

The Grapeshot

Newsletter

May 2022



This month's presenter:

Beth Parnicza

The Scottsdale Civil War Roundtable welcomes Beth Parnicza as she presents: "Stonewall Jackson's Last Map."

Scottsdale Civic
Center
Library Auditorium
May 17, 2022,
5 pm



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About Our Speaker

If a picture is worth a thousand words, what about a map? A few hastily drawn lines and pencil marks on paper provide a rare insight into "Stonewall" Jackson's mind at the onset of the battle of Chancellorsville, Jackson's last and most famous battle. What can we learn from a closer look into this remarkable artifact? Discover more about the battle, Jackson's perception of it, and this important, tangible connection to the past by delving into the backstory of this paper.

Beth Parnicza will discuss what we can learn from a closer look into this remarkable document, what it tells us about the battle, and Jackson's perception of it. She is the Chief of Education and Visitor Services at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park. She previously served as a park historian at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park for nearly 10 years. She has researched and published articles on the intersection of military and cultural history, including strategies for discussing race, slavery, and USCTs with visitors and the relationship between civilians and military occupiers in immediate postwar Fredericksburg. Beth is currently researching and writing on the 1862 looting of Fredericksburg.



Zoom Meeting Information

Topic: Scottsdale Civil War Roundtable May 2022 Meeting

Time: May 17, 2022 05:00 PM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89747331966?pwd=ZIRkWFRlaXlhQUw1a2MyUC9vdzdwQT09>

Meeting ID: 897 4733 1966

Passcode: 322389

Scottsdale Civil War Round Table
Speakers & Programs September 2022-May 2023

September 20	Scott Mingus “The Second Battle of Winchester: The Confederate Victory that Opened the Door to Gettysburg”
October 18	Ethan Rafuse “Little Mac’s Grand Campaign: The Struggle on the Peninsula and Its Enduring Significance”
November 15	Howard Strouse “The Trent Affair: How Lincoln Dodged a Bullet”
December 13	Jeff Hunt “Meade and Lee After Gettysburg: Climax of the Gettysburg Campaign”
January 17	Terry Winschel "Edwin C. Bearss: An Historian's Tribute”
February 21	Fay Yarbrough “Choctaw Confederates: The American Civil War in Indian Country”
March 21	Eric Wittenberg “Holding the Line on the River of Death: Union Cavalry at Chickamauga”
April 18	Lesley Gordon “‘A Badge of Conspicuous Gallantry’: Allegations of Cowardice in a Civil War Regiment”
May 16	Garry Adelman “Battlefield Preservation Extravaganza: People, Politics, Parcels, and Progress”

All events at 5 PM in the Scottsdale Civic Center Library Auditorium and available simultaneously on Zoom.

If attending in person, you can come as early as 4 PM to meet our speaker, fellow members, and browse the book sale.

Scottsdale Civil War Round Table
2023 Speakers & Programs

January 17	Terry Winschel (confirmed) “Edwin C. Bearss: An Historian's Tribute”
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March 21	Eric Wittenberg (confirmed) “Holding the Line on the River of Death: Union Cavalry at Chickamauga”
April 18	Lesley Gordon (confirmed)
May 16	Garry Adelman (confirmed) “Battlefield Preservation Extravaganza: People, Politics, Parcels, and Progress”
September 19	Brian Jordan (confirmed) “A Monopoly on Misfortune: The Odyssey of an Immigrant Regiment in the Civil War”
October 17	Tim Smith (confirmed) "The Real Horse Soldiers: Benjamin Grierson's Epic 1863 Civil War Raid through Mississippi"
November 14	John Matteson (confirmed) “The Concord Nurse and the Brooklyn Bard: Alcott and Whitman in Washington”
December 12	Meg Groeling (confirmed) “First Fallen: The Life of Colonel Elmer Ellsworth, the North’s First Civil War Hero”

RECENT BOOKS BY ROUNDTABLE SPEAKERS

Adrian Brettle: Colossal Ambitions: Confederate Planning for a Post-Civil War World

“Brettle’s *Colossal Ambitions* is the most unique work on the Confederacy to appear in many years. No other historian has so completely researched and presented the harrowing ways that Confederates envisioned their nation.” - Civil War Monitor

Walter Stahr: Salmon P. Chase: Lincoln’s Vital Rival

Following on his biographies of Stanton and Steward, Stahr has authored a study of Salmon Chase. In a Wall Street Journal review, Peter Cozzens calls it “an eloquently written, impeccably researched and intensely moving biography.” Harold Holzer hails it as a “sweeping, meticulously researched, and convincingly argued biography”.

