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"Find out where your enemy is. Get at him as soon as you can, and strike him as hard as you can. And keep moving on!"

Ulysses S. Grant's philosophy of war

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Information and details about upcoming Gettysburg Round Table presentations.

JANUARY 24TH

Our **January** speaker will be Licensed Battlefield Guide **Michael Kanazawich**, who will present a program on the escape route taken by John Wilkes Booth following his assassination of President Lincoln. Included in the discussion will be the Mudd Farm and Surratt Tavern, and an introduction to some of the personalities Booth and Davy Herold encountered on the way to the Thomas Garrett farm in Virginia, such as Dr. Samuel Mudd, Samuel Cox, Dr. Richard Stuart, Thomas Jones, Thomas Harbin, Willie Jett and others as time allows.

Mr Kanazawich was born and raised in Oneonta, New York. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from Oneonta State University in 1981 and his Master of Science Degree in Environmental Geology from the University of Connecticut in 1985. A life long Civil War buff, he passed

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FEBRUARY 28TH

The **February** program will be presented by **Mary Weigley**, author of the book, "**Kilpatrick's Raid Around Atlanta**". The presentation on Kilpatrick' Raid will discuss the reason for the raid, and the resulting destruction of the railroads in the raid, which destroyed the communication and supply lines of the Confederate army in the events that occurred on each day of the raid, August 18-22, 1864. A brief summary of the two previous raids will be featured and the timing of this raid is discussed. The presentation summarizes the successes and failures of the raid, and ends with a discussion of the efforts to preserve the small areas of this battlefield that remain undeveloped.

Mary Weigley received a Bachelor of Arts degree in American History from LaRoche College in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She is very interested in her family

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From September to April, we meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at the GAR Building, 53 East Middle Street. Light refreshments and conversation starting at 7:00 PM., and the featured program beginning at 7:30 PM.

Our summer meetings are in the field starting at 6:00 PM, with the meeting location announced in this section of the bi-monthly newsletter and on the round table website.

Whenever treacherous weather is predicted, the CWRT President and Vice President shall determine by Noon on that day whether the program should be cancelled or not. Announcements will be made on television station WGAL and radio station WGET 1320.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is Thursday, January 10, 2008 at the Avenue Restaurant.

2008 is shaping up to be a banner year. The 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln will soon be upon us and our round table is looking to be part of the occasion here in Gettysburg. This year's field trip will focus on the escape of John Wilkes Booth (see below). We are excited that the new visitors' center and the remodeled David Will's house will soon open. Our round table plans to be a part of these and other activities in the works.

My New Year's resolution will be to give you entertaining and informative programs, strengthen our friendships with each other and do what we can to preserve and remember our heritage.

President's Message

by Joe Mieczkowski



SPRING FIELD TRIP

Booth's Escape Route Tour - Saturday, April 26, 2008

Our chartered Wolf's tour bus will leave the Gettysburg Wal-Mart parking lot promptly at 7:00 AM. Please make sure you arrive 15 minutes early and park in the corner of the lot nearest Wendy's. Our guide, Mike Kanazawich, will lead the tour of Booth's Escape Route. Be prepared for a busy day rain or shine. Lunch is a choice of an Italian or a turkey hoagie. Water, soda and snacks will be available on the bus. We expect to return to the Gettysburg Wal-Mart by 8:30 PM. The cost for the trip including lunch, admission and gratuities is **\$75.00 per person**. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis. No refunds will be given after April 1, 2008.

Sign me up for a day of learning, camaraderie and fun...

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Address _____

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My lunch choice is: Italian Hoagie Turkey Hoagie

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Book Chat



by
Pat Fairbairn,
Book Editor

Happy Holidays, book lovers! No doubt you received some civil war book from your family that has you ready to squirrel away for the long winter nights. But if not, you may want to consider investing in one of our books here reviewed. First up, George Newton weighs in on a new one about Robert E. Lee that has created quite a buzz in the CW community for its insights into the "marble man" from many of his letters just now seeing publication for the first time, and to which authoress Elizabeth Brown Pryor was given unprecedented access. Due to the length and complexity of the book, George's review will be split into two parts, the first of which appears below. Then, Joe Mieczkowski gives us the skinny on Bradley Gottfried's new book, "The Maps of Gettysburg". Many of you will remember that his book, "The Brigades of Gettysburg", made a splash a few years back and became somewhat of a standard reference tool.

