

The Grapeshot

Newsletter

December 2021



This month's guest presenter:

This month we welcome Larry Daniel as he presents his latest book "Conquered: Why the Army of Tennessee Failed."



Presented through
Zoom
December 14, 2021,
5 pm

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About Our Speaker

On Tuesday, December 14th, Mr. Larry Daniel, a distinguished Civil War historian, will address the round table regarding his most recent book "Conquered: Why the Army of Tennessee Failed." Daniel's thought-provoking presentation, based on over forty years of study, will examine internal and external factors which led to the ultimate failure of what the Civil War historian Bruce Catton referred to as "Mr. Davis' Other Army."

Previous studies of the Army of Tennessee have focused on the battles and leaders of that army as the principal reasons for Confederate defeat from the Mississippi River Valley to the Alleghenies. Daniel's lecture will move the discussion of the army's failure beyond the battlefield and the Confederate generals who suffered defeat at the hands of the Union armies operating in the Western Theater. In his presentation he will examine a variety of issues, such as geography, logistics, politics along with inferior weaponry, which ultimately led to Confederate collapse in Tennessee and Georgia.

Larry Daniel is a retired United Methodist minister who resides in Jackson, Tennessee. At Emory University, where he earned a master's degree, he studied under the renowned Civil War professor Bell Wiley. Daniel's has authored eight books, most of which focus on the Western Confederacy and the Army of Tennessee. He has delivered lectures across the country, led battlefield tours and published a number of articles in scholarly journals such as CIVIL WAR HISTORY. He has also appeared on the History Channel.

Zoom Meeting Information

Topic: December 2021 Scottsdale Civil War Roundtable Meeting

Time: December 14, 2021, 05:00 PM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84059835215?pwd=VDNtRGVrMEZHUmRkVXZCdXFTUmZVdz09>

Meeting ID: 840 5983 5215

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SCOTTSDALE CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE SPEAKERS 2021-2022

Starting in December meetings will start at 5 pm at Civic Center Library Auditorium (doors open at 4 pm) and will also be available on Zoom.

December 14 - Larry Daniel, “Why The Army of Tennessee Failed”

January 18 - Lorien Foote, “Retaliation: Bushwhackers, Guerrillas, and Prisoners”

February 15 - Caroline Janney, “Ends of War: The Army of Northern Virginia Goes Home”

March 15 - Eric Wittenberg, “Holding The Line On the River of Death: Union Cavalry at Chickamauga”

April 19 - Jim Hessler, “How Dan Sickles Declared Himself The Hero of Gettysburg”

May 17 - Elizabeth Parnicza - “Stonewall Jackson’s Last Map”

November Speaker: Dr. Caroline Newhall

Dr. Newhall gave a talk about a little known subject, the treatment of black prisoners of war by the Confederacy. Little known, not just to our Roundtable members, but to civil war historians, until Dr. Newhall began laboriously going through pension and other military records several years ago. Her description of the various ways prisoners were treated, as well as the individual stories she presented, was fascinating.

Although some of the black prisoners served with famous units, such as the 54th Massachusetts at the assault on Fort Wagner, most of the 2,300 Dr. Newhall has documented were captured in 1864 while on garrison duty in Georgia and Alabama. While some prisoners were kept with white soldiers in places like Andersonville, those who were escaped slaves were often sent back to slavery, while free-born blacks were imprisoned.

Dr. Newhall, who teaches at Columbus State University in Georgia, is continuing her research which will eventually be included in a book that we look forward to reading.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY ROUNDTABLE SPEAKERS

Our January speaker, Lorien Foote, has a new book, Rites of Retaliation: Civilization, Soldiers, and Campaigns in the American Civil War. Andrew Bledsoe of Lee University writes, “*In meshing ideas about Union, civilization, the morality of warfare, and military decision-making, Foote's important book is the first of its kind, shedding new light on debates about the nature and conduct of the American Civil War.*”

Caroline Janney, our February speaker, recently released Ends of War: The Unfinished Fight of Lee's Army After Appomattox, which Harold Holzer, in the Wall St. Journal, called “*immensely readable and utterly convincing*”.

