

# The Grapeshot

Newsletter

January 2024



**The Scottsdale Civil War  
Roundtable welcomes**

**A. Wilson Greene**

**as he presents:**

***Leaders and Leadership at  
Petersburg***

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***The 2nd Annual  
Celebration  
of the Life of  
Ed Bearss***

Scottsdale Civic Center  
Library

Copper Auditorium

January 16, 2024

6:00 pm

Doors open at 5:00 pm for  
social hour, meet the  
speaker, book sale, and  
Civil War Video

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## About Our Speaker

### A. Wilson Greene



Nationally known Civil War historian and scholar A. Wilson Greene began his career in public history as an interpretive ranger-historian at the Fredericksburg Spotsylvania National Military Park and subsequently at the Petersburg National Battlefield. In 1990, he left government service to assume duties as executive director of the newly-formed Association for the preservation of Civil War Sites (APCWS). This grass roots organization was instrumental in acquiring Civil War battlefields, and later became known as the American Battlefield Trust. From 1995 until his retirement in 2017, Greene was executive director of Pamplin Historical Park, a private battlefield and museum near Petersburg, Virginia.

Greene was raised near Chicago. A family trip to Gettysburg, PA, sparked his lifelong interest in Civil War history. He received his BA in American History from Florida State University, where he was also an accomplished amateur golfer, and received his MA in history from Louisiana State University under Pulitzer Prize winning Civil War Historian T. Harry Williams. Greene has spoken to Civil War groups across the country, led battlefield tours for the Smithsonian, and has hosted lectures and panel discussions on C-SPAN covering various Civil War topics. Most recently, he has devoted his energies to researching and writing a definitive chronicle of the war's longest operation, the Petersburg Campaign. Volume one of a projected three volume history, "A Campaign of Giants", was published in 2018 by University of North Carolina Press.

Topic: Scottsdale Civil War Roundtable,

January 16, 2024 Time: 6:00 PM Arizona

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# **Scottsdale Civil War Round Table Speakers & Programs September 2023-May 2024**

<b>January 16</b>	<b>A. Wilson Greene “Leaders and Leadership at Petersburg” (2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Celebration of the Life of Ed Bearss)</b>
<b>February 20</b>	<b>Dr. Dave Schrader “Love Him or Hate Him? General Benjamin ‘Beast’ Butler”</b>
<b>March 19</b>	<b>Steven Cowie “When Hell Came to Sharpsburg: The Battle of Antietam and Its Impact on the Civilians”</b>
<b>April 16</b>	<b>Eric Buckland “Mosby’s Rangers”</b>
<b>May 21</b>	<b>Mark Bielski “A Mortal Blow to the Confederacy: The Fall of New Orleans, 1862”</b>

**Beginning September 2023, meeting times will change to 6:00 pm.**

**Doors open at 5:00 pm for social hour, meet the speaker,  
book sale, and Civil War Video**

## Letter from our President

*Mark Stoler*



Happy New Year! We have an exciting speaker lineup for the remainder of this season, featuring several first-time topics such as Mosby's Rangers, the fall of New Orleans, and the controversial career of Ben Butler. For those of you visiting battlefields this year will mark the 160th anniversary of the Overland and Atlanta campaigns which will be marked by special events at some parks. If you do make visits please send us photos so we can publish them in the Grapeshot.

During the past month, several Board members have attended meetings at our fellow Roundtables in Tucson and Sun City/Surprise to hear interesting presentations. Good turnouts at both and if you are in their neighborhood you should check them out. You'll find their schedules in each month's Grapeshot.

At our February meeting we will be conducting a silent auction for a high-quality Don Troiani print. More details will follow in next month's Grapeshot.

We continue to post speaker talks to our YouTube Channel which you can find at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfxW2cvzCbGoKebHKPZsq5A>. If you missed Cory Pfarr's discussion last month on General Longstreet's actions on the second day of Gettysburg you can find it there.