Larry Daniel: Conquered: Why The Army of Tennessee Failed

“All Civil War readers will benefit from its many insights. . . . Highly recommended.” - Civil War Books & Authors

Eric Wittenberg: Holding the Line on the River of Death: Union Mounted Forces at Chickamauga

“Wittenberg makes a compelling case that Chickamauga was a three-day battle” - Civil War Monitor

Donald S Frazier: Tempest Over Texas: The Fall & Winter Campaigns of 1863-64

“Numerous existing works collectively address the war in the Trans-Mississippi between the July 1863 fall of Port Hudson and the launching of the 1864 Red River Campaign, but *Tempest Over Texas* is a complete original in presenting and interpreting all of these interconnected military and political events as a cohesive whole.” - Civil War Books & Authors

April 2022 SCWRT Speaker



James Hessler presenting “How Dan Sickles Declared Himself ‘The Hero of Gettysburg’”



James Hessler answering a question from the audience.

President's Letter



As we near the end of the Roundtable's fiscal year on May 31 and having just completed our final Board meeting of the 2021-22 season, we want to report to you on the status of the organization.

We are finishing the year with 293 members. While this is down from our pre-Covid membership total, it is a stable base from which to expand, and includes approximately 30 new members. We are expanding our outreach in the metro area as we seek new members and ask that you invite to our meetings anyone you know who may be interested in the Civil War.

Thanks to your dues and generous donations the Roundtable is in stable financial condition and has been able to continue making substantial donations for Civil War preservation. This year, in addition to the \$2,000 already announced for preservation of the Williamsburg battlefield, the Board has voted to donate an additional \$4,000 to two organizations. The Central Virginia Battlefield Trust will receive \$2,000 to help with two projects: the acquisition of 141 acres around the Todd's Tavern battlefield site between the Wilderness and Spotsylvania Court House, and 1.2 acres, known as the Beckham Tract, an artillery placement near Jackson's flank attack at Chancellorsville.

The second \$2,000 donation is to the American Battlefield Trust to help with the acquisition of 311 acres at four different battlefields at a 13-1 match. The sites are at Upperville, Virginia; Buffington, Ohio; Belmont, Missouri; and Chickasaw Bayou, Mississippi. At Buffington, Belmont, and Chickasaw Bayou, these will be the first acres preserved at these battlefields. All four sites are closely associated with important Civil War figures; J.E.B Stuart (Upperville), John Morgan Hunt (Buffington), U.S. Grant (Belmont), and William T Sherman (Chickasaw Bayou).

Including these donations, in recent years the Roundtable has donated \$29,000 to preservation - and with multipliers, this has had the effective value of \$636,000!

And, again, thanks to your dues and donations we have been able to continue to bring in nationally known historians to speak at our meetings. The Roundtable does not pay honorariums, but we do cover all speaker costs, including travel and lodging, though recent inflation is adding to these expenses. We plan to continue to do so despite rising costs as the Roundtable has an outstanding reputation in the Civil War author and academic community for treating its speakers well and making the often-lengthy trip for them worthwhile and enjoyable.

The Board decided to continue simulcasting our monthly speaker presentations on Zoom for the 2022-23 season. We had many members reach out to us to request we continue.

We will be resuming the History Discussion Group sessions in 2022-23. These are facilitated discussions among members, usually related to the topic of the monthly speaker, and held the week after our speaker appearance. You will be receiving the schedule and location information for these meetings.

