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.meets @ Civic Center Library (Auditorium)

3839 N Drinkwater Blvd Scottsdale, AZ

.3rd Tuesday of the month... September

thru May (no meeting December)

.6:40 PM - 8:45 PM

.\$35 Annual Dues (individual)

.\$45 Annual Dues (family)

EVERYONE WELCOME



## GREG MERTZ

presents-

### *Enemy Intent: How Army Intelligence Shaped the Battle of Spotsylvania Court House*

November 20, 2012

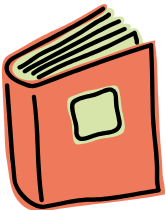
6:40 PM Tuesday

Civic Center Library (Auditorium)

Cavalry was often the eyes and ears of the army, but at the end of the first day of the Battle of Spotsylvania Court House, Union General-in-Chief Ulysses S. Grant decided to send virtually all of his cavalry on a raid to Richmond. Confederate Army commander Robert E. Lee responded by sending away about half of his cavalry, including J.E.B. Stuart, who effectively served as his chief intelligence officer. This program will take a look at the battle and how both armies tried to determine the enemy intent through a variety of means – many of them new and unique, because of the inability of the armies to rely upon their cavalries, which otherwise were their most effective tool for gathering information about army positions and movements.

Mr. Mertz's interest in the Civil War grew out of annual hiking and camping trips through the Boy Scouts of America that were made to the Shiloh battlefield in Tennessee every spring. Obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout, Greg went on to his Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation and Park Administration from the University of Missouri – Columbia, and a Master of Science degree in Public Administration from Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania. Beginning his National Park Service career at Gettysburg National Military Park and then Eisenhower National Historic Site, he was later transferred to Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, serving as site historian at the "Stonewall" Jackson Shrine and then as site historian and museum curator for the Chancellorsville Battlefield Visitor Center. He is now Supervisory Historian, selecting, training and evaluating the permanent, seasonal, intern and volunteer employees at the park. Greg served as initial President of the Rappahannock Valley Civil War Round Table, and is a current board member. He is also a former board member of the Brandy Station Foundation.

Mertz is the author of many articles, some of which include a piece on the command decisions made by Generals Lee and Jackson during the Chancellorsville Campaign in the July-August 1987 *Confederate Veteran* magazine; a two-part feature article and "General's Tour" on the Battle of the Wilderness, for the April 1995 and June 1995 issues of *Blue and Gray Magazine*; a piece on Jackson's artillery during the Battle of Fredericksburg for *Blood on the Rappahannock: The Battle of Fredericksburg*, a 1996 issue of *Civil War Regiments*; a feature article on Upton's Attack at Spotsylvania Court House for the Summer 2001 *Blue and Gray Magazine*; and a feature article on the Laurel Hill fighting at Spotsylvania Court House in the Summer 2004 *Blue and Gray Magazine*.



## DONATE YOUR BOOKS

We need to keep our book table going! Please donate any gently used history books and magazines! Bring them to the next meeting and Hank Potosky will be happy to hand you a receipt for your taxes. Proceeds from the book table help us further battlefield preservation as well as giving you a great read!



## CIVIL WAR EXHIBIT

Wes Schmidt and friends will have a Civil War Exhibit in two showcases at the "Little Red School House" (home of the Scottsdale Historical Museum) 7333 E. Scottsdale Mall,

Scottsdale. You can catch this exhibit November 1st thru Thanksgiving.

The material will be on public display for the first time ever. Unique items include a real "medical bullet" with teeth marks and a piece of burnt wood from the explosion site that sunk the USS Cairo, December 12, 1862; near Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Opening hours are Wednesday thru Saturday from 10:00 AM - 5:00PM and on Sunday from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

For more information: 480-945-4499 or [info@scottsdalemuseum.com](mailto:info@scottsdalemuseum.com)



## UPCOMING ROUND TABLES

Dec.....Members Only Christmas Party  
(location to be announced)

Jan 15...**Ed Bearss**...*War in the Trans-Mississippi:  
Did it Really Matter?*

Feb 19...**Rev. Bob Macfarland**  
*Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain*

Mar 19...**Clark "Bud" Hall**  
*The Battle of Brandy Station:  
The Beginning of the End of the War*

Apr 16...**Gail Stephens**  
*Lt. General Jubal Early: Lee's Bad Old Man*

May 21...**Gordon Rhea**...*The Overland Campaign*

## ROY P. MUEHLBERGER



Roy Muehlberger passed away  
July 24th, 2012.

He is survived by his wife Nancy, two daughters and seven grandchildren. Roy was a founding member of our Scottsdale Civil War Round Table and if not for Roy, our group wouldn't exist today.

Mr. Muehlberger, you will be missed by all.

## OUR RECENT SURVEY

Thank you all for the success of the recent survey! John Bamberl has attempted to get in touch with all of you who left a name and phone number. A lot of good information was gleaned from the survey of which your opinions and comments are appreciated to make our Round Table the best in the country. Many of you had some good ideas that the board will be discussing at future board meetings.

Some of the comments and ideas listed were:

- 1) Better advertising of our group. We currently send our meeting information to sixteen organizations every month to get the word out there. If any of you know of a name/ phone number for more advertising for us...please call Karen 480-991-2668 or e-mail the website.
- 2) Trying to involve more young people. We offer free student membership to all students and teachers.
- 3) Meeting times at the library. The library closes at 9:00 so we have to vacate by 8:45, allowing them time to lock up. The library offers us a "free of charge" meeting place and we have a great partnership with them as they do quite a bit of advertising for our group.
- 4) The Sound System. The sound system in the auditorium has been upgraded over the last year. Several of our board members held a special meeting with library personnel on improvement of the audio system.

This only address' a small portion of the many responses we received. Stay tuned for more!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION.