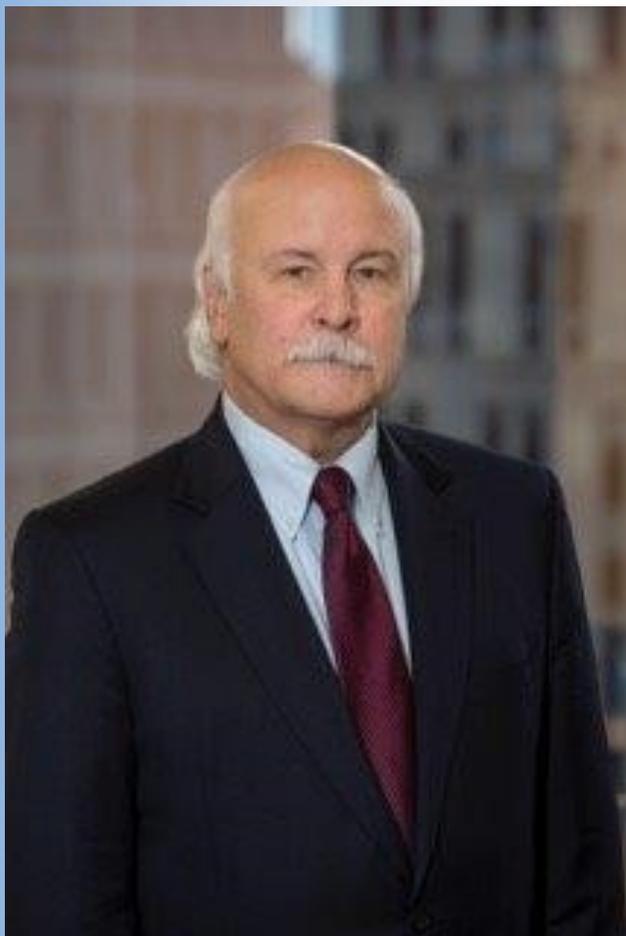
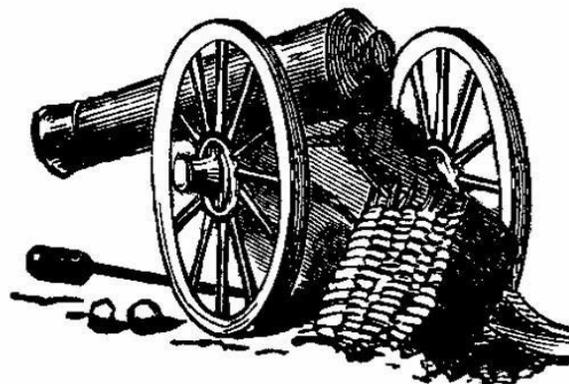


The Grapeshot

February
2019



This month's guest speaker:

Mr. James Conroy

Please join us as we welcome Mr. James Conroy author of *Our One Common Country*, an examination of the Hampton Roads Peace Conference of 1865.

Scottsdale Civic Library
Auditorium 6:00 p.m.
February 19, 2019

About Our Speaker

James Conroy, who gave a fascinating talk last year on *Lincoln's White House: The People's House in Wartime*, is returning to the Scottsdale Civil War Roundtable on February 19 to speak on The Hampton Roads Peace Conference of January 1865, at which President Abraham Lincoln and Alexander Stephens, Vice-President of the Confederacy met in the only direct peace negotiations of the Civil War. Conroy is the author of *Our One Common Country*, the only book length study of the conference and a finalist for the Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize, awarded to the author of the best book of the year on the 16th President, a Civil War soldier, or the Civil War Era. Conroy's extensive research allows him to shed an illuminating light on the conference and the intrigue and plotting, North and South, needed to make it happen in the first place over the objections of many on both sides.

Conroy practices law in Boston. He previously served as a Senate and House press secretary and speechwriter in Washington, D.C., as well as an administrative assistant (chief of staff) for a New York City congressman, and before that for six years as a photographer and journalist in anti-submarine aviation units in the United States Navy Reserve.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings are held at the Scottsdale Civic Center Library Auditorium from 5:40 to 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month Sept. thru May.