The Roundtable is also continuing to look for support for the Grapeshot, which is published from September through May. While contents come from members, we need someone familiar with Microsoft Publisher to spend about 4 hours a month to assemble the publication. If you know anyone interested please let us know.

Through the efforts of John Bamberl, the Roundtable continues to support the work of the Civil War Roundtable Congress, sharing best practices and helping other Roundtables around the country. Several Board members have also participated in recent meetings of the Sun Cities & Surprise Civil War Roundtable, which recently reorganized and is presenting an exciting series of programs.

The Scottsdale Library continues to be of vital assistance in supporting the Roundtable, making the auditorium available and providing technical assistance. We are particularly grateful to its staff for working with us through all the challenges of the Covid era.

Finally, we will have some changes in the Roundtable Board for our 2022-23 season. Michael Harris and Jo Roberts are leaving the Board, and we thank them for their contributions to the Roundtable, while Bruce Washburn will be joining as our new Treasurer.

See you in September!

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On Facebook as Scottsdale Civil War Roundtable

Introducing Board & Roundtable Members



David A. Ward, Board Member

David Ward is a native of the anthracite coal region of eastern Pennsylvania. He earned his undergraduate degree in history at Franklin & Marshall College (75 minutes from Gettysburg) where he studied under the distinguished Civil War professor Dr. Fred Klein. Subsequently he earned master's degrees in history and library science at Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven, Connecticut.

From 1983-1987 he was a faculty member at Newark Academy in Livingston, New Jersey. In 1987 he joined the faculty at The Hotchkiss School retiring as the school's assistant library director in summer 2018. During his tenure at Hotchkiss, he taught United States history and a very popular semester long course on the American Civil War.

Always passionate about history and especially the era of the Civil War he sought to bring people who shared his interests together in various forums. In 1989 he founded the Civil War Round Table of the Northwest Corner (Connecticut) which later became the Connecticut Civil War Round Table. He served as the round table's program chairman from 1989 through 1994. Also, he hosted the highly successful New England Conference of Civil War Round Tables from 1990-1992. These programs attracted hundreds of participants and speakers such as Dr. Richard McMurry, William Marvel, William C. Davis, A. Wilson Greene, Dr. Richard Sommers, Robert Krick and William Matter. Throughout his tenure at Hotchkiss Mr. Ward also invited many of his friends in the Civil War field to deliver public lectures as Friends of the Edsel Ford Library. Speakers included Dr. James I. Robertson, chairman of the United States Civil War Centennial Commission, Dr. James M. McPherson winner of the Pulitzer Prize for *Battle Cry of Freedom* and Dr. Mark E. Neely, Jr. winner of the Pulitzer Prize for his book *Abraham Lincoln and Civil Liberties*.

In 2000 he embarked on an ambitious undertaking and started a battlefield and historical travel business known as Civil War Tours. For fifteen years he designed, developed, and hosted over 100 tours which featured all of the principal battles and campaigns in the Eastern Theater. These tours were led by the finest historians and guides, nationally known and acclaimed for their work in the field of Civil War studies. Many tour participants regarded these programs as the “gold standard” regarding historical travel and battlefield tours.

In 2011 he was contacted by the acclaimed Hollywood film director Steven Spielberg and in early August conducted a tour of Gettysburg and Lincoln sites for Spielberg and the Academy Award winning actor Daniel Day Lewis.

Mr. Ward is also an established Civil War scholar and has written articles for *Civil War Regiments* and the *Gettysburg Magazine*. In 2018 his book *The 96th Pennsylvania Volunteers in the Civil War* was published by McFarland in Jefferson, North Carolina. His latest work, *Hooker's Ironclads: The 5th and 20th Connecticut Volunteers in the Atlanta Campaign*, will be published in two parts in volume 3 and 4 of Savas Publishing's Atlanta Campaign series. At present he is completing a manuscript study of the *Decision in Louisiana: The Battle of Irish Bend*.

Currently Mr. Ward resides in Scottsdale, Arizona where he is on the board of the Scottsdale Civil War Round Table. Last year he restarted his interest in conducting Civil War battlefield tours and started a new venture Civil War Journeys. In addition to leading tours, he is also working on his second book *Battle along the Bayou: The Bloody Engagement at Irish Bend* scheduled for publication in 2021 by the History Press.

Biography:

Born Pottsville, Pennsylvania 1957. Graduated from Franklin & Marshall College 1980 with BA in history. Graduated 1988 from Southern Connecticut State University with master's degree in history and library science. Professional librarian at New Academy, Livingston, New Jersey, 1984-1987. Assistant Library Director at The Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, Connecticut 1987-2018. Taught United States history at Newark Academy and at The Hotchkiss School. Also taught elective course The American Civil War, 1861-1865 at Hotchkiss School winter/spring 1917 and fall 1917-1918.

Founded Connecticut Civil War Round Table in spring 1989. Served as program chairman from 1989-1995. Hosted New England Civil War Conference June 1990-1992. Owner and operator of the popular battlefield tour company Civil War Tours 2000-2015. Opened new historical interpretive tour company Civil War Journeys www.civilwarjourneys.com in 2019.

Published works:

The 96th Pennsylvania Volunteers in the Civil War. Jefferson, North Carolina: McFarland Publishing, 2018.

“Sedgwick's Foot Cavalry: The March of the Sixth Corps to Gettysburg,” no. 22 (January 2000), *Gettysburg Magazine*.

“Of Battlefields and Bitter Feuds: A History of the 96th Pennsylvania Volunteers,” *Civil War Regiments* vol. 3, no. 3 (1993).

Historical consultant: *Lincoln* directed by Steven Spielberg 2012.

Book Reviews: *Civil War News, Blue & Gray Magazine.*

Lectures:

“**Gettysburg: Crossroads of History and Hollywood.**” This lecture rolls two stories into one. Lincoln’s historical visit to Gettysburg and my day at Gettysburg with Steven Spielberg and Daniel Day Lewis.

“**Billy Yank Goes to Gettysburg.**” Looks at the opening half of the Gettysburg campaign principally through the eyes of the rank and file of the Sixth Corps.

“**Shooting a Union Elephant in the Wilderness.**” Examines in detail the death of Maj. Gen. John Sedgwick and develops a list of possible Confederate suspects.

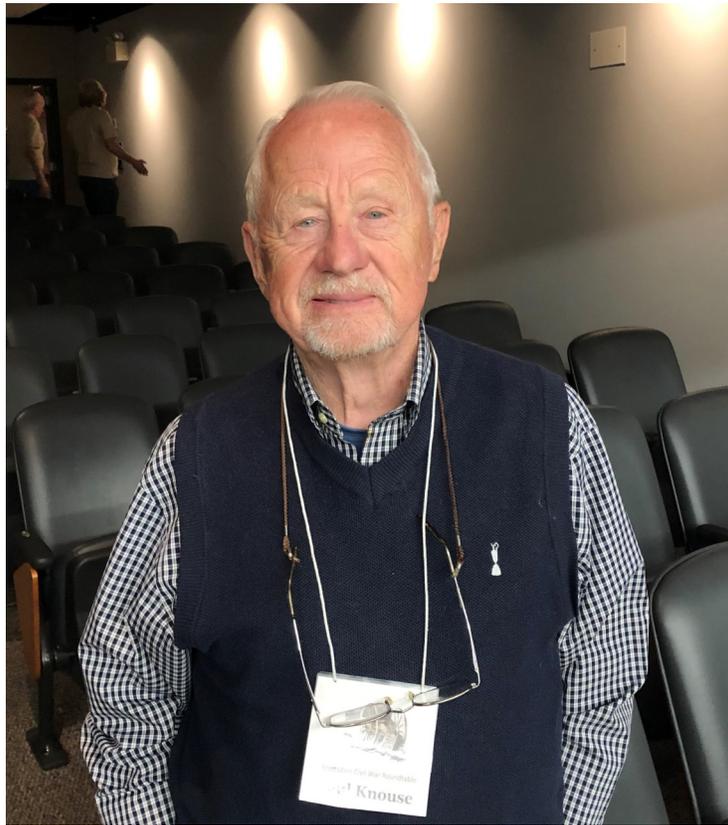
“**Johnny Reb and the Gettysburg Campaign: A View from the Bottom Up.**” Examines Confederate morale from the end of Chancellorsville to the end of the Gettysburg campaign through the eyes of the rank and file of the Army of Northern Virginia.”

