The Grapeshot

Newsletter

October 2025

The Scottsdale Civil War Roundtable welcome

Brad Gottfried

as he presents

Lee Invades the North: A Comparison of the Antietam & Gettysburg Campaigns

Scottsdale Civic Center
Library
Copper Auditorium
Tuesday, October 21, 2025
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

Brad Gottfried

Dr. Bradley M. Gottfried will present "Lee Invades the North: A Comparison of the Antietam and Gettysburg Campaigns." Dr. Gottfried is known for telling stories through maps. If you love battlefield maps, Brad Gottfried is the man you want to listen to! Dr. Gottfried's presentation will focus on the two offensive campaigns waged by General Lee at Antietam Creek and at Gettysburg, with insights into the tactics and strategy of both sides of each campaign.

Dr. Brad Gottfried is truly a Renaissance man. Brad holds a Ph.D. in Zoology from Miami University, worked in academia, then in college administration, where he retired as the President of the College of Southern Maryland. Dr. Gottfried is the author of nine books on the Civil War; *The Maps of Antietam* and *The Maps of Gettysburg* are useful reading for anyone interested in this subject. Both are filled with color maps and in- depth of analysis. Brad is also a licensed town guide at Gettysburg and an Antietam Battlefield Guide. In addition to authoring works and leading battlefield tours, Brad is also a frequent speaker on Civil War history (including a recent appearance on the Emerging Civil War podcast) and hosts a website, bradleygottfried.com.

October 21, 2025 Time: 6:00 PM Arizona
Join the meeting on YouTube
https://youtube.com/live/kfnY06SKMuk?feature=share
Topic: Brad Gottfried, "Lee Invades the North: A Comparison of the Antietam & Gettysburg Campaigns"

Scottsdale Civil War Round Table
Speakers & Programs September 2025 -May 2026

October 21 - Brad Gottfried, "Lee Invades the North: A Comparison of the Antietam & Gettysburg Campaigns"

November 18 - John Banks, "Civil War Journey of a Lifetime: Antietam, Gettysburg, and Beyond"

December 9 - Derek Maxfield "Man of Fire: William Tecumseh Sherman in the Civil War"

January 20 - Lucas Wilder, "Chattanooga & Chickamauga"

February 17 - Curt Fields, "An Evening with General Grant"

March 17 - Roseann Bacha-Garza, "Civil War in the Rio Grande Valley"

April 21 - Lynn Herman, "The New Mexico Campaign & Glorieta Pass"

May 19 - Neil Chatelain, "Treasure & Empire in the Civil War"

GENTLE REMINDERS

- Members, please remember to wear your name badges to our meetings. It helps us to remember you and for others to get to know you.
- New members, please stop by the welcome desk to pick up your name badges and welcome tote bags!

Letter from our President

Mark Stoler

The Roundtable is off to a strong start for the 2025-26 season with about 80 attendees at the September meeting and a good turnout for the History Discussion Group the following week.

We still have a few seats available on the bus for the Picacho Peak Event in January. See page 7 for details on signing up.

The Roundtable Board recently voted to make a $1,000 donation to the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Historic District to assist with the preservation of a 126 acre parcel at the heart of the Cross Keys Battlefield. The District is seeking to raise $21,000 which would unlock $836,000 in state and federal funding, a 39-1 match. The Board thought given the importance of the parcel and the leverage opportunity that it would be a good preservation investment. The Battle of Cross Keys was the culmination of Stonewall Jackson's 1862 Valley Campaign and the Confederate victory allowed Jackson to leave the valley and join Robert E Lee for the Seven Days campaign. You can read more about the preservation effort here: https://www.shenandoahatwar.org/126-acres-at-cross-keys

Last month my son and I had the pleasure of spending a full day at Gettysburg with Licensed Battlefield Guide Jim Hessler. If you've recently made a visit to a Civil War site and have photos please send them to us for publication in the Grapeshot. I'm looking forward to returning to Scottsdale in early October and seeing many of you in person at the next meeting.

Gettysburg battlefield guide, and Roundtable speaker, Jim Hessler, spent a day guiding Mark Stoler and his son, Nick (also a Roundtable member).

Jim did a great job!

We are always on the lookout for members who would like to work to support our organization. It takes a lot to keep it going. If you are interested in becoming more involved please contact me at stolerscwrt@gmail.com or speak with me or other Board members at one of our meetings.