Please drop a note to me at [stolerscwrt@gmail.com](mailto:stolerscwrt@gmail.com) on any of the topics mentioned here or if you have any suggestions or comments about the Roundtable. Look forward to hearing from you.



## Photos from December 2023 meeting



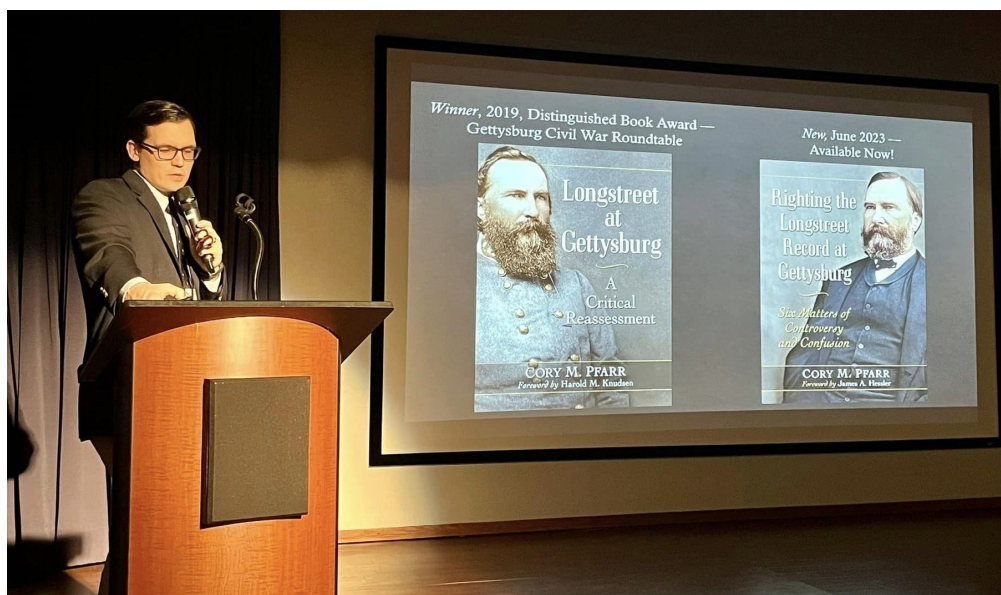
Left: December's Speaker Cory Pfarr signing copies of his book for Round Table members

Left and Below: SCWRT members enjoying lively discussions before December's meeting





**Corey M. Pfarr at the  
December 2023 meeting**



## CIVIL WAR MOVIES & SERIES

A unexpected benefit of the Roundtable's move to Zoom during Covid is that we added a number of new members across the U.S., as well as from outside our country. One of those was Fernando Bastidas of Venezuela, who remains a Scottsdale Roundtable member and has joined several other Roundtables.

Fernando founded a Facebook group aimed mainly at Spanish-speaking people, Guerra Civil Americana en español, which now has 2,600 members and, more recently, has launched another Facebook group (in English) on Civil War Movies & Series, which already has 1,300 members. Here is the link for you to take a look and see if you would like to join.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/6796924623661270>

Here is some further background from Fernando's on his new Facebook group:

To date, I have been able to find more than 700 productions, filmed in the United States and other countries: Spain, Italy, Germany, France, Sweden, Poland, the former Yugoslavia, Mexico, Canada, Peru and Venezuela, including films, miniseries, cartoons, episodes of TV series, and also Hispanic Soap Operas, including one filmed in my own country, Venezuela, which is an adaptation of the novel written by Louisa May Alcott "Little Women", which on this occasion was set in our own Civil War, which was in parallel to yours (1859-63).

Just in the week of the 30th Anniversary of the movie Gettysburg, we created a new group on Facebook "Civil War Movies & Series", from which we took advantage of sharing information that various institutions and people were posting about that event and since that moment, it has been shared continuously information on a certain variety of these film productions. Publications not only shared in that group, but in other trusted Cinema groups, both in English and Spanish, which has increased the views of the posts exponentially and favoring the incorporation of new members to our group, as a result.



