

The Grapeshot

Newsletter

February 2025



The Scottsdale Civil War
Roundtable welcomes

Alex Rossino

presenting

Calamity at Frederick:
Robert E. Lee,
Special Orders No. 191,
and Confederate Misfortune
on the Road to Antietam

Scottsdale Civic Center
Library

Copper Auditorium

February 18, 2025

6:00 pm

Doors open at 5:00 pm for
social hour, meet the
speaker, book sale, and
Civil War Video

Join the meeting on YouTube

<https://youtube.com/live/U-K2fQW02EA?feature=share>

Follow us on [Facebook](#)

Scottsdale Civil War Roundtable. Inc.

501 (c) (3) non profit Corporation , Founded 1978

Table of Contents

Page 3	About Our Speaker: Alex Rossino
Page 4	Upcoming Programs
Page 5	President's Letter
Page 6	Officers, Board, and Committees
Page 7	Photos
Page 9	Laurie Frazier Manifold Art
Page 10	Scottsdale's Namesake Founder Was A "Fighting Parson" During the Civil War" by Richard Cox
Page 12	This Month in Civil War History
Page 13	Trivia Questions
Page 14	TALL, HONEST, LONELY – PORTRAIT OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN
Page 18	Arizona Civil War Council
Page 19	Wild Bunch Film Festival
Page 20	Discussion Group
Page 21	Neighboring Roundtables
Page 22	Membership Form
Page 23	Other Online Opportunities
Page 24	Trivia Answers

About Our Speaker

Alex Rossino



On Tuesday, February 18, 2025, the Scottsdale Civil War Roundtable will host historian and author, Dr. Alex Rossino. A resident of western Maryland, Dr. Alex Rossino is an independent historian and author. He earned Master's and Doctoral degrees in History at Syracuse University before working for nine years as an historian at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC. Dr. Rossino turned his attention to the American Civil War in 2011 and, after several years of research, he produced **Six Days in September: A Novel of Lee's Army in Maryland, September 1862**. The book proved to be popular among historians and enthusiasts alike, leading to a sequel titled **The Guns of September: A Novel of McClellan's Army in Maryland, September 1862**. His most recent work of history is entitled **Calamity at Frederick: Robert E. Lee, Special Orders No. 191, and Confederate Misfortune on the Road to Antietam** (October 2023), completed his in-depth study of the Lost Orders saga from the Confederate perspective

Alex Rossino's lecture will focus on the loss of Special Orders No. 191 (as well as No. 190!). "There is probably no other document in the history of the American Civil War with which even casual readers are so familiar." Lost outside of Frederick City, Maryland, and discovered by a soldier of the 27th Indiana regiment, these Lost Orders provided General George B. McClellan with the one piece of information he needed to stymie the Confederate's hopes of attacking Maryland and potentially surrounding the capital. In this lecture, Dr. Rossino will make a case for the identify of the Confederate messenger that lost the orders as well as the precise location where they were found.

Topic: Scottsdale Civil War Roundtable,
February 18, 2025 Time: 6:00 PM Arizona

Join the meeting on YouTube
<https://youtube.com/live/U-K2fQW02EA?feature=share>

Scottsdale Civil War Round Table Speakers & Programs September 2024 -May 2025

- Feb 18: **Alex Rossino** “Calamity at Frederick: Robert E Lee, Special Orders No. 191, and Confederate Misfortune on the Road to Antietam”
- March 19: **Chris Mackowski** “Civil War Monuments and Memory”
Meeting has changed from Tuesday to Wednesday.
- April 15: **Zach Foster** "Confederate Territory of Arizona”
- May 20: **Terry Pierce** “Thundering Courage: Union Boy Generals in the Gettysburg Campaign”

GENTLE REMINDERS

- *Members, please remember to wear your name badges to our meetings. It helps us to remember you and for others to get to know you.*
- *New members, please stop by the welcome desk to pick up your name badges and welcome tote bags!*

Letter from our President

Mark Stoler



Well, January was quite an eventful month for the Roundtable. Unfortunately, Gary Gallagher could not make it as he was forced to evacuate his Los Angeles home. The good news is that Dr Gallagher's home is intact and undamaged and we are working to reschedule him for a future season. Much thanks to Don Frazier, who was able to come on short notice and gave an outstanding talk.