A Tax-Smart Way to Support Our Mission

As many of you know, our organization is brought together by our shared passion for the history of the American Civil War and our commitment to preserving the places where that history was made. Every program we hold, every speaker we bring in, and every donation we make to battlefield preservation is made possible by your generosity.

If you are at the stage of life where you are required to take a an annual **Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)** from your retirement account, there's a way to make your support go even further. By directing part of your RMD to our organization, you can make a contribution that is **not counted as taxable income**. Because we are a recognized **501(c)(3) nonprofit**, we are eligible to receive these tax-free charitable transfers. Any such contribution must come to the nonprofit **directly** from your retirement account to be nontaxable to you while still counting toward your RMD.

This is a simple but powerful way to support these mission goals:

- To help preserve the battlefields and historic sites that keep this history alive for future generations,
- To inform the public about the American Civil War through our meetings and programs.

We are deeply grateful for all the ways our members contribute—whether through time, ideas, or financial support. Together, we keep history alive and make a lasting impact.

Obviously we are not in a position to give you tax advice, but if you are interested in supporting our work through the RMD process please consult with your financial advisor on how best to go about it. For your reference, the full name of the organization is Scottsdale Civil War Roundtable, Inc., and our E.I.N. is 77-0639661.

With appreciation,
The Board

WE STILL HAVE A DOZEN SEATS AVAILABLE for the Roundtable's trip to Picacho Peak State Park and Pioneer & Military Memorial Park in Phoenix on Saturday, January 24, 2026.

It's a full day trip via motor coach to the site of the 1862 battle at Picacho Pass. On the way, we'll stop at Pioneer & Military Park to see the graves and hear the stories of the many Civil War veterans who were also early Arizona pioneers.

At Picacho Peak, Steve Smith, a public historian and member of the Tucson Roundtable, will give a presentation on the battle and its background. We will also visit the original site of the battle monument. On the bus, our tour guide will be Arizona historian Jarrod Riddle who will provide commentary on the Gadsden Purchase, the Mormon Battalion, and other aspects of Arizona history of that era.

WHEN: January 24, 2026

TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

COST: $150 per person

The cost includes bus fare, cemetery admission fee, a box lunch, bottled water, admission to Picacho Peak State Park. The bus will depart from the Scottsdale main library at a place to be determined. The bus will leave PROMPTLY at 8:30 to maintain our schedule, so please make plans to be at the library no later than 8:15. Please note space is limited since the bus holds 50 passengers only. Seats are available to Roundtable members on a FIRST COME –FIRST SERVED basis.

To reserve your place, you must complete both the **reservation form** and **liability release** for each passenger.

You have 2 options for making reservations:

Download and fill out the forms by clicking on the links above, include check made payable to the Roundtable and mail to:

Scottsdale Civil War Roundtable

7349 N. Via Paseo Del Sur, Ste 515-274

Scottsdale, AZ 85258

Go to the **Roundtable website**, click on Picacho Peak tab at top, complete credit card payment form, and mail the forms to the address above. Your registration will be complete once payment and forms are received.

2025-2026 Roundtable Officers, Board & Committees Officers

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Elise Moore, Jim Payne, Cheri Stegall (until 6/1/27)

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Photos from September meeting

Above: September speaker George Rable sharing a laugh with John Tyler

Above: Members catching up after the long, hot summer

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Chaplains During the Civil War

By Gary Dorris

Men and women in military forces, since time began, have sought spiritual comfort, especially when they have found themselves in harm's way. And there have always been a few who were willing to provide service to answer that need.

There were certainly chaplains during the Civil War, but not in the formal sense we know of today. Because, until 1917, the United States armed forces had no official training requirements, rank nor position of chaplain!

That year, and over the next few years, a curriculum was developed to train those interested in serving in such a capacity in the unique circumstances they would encounter with military personnel as opposed to serving a civilian congregation. Of course, the danger of military action is an evident difference, but the frequent and long deployments away from family and friends, generally lower incomes, and varied ethnicities and cultures also present challenges.

So, before 1917, such specialized training did not exist in prior American wars. Oh, there were "chaplains," but they were often men with some religious training or experience who had already been in a particular unit as a soldier but also provided spiritual service. Also, some regimental commanders, both in the Confederate and Union Armies (and Navies) named individuals as the Unit's chaplain, and in some cases, conferred an officer's rank. Some were paid from military funds, but most were not; some also received financial support from congregations back home. Then there were a few commanding Officers whose theology was evident to their troops as they led them into battle with a religious fervor. As with any profession, there were also those who were not capable of holding a civilian congregation together or of even being a good minister, and a few of those became "chaplains" as well.