Even, thanks to an email got from Dean Smith of Los Angeles CWRT about the screening of the film Gettysburg to be held next January in Beverly Hills, information received from the son of the Cinematographer of that film, who is organizing the event. I was able to contact him and he kindly gave me “the green light” to share that information in the group. I did it and Ron Maxwell himself, who will attend that screening, later shared it on his own Facebook page.



## **2023-24 Roundtable Officers, Board, & Committees**

President: Mark Stoler (203)645-1387; [stolerscwrt@gmail.com](mailto:stolerscwrt@gmail.com))  
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(All Officers serve until 5/31/2025)

### **Board Members**

Until 5/31/2024

Tom Merrill, Pat Toftoy, David Ward

Until 5/31/2025

John Bamberl (President Emeritus), Jim Payne, Jo Roberts, Cheri Stegall

### **Committees**

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Grapeshot:	Richard Cox
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History:	Richard Cox
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Event Support & YouTube:	Tom Merrill
Book Sale:	Pat Toftoy
Membership:	Mark Stoler, Cheri Stegall

## IMPORTANT CHARITABLE GIVING REMINDER FOR TAXPAYERS

*The following is intended to provide general information only and does not constitute tax or legal advice. Please consult with a tax preparer, licensed financial advisor, CPA or tax lawyer to get advice on any specific actions you are considering.*

The Internal Revenue Service is reminding taxpayers that you may be able to deduct donations to tax-exempt organizations on your tax returns. This also applies to those individuals who must take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from a traditional IRA. Because of recent changes in federal law, the age at which you must start taking RMDs can vary from 70 1/2 to 73. Different rules apply to the state income tax treatment of such donations.

If you would like to make a donation to the Roundtable (a 501(c)(3) charitable organization) through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), please consult the IRS publication, “Reminder to IRA owners age 70 1/2 or over: Qualified charitable distributions are great options for making tax-free gifts to charity” <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/reminder-to-ira-owners-age-70-and-a-half-or-over-qualified-charitable-distributions-are-great-options-for-making-tax-free-gifts-to-charity>

Under IRS regs, a QCD is not included in your adjusted gross income for federal tax purposes, even if you are taking a standard deduction.

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## THE WOULD-BE FRENCH KING WHO FOUGHT FOR THE UNION AND BECAME ONE OF THE WAR'S EARLIEST HISTORIANS

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Prince Louis Philippe Albert d'Orléans, Comte de Paris, was the grandson of King Louis Philippe of France. Prince Philippe became the Prince Royal and heir to the throne when his father, Prince Ferdinand-Philippe, Duc d'Orléans, died in a carriage accident in 1842. Philippe was technically king of France from February 24 to 26, 1848, after his grandfather abdicated, but he was never officially proclaimed as such. He might have ruled if revolution hadn't broken out in Paris in early 1848. There was an effort to put him on the throne after his grandfather's abdication, but he was only nine years old and events moved too quickly. The Second Republic was proclaimed and he and his family went into exile.

It's hard to say what kind of royal Prince Philippe would have made, since by the time he reached maturity, he had become a confirmed democrat. While living in exile in England, Philippe became a keen observer of popular government and believed that the experiment in democracy in the United States had to be preserved. Consequently, he and his younger brother volunteered to serve in the Union Army during the Civil War.

On September 14, 1861, he was appointed assistant adjutant general with the rank of captain. He served as aide de camp to George B. McClellan for nearly a year and distinguished himself as a staff officer during the Peninsular Campaign in 1862.



*Prince Philippe circa 1890*

Even though he resigned from the Union Army in July 1862, Prince Philippe was just getting started with his involvement with the war. On returning to England he became a journalist and historian. He wrote a seven-volume history of the war, *Histoire de la guerre civile en Amérique* (History of the Civil War in America) that appeared between 1874 and 1888. His work was translated into English and published in four volumes. A small publishing house has recently reissued the English version in paperback.

