



# THE GRAPESHOT

## PRESIDENT

Dr. John Bamberl 480-699-5844

## VICE PRESIDENT:

Shelly Dudley

## SECRETARY / GRAPESHOT

Karen Becraft 480-991-2668

## TREASURER

Charles Madigan

## PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

Don Swanson

## BOARD MEMBERS (thru 5/2015)

Henry Potosky & Don Swanson

## BOARD MEMBERS (thru 5/2016)

Dean Becraft, Paul Knouse  
George Mitchell, Bill Spoehr,  
Bill Toombs, Cal Thompson

## COMMITTEES

Book Table: Henry Potosky  
Editorial: Karen Becraft  
Finance: Paul Knouse  
Historical: Shelly Dudley  
Membership: John Bamberl  
Program: Don Swanson  
Public Relations: John Bamberl  
Student Task Force: Bill Toombs  
Webmaster: Mitch McDanell

.meets @

Scottsdale Civic Center Library  
(Auditorium)  
3839 N Drinkwater Blvd  
Scottsdale AZ

3rd Tuesday of the month  
September thru May  
(no meeting December)  
6:40 PM - 8:45 PM

\$35 Annual Dues (individual)  
\$45 Annual Dues (family)

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

[www.scottsdalecwrt.org](http://www.scottsdalecwrt.org)

mailing address:  
SCWRT  
#274

7349 N Via Paseo Del Sur Ste 515  
Scottsdale AZ 85258-3749

e-mail: [scwrtwebmaster@yahoo.com](mailto:scwrtwebmaster@yahoo.com)



## ED BEARSS

ANOTHER EVENING WITH

ED BEARSS:

YOUR QUESTIONS

ANSWERED

January 20, 2015

6:40 PM

Scottsdale Civic Center Library  
(Auditorium)

How fortunate is the Scottsdale Civil War Round Table to have the pleasure of the U.S. Park Historian, Emeritus and the foremost Civil War historian on the planet back for another question and answer session!

“The Civil War Walking Encyclopedia”... better known as Ed Bearss is always a must attend meeting. This U.S. Marine Corps veteran of World War II is a speaker much in demand and has a busy schedule leading tours of historic battlefields. The Civil War Trust created the Edwin C. Bearss Lifetime Achievement Award for achievements in historic preservation and made him the first recipient in 2001. Don't miss this legend!

## 12 - POUNDER NAPOLEAN

by John Bamberl

The twelve-pound cannon “Napoleon” was the most popular smoothbore cannon used during the Civil War. It was named after Napoleon III of France and was widely admired because of its safety, reliability, and killing power especially at close range. In Union Ordnance manuals it was referred to as the “light 12-pounder gun” to distinguish it from the heavier and longer 12 pounder gun (which was virtually unused in field service). It did not reach America until 1857. It was the last cast bronze gun used by an American army.

Confederate Napoleons were produced in at least six variations. The cannon could shoot a 12.3 pound projectile 1619 yards at a velocity of 1440 ft/sec. In early 1863 Robert E. Lee sent nearly all of the Army of Northern Virginia’s bronze 6-pounder guns to Tredegar Iron Works in Richmond to be melted down and recast as Napoleons. Copper for casting bronze pieces became increasingly scarce for the Confederacy throughout the war and became acute in November 1863 when the Ducktown copper mines near Chattanooga were lost to Union forces. Casting of bronze Napoleons by the Confederacy ceased and in January of 1864 Tredegar began producing iron Napoleons.



(photo taken at Manassas)



### UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Feb 17: William Shea...  
*The Pea Ridge Campaign*
- Mar 17: Anne Marshall...*Facts Get Forgotten: Kentuckians Remember the Civil War*
- Apr 21: Thomas Cartwright...  
*Humor In The Civil War*
- May 19: Frank O'Reilly...*Grinding, Relentless War: The Overland Campaign of 1864*

---

### WELCOME ALL NEW MEMBERS TO SCWRT!

*members joining from November 2014 to present date:*

Chris DeRose  
Phil Douglis  
Cynthia Phillips  
Daniel Tumolo  
Sharon & George Ehrlich  
Michael Harris  
Ray Eynon  
Jacob Eynon  
Emmerseno Jake  
Robert Daudet  
D L Jones

---

Ed Bearss' books: Volume 1 & 2 of “The Petersburg Campaign” will be raffled off at January’s meeting. Be sure and come early for a good seat!