“**Soldiering in the Sixth Corps.**” Brief biographical vignettes of Maj. Gen. William B. Franklin; Maj. Gen. William F. “Baldy” Smith; Maj. Gen. “Uncle” John Sedgwick and Maj. Gen. Horatio Wright. Testimony about each general from Sixth Corps soldiers is at the foundation of the lecture.

“**Jefferson Davis and His Quest to Find a Western Napoleon.**” Examines the Western theater 1861-1862 and focuses on Jefferson Davis’ successes and failures from his early military appointments and setbacks at Mill Springs, Fort Donelson and the dramatic defeat at Shiloh.

“**The 96th Pennsylvania Goes to War**” Based on my book the talk focuses on the 96th Penna Vols and 2 of their early battles – Gaines’ Mill and Crampton’s Gap. It also uses the voices of the soldiers to examine Emancipation, courage under fire and death and dying in battle.

“**R.E. Lee’s Pennsylvania Gambit**” This lecture looks at the origins of the Gettysburg campaign and Lee’s strategic vision.



Paul Knouse, SCWRT Member

Captain Paul Knouse (USMC) has been a SCWRT member since 2010 having moved to Scottsdale from Winchester, Massachusetts with his wife Karen (a member as well).

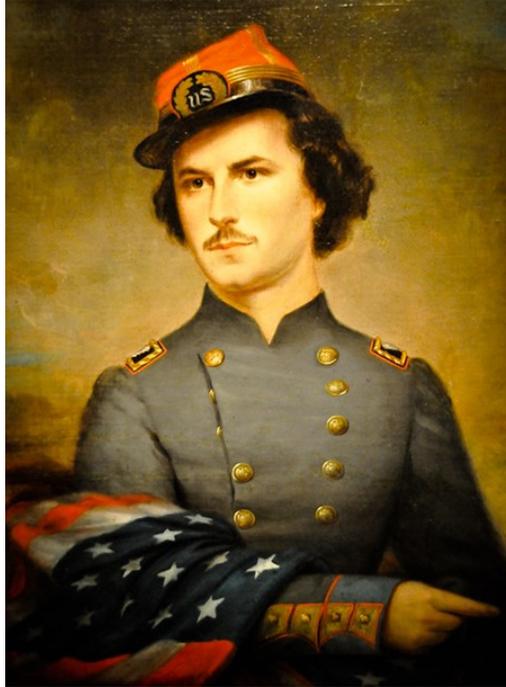
It was at the Appaloosa Library that Paul saw a flyer announcing a SCWRT meeting featuring a presentation/discussion about Joshua Chamberlain. Having attended that meeting and meeting fellow Roundtable members, Paul was “hooked” and became a “Lifetime” member of the SCWRT. Paul has served on the Roundtable Board and as Finance Chairman.

Paul was born in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania in 1936 and had seen many times statues of Union and Confederate soldiers around the town square where annually there was a parade and celebration of the “Burning of Chambersburg” by Confederate forces in July 1864.

It was in September 1945, that Paul was admitted to the Scotland Orphan School, one of eleven schools built in 1895, along the Mason Dixon line, primarily for orphan children born of Union serving military men.

Upon graduation from Scotland, Paul was admitted to the United States Military Academy at West Point, later joining the Marine Corps as a Second Lieutenant. He served for several years before being sent to Vietnam where as an infantry company commander he served two tours and was awarded the Purple Heart.