Reading the Man

A Portrait of Robert E. Lee Through His Private Letters

by Elizabeth Brown Pryor

Reviewed by George Newton

Part 1

Robert E. Lee. No matter if one is a novice to the study of the Civil War or a jaded, veteran student, Lee is always there, inescapably it would seem, when studying and researching the Civil War. Many books, memoirs, grand treatises, etc. have come down the road of history in the past 144 years about this American icon. Lee has been viewed through so many lenses and

angles (militarily, privately, socially, etc.) that a sizeable volume could be written giving interpretations just about the volumes and points of view expressed about the man. Many have tried to truly understand who this man was but it seems that Lee himself is too crafty to let us in completely. He is, in fact, a very complicated individual. Many works, of varying quality, attempt to give us a picture of Lee including Freeman's four-volume *Lee*; Emory Thomas' excellent biography – *Robert E. Lee*. Other works try too hard in their objectivity and thus become too extreme.

Along comes Elizabeth Pryor. This author does not pretend to have found all the answers to this man that brings to her mind many adjectives (that come to mind after reading his own letters: words such as "witty, bourgeois, self-justifying, scientific, lusty, and disappointed").

Pryor understands Lee's image. She set out to find the "man enclosed within that image." She has read and analyzed numerous letters, many in this work published for the first time, with an eye to capturing more of an understanding of the man himself. What we see in these letters will strengthen what we know and deepen our understanding. The reader will not be disappointed as Pryor takes pains to objectively look at Lee the man – highly intelligent, determined, but with human flaws; seemingly aloof and yet a man passionate about what he believed, cherishing his family, supporting his culture, but above all, his faith and his sense of duty.

Each chapter of the book begins with an actual letter or letters, written mostly by Lee but with other family letters as appropriate. Pryor then uses these letters as guideposts that take us through each phase of Lee's life in each of the chapters. Of note, the reader will find refreshing two things – Pryor's objectivity and her avoidance of psychological analysis (psycho-history).

In the first several chapters, we are introduced to Lee's family. The Lee family became guardian of the Washington legacy. This part of Lee's life is revealing as the family had traits of blueblood but his immediate family finds times difficult due to an irresponsible father who was also a hero of the Revolution. His mother would provide support and comfort with Lee at a young age taking on an adult role. With a chapter on Lee's West Point years, we see the man solidify the traits of dedication and uncompromising attention to duty. These would be at odds within the man in his later years as he attempted to balance his duty to his country, state, and loved ones.

Pryor continues through Lee's life in the remaining chapters that will total Twenty-six in all. So, what do we learn of Lee? We see him deal with the loss of Arlington House, but not before Lee must deal with the inherited slaves. He is awkward and uncomfortable in their management but acts as antebellum culture would require. He is, to quote Pryor, a moderate when it comes to slavery. Wert recognized this in his work. Lee is philosophically opposed to slavery it appears but pragmatically, takes the line usually encountered in antebellum south writings – that is, in time it should be eliminated. Of course, and as always it seems, Lee and many like him continue on with the status quo of slavery. Lee is a man of his region and time. He displays both compassion and adherence to his cultures norms.

Robert E. Lee disliked not only family disputes, but also avoided disputes between high ranking officers in the Civil War as Pryor points out. He was slow in spotting and promoting talent and slow in removing non-performers. But, he was able to carve out victories, and gave hope to the south and discouraged the northern populace. Pryor's choice of letters and analysis brings these into greater focus. Still, who lies beneath these accomplishments; accomplishments that ultimately would not be enough for the south to secure their stated goal of independence. (Part 2 will appear in the next issue.)



The Maps of Gettysburg: The Gettysburg

Campaign, June 3 – July 13, 1863

by Bradley Gottfried

Reviewed by Joe Mieczkowski

Anyone who has ever studied the Battle of Gettysburg can tell you it's all about the maps. Most histories of the battle include maps, but you have to flip through many pages to find the one you are looking for. Gottfried's battlefield book is unique, both for the sheer number of maps (140 of them) and for the "easy to find" way they are arranged. Gottfried covers the entire campaign and not just the three days at Gettysburg. Several buffs have remarked they have not seen maps of the Battle of Stephenson's Depot elsewhere. The large number of maps also allows for a closer understanding

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Got e-mail?

