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EVERYONE WELCOME



Know someone who would enjoy our great lectures? Bring them to the next Scottsdale Civil War Round Table. Well known Civil War authors and historians need to be shared with everyone.

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### RICHARD MCMURRY

- presents-

*Jefferson Davis: His Strategies* 

October 16, 2012 6:40 PM Tuesday Civic Center Library (Auditorium)

A native of Atlanta, Georgia; Dr. Richard McMurry is a historian, author and lecturer of Civil War history. Graduating from the Virginia Military Academy, he earned a PHD in history from Emory University and taught at Valdosta State University and North Carolina State McMurry's field of specialization is the University. American Civil War. He has authored more than one hundred articles on various facets of that great conflict. Two of his books, John Bell Hood and the War for Southern Independence and Two Great Rebel Armies: An Essay in Confederate Military History, were listed among the one hundred best modern Civil War books as selected by the eminent historian Gary W. Gallagher for the magazine Civil War. He also compiled a biographical encyclopedia of the alumni of the Virginia Military Institute, who served in the Civil War. Speaking to Civil War groups, high school, college, historical, literary, library societies and civic clubs in twenty-five states, Dr. McMurry is also active in such organizations as the Civil War Trust and the Blue and Gray Education Society. He presently lives and writes in Dalton, Georgia.



#### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE LAUNCHES ONLINE GUIDE TO CIVIL WAR

A new website by the National Park Service now provides an overview of the Civil War and a guide to more than 1,700 U.S. related sites.

100 National Parks are among those listed with Civil War themes plus a narrative on the war examines its root causes, bios of major players military and civilian; and places in the national park system that illuminate the war.

www.nps.gov/civilwar

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#### UPCOMING ROUND TABLES

Nov 20...**Greg Mertz**...*Enemy Intent: How Army Intelligence Shaped the Battle of Spotsylvania Court House* 

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



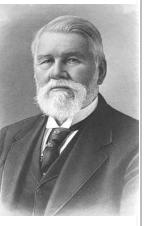
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#### Richard J. Gatling M. D.

When the war broke out, Richard J. Gatling MD, was more interested in a career as an inventor, than practicing medicine. Always a handy fellow with tools and machinery, he designed several farm implements that did much to revolutionize the farm industry.



He then had an idea that led him to develop a rapid fire gun that

could deliver 250 rounds per minute. Dr. Gatling touted his new invention as "a great life-saving device, sure to bring wars to a speedy end" but failed to convince skeptics at the U.S. War Department. The Gatling gun was finally approved too late to see action during the Civil War.

After serving for six years as president of the American Association of Inventors and Manufacturers, "humanitarian" Gatling devoted his last productive years to work on a mechanized plow.

