

# The Grapeshot

## Newsletter

November 2022



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This month's presenter:

David Dixon

The Scottsdale Civil War Roundtable welcomes David Dixon as he presents: *Radical Warrior: August Willich's Journey from German Revolutionary to Civil War General.*"

Scottsdale Civic  
Center

Library Auditorium  
November 15, 2022,  
5 pm

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Also on Zoom

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## About Our Speaker

On November 15 the Scottsdale Civil War Round Table will host Civil War author and historian David Dixon. A resident of Santa Barbara, California, Dixon earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of Massachusetts. His first book, [The Lost Gettysburg Address](#), told the unusual story of Texas slave holder Charles Anderson, the brother of Maj. Robert Anderson, the defender of Fort Sumter. Dixon has spoken to Civil War groups from coast to coast and hosts B-List History, a website that specializes in featuring the stories of lesser known and obscure Civil War era participants. His latest book is [Radical Warrior: August Willich's Journey from German Revolutionary to Civil War General](#).

Dixon's lecture will feature the career of August Willich who was prominent in the German war of revolution in 1848-1849 and a superb general during the American Civil War. In sum, Dixon will highlight Willich's transformation from his Prussian aristocratic life to revolutionary and later a citizen-soldier from Cincinnati, Ohio. The Scottsdale Civil War Round Table meets monthly except June, July and August at the Civic Center branch of the Scottsdale Public Library. Mr. Dixon's lecture will begin in the Cooper Auditorium located on the lower level of the library. The public is invited to attend the monthly meetings of the Scottsdale Civil War Round Table.



Topic: Scottsdale Civil War Roundtable, Nov 2022

Time: Nov 15, 2022 05:00 PM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81527355580?pwd=2lDK96lw71AlJ5kzpmoPfwHLydr7yU.1>

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

November 15	David Dixon
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.**

## President's Letter



Our membership renewal for the 2022-23 season is going strong - we'll soon hit over 90% of our 2021-22 members renewing. Thanks everyone!

Please invite anyone you think may be interested in the Civil War to attend a meeting in person or on Zoom. The January 17 meeting celebrating the life of Ed Bearss with our speaker, Terry Winschel, retired Chief Historian at Vicksburg, might be of particular interest.

In this month's Grapeshot, you'll find an article on our battlefield preservations donations and link to the Roundtable website with a new listing of all our donations in recent years. Please take a look.

For those of you interested in making donations to the Roundtable and who also have to take Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from an IRA, you can distribute funds directly from your IRA to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with no federal income tax consequences. Please consult with your accountant or tax advisor for further details.

The article on the results of the member survey showed some of you would like the option of renewing membership online and paying via credit card (and I've heard the same directly from members). We hear you and are working on changes to the website that will enable that. We will let you know as soon as that is done.

Don't miss the Grapeshot article on Ben Butler, the play at which Roundtable members will have the unique opportunity to watch and meet with the cast and director. We hope to see you at the Don Bluth *Front Row* Theatre in Scottsdale next May 20.

Mark Stoler  
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203-645-1387

## MEMBER SURVEY RESULTS

In August, John Bamberl sent a survey out to members and we wanted to report back on the results. We received 75 responses, an excellent response rate, and thank all those who participated.

Results are below (not everyone responded to every question).

The first two questions were open ended:

What is your priority for speakers?

Battles (20)  
Politics (5)  
Gettysburg (3)

2. What aspect of the Roundtable do you enjoy the most?

Speakers (35)  
Socializing (15)  
Films (2)  
All (2)

The remaining questions presented choices:

3. Do you read the Grapeshot?

Yes (61)  
Sometimes (4)  
No (8)

4. Do you use the Roundtable website ([scottsdalecwr.org](http://scottsdalecwr.org))?

Yes (31)  
No (38)

5. Do you prefer watching speakers in-person, on Zoom, or on our YouTube channel?

Live (32)  
Zoom (21)  
YouTube (12)

**Comment: Of our Live and Zoom audiences for recent speakers about 75% are in the auditorium and 25% on Zoom.**

6. Are you interested in participating in the History Discussion Group?

Yes (23)

No (26)

**Comment:** If you are interested, please join us for some freewheeling facilitated discussion the following Tuesday after each monthly speaker. All Discussion Groups are held at 5PM in the Scottsdale Heritage Connection Room on the main floor of the Civic Center Library. You can find the schedule and topics elsewhere in this issue of The Grapeshot.

7. Do you prefer to pay dues by credit card or check?

Check (41)

Credit Card (11)

Online (6)

**Comment:** We are working on changes to our website that will allow payment by credit card online. We will notify members as soon as it is operational.

Thanks again for your participation.

We appreciate these comments, as well as those Board members receive during our meetings.