We also learned Harold Holzer will not be able to join us in April but have found Zach Foster, a talented newcomer, to speak that month. His talk will be on the "Confederate Territory of Arizona," a topic touched on by some prior speakers but this will be the first time we've had a speaker devoted solely to this subject.

On February 12, the Roundtable will be making its second annual appearance at the Scottsdale Senior Expo & Trade Show, held at the Center for the Performing Arts, very close to the Civic Center Library. On February 15 and 16, the Annual VNSA Used Book Fair will be held at the Arizona State Fair Grounds. The VNSA has a Civil War section and, for the first time, browsers will find Roundtable rack cards there. We hope some more people in the area will become aware of our group. On the 22nd and 29th, the Roundtable will be providing several judges for the National History Day competitions held in the East and West Valleys by the Arizona Historical Society.

In this issue of the Grapeshot, don't miss the information on the Civil War encampment at Picacho Peak on March 22-23. The event, organized by the Arizona Civil War Council, should be fun and informative. I'll be attending one of the days.

Reminder: We've changed the date of our March 2025 meeting from Tuesday, March 18 to Wednesday, March 19 to avoid traffic and parking problems with a Giants spring training game.

Please drop a note to me at stolerscwrt@gmail.com on any of the topics mentioned here, if you have any suggestions or comments about the Roundtable, or if you have photos and stories you would like to share in the Grapeshot. Look forward to hearing from you.

2024-25 Roundtable Officers, Board, & Committees

President: Mark Stoler (203)645-1387; stolerscwrt@gmail.com)
Vice President: Richard Cox
Treasurer: Bruce Washburn
Secretary: Hal Bliss

(All Officers serve until 5/31/2025)

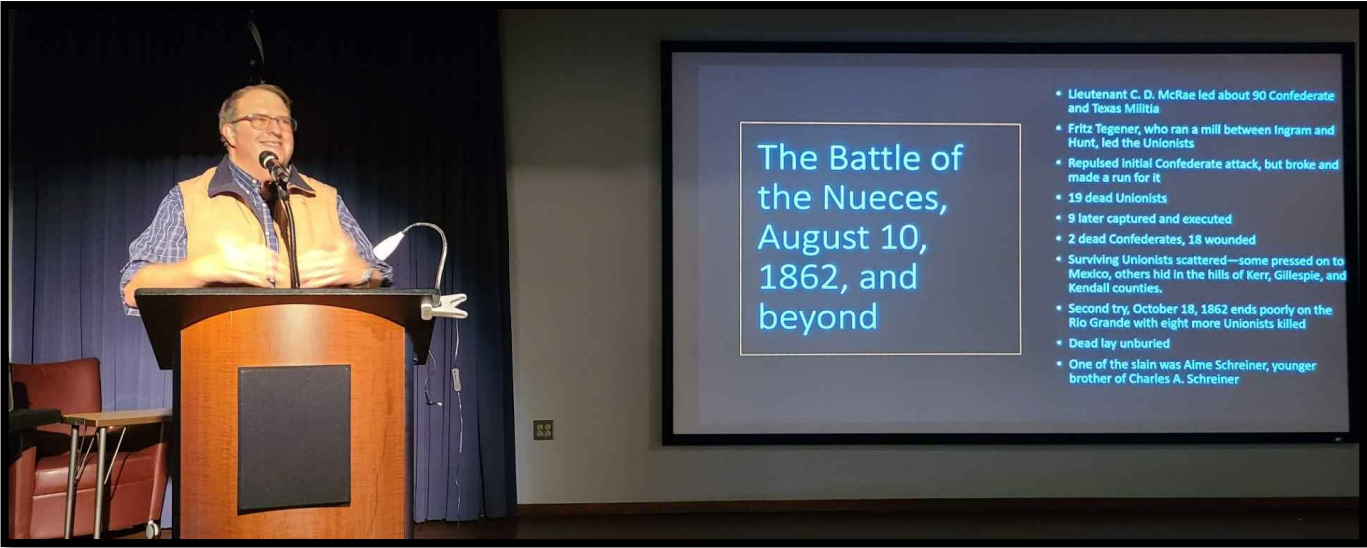
Board Members

John Bamberl (President Emeritus), Jim Payne, Jo Roberts, Cheri Stegall, Tom Merrill, John Taylor, Pat Toftoy

