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(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)

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## EVERYONE WELCOME

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## TOM CUTRER

### A STEPPING STONE TO A GREATER EMINENCE: THE MEXICAN WAR AND THE MAKING OF GEORGE B. MCCLELLAN

APRIL 15, 2014

6:40 PM

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Thomas W. Cutrer earned his B.A. in history at Louisiana State University in 1969 and, after three years service as an intelligence officer in the United States Air Force, returned to LSU for a master's degree in English literature, which he completed in 1974. In 1980 he was awarded a Ph.D. in the American Civilization Program at the University of Texas. Dr. Cutrer then spent a decade in public history, first as curator of history at the University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio, and then as associate director of the University of Texas Center for Studies in Texas History and managing editor of the Handbook of Texas at the Texas State Historical Association. He went to the West campus of Arizona State University in Glendale, Arizona, in 1990, and in 1998 became a full Professor of History and American Studies at ASU West. With his wife appointed the presidency of Texas A&M-Texarkana, Dr. Cutrer has recently retired from teaching and is now Professor of History and American Studies Emeritus at ASU. His scholarly work focuses on the cultural history of the American South and Nineteenth Century U.S. military history, especially the American Civil War. A prolific author, Dr. Cutrer has received awards for his books *Parnassus on the Mississippi: The Southern Review and the Baton Rouge Literary Community, 1935-1942* and *Ben McCulloch and the Frontier Military Tradition*. Dr. Cutrer's other books include *Longstreet's Aide: The Civil War Letters of Maj. Thomas J. Goree*; *"Our Trust is in the God of Battles": The Civil War Letters of Robert F. Bunting, Chaplain, Eighth Texas Cavalry*; *The Mexican War Diary and Correspondence of George B. McClellan*, and he also coedited, with T. Michael Parrish, *Brothers in Gray: The Civil War Letters of the Pierson Family*. Cutrer is currently at work on a history of the Civil War in the trans-Mississippi West for the University of North Carolina Press's *Littlefield History of the Civil War Era* series. He is also an advisory editor of *Military History of the West*, published by the University of North Texas.

## NOTE FROM WES SCHMIDT

*Just a short note to inform all of you that I will not be running for office in May. I feel it is time for a younger person to replace me. About to be 80, I am not the active man of yore.*

*Sometime in 1991 I started coming to lectures at the Civic Center Library. My notes show I was elected President, Feb. 20, 1996. I have been Pres. or Board Member ever since. I will continue to attend the meetings, which I have always enjoyed.*

*I appreciate that all of you have been so easy to work with and that our Round Table has grown so well. I stand down with a strong sense of satisfaction of service faithfully performed.*

*Best Wishes To You All, Wes Schmidt*

## WHAT CAN ANYONE SAY ABOUT THE END OF AN ERA?

18 years of helping to steer the Scottsdale Civil War Round Table into the organization that it has become today. Our hat is off to you Wes for all the time and concern, love and thought that you poured into this group. The many board meetings, phone calls and hours and hours needed... 18 years later, you have every right to be so very proud of your accomplishment. A grateful membership says THANK YOU! Now you can sit back and just enjoy the meetings and rest on your laurels!  
"Yes Indeed!"

## UPCOMING ROUND TABLES

May 20th: **William C. "Jack" Davis**  
*The Making of the Confederacy*

Next season's schedule to be released soon!



## THE SESQUICENTENNIAL CONTINUES @ THE SCOTTSDALE CIVIL CENTER LIBRARY

*March 31 - April 21, 2014*

### THE CIVIL WAR 150

The Civil War 150 is a national traveling exhibition, utilizing letters, personal accounts and images drawn from the Gilder Lehrman Collection. This exhibition traces major events during the Civil War through the eyes of soldiers, presidents, freedmen and families. Visitors will come to understand how people dealt with the end of slavery, the nature of democracy and citizenship, the human toll of civil war and the role of a president in wartime.

Developed by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History in partnership with the The Library of America this exhibition was made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. We can thank Pat Toftoy and Dr. John Bamberl who applied and were successful in obtaining this grant so that we all can enjoy this exciting exhibit!

*Tuesday, April 1st @ 6:30 PM*

"Our Civil War: Reflections at the Sesquicentennial"  
presented by Dr. Brooks Simpson

*Thursday, April 3rd @ 6:30 PM*

Ulysses S. Grant: "I Propose To Fight It Out"  
presented by Harry Bulkeley

*Wednesday, April 9th @ 1:30 PM*

Film: Gone With The Wind

*Thursday, April 17th @ 6:30 PM*

"The African American Experience in Arizona:  
500 Years of History"  
presented by: Matthew Whitaker, PhD

*April 1st thru April 21st*

Student Art Contest

All entries will be on view in The Gallery.

For more details:

<http://library.scottsdaleaz.gov>