Walter Stahr who spoke on Edwin Stanton, has a new book about another member of Lincoln's cabinet, Salmon P. Chase: Lincoln's Vital Rival. Publisher's Weekly called it a “*robust reassessment*” of Chase that “*sheds new light*” based upon Stahr's “*Prodigious research and abundant use of diaries, letters, and other primary sources*”.

Two other speakers have recent books on non-Civil War topics:

David Stewart, who spoke on the impeachment of Andrew Johnson, authored George Washington: The Political Rise of America's Founding Father.

James Conroy gave talks on the Hampton Roads Conference and Lincoln's White House, and has written a companion piece to the latter, Jefferson's White House: Monticello on the Potomac.

President's Message

We are looking forward to resuming meetings at the Scottsdale Civic Center Library Auditorium on Tuesday, December 14 (also available on Zoom) and to meeting many of you in person.

A big thanks to our members who stayed with us throughout our exile on Zoom and a big welcome to those who've joined recently.

I hope you are enjoying the variety of speakers. The Civil War is such a crucial event in American history and remains so relevant today, so we try to attract the best speakers on all of its aspects. The good news is our reputation in the field is so strong speakers want to come here. They particularly enjoy the large audiences and the quality of the questions they get from our members.

Know anyone with some vacant garage or warehouse space? Due to construction at the library, we lost access last year to the room in which we stored books for our book sale. Since then, we've been paying for storage space, and we need to reduce our costs. A 10x10 space is needed for storage. If you, or anyone you know, has some free space available please call or email me.

Miss a meeting and want to see a presentation? You can view them on our YouTube Channel. Most speakers have given permission to post their talks. It takes a few weeks for the presentations to be edited and put on the channel and we will let you know each time a new one is posted. Board member Tom Merrill has done an outstanding job editing and setting up the channel. One of the presentations already has 1,400 views.

You can connect with the Roundtable on:

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Website <https://www.scottsdalecwrt.org/>

YouTube to watch past speaker presentations
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfxW2cvzCbGoKebHKPZsq5A>

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Introducing 2021-2022 Board Members



Mark Stoler, President

Mark is originally from Connecticut and also lived in Florida and Massachusetts before moving to Scottsdale in 2017. He is retired, having held environmental and safety roles at two large manufacturing companies, and was a member of the Fairfield County (CT) Roundtable. Mark became a Board member and Program Chair in 2018. Along with his interest in history, he is a devoted baseball fan (his favorite players are Willie Mays and David Ortiz).

“I’ve been fascinated by history as long as I can remember, but what sealed my interest in the Civil War were two events when I was eleven. My dad gave me the American Heritage Golden Book of the Civil War, which I must have read a hundred times while carefully studying its battle depictions, and we visited Gettysburg.”



Richard P. Cox, Vice President

Dick is originally from Minneapolis. He is a retired lawyer and worked in law firms, as a state and federal lobbyist, as in-house attorney at Mobil Oil Corp. and general counsel at small biotech companies. He is a past member of the Baltimore and Chesapeake Civil War Roundtables. Dick is the author of *Civil War Maryland*, which is available in hard copy and e-book editions. He is currently working on a sequel to that book. He moved to Arizona in 2009 and has been a SCWRT member since 2010. He became a board member three years ago and chairs the Roundtable's History Committee.

“I’ve always been interested in history. I got interested in the Civil War at about eleven when I read a novel about the Battle of Gettysburg told from the perspective of a twelve-year-old boy caught up in the battle. I read everything I can about the war and enjoy touring important sites and learning more about the people and events from that period. We learn from each other, and that’s why hearing our speakers and talking to fellow members is so rewarding. It’s a privilege to serve on the board of such a vigorous and important group.”