Committees

Program:	John Taylor, Cheri Stegall
Grapeshot:	Richard Cox
Greeters:	John Bamberl, Jim Payne
History:	Richard Cox
News Media:	Jo Roberts
Social Media:	John Bamberl
Event Support & YouTube:	Tom Merrill
Book Sale:	Pat Toftoy
Membership:	Mark Stoler, Cheri Stegall

Photos from February meeting



Above: January speaker Donald S. Frazier



Above and below: Members socializing before the meeting



SCWRT had a good day at Mesa Marketplace with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



Left to Right: Jim Payne, Mark Stoler, Mike Booth (SUVCW), John Bamberl on bugle, Scott Martorano (SUVCW), Ken Hooker (SUVCW), Bob Cox (SUVCW). Roundtable member Richard Trujillo was also present.





This Scottsdale Roundtable logo is by Laurie Frazier Manifold, a long time Roundtable member and talented graphic designer. When Laurie surprised us with this amazing work, we wanted to share it with all our members. Thank you so much, Laurie!

SCOTTSDALE'S NAMESAKE FOUNDER WAS A "FIGHTING PARSON" DURING THE CIVIL WAR

© 2025 Richard P. Cox. All rights reserved.

He was a Baptist minister and could have volunteered for the Union army as a chaplain. But because he had seen his church split over the issue of slavery and fervently believed in preserving the Union, he was determined to play a more active role. Although he had just been ordained a clergyman, he took a leave of absence from his congregation and recruited a regiment of volunteers. Thus, Reverend Winfield Scott became Captain Scott, Company C of the 126th New York Volunteer Infantry.

His regiment first saw battle on September 15, 1862, at Harper's Ferry in the prelude to Antietam. Scott was wounded but refused to leave the battlefield until loss of blood caused him to lose consciousness. His uniform carried five bullet holes.

He was taken prisoner but soon paroled. He went home to recover but begged to return to duty. His regiment was then assigned to the Second Corps of the Army of the Potomac prior to Gettysburg.

On Day Two at Gettysburg, his regiment was cut to pieces in the infamous Wheatfield, and Scott lost a third of his men. He was wounded twice on the final day of the battle. The 126th New York received the third highest casualties of any regiment at Gettysburg.

Captain Scott assumed command of the 126th as the Army of the Potomac moved south under Grant in 1864. Scott was leading a charge at Spotsylvania when he was wounded in the chest, but the force of the bullet was spent by the Bible he carried in his pocket. He was back in command of this troops the next day, but five days later he was wounded again by an artillery shell while charging Confederate breastworks that ripped off part of his upper leg. He was left for dead, but rose up and demanded to be taken to a field hospital. One of his soldiers carried him from the field.

When Scott's wife learned of his condition, she was at first refused permission to go to him. But she managed to get a private meeting with President Lincoln, who wrote her a pass to join her husband and take him home.