Historically, for American forces, perhaps the first regimental chaplain was John Hurt of Virginia who served during the Revolutionary War. But there were also individuals who served in a Chaplains function and accompanied the military in the War of 1812 and the War with Mexico in 1847, and there may have been a few that served such duty on Navy ships; or possibly even during the early conflicts with Native Americans, but whose records have been lost in the fog of history.

As the Civil War heated up, more regiments and even some smaller units (companies) designated a person as a chaplain and by War's end over 2,000 men (no women yet, officially) had served as chaplains in the Union army (a few in the Union Navy) and about 1,000 in the Confederate army. These men did not all return home! The exact numbers will never be known, but it is believed fifty Union chaplains and twenty Confederate chaplains died in service. One historian claims the numbers are much higher, possibly twice as many as the armies officially reported. One chaplain, Milton Haney, who was called the "Fighting Chaplain" of the 55th Illinois Regiment, was awarded the Medal of Honor.

"Fighting Chaplain"
Milton Haney

Then there was the "Boy Preacher" who came to New York from Scotland when he was fourteen. Crammond Kennedy quickly gained fame as he reached audiences in meeting halls and churches with his outstanding understanding of evangelical theology and his enthusiastic oratory. He became the chaplain of the 79th New York Infantry Regiment, also known as the Highland Guard, and was often consulted by the staff for his commonsense approach to motivating the soldiers and settling disciplinary issues. He travelled with the regiment to battle at Bull Run, Antietam,

and Chancellorsville. He was most remembered in letters home by soldiers who he aided after they were wounded and hospitalized.

Father William Corby served in Irish communities before the war and in 1862, joined the famed Irish Brigade in the Union Army of the Potomac. On July 2, 1863, at Gettysburg, the brigade faced a large Confederate contingent and, just before the battle commenced, the chaplain climbed to the top of a large rock formation and gave a heart-felt, emotional blessing. The soldiers, mostly Irish Catholics, were encouraged and performed that day with such a noble honor, and fierce determination, that senior officers credited the chaplain's comments. (This event was re-created, with some literary license, in the famous movie *Gettysburg.*)

Although, at that time, designated chaplains were predominantly Protestant and, of those, mostly Methodist, clergymen of all faiths and denominations served in both Union and Confederate armies. Jewish chaplains were discouraged by both Union and Confederate army policy until July 1862 when President Abraham Lincoln signed a law which permitted any clergy, who is recognized by a governing body and who can demonstrate the education and experience to serve, could be appointed. The compassion and moral support of almost all of those who served as chaplains, regardless of their theology, proved essential to soldiers who faced possibility of injury or death at every turn. For many of the men, the chaplains reinforced their already present religious faith and for others, introduced faith to them. (The saying, "There are no atheists in foxholes" rings true!)

And there were a few women who served in a chaplain's role! Elvira Hobart, wife of Rev. John Hobart, served unofficially as chaplain of the First Wisconsin Heavy Artillery. "Unofficially" is the correct term because, despite her appointment by the Governor of Wisconsin, Secretary of War Edwin Stanton refused to permit her mustering in the army. Of course, the soldiers to whom she ministered probably didn't care if she had an official rank! Her husband, John Hobart, was also a chaplain and was one of the few ever disciplined by Senior officers; his offense, he showed up drunk to a staff meeting. One is led to wonder what the conversations might have been between the two later that evening.

Father Emmeran Bliemel, a Catholic chaplain of the 10th Tennessee Infantry, was reportedly the first American chaplain killed in action during the Civil War. He died at the battle of Jonesborough, Georgia on August 31, 1864; ironically, while he was administering the last rites to a wounded soldier.

Sometimes, a letter of recommendation from a prominent figure was all it took to become a chaplain. Financier Jay Cooke, one of the wealthiest men in the country, wrote a recommendation for Rev. Richardson Graham when he sought a hospital chaplaincy. Stanton, who knew Mr. Cook was a significant buyer of bonds to finance the war effort, granted the request. In another case where Stanton approved an appointment, Congressman James Moorhead recommended the Reverand Richard Graham of St. Andrews Episcopal Church to be a hospital chaplain.

Many chaplains filed daily reports of their efforts, such as weekly religious services, the number of men who attended, and visitations to hospitals. For example, chaplain L. H. Monroe, who served at the Union's General Hospital in Parkersburg, West Virginia, reported that "I have continued my usual daily visits to the wards, have continued to preach twice on the Sabbath, and kept up my regular Prayer Meetings and Bible Class during the week."