John Bamberl, President Emeritus

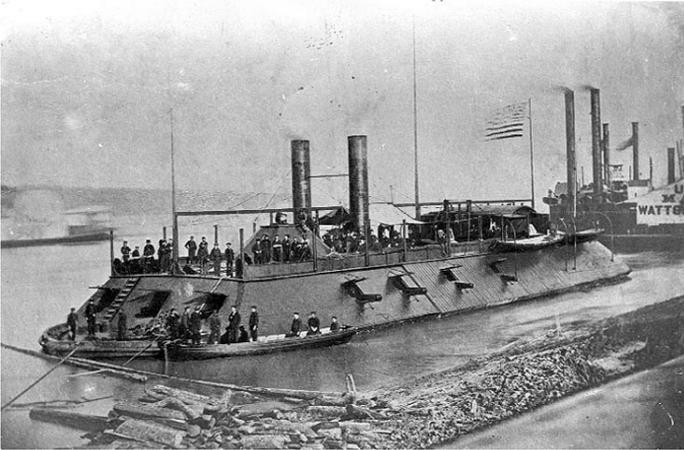
John Bamberl became interested in the American Civil War when he was assigned as a flight surgeon to Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Georgia. He read “Lee’s Lieutenants” and was hooked. That was before he knew anything about “The Lost Cause”.

Following his tour of duty, he did a residency in Urology at Michigan State University. Following his completion, he moved to Phoenix to begin his practice of Urological Surgery for the next 35 years. After board certification he was elected to become a Fellow of the American College of Urology.

During his time in practice, he served as president of the American College of Urology and served on the board of three Phoenix hospitals. These were instrumental in preparing him for his eight years as president of the Scottsdale Civil War Round Table board.

He met Don Swanson on a Civil War Trust tour in Shiloh and was invited to a meeting where Frank O’ Reilly was giving a talk on Robert E. Lee, and the rest is history.

THIS MONTH IN CIVIL WAR HISTORY



December 12, 1862. On the Yazoo River in Mississippi, the USS *Cairo* is sunk by two Confederate mines, the first ship to be lost this way in combat. The ship went down in 12 minutes with no loss of life.