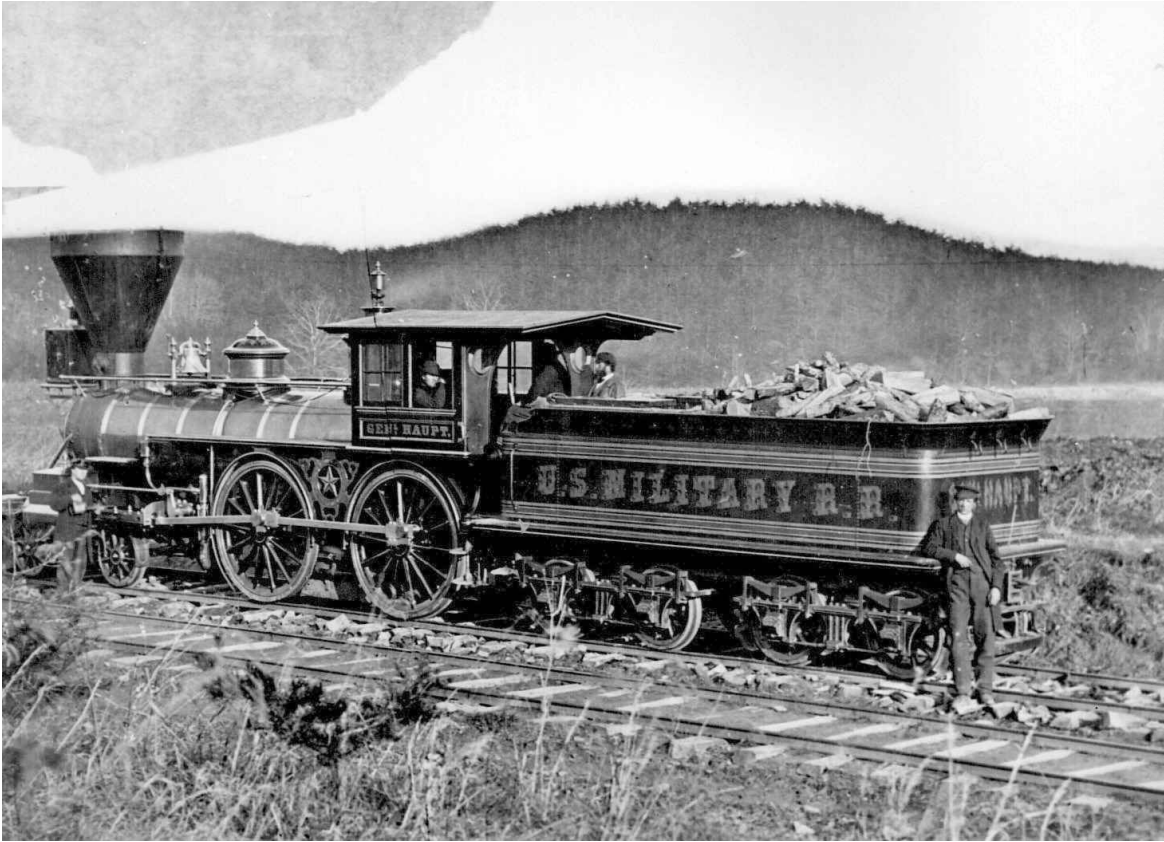
Winfield and Helen Scott in later life

Scott's gallantry in action earned him the respect of both enlisted men and officers alike. They gave the man who would later become a U.S. Army chaplain and a founder of Scottsdale the nickname "The Fighting Parson."

[This article is partially based on a blog entry in True West: A History of the American Frontier.]

Dick Cox is SCWRT Vice President and Chair of the History Committee.

THIS MONTH IN CIVIL WAR HISTORY



U. S. Military R. R. Locomotive

February 11, 1862. The U.S. War Department establishes the U.S. Military Railroad, which will become the largest railroad system in the world under one organization and contributes much to Union military objectives.

February 2025 Trivia Questions

1. After President Lincoln was shot at Ford's Theatre on the evening of April 14, 1865, he was taken across the street to a house owned by what family ?
2. At the beginning of the Civil War, a former Illinois deputy sheriff and Chicago's first city detective established the United States Secret Service. He called himself Maj. E.J. Allen. What was the real name of this Scottish-born lawman?
3. What was the name of the Union's superintendent of women nurses during the war?
4. On January 31, 1865, who became commander of all the Confederate Army forces?