David J. Eichler in his *The Civil War in Books: An Analytical Bibliography* has this to say about the work:

“One of the valuable early histories of the war, this study is still valuable for its great insight. The work’s first English edition supplied the version widely circulated in the United States. . . . Paris’s [the name under which the English version was published] nationality gave him something of an impartial viewpoint . . . .”

“The level of detail . . . is highly impressive. With the insight of European culture and military tradition, the author sketches the military history of the war beginning with a synopsis of the Mexican War, the organization of the regular army, the rise of volunteer officers, and the organizational differences between the Union and the Confederate armies . . . . The estimation of a multitude of events and commanders at Chancellorsville and Gettysburg is outstanding.”

As Eichler indicates, Philippe’s history of the war was highly regarded at the time and became the basis for many future studies. His early support for the Union won him many friends in the North and among veterans. He was invited to attend the Grand Review of the Armies in Washington in 1865. In 1880, he was elected a companion first class of the Pennsylvania Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, a service organization formed after the war by veteran Union army officers. Because his history gave a respectful and balanced account of the Confederate armies, Philippe was also very popular in the South.

Prince Philippe lived in England and France for the balance of his life. In 1871, after the Franco-Prussian War and the downfall of Napoleon III, he and his family were allowed to return to France and many of their properties were restored to them. He remained Count of Paris and the Orléanist claimant to the French throne until his death in 1894.

As one commentator puts it, “His life is a fascinating blend of royal heritage and democratic ideals, making him a unique figure in the annals of history.”





*George McClellan and his staff, 1862. Prince Philippe is at far right.*

***Dick Cox is SCWRT vice president and chair of the History Committee.***

## THIS MONTH IN CIVIL WAR HISTORY

January 30, 1862. The USS *Monitor* is launched. She is the first ironclad built for the U.S. Navy and the first ship with a rotating central gun in her turret.

The word “monitor” becomes a generic term to describe a broad class of ships in many navies.



*USS Monitor engages the CSS Virginia*

## January 2024 Trivia Questions

1. The Army of Northern Virginia was considerably depleted in the final hours before Lee's surrender. Approximately how many effectives did Lee have the day before Appomattox?
2. "Gath" was the pen name of what famous war correspondent during the war?
3. Confederate President Jefferson Davis was born in what state?
4. Where did the battle of Glorietta Pass take place on March 28, 1862?

*Answers on final page*



## **SWCRT History Discussion Group**

The Roundtable's History Discussion Group meets at the Panera Bread at 7145 E. Indian School Road, near the corner of Scottsdale Road and Indian School. There is a large room at the back of the restaurant that is suitable for our needs. It would be good if attendees could buy a beverage or light meal while attending to help thank Panera for hosting us but is not required. We will start discussions at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:00. In addition, we will be moving from Tuesday nights back to Thursday, which was our usual day before COVID. Our discussions are relaxed and lots of fun.

Everyone is welcome. Come and join us!

### **2023-24 SCWRT HISTORY DISCUSSION GROUP SCHEDULE**

**January 25, 2024,** The Siege of Petersburg from the Northern and Southern Perspectives

**February 29, 2024,** Military Discipline During the War

**March 28, 2024,** Prelude to Antietam: The Battles for the South Mountain Passes

**April 25, 2024,** Annual Trivia Contest

**May 2024,** No Meeting

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**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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160 years ago  
**1864**  
 to War's End

## CENTRAL COAST CONFERENCE

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A prolific author, and Professor in the History of the American Civil War, Emeritus Director, John L. Nau III Center for Civil War History at the University of Virginia. [Biography](#)

Writer, lecturer, and winner of the 2015 Glider-Lehman Lincoln Prize, he is one of the country's leading authorities on Abraham Lincoln and the political culture of the Civil War era. [Biography](#)