CIVIL WAR TRIVIA

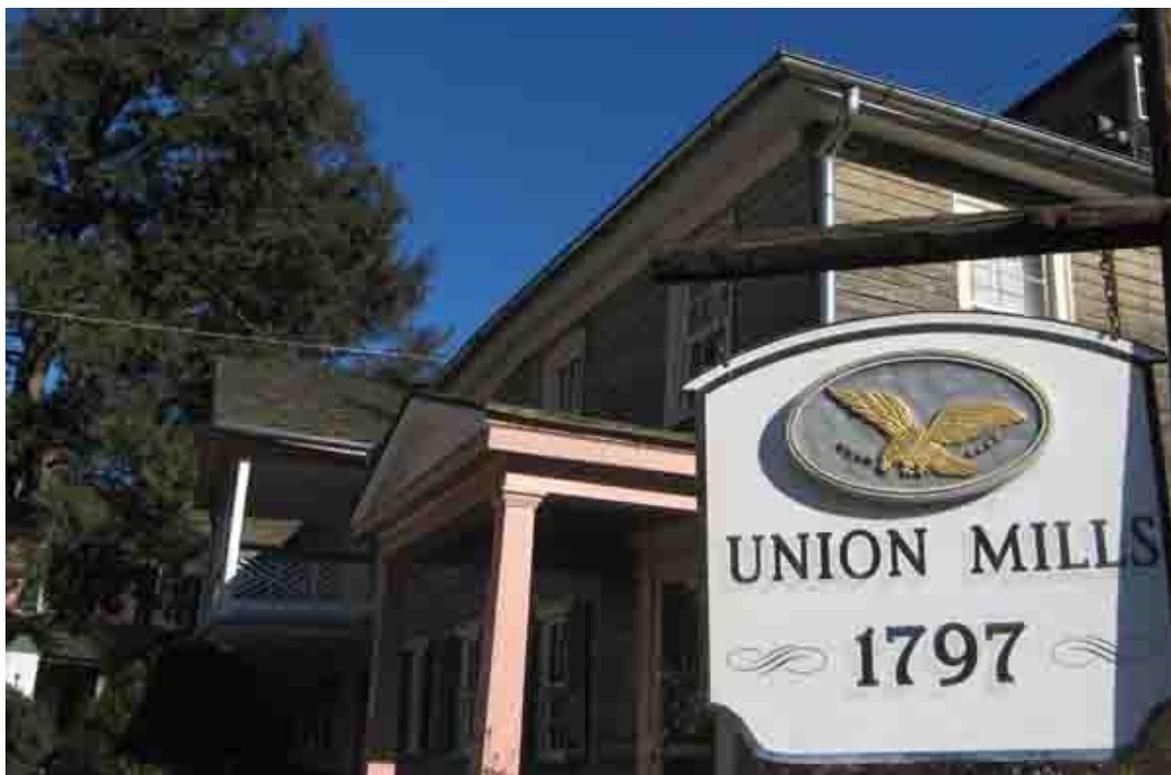
1. After the fall of Fort Sumter, President Lincoln on April 15, 1861, issued a call for 75,000 volunteers for 90 days service to suppress the southern rebellion. Why only 90 days?
2. What was Confederate General P. G. T. Beauregard's last post in the U.S. Army before assuming command of southern forces in Charleston in 1861?
3. What two future U.S. presidents served in the same regiment at the same time during the Civil War?
4. What was unusual about the 1st Regiment, California Volunteer Infantry?

Trivia answers on page 25.

UNION MILLS

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The two brothers, Andrew and David, were Pennsylvania Germans. In 1797, they moved to a spot near Westminster, Maryland and started a business. They built and operated a grist mill and later a sawmill. Because they were a close family, they named their joint enterprise Union Mills. They built a common homestead, and the brothers lived in separate wings with their growing families. The business prospered, and soon included a tannery, cooperage, wheelwright and blacksmith shop.



The two families grew and by 1863, the brothers' descendants Andrew and William, still maintained the old homestead and business. Andrew stayed in the main house while William lived across the road with his family of 11 children.

But as one of their descendants put it, the road wasn't the only thing that divided the brothers. When the tensions between the North and the South erupted into civil war, the brothers found themselves on opposite sides. In this they were like many other families in the mid-Maryland border region.

But there was a twist: Andrew, who owned a few household slaves, sided with the Union; William, who owned no slaves, supported the Confederacy.