THIS MONTH IN CIVIL WAR HISTORY



Colonel Elmer Ellsworth

May 24, 1861. Union forces move into the Confederate States. New York Zouaves led by Colonel Elmer Ellsworth (a friend of the Lincolns) go by steamer to Alexandria, Virginia. The landing is peaceful until Ellsworth spies a large Confederate flag flying from a hotel. Ellsworth himself cuts down the flag, but as he returns downstairs, the hotel's owner fires a shotgun into his chest. A private immediately kills the proprietor. Ellsworth is the first Union officer killed in the war. His body lies in state in the White House.

CIVIL WAR TRIVIA

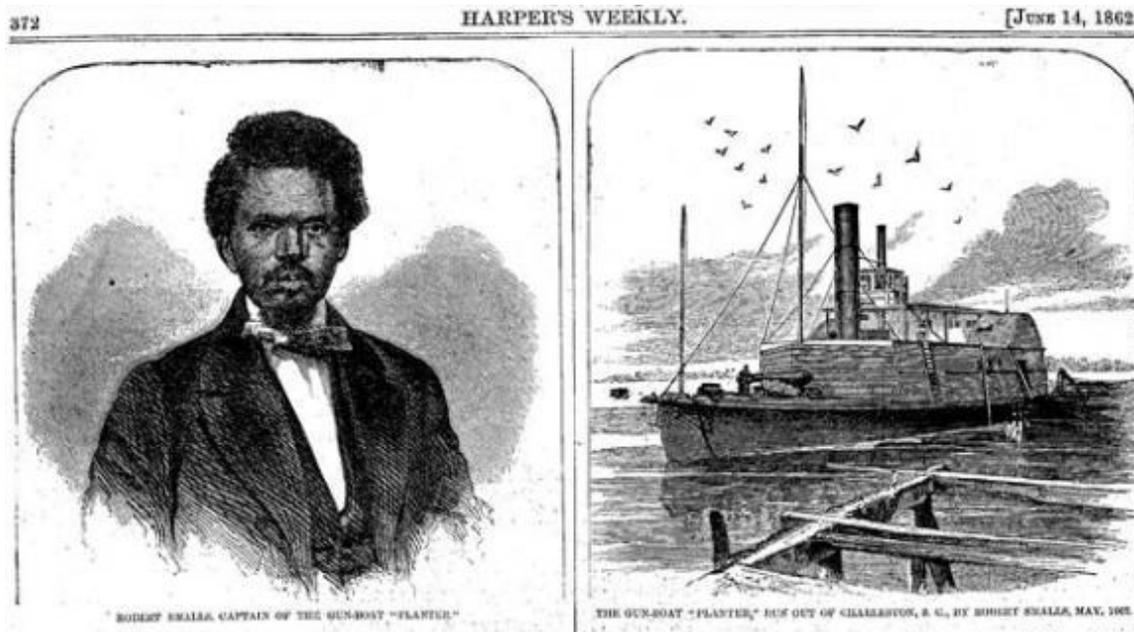
1. How many words were in the Gettysburg Address and how long did it take Lincoln to deliver it?
2. What Union major general was so disgusted with Joseph Hooker's performance at Chancellorsville that he requested a transfer?
3. What Union general almost flew into Confederate lines when the mooring line broke on the Thaddeus Loew balloon he was riding in while observing enemy lines?
4. To what city was the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis relocated in May 1861?

Trivia answers on page 22.

SAILING TO FREEDOM

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The name Robert Smalls may not sound too familiar, but in the spring of 1862, it was practically a household name in the North and the South. For Robert Smalls, a 23-year-old illiterate slave working in Charleston, South Carolina made one of the most creative and daring escapes from slavery on record.



Smalls was born in Beaufort (BEWfurt) South Carolina. When he was twelve, his master sent him to Charleston to be hired out as a laborer for one dollar a week with the rest of his wages to be paid to his master. He held a number of menial jobs as a dock worker, rigger and sail maker, but his intelligence and hard work soon landed him a prize position as a helmsman on a coastal vessel. His work as a pilot and helmsman gave him an intimate knowledge of Charleston harbor and its environs.

