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3839 N Drinkwater Blvd Scottsdale

on the 3rd Tuesday of the month

6:45 PM—8:45 PM

**.September thru May**

.\$35 Annual Dues (individual)

.\$45 Annual Dues (family)

EVERYONE WELCOME



**ED BONEKEMPER**

presents-

**The Myth Of The Lost Cause:  
A Fantasy View Of The  
Civil War**

September 20, 2011 Tuesday

6:45 PM

Civic Center Library

Receiving his B.A. in American History from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa., Ed Bonekemper also received an M.A. in history from Old Dominion University and a J.D. degree from Yale Law School. A retired Commander in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, he was an adjunct lecturer in military history at his alma mater from 2003 to 2010, along with being a seven-time Civil War Lecturer at The Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. His many books (*Grant and Lee: Victorious American and Vanquished Virginian; McClellan and Failure: A Study of Civil War Fear, Incompetence and Worse; A Victor, Not a Butcher: Ulysses S. Grant's Overlooked Military Genius; How Robert E. Lee Lost the Civil War*) led to several appearances on C-Span. Currently Book Review Editor of the *Civil War News*, Mr. Bonekemper continues his many speaking engagements at The Delta Queen; The Virginia Festival of the Book; Lincoln Group of Washington, D.C.; the John Locke Foundation; the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, PA; The CCNY Military Affairs Symposium; and numerous Civil War round tables.

FROM WES' DEN.....This was the first summer in a long time where I did not visit a Civil War Battlefield. I so enjoy walking among the monuments of a site and learning how men responded to an inferno of shot and shell and pain and horror. It humbles me and I honor them. However, I did keep up on my reading and study. A headline, "The North Won Because It Could Feed People", shocked me. I never heard that before. Andrew F. Smith wrote "*Starving The South: How The North Won The Civil War*". This was a real eye opener. Smith's main contention is that the North developed a modern commercial agricultural system that fully mechanized the cycle from farmer to consumer. The Northern farmer embraced mechanization while the Southern farmer had none. The increase in food production was made possible by Northern farmers purchasing 233,000 reapers and other types of farm implements during the Civil War. Northern transportation expanded, moving farm products to market rapidly. In addition, the North was able to develop an industrial canning system for preserving food. Never did the Northern people or armies really starve. In the South, the "wolf / hard times" was always at the door. With so little manufacturing ability in the South, it was never ever a "fair" fight. That they held out for four years is amazing. Still, "Cheers and Tears for the Blue, Tears and Cheers for the Gray".



I remain your most obedient servant..... *Wes Schmidt*

## WELCOME TO THE NEW SEASON 2011 - 2012

October 18th

Rick Hatcher.....*Fort Sumter 1829 -1947*

November 15th

Harry Bulkeley....*I Propose To Fight It Out*

January 17th

Ed Bearss.....*Raising The Cairo*

February 21st

Howard Strouse...*Winfield Scott: America's  
Preeminent Soldier and Diplomat*

March 20th

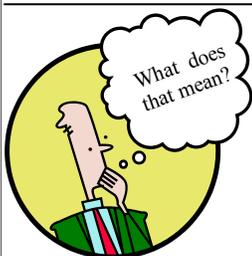
John Waugh.....*Lincoln and McClellan*

April 17th

David Duncan...*Current Challenges in Battlefield  
Preservation*

May 15th

Craig Symonds...*The River War*



### HOW'S YOUR CIVIL WAR VOCABULARY?

**Casemate:** A sturdily-built, arched masonry chamber enclosed by a fortification's ramparts or walls. Casemates were often used to protect gun positions, powder magazines, storerooms or living quarters.

**Gabions:** Cylindrical wicker baskets which were filled with rocks and dirt, often used to build field fortifications or temporary fortified positions.

**Redan:** A fortification with two parapets or low walls whose faces unite to form a salient angle towards the enemy. That is, they form a point that juts out past the rest of the defensive line of works.

MAILBAG



A Note From  
SCWRT Member,  
Dr. John Bamberl  
regarding the  
Sesquicentennial

April 12th, 2011  
was the 150<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary of the

beginning of the Civil War which began with the cannon bombardment of Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor. I put up my American and Confederate flags not to celebrate the event but to commemorate the brave souls that died for a cause they believed in.

The Civil War transformed a loose confederation of states into a unified and confident nation that launched into the 20<sup>th</sup> Century as the world's leading economic producer and foremost democratic nation.

It is important that we maintain and preserve the principal Civil War battlefields so that our children and grandchildren can walk the fields and experience an emotional empathy with the men and women who fought and died to make this a great nation.

The best way to do this is with your tax deductible contributions to the Civil War Trust.

### CIVIL WAR WEBSITES

[civilwaranimated.com](http://civilwaranimated.com) Interactive maps & music. Preview the battlefields with narration and meet the generals.