If you have additional comments or suggestions, you can email Mark Stoler at [stolerscwr@gmail.com](mailto:stolerscwr@gmail.com) or call 203-645-1387

## Officers & Organization

### Officers/Board Members

President: Mark Stoler (203-645-1387) ([stolerscwrt@gmail.com](mailto:stolerscwrt@gmail.com))

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Program: David Ward

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### Dues:

\$35 Individual; \$45 Family; \$500 Lifetime; Students & Active Military Service - Free

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

### Mailing Address:

Scottsdale Civil War Roundtable  
7359 N Via Paseo Del Sur, Ste 515-274

**SHARP. WITTY. CAPTIVATING.**



**SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023 AT 2 PM**

by Richard Strand

Directed by Lee Cooley

When an escaped slave shows up at Fort Monroe demanding sanctuary, Union General Benjamin Butler faces an impossible moral and legal dilemma that could alter the course of the Civil War and U.S. history. Sharply comic, a battle of wit and word play. Completely captivating!

DON BLUTH  
*Front Row*  
THEATRE.

**BOX OFFICE 480-314-0841**  
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## **JOIN FELLOW ROUNDTABLE MEMBERS FOR A UNIQUE THEATER EXPERIENCE!**

Someone wrote a play about General Benjamin Butler? A play described as sharp and witty? A play performed by theater groups across America to glowing reviews? Surely, you must be joking! But it's true, and Scottsdale Roundtable members have a unique chance to experience it themselves.

In May and June of 2023 the Don Bluth *Front Row* Theatre in Scottsdale will be presenting *Ben Butler*. We've arranged with the Theatre for the matinee show on Saturday, May 20 to be available exclusively to the Roundtable and tickets, normally \$30, will be discounted to \$25. In addition, at the end of the performance, cast members and the directors will come back out to answer questions and engage with us, something only being done for our group.

The play is about the incident early in the war, when escaped slaves entered the Union lines at Fort Monroe, presenting General Butler and the Federal government with the question of what to do?

To buy tickets, follow the directions below and click on this link: [https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?perf\\_special=618466](https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?perf_special=618466), which will take you directly to the theatre's website and this specific performance. You should also have recently received an email from us with the same information.

# SCOTTSDALE CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

**Private Group Performance  
& Post-Show Talkback with Company**

**SATURDAY, MAY 20 at 2 PM  
Group Discount Tickets \$25**

1. **Go to special private ticketing page**
2. **Select Adult Ticket Type & Choose  
Seats - Continue to Cart Check Out**
3. **At Cart Sign Up for an Account**
4. **Enter Code: SCWR25**
5. **Pay with Credit Card**

**BUY NOW**

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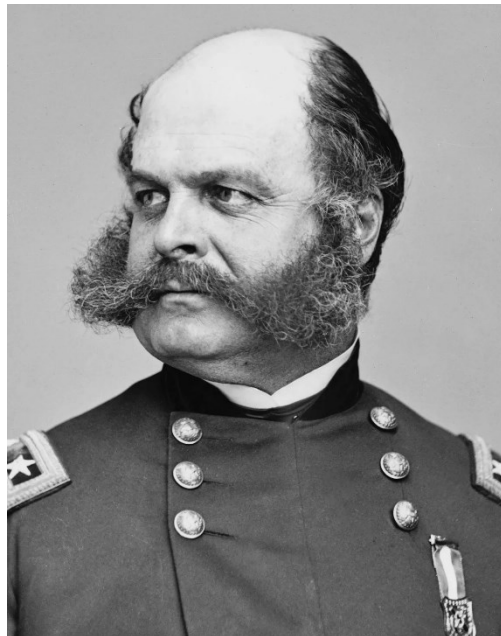
After you select seats you will need to set up an account and password.  
The discount code is only entered in the last step, so you will see the \$30 charge until then.

It's called the Front Row Theatre because it only has 74 seats, so get your tickets soon.

Look forward to seeing you there.

## THIS MONTH IN CIVIL WAR HISTORY

November 4, 1862. Lincoln fires George B. McClellan as commander of the Army of the Potomac. His successor is Ambrose Burnside, who starts planning an ill-fated move toward Richmond.