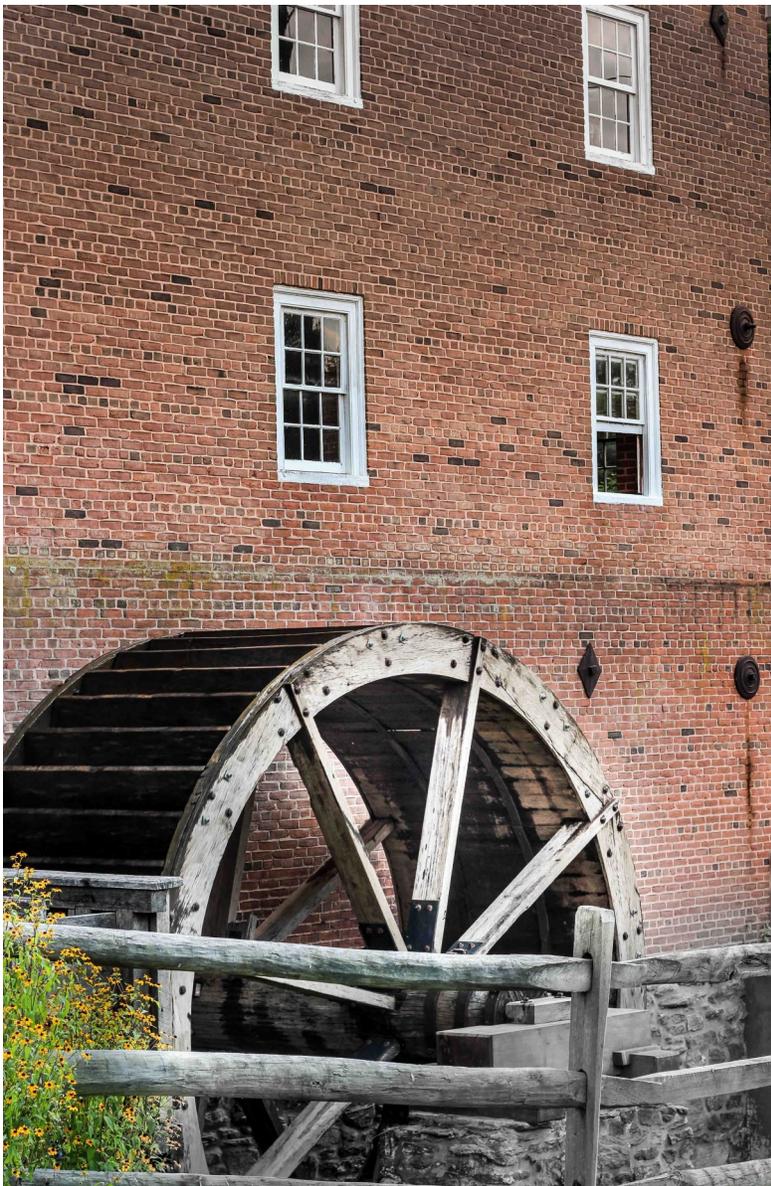


The Old Homestead at Union Mills

Although they lived peacefully as neighbors, it was inevitable that a certain amount of tension existed between the families. Events in late June and early July 1863 would raise those tensions and test their loyalties.

The water that powered the family mills came from Big Pipe Creek. Students of the Gettysburg Campaign will surely recognize that name. Shortly after he became the new commander of the Army of the Potomac, Gen. George G. Meade set out to follow War Department orders to position his army where it could operate on the offensive or defensive, depending on Lee's actions, but also protect Washington. Meade ordered his army corps to concentrate around what he called the Pipe Creek Line, a series of low hills stretching from Manchester, Maryland to a few miles north and west of Westminster.

Union Mills was in the approximate center of the Pipe Creek Line. Had not a general engagement erupted at Gettysburg soon after Meade issued his order, Union Mills might have become ground zero in one of the largest battles of the war.



The Old Mill at Union Mills

But there were real events as well. In late June 1863, both Union and Confederate armies marched through Union Mills in one twenty-four-hour period on their way to Gettysburg.

The first to arrive were General Jeb Stuart's Confederates, who knocked on Andrew's door at eleven at night and asked for shelter. Andrew explained that he was a Union man and refused them lodging and food. They slept in a nearby orchard instead. The next morning, the Confederate officers moved across the road and received a much more enthusiastic and hospitable greeting from William and his family. They received a hearty breakfast and enlisted William's sixteen-year-old son as a guide into Pennsylvania. They left around 10 a.m.

At around 5 p.m. on the same day, the Fifth Corps under General George Sykes arrived at Union Mills. Andrew's family found them a welcome sight. While Andrew extended his hospitality to the Union officers with food, entertainment and a comfortable place to sleep for the night, no such assistance was forthcoming from William's family.



The Old Mill

Being on the periphery of the Gettysburg battlefield, thousands of troops, prisoners and wounded soldiers passed along the road by the homestead.