Answers on final page

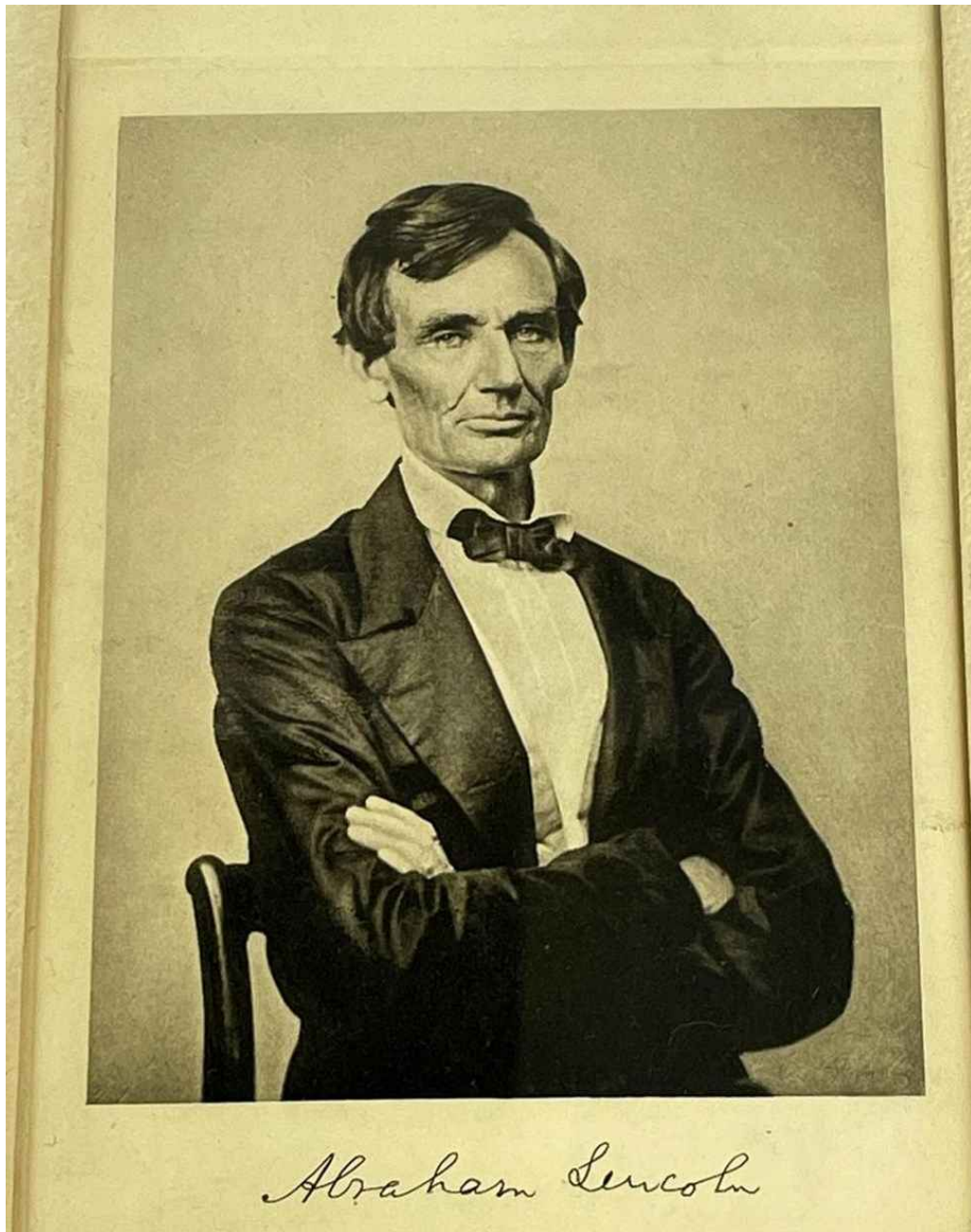
TWO 1860 IMAGES OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN SELDOM SEEN!

By Alan Aimone



Imaged by Heritage Auctions, HA.com

1860 ELECTION GEORGE CLARK AMBROTYPE of ABRAHAM LINCOLN
AS A CLEANSHAVEN CANDIDATE



Curator.org.

TALL, HONEST, LONELY – PORTRAIT OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

The tallest president of the United States achieved the highest stature in world notoriety and wisdom.