In 1858 Smalls married an enslaved hotel maid, owned by another master. Robert hoped to pay for his wife's and their children's freedom by purchasing them from their master, but the price was steep and his modest wages made that nearly impossible.

In the fall of 1861 Smalls became helmsman on the *Planter*, a sidewheel steamer leased by the Confederate government to survey waterways, lay mines and deliver dispatches, troops and supplies. Outside Charleston harbor, he could see the line of Federal blockade ships seven miles away.

In the spring of 1862, rumors circulated in Charleston that the Union army was about to begin a land assault on the city. Smalls feared that his family would be evacuated and perhaps split up and sold into the interior of the state. He determined to see them free before that could happen. He convinced the other Black members of the *Planter's* crew that he had a plan to bring all of them along with their families to freedom.

On May 12, 1862, the *Planter* sailed ten miles southwest to pick up four large cannons from a fort that was being dismantled. The cannons had been used during the assault on Ft. Sumter a year earlier.

On the evening of May 12, the *Planter* was at its usual mooring at a wharf in the city. Its three white officers disembarked to spend the night ashore, leaving Smalls and other Black crew members on board. Then Smalls performed one of the most dangerous parts of his plan, steering the *Planter* further up into Charleston to another wharf where the crewmen's wives and children were hiding. Smalls wore the cap of the boat's captain, and in the darkness no one could tell who was actually at the wheel. If they had been challenged, Smalls knew all the military's signs and signals.

At about 3 a.m. on the 13th, Smalls began to steer the *Planter* past five Confederate harbor forts without incident since he gave all the correct signals at the checkpoints. He then guided the boat past the imposing guns at Ft. Sumter, again successfully.

But one of the most dangerous challenges lie ahead. A fog had set in, and as the *Planter* neared the Union blockading fleet, Smalls had the Confederate flags removed and replaced with a bedsheet. He could only hope the heavily armed ships of the Union fleet, thinking they were about to be rammed, would not blow the *Planter* out of the water.

The *Planter* was spotted by the USS *Onward* and was about to open fire when a crew member saw the white flag. As the *Planter* neared the stern of the *Onward*, Smalls called out to the captain, "Good morning, sir! I've brought you some of the old United States guns, sir!"

Smalls quickly became a hero in the North for his daring exploit. Newspapers and magazines reported on his every move. Congress passed a bill awarding Smalls and his crew members the prize money for the *Planter*. The *Planter* incident caused a minor sensation in the South as well. The three Confederate officers who had gone ashore that night were court-martialed and two were convicted, but the verdicts were later overturned.

Smalls continued to pilot the *Planter*, now a Union gunboat, and assisted with naval operations up and down the southern coast. There was some confusion over his status, since he wasn't officially in the navy, but to ensure that he received proper pay as a captain, he was commissioned second lieutenant in the 1st South Carolina Volunteers (later designated the 33rd U.S. Colored Infantry).

Smalls' career after the war was as remarkable as was his war years. He returned to Beaufort and engaged in some business dealings before turning to politics. He was taught to read and write and became one of the founders of the Republican Party in South Carolina. He was elected to the South Carolina Legislature and the U.S. House of Representatives during the Reconstruction Era. Smalls authored state legislation providing for South Carolina to have the first free and compulsory public school system in the United States. He was the last Republican to represent South Carolina's 5th congressional district until 2011.



Senator Robert Smalls

Robert Smalls' relative obscurity is about to end. Several recent books about his life have been written and his exploits will soon become a subject of a Hollywood film, "Steal Away," which will begin production soon.

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

Scottsdale Civil War Round Table

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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 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. The address contained 272 words and was delivered in a little over two minutes.
2. Major General Darius Couch. He became the commander of the Department of the Susquehanna.
3. Brigadier General Fitz John Porter.
4. Newport, Rhode Island. The entire brigade of midshipmen sailed in the U.S.S. *Constitution* to their new quarters.

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. To register (free)

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YouTube Channel for CWRT Congress includes 40+ recorded past talks: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=cwrt+congress

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