil War and the American West, and was a featured historian in the Ken Burns documentary *The Civil War* and in the A&E series *Civil War Journal*. He has received many awards (including the Bruce Catton Award and the Distinguished Service Award from the Department of the Interior). The Civil War Preservation Trust has also created The Ed Bearss Award for Achievements In Historic Preservation, and made him the first recipient in 2001. This is a "not to be missed" program.

## Volunteer Needed

SCWRT needs a publicity chairperson. We are trying to hit our goal of 200 members and need someone who would be interested in helping this fine organization do just that! We need to get the "word out" about our group and the fine programs that are offered. Please contact Wes Schmidt if you are interested at 480-391-1813.



FROM WES' DEN.....The third Tuesday of December was a rare Arizona bad day. The cold rain really reduced the attendance at the Christmas party but those that came were well rewarded. Some very special museum quality items shown were: a \$1.00 CSA bill with "This was removed from a dead rebel at the Battle of the Wilderness", written on the back and signed; a "dog tag" of a 5th Vermont soldier KIA at the Wilderness, with personal and family background; a collection of GAR medals and an envelope mailed May 11, 1862, with a CSA #1 stamp on it. Actually not a museum in the U.S. could match this showing! (I am not kidding.)

Ed Bearss will be here for this ninth yearly appearance. It is a joy to see this amazing man who always presents our history heritage so well.

We have not hit our 200 paid membership yet, but we are so very close. If just a few of you would induce a history friend to join, we would finally accomplish this goal. Our ROUNDTABLE is in good shape and the new year will bring more great programs. Remember that dues, donations and book purchases from our table are tax deductible. Our quality programs deserve your support.

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

Book Reviews  
by  
Don Swanson  
(SCWRT Member)



**Looking for Lincoln: The Making of an American Icon**

by Philip B. Kunhardt III, Peter W. Kunhardt and Peter W. Kunhardt, Jr. Published by Alfred A. Knopf. Notes, illustrations, index, credits. 2008. 494 pp. \$50.00

Considering the flood of books about Lincoln that are reaching bookstore shelves this season (with plenty more serious works coming soon) do you really need another that retails for \$50? This book, the sequel to the Kunhardts' **Lincoln: An Illustrated Biography** published in 1992, examines how the memory of this president developed from his assassination to the death of his only surviving son, Robert, in 1926. This lavish volume containing over 900 photos and illustrations uses the memories and perspectives of hundreds of people ranging from those closest to him to those who had only a passing contact with the man who would become the presidential icon. The authors' book is in an easy-to-read format of short 1-2 page sections that contain topics as diverse as the deaths of his cabinet members to the destiny of his dog, Fido.

**Looking for Lincoln** is the book for anyone with just a passing interest in the Lincoln mystique or for the Lincolnophile who believes he has read it all before. Either should find this beautiful book both entertaining and enlightening – even for \$50.

**Causes Won, Lost, & Forgotten: How Hollywood And Popular Art Shape What We Know About The Civil War**

by Gary W. Gallagher. Published by The University of North Carolina Press. Notes, index. 2008. 274 pp. \$28.00

Gary Gallagher has written or edited many excellent books on the Civil War including analysis of Union and Confederate leadership, the development of the image of Robert E. Lee, and battles as varied as Antietam, the Wilderness, and the Shenandoah Valley. His latest book is a departure from those looks at the personalities and campaigns of the war and instead analyzes how the war has been depicted in film and art. Gallagher uses four traditions he identifies as the Lost Cause, Union Cause, Emancipation Cause, and Reconciliation Cause Traditions to explore the manner in which these movies and paintings both reflected and influenced thinking of the time. While this analysis may appeal to some Civil War enthusiasts with a specific interest in this area, broad appeal is doubtful.

**BOOKS YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED**

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

**Jesse James: Last Rebel of the Civil War** by T.J. Stiles. 2002. Originally published in hardcover for \$27.50. Available in trade paperback for \$16.95.

The “Robin Hood” bandit period of Jesse James’s life has received far greater attention of authors than his activities during the savage fighting in a divided Missouri during the Civil War. In his meticulously-researched book, author T.J. Stiles describes why James’s actions during that Civil War period qualify him to be labeled a true terrorist. A 2002 New York Times review said that the book “...is so carefully researched, persuasive and illuminating that it is likely to reshape permanently our understanding of its subject’s life and times.” Anyone interested in the intensely fought, personal Civil War in Missouri and Kansas will find an excellent read here. Highly recommended.

Don Swanson, SCWRT Member

**THIS MONTH IN THE CIVIL WAR**

**JANUARY 1862, THE UNION ARMY WINS A VICTORY AT THE BATTLE OF MILL SPRINGS , KENTUCKY , GIVING THE UNION ARMY CONTROL OVER THE EASTERN PART OF THE STATE.**

**JANUARY 1863, PRESIDENT LINCOLN RELEASES THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION.**

**JANUARY 1864, GENERAL ROSENCRANS RELIEVES GENERAL SCHOFIELD AS COMMANDER OF MISSOURI.**

**JANUARY 1865, THE 13<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION ABOLISHING SLAVERY IS PASSED AND SENT TO THE STATES FOR RATIFICATION. FORT FISHER, NORTH CAROLINA , THE LAST REBEL PORT, FALLS TO UNION FORCES.**

Lincoln Quote of the Day

- Determine that the thing can and will be done and then we shall find the way.
- We live in the midst of alarms; anxiety besounds the future; we expect some new disaster with each newspaper we read.
- Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves and under a just God can not long retain it.



**UPCOMING ROUND TABLES**

- 02/17... **Craig Symonds** - *Lincoln and The Navy*
- 03/17... **Dave Hinze** - *Artillery Hell: A Study of Artillery at the Battle of Antietam*
- 04/21... **Gail Stephens** - *The Shadow of Shiloh: General Lew Wallace and The Civil War*
- 05/19... **Richard McMurry** - *The General In the Jar: Joseph E. Johnston In Defense of Atlanta*