Although the two brothers did not serve in either army during the war, they did send their sons. Andrew's oldest son joined the Pennsylvania Militia in mid-June 1863 during Lee's invasion. He was discharged a month later after Lee's army had returned to Virginia. Four of William's eight sons joined the Confederate cause, serving in Maryland and Virginia regiments. All five cousins survived the war.

Six generations of the family occupied the Union Mills site. The old homestead, mills and other buildings survive and are now a county park.

The interesting and unusual family that established Union Mills is the Shriveres. More recent members of the family include Sargent Shriver, JFK's brother-in-law and first director of the Peace Corps, Maria Shriver, TV journalist and former first lady of California, and Pam Shriver, former tennis star and sports commentator.

Dick Cox is vice president of the SCWRT and chair of the Roundtable's History Committee.

Pioneer Living History Museum

November 20-21 Reenactment



Confederate Firing Line



Union Soldiers on the March



Confederate Soldiers in Battle



Confederate Soldiers Firing



Confederate Soldier



Joe Spikes



John Fritz



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SCWRT Table at Pioneer Village Reenactment



Mark Stoler & Reenactor

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Meet the CWRT Congress

By Mike Movius, Founder and President

With the loss of nearly 70 Civil War Round Tables (CWRTs) in the past decade, it became abundantly clear that the movement that once boasted close to 500 CWRTs worldwide was in jeopardy. In 2016, Mike Movius, the president of the Puget Sound CWRT wanted to understand how that could be prevented. From that humble beginning, the CWRT Congress was born.

Since that time, we have held conferences in Centreville, VA, Harrisburg, PA and St. Louis, MO. Our conferences seek to inform CWRT members about practices that have proven successful in the areas of program development, fundraising, preservation, marketing, recruitment, governance, culture, partnerships and a host of other organization development areas. We also encourage networking with one another to better understand how CWRTs can succeed.

CWRT Congress does not have memberships. We do not charge dues of any kind. We are a registered 501(c)3 and rely on voluntary donations of those who want the CWRT movement to thrive. We are all about CWRT sustainability. Our motto is *Improvement through Education and Networking*. Our website is loaded with proven practices that CWRTs and their leaders should consider. www.cwrtcongress.org/proven.html

When the pandemic hit in the first quarter of 2020, we knew that CWRTs were going to be unable to meet for some time. Our fear was this was an existential threat as members would lose interest and that CWRTs would fail. So, we began to offer free, online Civil War lectures. The response has been overwhelming. Speakers have donated their time and talents because they believe in the movement. Watch them at www.cwrtcongress.org/videos.html

Reservations for upcoming events can be made at www.cwrtcongress.org/speaker.html We also have a living historian series called "Fridays with Grant" by Dr. Curt Fields www.cwrtcongress.org/grant.html

Our 2021 conference will be held in the Philadelphia area September 17-19. We have a great lineup that includes workshops on board organization, member retention, mission statements, the new normal, newsletter improvement, managing organizational change, changing organizational culture, meaningful partnerships, writing press releases, the sister CWRT connection, succession planning and targeted recruitment. Registration opens in July and we hope to meet you there.



Trivia Answers

1. 90 days was the maximum term of service under the federal Militia Act of 1792.
2. Superintendent of West Point.
3. Lieutenant Colonel Rutherford B. Hayes and Sergeant (later Lieutenant) William B. McKinley both served in the 23rd Ohio Volunteers.
4. Organized in August 1861 by Oregon Senator Edward D. Baker, all the troops were Pennsylvanians from Philadelphia. Baker insisted on the California name to demonstrate support for the Union cause on the West Coast. After Baker's death at Ball's Bluff, the regiment was renamed the 71st Pennsylvania and grouped with the 69th, 72nd and 106th Pennsylvania regiments to form the famous Philadelphia Brigade.

Other Opportunities via Zoom

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.

<https://www.cwrtcongress.org/speaker.html>

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

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