Feb. 19 James Conroy, *The Hampton Roads Conference*

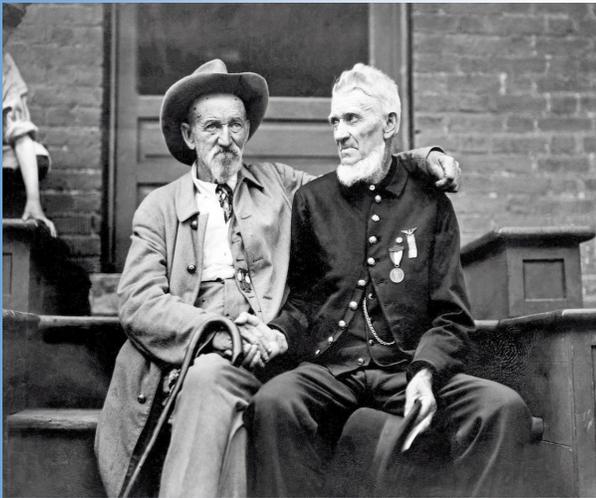
March 19 Howard Strouse, *Civil War Atrocities*

April 16 Frank O'Reilly, *Battle in the Balance: The Union Breakthrough at Fredericksburg*

May 21 Greg Biggs, *How Johnny Got His Gun: The Confederate Supply System*

History Discussion Groups

Didn't get enough Civil War at our speaker meetings? Here is the schedule for our History Discussion Group for this season. We encourage you to join us, it is casual and engaging with a lot of information. Not to mention it's a blast. The discussion group meets in the Gold room at the Scottsdale Civic Center Library from 6 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

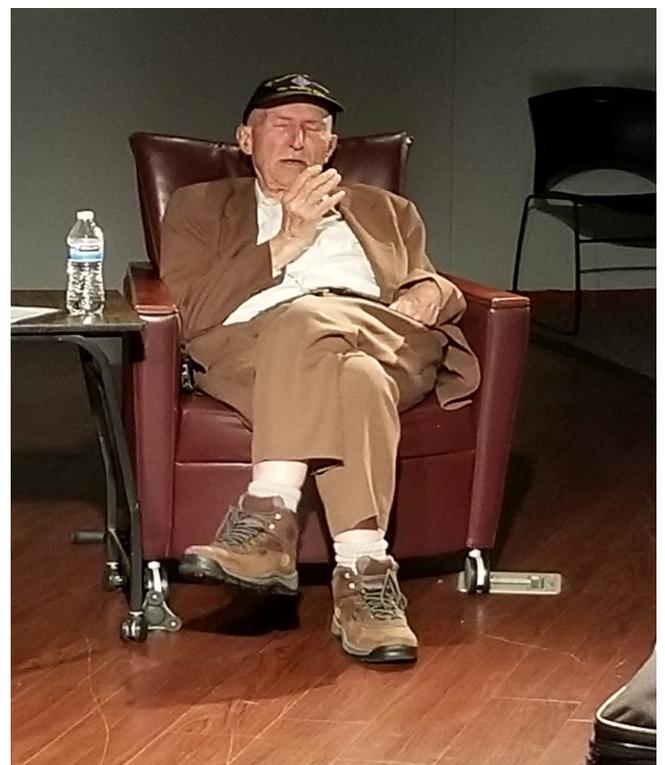


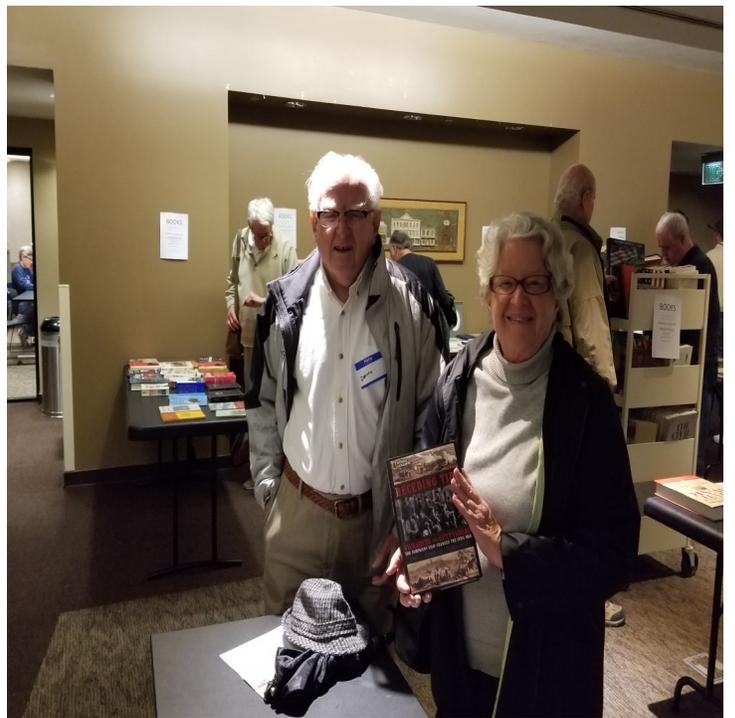
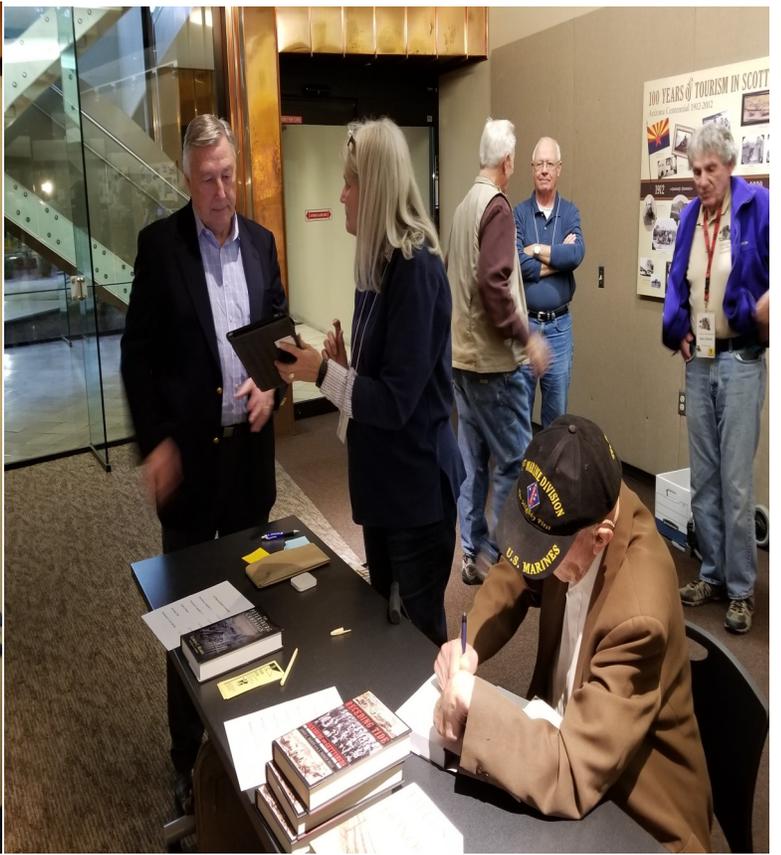
February 28: *Civil War Name Game* led by Dick Cox

