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Scottsdale 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**

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## DR. BRIAN WILLS

**Unlikely Civil Warriors:  
George Thomas &  
Bedford Forrest**

**November 18, 2014**

**6:40 PM**

**Scottsdale Civic Center  
Library  
(Auditorium)**

Dr. Brian Steel Wills is the Director of the Center for the Study of the Civil War Era and Professor of History at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Georgia. The author of numerous books, his most recent publications are *The River Was Dyed With Blood: Nathan Bedford Forrest* and *Fort Pillow* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2014) and *Confederate General William Dorsey Pender: The Hope Of Glory* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2013). His biography of Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest, *The Confederacy's Greatest Cavalryman: Nathan Bedford Forrest* (University Press of Kansas) was chosen as both a History Book Club selection and a Book of the Month Club selection.

In 2000, Dr. Wills received the Outstanding Faculty Award from the Commonwealth of Virginia, one of eleven recipients from all faculty members at public and private institutions across the state. He was named Kenneth Asbury Professor of History and won both the Teaching award and the Research and Publication award from the University of Virginia's College at Wise.

## ANDREWS' RAIDERS

One of the most famous Civil War locomotives, Old No. 3, better known as the General, was stolen by Federal raiders led by James J. Andrews. They hoped and expected to set railroad trestle bridges on fire between Atlanta and Chattanooga in order to cripple the Georgia rail center. Intermittent rain plus pursuit by an angry and determined railroad conductor foiled their plot. Most Federal soldiers, who boarded the General in disguise and took off with her, were soon captured. Seven of them were hanged at Atlanta but some survivors became the first recipients of the Medal of Honor that had just been created by Congress.



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Dec 16: No Meeting...*Members Only Christmas Party...*  
*time & place to be announced*
- Jan 20: Ed Bearss...*Another Evening with Ed Bearss: Your Questions Answered*
- Feb 17: William Shea...  
*The Pea Ridge Campaign*
- Mar 17: Anne Marshall...*Facts Get Forgotten: Kentuckians Remember the Civil War*
- Apr 21: Thomas Cartwright...  
*Humor In The Civil War*
- May 19: Frank O'Reilly...*Grinding, Relentless War: The Overland Campaign of 1864*



(Andrews' Raiders Monument & the graves of the Medal of Honor Recipients who participated in the raid. Chattanooga National Cemetery...photo & article courtesy of Dr. John Bamberl)

## SCOTTSDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Looking for something new and different? How about something old and different? Docents are needed at The Little Red Schoolhouse, located in Old Town Scottsdale. Built in 1909, it is now the museum of the Scottsdale Historical Society and features a variety of exhibits depicting life in Scottsdale and the Southwest. Volunteers staff the museum Wednesday thru Sunday, greeting visitors and operating the gift shop. For more information for an opportunity to develop new friendships in the community and meet visitors from around the globe, please contact Lois Fagan, Docent Coordinator 480-423-8893.

## WELCOME ALL NEW MEMBERS TO SCWRT!

### SEPTEMBER:

Randy Finefrock  
Channing Frothingham  
Howard Norman

### OCTOBER:

Frank Brady  
Jane & John Lynch  
Mark & Mitch McDanell  
Mark Parfet  
Michelle Craig