Often the chaplains led schools to teach reading and writing, distributed Bibles from the American Bible Society, and religious pamphlets from various church related groups. One chaplain, at a Union Prisoner of War camp, developed a library of over 700 volumes that was "open every day and evening for the convenience of those wishing to take out books." He also noted that he had provided over 800 religious papers and 100 Bibles.

Many hospital chaplains also reported monthly information about deaths and funerals as part of their responsibilities. One chaplain wrote, “One death has occurred during the month, the funeral attended." And the following month he wrote, “Nine deaths, including one white & eight Colored soldiers."

Most chaplains took seriously their role as a spiritual advisor and teacher. One wrote: “An elevated moral tone is indicated from the attendance upon religious instruction and the excellent discipline which prevails…. not a few have thereby been soothed & comforted, with the consolations of the Gospel in their dying hours."

A Confederate chaplain wrote, “I have good reason to believe that under the influence of Divine Services and social meetings a number of patients have greatly improved their Spiritual conditions."

Despite the high moral standing of their profession, some chaplains succumbed to the pressures or temptations of Army life and subsequently found themselves in disciplinary trouble. In March 1865, chaplain Paul Wald of the Officer's General Hospital in Natchez, Mississippi, was court martialed for (1) Public intoxication at a local saloon in Natchez in the company of enlisted men (2) Threatening a hospital steward in the presence of patients and attendants (3) Drunkenness on duty; and (4) Inducement of a hospital steward to visit houses of ill fame. He was found guilty and ordered discharged, ironically only one day before the surrender of Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox Court House. Without comment, President Abraham Lincoln endorsed the judgement.

Then, there was the unusual case of Reverend William M. Patterson, a former chaplain with the 6th Missouri (Confederate) Infantry, who was arrested by Union authorities in St. Louis as a spy! Patterson claimed that he had resigned his position on May 1, 1864, and so now considered himself a civilian, and traveled through Union lines to Memphis, Tennessee "for the purpose of purchasing Bibles for gratuitous circulation in Arkansas, where he was there engaged in preaching." According to his testimony, after learning that there would be a delay in obtaining the Bibles from New York, he traveled on to St. Louis "to see or hear of his family from whom he had been separated for two years." Patterson was arrested a day after his arrival in St. Louis and charged as a spy, with the possibility of a death sentence. As a “bonus” charge, he was also accused of smuggling. The court did not convict him of spying but did convict him of the lesser crime of being a hostile behind Union lines. He was sentenced to confinement for the duration of the war. In early 1865, Patterson's father petitioned President Lincoln to pardon William and, upon review by another General officer, Lincoln approved the pardon on March 22, 1965. Less than a month before the President was assassinated.

However, whether they served in the field, offering support and comfort to those who endured the hardships of military life, or cared for the sick and dying in hospitals behind the lines, chaplains provided an essential service during the Civil War.

Lincoln loved to tell stories of the bravery he saw when he visited hospitals and spoke with individual soldiers. Many had been helped by the care of chaplains and the women of various denominations who regularly visited the soldiers. Despite their condition, many were in good spirits and Lincoln told of one visit to a Union hospital. “I was visiting a young soldier when a very nice woman came by to pray with him and leave him a religious tract. I observed a most touching moment. As she left, the boy began to laugh a little and I gently chided him that the woman was just doing good work and trying to be a comfort to him. The boy again laughed a bit and said, “But Mr. Lincoln, she gave me a paper on the sins of dancing and my leg is shot off'.”

Fortunately, as noted earlier, with very few exceptions, Confederate and Union chaplains just wanted to serve the spiritual needs of the young men with whom they served. One Confederate chaplain wrote later, “Only God and their mothers loved those boys more than I.”

Amen!

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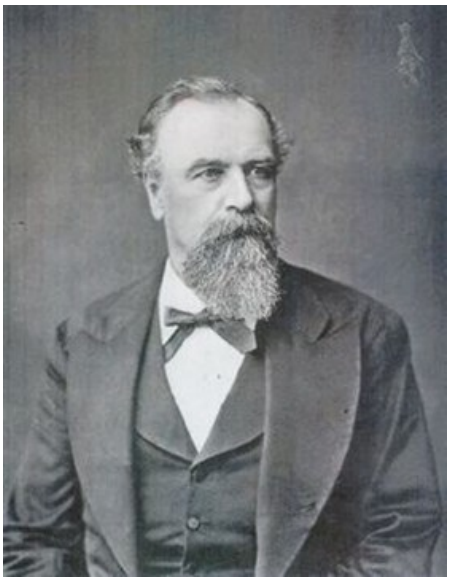
THIS MONTH IN CIVIL WAR HISTORY



October 5, 1863. Sergeant-Major William H. von Eberstein of the 61st North Carolina returns to duty after being wounded. William is one of the state's more unusual soldiers. He has been a sea captain, a whaler, a slaver, a merchant, a soldier, farmer and a schoolteacher. He is also a German nobleman, born Baron Wilhelm Heinrich von Eberstein. His memoirs survive today in the archives of East Carolina University.