Eighty-four statues honor Abraham Lincoln all over the world. One at the Ketchikan, Alaska, Tlingit people Totem Heritage Center includes a normal sized Abraham Lincoln because the totem carver only had a picture of Lincoln and he did not appear tall in the image. A fiberglass replica of the 1883 totem was made for the back area of the Illinois State Museum in Springfield.



1883 carved totem in Ketchikan, Alaska, and a replica at Springfield, Illinois.

If a Lincoln collector owned one copy of all the books, brochures, pamphlets and folders in all the different imprints, variants, and editions about Lincoln the number would be over 12,000 items.

Lincoln's written words exceed those of the Bible or the complete works of Shakespeare. An awkward six-foot, four-inch man, Lincoln achieved the nation's highest post despite a multitude of handicaps.

Many of his ideas and thoughts remain useful to us today.

Lincoln once counseled a young man by saying, "The way for a young man to rise is to improve himself in every way he can, never to suspect that anybody wishes to hinder him. Allow me to assure you that suspicion and jealousy never did help any man in any solution."

If compared to a young man today, Lincoln would be considered "culturally deprived" with his frontier background and education.

Lincoln made lasting friendships; he let people know he trusted them. Lincoln liked people; he understood people. He had a personal magnetism that drew others to him for friendship or counsel. "Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other one thing," he said.

Reading and thinking and problems were challenges Lincoln liked. He read on his own; later he obtained help through school masters and then studied for the bar in several law offices.

Lincoln was a judge of men. "Human action can be modified to some extent, but human nature cannot be changed."

The strength of Lincoln was that he turned with conditions. Lincoln held different views in 1855 than in 1865. Lincoln shifted as the nation changed and as men's views altered. Lincoln kept in mind human nature and thought in lines of how he fitted into other men's thoughts and not how different he was.

"Lincoln's sense of ambition" was to have a goal to understand people, to be determined, and to be planning so that actions could be changeable enough to reach a purpose in life.

Alan Aimone was a summer assistant to Ralph Newman, Lincoln expert, original owner of the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop in Chicago and one of the founders of the Civil War Round Table movement.



The
ARIZONA CIVIL WAR COUNCIL



Presents An

AMERICAN CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENT



COME VISIT
 THE
 FURTHEST
 WESTERN
 BATTLEFIELD
 OF THE CIVIL
 WAR!



A
 PERFECT
 EVENT
 FOR
 ALL
 AGES!

MARCH 22nd-23rd, 2025



LOCATION: *Picacho Peak State Park*

15520 PICACHO PEAK RD. PICACHO, AZ 85141



SCHEDULE: 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Saturday & Sunday

Living history demonstrations & interpretive
 talks will occur in the Union & Confederate
 camp throughout the day.

Come see Civil War living history displays at Picacho Peak State Park! Walk through the Union and Confederate camps, and chat with reenactors to learn about the life of a Civil War soldier.

COME OUT TO AN EVENT, OR EVEN BECOME A REENACTOR!

WE ARE STRICTLY A HISTORICAL AND EDUCATIONAL 501(C)(3) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION AND DO NOT HOLD ANY POLITICAL VIEWS AS AN ORGANIZATION.



CONTACT:



www.ArizonaCivilWarCouncil.com
 ArizonaCivilWarCouncil
 @ArizonaCivilWarCouncil
 ArizonaCivilWarCouncil@Gmail.com



The 10th Anniversary Wild Bunch Film Festival in Tucson Arizona, October 22 to 26, 2025, will include two new Categories related to the Civil War this year: Best Civil War Film (Short-Feature) & Best Civil War Reenactment, after a suggestion made to the Director of this event.

Fernando Bastidas, Administrator of the Civil War Movies & Series Facebook group, hopes these new categories will encourage the Civil War Community to create more productions and to record and edit their reenactment events so they can promote and receive recognition for their efforts.

HISTORY DISCUSSION GROUP TOPICS SET FOR 2024-25

NEW LOCATION AND MEETING TIME

The History Discussion Group is on the move again! The room we used last year at the Panera Bread location in Old Town has been converted to storage space. Our new location is at the Wildflower Bread Co. in the Seville Shopping Center, at the Northeast corner of Indian Bend and Scottsdale Roads. We will meet in the McCormick Stillman Room, which is a partitioned meeting room in the back of the restaurant. This arrangement should give us more privacy and a quieter setting.