[civilwar.nps.gov](http://civilwar.nps.gov) Search for your Civil War relative

### JULIA WARD HOWE

Far and away the most popular song of Union troops came from the pen of a woman. Julia Ward Howe was



inspired to write the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" while on a visit to wartime Washington. When the editors of the *Atlantic Monthly* graciously agreed to print her song, they paid the author five dollars.



## GUIDON BOOKS

### A Civil War History Lover's Paradise

Article by Henry Potosky, SCWRT Member  
 Photos by Dr. John Bamberl, SCWRT Member

In Scottsdale, Arizona, there is a bookstore that specializes in the American Civil War and Western Americana. GUIDON BOOKS is a Scottsdale institution having been in business for over 47 years. Originally located at 7117 E. Main Street, Guidon Books recently relocated to larger space at 7109 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, (at the corner of Marshall and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets).

The store was established by Aaron Cohen, and his wife Ruth in 1964. Aaron, who was a founding member of the Scottsdale Civil War Round Table, had a strong interest in the life of General George Custer. Ruth's interest was in Confederate Civil War prisoners of war. Their store opened with original stock consisting of books from their own collection. Over the years their inventory grew to thousands of books received from many sources. After Aaron's passing in 2010, his daughter Shelly Dudley and her husband Gordon took over the business. They both also share a love of history. Shelly's main interest is in Arizona and southwestern history. Gordon enjoys southwest history and belonged to a Gettysburg discussion group. Gordon has a great, great grandfather that served in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Georgia Infantry during the Civil War.

Guidon Books certainly reflects the love of history shared by the Cohen and Dudley families. You can feel it as you approach the entrance to the store. You are greeted by the "Sarge" and the "Private". They are two mannequins sitting on chairs at the entrance to the store. The "Sarge" wears Union attire and the

"Private" is dressed as a Confederate soldier. They appear to be resting after having fought in too many battles.

Inside is a quiet and pleasing atmosphere. There are several comfortable chairs on which to relax and read. There are seven rooms with stocked shelves of books all separated by topic. You get the sense of being surrounded by the fragrance and the history of America.

Dr. John Bamberl and I had the pleasure of spending some time with Shelly and Gordon Dudley at Guidon Books. They provided many interesting bits of information about the store.

Guidon Books has been visited by many prominent and interesting persons including baseball great Ted Williams, author Bob Bose Bell, and Senator John Warner of Virginia. A descendant of one of the Earp brothers has also been a regular customer. The store has attracted persons from throughout the United States as well as foreign countries. Spring training season brings many baseball fans who are attracted to the store because of those hard to find books that they can't locate in their hometowns.

Major movies such as "Tombstone", starring Kurt Russell, and "Gettysburg", produced by Ted Turner, has attracted many customers interested in those subjects.

Shelly Dudley noted that the current trend is in Civil War books containing letters between family members. Many customers are conducting genealogy research or looking for regimental histories.

Shelly and Gordon travel the USA during part of the summer looking for those difficult to find books to add to their stock. Recently they have added new book sections on "Teddy Roosevelt" and western fiction. They also added a children's history book area. There is an extensive collection of new, used, and out of print books. The store has over 200 rare books on Civil War, Western Americana, Lincoln, General Custer and Native Americans.

The Guidon Books website: [www.guidon.com](http://www.guidon.com), contains a listing of over 11,000 books for sale. The website is not to be missed.

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Additionally, the website has some nice areas to view: “Wanted - Read or Alive”, “Upcoming Events”, “Historical Hookups”, “Totally Unrelated to the Old West or the Civil War” and more.

*Shelly and Gordon offer a 10% discount to members of the Scottsdale Civil War Round Table.*

After our visit, as John and I were departing Guidon Books, I could not help but feel that I was walking out of the CIVIL WAR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS!

Guidon Books is certainly unique. It may be the only bookstore west of the Mississippi River, if not the entire USA, that specializes in Civil War and Western Americana.

One thing is certain. If you are looking for that special Civil War book, if you can't find it at Guidon Books, you can't find it anywhere.



### DID YOU KNOW?

- During the Civil War, glasses with colored lenses were used to treat disorders and illnesses. Yellow-trimmed glasses were used to treat syphilis, blue for insanity and pink for depression. Thus we get the term to see the world through rose-colored glasses.
- Did you know that when a woman mourned for her husband in the 1860's, she spent a minimum of 2½ years in mourning? That meant little or no social activities: no parties, no outings, no visitors and a wardrobe that consisted of nothing but black. The husband, when mourning for his wife however, spent three months in a black suit.
- Confederate Brigadier General James G. Martin was nicknamed “Old One Wing” because he had lost his right arm in the Mexican War.

## 12- POUNDER NAPOLEAN

by John Bamberl, SCWRT Member

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.