October 2025 Trivia Questions

1. After Fort Sumter fell, what northern state was the first to offer President Lincoln troops to suppress the rebellion?

2. Who foiled the "Baltimore Plot" to assassinate Lincoln before he could reach Washington before his inauguration?

3. What battlefield debacle led to the creation of the government oversight group called the Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War?

4. What Confederate official served as Attorney General, Secretary of War and Secretary of State and ended his career as a British barrister in London?

Answers on final page

HISTORY DISCUSSION GROUP TOPICS SET FOR 2025-26

LOCATION AND MEETING TIMES

SCWRT's History Discussion Group is an informal monthly get-together for Civil War buffs in the greater Phoenix area to discuss topics in Civil War history.

We meet at the Wildflower Bread Co. in the Seville Shopping Center, at the northeast corner of Indian Bend and Scottsdale Roads. The McCormick Stillman Room, which is a partitioned meeting room at the back of the restaurant, has been reserved for us.

Our meetings start at 6:00 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. There is ample parking in the shopping center parking lot. In exchange for the Wildflower's hospitality, we encourage but don't require attendees to buy some food and beverages from the restaurant before our meetings.

Everyone – members, non-members, family, friends, and visitors – are welcome. We're casual and have lots of fun talking about history! Come and check us out!

The following is our schedule and list of topics for the coming season:

10/30/25 Could the South have won at Gettysburg?

11/20/25 Was secession constitutional?

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

1/29/26 The Civil War "Name Game": Are any of the many names applied to the war accurate?

2/26/26 The generalship of Robert E. Lee

3/26/26 In what ways did the war permanently change the U.S.?

4/30/26 Films about the Civil War: Which are the best?

NO MEETING IN MAY

What's Going On at Neighboring Roundtables?

TUCSON 2025/2026

Oct 3	Greg Baumgartner "Ships of the Civil War Era"
Nov 7	Terry Pierce "Justified Defiance at Gettysburg"
Dec 5	Sarah Ramsey "Baseball in the Civil War"
Jan 2	Bob Presman "Was Abraham Lincoln a White Supremacist?"
Feb 6	Floyd Gray Ft Huachuca
March 6	Amanda Dahl, Director of Sanguinetti Museum in Yuma "John W Jones: The Unsung Civil War Hero and Spy"
April 3	Bob Consigli "Capt. Frances Lowell"
May 1	Dr. Christopher Oakley Prof at NC "Placing the Platform: Using 3D Technology to Pinpoint Lincoln at Gettysburg" (Zoom)