Because the Wildflower closes at 8 pm, **we have to move our start time back to 6 pm and will conclude at 7:30.** There is ample parking in the shopping center parking lot. In exchange for the Wildflower's hospitality, we encourage but don't require that attendees buy some food and beverages from the restaurant before attending our meetings.

As usual, everyone – members, non-members, family, friends and visitors – are welcome. We're casual and fun and open to anyone who has an interest in the Civil War.

The following is our schedule and list of topics for the coming season:

- | | |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2/27/25 | Could McClellan Have Ended the War at Antietam? |
| 3/27/25 | The Civil War Monuments Movement in the Nineteenth Century |
| 4/24/25 | Foreign Born Officers in the Civil War |
| | No Meeting in May |

Hope to see you at our meetings!!

What's Going On at Neighboring Roundtables?

Sun Cities and Surprise Civil War Roundtable 2024-25

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| February 4 | The First Delaware Infantry by James Bish |
| March 4 | Siege Warfare in the Civil War by Brian Callahan |
| April 1 | If the South Had Won the War and Is the Civil War Being Forgotten? by Ed Carelton |
| May 6 | Last Gasps of the Civil War by Dan Lookabill |

Tucson Civil War Roundtable 2024-25

(First Fridays at the Hungry Fox Restaurant)

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| February 7 | Buffalo Soldiers by Jon Covington |
| March 7 | On to Canada: The Battle of Ridgeway by Paul Kalina |
| March 15 | Special Field Trip to Ft Huachuca Buffalo Soldier Museum |
| April 4 | Winfield Scott Hancock by Gene Bryan |
| May 2 | Antietam at 162: A Field View of the Park by Jim Buchanan (Zoom) |

Scottsdale Civil War Round Table Membership Form

Please Join Us!

Your membership enables the SCWRT to donate towards civil war preservation projects and attract the best Civil War experts from around the country to speak at our meetings, from September to May! Please fill out this form and return it with your check payable to Scottsdale Civil War Roundtable. Mailing address:

Scottsdale Civil War Roundtable

7349 N. Via Paseo Del Sur, Ste 515-274

Scottsdale, AZ 85258

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Student Membership (no charge)

Active Duty Military (no charge)

Lifetime (\$500) \$ _____

Individual Annual (\$35) \$ _____

Family Annual (\$45) \$ _____

Additional donation \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

The Scottsdale Civil War Roundtable is an Arizona non-profit corporation and a U.S. 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

Website: www.scottsdalecwrt.org

All members receive our monthly publication, The Grapeshot, from Sept-May

Follow us on Facebook at Scottsdale Civil War Roundtable

Other Online Opportunities

A series of free lectures on **Wednesdays hosted by the Civil War Round Table Congress** (CWRTC). Check out their website for topics and to register.

www.cwrtcongress.org/speaker.html

CWRT Congress Fridays With U.S. Grant for a special series with Dr. Curt Fields.

To register (free)

[www.cwrtcongress.org > videos > grant.html](http://www.cwrtcongress.org/videos/grant.html)

YouTube Channel for CWRT Congress includes 40+ recorded past talks:

www.youtube.com/results?search_query=cwrt+congress

From Chambersburg Civil War Seminars and Tours

Zoom presentations 15th and 30th of every month. Nationally known speakers.

\$5 per registration

For schedule and registration

www.civilwarseminars.org/lectures

And See Your Round Table Online

Follow the Scottsdale Civil War Round Table on Facebook

Watch past speakers on our YouTube Channel

www.youtube.com/channel/UCfxW2cvzCbGoKebHKPZsq5A

Visit our website www.scottsdalecwrt.org/

February 2025 Trivia Answers

1. The Petersen House, where he died the next morning.
2. Allan Pinkerton.
3. Dorothea Dix.
4. Robert E. Lee.