*Gen. Ambrose Burnside*

## BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION

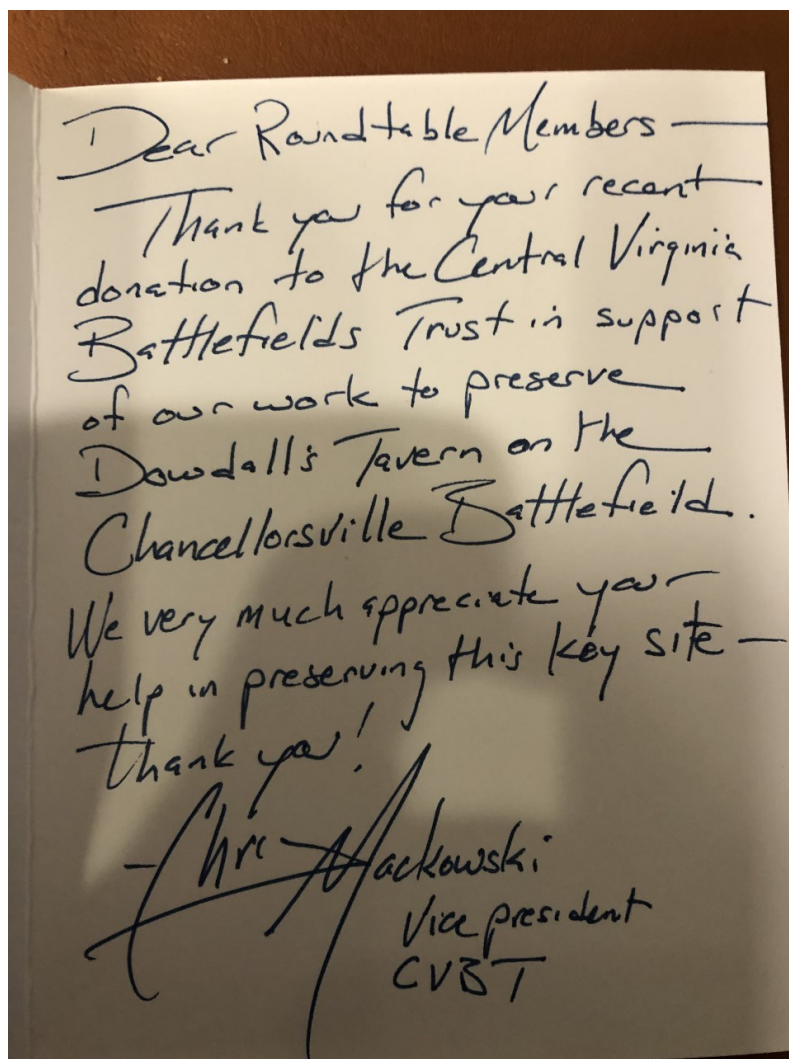
In recent years, the Scottsdale Roundtable has made \$29,000 in donations for battlefield preservation which, with matching opportunities, enabled more than \$2.1 million in property acquisitions. Your contributions have enabled this effort. All of you have helped ensure the preservation of America's heritage and the memory of those who served.

We have added a section to the Roundtable website, so that you can see each donation we've made in recent years. This chart will be updated as we make donations in the future. You can find the chart by going to the Resources page on our website (<https://www.scottsdalecwr.org/resources.html>) and clicking on Scottsdale Civil War Roundtable Preservation Donations.

The Roundtable Board has established a Preservation Donations Committee under Dick Cox to evaluate donation opportunities and make recommendations to the Board. We usually make decisions on contributions at our Board meeting in May, unless an extraordinary opportunity arises, as it early this year with a 163-1 match opportunity to preserve land at the Battle of Williamsburg site.

If you have any suggestions or recommendations for the Committee and Board to consider, please send Dick an email at [praecipe101@msn.com](mailto:praecipe101@msn.com).

Chris Mackowski, VP of the Central Virginia Battlefields Trust, recently sent Scottsdale Roundtable Members a hand-written note, thanking us for our recent donation to that organization,



Dear Roundtable Members —  
Thank you for your recent  
donation to the Central Virginia  
Battlefields Trust in support  
of our work to preserve  
Dowdall's Tavern on the  
Chancellorsville Battlefield.  
We very much appreciate your  
help in preserving this key site —  
thank you!  
Chris Mackowski  
Vice president  
CVBT

## November 2022 Trivia Questions

1. What group at Gettysburg was called “the boys who fought at home”?
2. Who was the artist who created the famous Gettysburg Cyclorama in 1882?
3. What event took place before the Battle of Stones River on the night of December 30, 1862?
4. What was the name of the opening action in the Battle of Glorieta Pass in New Mexico Territory in 1862?

# 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:

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

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

Follow us on Facebook at Scottsdale Civil War Roundtable

## 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)

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

**YouTube Channel for CWRT Congress** includes 40+ recorded past talks: [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=cwrt+congress](https://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

<https://www.civilwarseminars.org/lectures>

## November 2022 Trivia Answers

1. Company K, First Pennsylvania Reserves. They all came from Gettysburg.
2. Paul Philippoteau.
3. The so-called "Battle of the Bands." As dread of the coming battle deepened, the military bands attached to both armies tried to lift the spirits of their comrades. A musical battle arose as the Union and Confederate bands tried to down out each other. The Confederate's "Bonny Blue Flag" was answered by "Hail Columbia." "Yankee Doodle" was answered with "Dixie." Eventually, the patriotic songs faded away as one brass band struck up the lonesome strains of "Home Sweet Home." Then bands from both sides began to play it and soldiers on both sides began to sing the words of the nostalgic song.
4. The Battle of Apache Canyon