Professor Emeritus at UCLA she researches and writes about nineteenth-century America, specializing in the Civil War, Reconstruction, and Gilded Age eras. [Biography](#)

Professor Emeritus of History at the United States Naval Academy, where he taught for over 30 years. He received Pritzker Military Museum & Library's 2023 Literature Award for Lifetime Achievement. [Biography](#)

A former Assistant U.S. Attorney in Washington D.C. and the Virgin Islands, he has written a magisterial five-volume campaign study of the 1864 Overland Campaign. [Biography](#)

For more information, visit:

<https://whtours.org/1864-the-tide-turns.html>

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Stanton Center, left, and Custom House on Monterey's historic plaza





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## REGISTRATION \$285 per person

**What's included:** Friday night (March 1) Art Gallery admission, wine & cheese reception in the gallery, and author panel in the theater. Full schedule of ten presentations in the theater, five on Saturday (March 2), and five on Sunday (March 3). **What's not included:** meals, or hotel accommodations. Visit "Places to Stay in Monterey County": <https://www.seemonterey.com/hotels/>

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Confirmation will be sent to you via email (if given above), or mailed. Pick up your nametag with your registration packet at the Stanton Center on March 1, 2024

(Secure online registrations will be available on our website beginning October 1, 2023, at [whitours.org](http://whitours.org))

# WHAT'S GOING ON AT NEIGHBORING ROUNDTABLES?

## TUCSON CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

**January 5, 2024** – “Could the South Have Won the War?” Robert Presman

**February 2, 2024** – “General Montgomery Meigs—Engineer, Quartermaster, Architect” Bob Consigli

**March 1, 2024** – “General James Longstreet—A Magnet for Controversy” Dan Paterson (Zoom)

**April 5, 2024** – “The North Carolina Campaign — 1884” Don Waugaman

**May 3, 2024** – “Civil War Music” Steve Smith

The Roundtable conducts lunch meetings at 11:30am at the Hungry Fox Restaurant in Tucson.

For more information contact Elise Moore at [elisemoore7@gmail.com](mailto:elisemoore7@gmail.com)

## **Sun Cities and Surprise Civil War Round Table**

**Program Year 2023—2024**

**October through May on the first Tuesday each month**

**1:30 pm Social, 2:00 pm Program**

***Covenant Presbyterian Church***

***13601 W Aleppo Dr***

***Sun City West, AZ 85375***

<b>January 2, 2024</b>	Hal Barber: Siege at Tubac—Apache Battle
<b>February 6, 2024</b>	John Cox: More Civil War Letters
<b>March 5, 2024</b>	James Bish: Slavery and American Colonies
<b>April 2, 2024</b>	Jim Terasinski: Blazing the Railroad Trails
<b>May 7, 2024</b>	Steve Alexander: The Laws of War and Civil War Tactics— The USA Today Verses 1861—1865

## Other Online Opportunities

A series of free lectures on **Wednesdays hosted by the Civil War Round Table Congress** (CWRTC). Check out their website for topics and to register.

<https://www.cwrtcongress.org/speaker.html>

**CWRT Congress Fridays With U.S. Grant** for a special series with Dr. Curt Fields.

To register (free)

<https://www.cwrtcongress.org/grant.html>

**YouTube Channel for CWRT Congress** includes 40+ recorded past talks:

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=cwrt+congress](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=cwrt+congress)

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Visit our website <https://www.scottsdalecwrt.org/>



## January 2024 Trivia Answers

1. Approximately 7,892
2. George Alfred Townsend. The monument he constructed to honor Union civil war correspondents stands near the site of the Battle of Crampton's Gap outside Burkittsville, Maryland.
3. Kentucky. Davis' birthplace is about 100 miles from Lincoln's birthplace.
4. About twenty-five miles southeast of Santa Fe, New Mexico.