SUN CITY WEST AND SURPRISE 2025-26

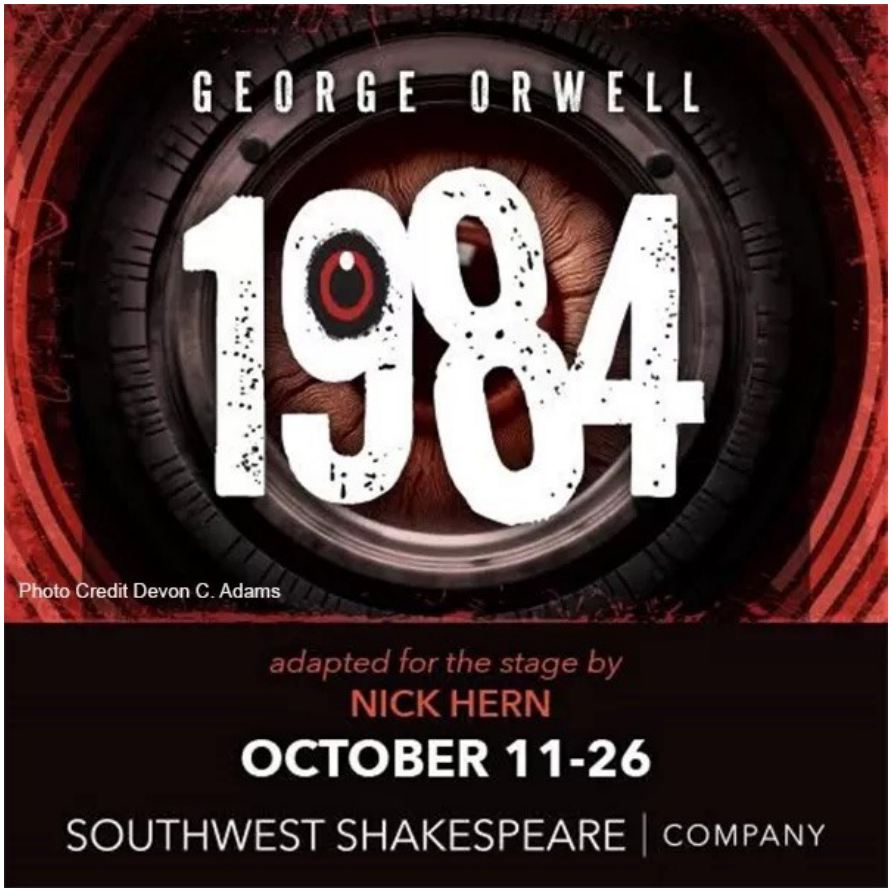
DATE	TOPIC	LEADER
10/07/25	The Civil War Name Game	Dick Cox
11/04/25	Andersonville	Jim Ramage
12/02/25	Governor Zebulon Vance Of North Carolina	John Kelly
1/06/26	Andersonville Pt. 2	Jim Ramage
2/03/26	Statesmen of the Lost Cause	Thomas Gergen
3/03/26	U.S. Army Camel Corps	Bill Andrews
4/07/26	Quantrill's Raiders	Brian Callahan
5/05/26	Gen. Ambrose Burnside	Dan Lookabill

SOUTHWEST SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

Roundtable member Keath Hall, who portrayed General Benjamin Butler in the play Ben Butler, is also Artistic Director of the Southwest Shakespeare Company. Keath has kindly made discounted tickets available to Roundtable members to see the Company's performances of ***1984,*** which will take place at the Mesa Arts Center from October 11 through 26.

Before the initial performance on Oct 11, the Flachman Seminar will offer a presentation by Dr Susan Willis of the University of Alabama on the source material used for 1984. The seminar will be at 9am at the Mesa Arts Center. Roundtable members are invited to attend the seminar as well as the play later in the day, or to just attend the play at any point in its run.

Discounted tickets can be purchased at the Southwest Shakespeare Company website https://www.swshakespeare.org/. Roundtable members can use the **Code: R101** to get the Friends & Family 50% Discount to get tickets for $35 and for the Flachman seminar for $22.75.



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First 10 Round Table Members that email jared.swerzenski@asu.edu can attend a lecture for FREE as OLLI guests!

077 | 100 YEARS GRAND: THE STORY OF ARIZONA HIGHWAYS MAGAZINE

Instructor: Win Holden
Thursday, Oct. 30
1:00 – 2:30 p.m. | Foothills Recreation and Aquatic Center

This class delves into the remarkable 100-year history of Arizona Highways magazine, tracing its evolution from a state brochure to a globally respected travel publication. Former publisher Win Holden shares how its unique business model, iconic photography, and enduring appeal have made it both a cultural treasure and an economic powerhouse for Arizona.

096 | MATE CHOICE: WHAT IS BEAUTY?

Instructor: Dr. David Pearson
Tuesday, Nov. 18
1:00 – 2:30 p.m. | Tempe Public Library

This class explores the concept of beauty through the lenses of evolutionary biology and psychology, examining whether attractiveness is merely superficial or rooted in measurable traits. By comparing human mate preferences with those of birds and other mammals, students will gain insight into the biological and psychological foundations of what we find beautiful.

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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.
2025 Lectures | CWRT Congress

CWRT Congress Fridays With U.S. Grant for a special series with Dr. Curt Fields.
To register (free)
www.cwrtcongress.org › videos › grant.html

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Chris Mackowski hosts The Emerging Civil War Podcast. New episodes on Tuesdays.

Find articles by **Gary Dorris** on his blog at alincolnbygadorris.com.

October 2025 Trivia Answers

1. Minnesota, whose governor happened to be in Washington at the time.

2. Allan Pinkerton.

3. The Battle of Ball's Bluff, Virginia, October 21, 1861.

4. Judah Benjamin.