March 28: *Civil War Atrocities*, Howard Strouse facilitator

April 26: *Battle of Fredericksburg*, presented by John Bamberl

Some fun photo's from our January meeting





***From Around the Campfire...A Message from Our
President John Bamberl***



The mission of the Scottsdale Civil War Roundtable is to educate the people about the Civil War and to contribute to Battlefield preservation and the preservation of the Civil War memory.

We do this by being a Co-Sponsored Public Program with the library. Last year, because of the generous contributions of our members, we were able to contribute \$6000 to Battlefield preservation and we found a matching program in Tennessee who agreed to match our contribution \$21-1 bringing our contribution to \$126,000.00.

We welcome all guests. Our wish is after hearing our speakers and experiencing our camaraderie you would want to join our group. Our dues are \$35.00 for a single membership and \$45.00 for a family membership.

Students under the age of 25 who are actively engaged in intellectual pursuits are given honorary status along with active military.

Your dues and participation are necessary for us to continue to bring you quality speakers.

Being an educational 501 C3 your dues and contributions are tax deductible.

We also have an Advisory board we would invite you to join.

The members of this board are encouraged to become more active and serve on committees and see how the board functions. They will become Advisors to the board in areas where we need advice.

They are allowed to attend the board meetings and speak on issues they have an interest in.

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I Didn't Know That...



The Battle of Bentonville occurred on March 19th-21st 1865. It was the last major battle of the Civil War. General Sherman and his Army were marching through the Carolina's heading for Goldsboro North Carolina in an effort to meet up with General Jacob Cox and the XX111 Corps. Confederate General Joe Johnston was determined to stop this maneuver and planned on hitting Sherman's left wing commanded by General Henry Slocum and his X1V Corps. These armies would converge in the vicinity of Bentonville N.C. Heavy skirmishing ensued on the first day of fighting. General Slocum would set up his headquarters on the Goldsboro Road across the street from the family of the Harper's house (pictured above) owned by John and Amy Harper (pictured above). John and Amy were

Home with five of their children along with their daughter in-law and her two children. She was living with the family because her husband had been killed during the war. As casualties mounted, the Federals needed a field hospital. Division commander General Jefferson Davis commandeered the Harper House, much to the dislike of the family. After some negotiating, the family was allowed to stay in the house. They were re-located to the top floor, all ten of them. The bottom floor was transformed into two operating rooms and two recovery rooms. The interior doors were removed and fashioned into operating tables. In the front yard 500 wounded Union troops lay scattered.. The two front windows were used to discard the amputated limbs. In the back yard tents were erected for those recovering.

Hard to imagine what that family had to endure throughout the occupation of their home. The stench, moaning and screaming of those under going crude medical procedures. After the battle the Federals loaded up their wounded and relocated them to Goldsboro N.C. 45 wounded confederates remained at the Harper house for another month.

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