Want to receive your newsletter ahead of traditional mail delivery, and enjoy it in full color? Then join the growing list of members who already receive their newsletter via e-mail. Simply send your e-mail address to Round Table Treasurer Joyce Ann Deal: jdeal@gettysburg.k12.pa.us, and the next issue will be sent right to your computer on or around January 1, 2008.

Editor's Note: Getting 2 Know You is a regular feature, giving our membership the opportunity to meet the board members and officers, and eventually, other members of the round table. In order to cover all the board members AND officers in as short a time as possible, we will be featuring two people.

BOARD MEMBER
George Newton



Where do you live?
Arendtsville, PA.

How long have you been a member of the Gettysburg Round Table?
9 years.



What is your current role?
Member of the Board of Directors.

How did you come to be involved in the Gettysburg Civil War Round Table?
I joined when my wife and I moved here in 1999.

How long have you been interested in the Civil War?
I became interested when I was 8 years old.

What battlefields have you visited?

All of the major battlefields in Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Mississippi, plus others in Georgia, Louisiana, Texas, Florida and South Carolina...I guess about 35 or so.

What's your favorite battlefield or CW site?
Gettysburg, but also Antietam and Shiloh.

Who's your favorite General on the Union side?
Grant and Meade (a tie).

Who's your favorite General on the Confederate side?
Lee.

What's your favorite topic of study or interest in the Civil War?
Several are equal favorites – Field Artillery, Infantry, Tactics, Uniforms and Equipment as well as the campaigns of Pennsylvania and Maryland

What's your favorite book about the Civil War?
Phanz's books on Gettysburg, Wert's book on Lee, Rhea's books on the Overland Campaign in 1864, and about 30 others of note.

What Civil War book are you reading now?
I just completed "Reading the Man" by Elizabeth Pryor.

What's your favorite movie about the Civil War?
Uncivil Warriors – The Three Stooges – great stuff.

What topic(s) would you like to see presented at our monthly round table meeting?
Something on the Overland Campaign of 1864, and also maybe some social and/or political history.

Do you have a favorite story about your CW travels or interest that you'd like to share with the membership?
I would say becoming a Licensed Battlefield Guide was the culmination of many years of being a serious student of the Civil War. Yet I continue to try and learn. The "War" never runs out of things that one can explore. Living in the Gettysburg area has allowed me to participate in the round table with many topics and programs that help me learn more.

BOARD MEMBER
John Winkelman

Where do you live?
Gettysburg, PA.

How long have you been a member of the Gettysburg CW Round Table?
About 6 years.



What is your current role?
Member of the Board.

How did you come to be involved in the Gettysburg Civil War Round Table?
When I first moved to Gettysburg my neighbor brought me to a meeting. It was very interesting and I got hooked.

How long have you been interested in the Civil War?
About 20 years or so. I had always been interested in military history.

What battlefields have you visited?

Antietam, Manassas, Chancellorsville, Spotsylvania, Seven Days, Kernstown, Cross Keys, Port Republic, Cedar Creek, New Market, Monocacy, Fredericksburg, Brandy Station, Shiloh, Chickamaqua, Chattanooga, Bentonville, and Charleston.

What's your favorite battlefield or CW site?
Gettysburg and Shiloh.

Who's your favorite General on the Union side?
Henry Hunt.

Who's your favorite General on the Confederate side?
James Longstreet.

What's your favorite topic of study or interest in the Civil War?
7th New Jersey Infantry. I had an ancestor in the regiment here at Gettysburg.

What's your favorite book about the Civil War?
Harry Pfantz's three books on Gettysburg

What Civil War book are you reading now?
Newt Gingrich's Trilogy on the Gettysburg Campaign.

What's your favorite movie about the Civil War?
Gettysburg and Glory.

What topic(s) would you like to see presented at our monthly round table meeting?
I like the history of the individuals and units that fought at Gettysburg.

Do you have a favorite story about your CW travels or interest that you'd like to share with the membership?
The time in 1999 when my wife Cheryl and me went to Chickamaqua to explore the battlefield during a heat wave. The heat index on the battle field that day was 116 degrees. It's really hard to enjoy history when your leaving a puddle of sweat wherever you stand.



SEPTEMBER

By Mike Regester

At the September 27th meeting we were privileged with a presentation by Colonel Kevin Weddle who walked us through the career of Rear Admiral Samuel Francis DuPont. The Colonel is the Deputy Dean of Academics at the US Army War College at Carlisle, PA and holds a PhD from Princeton and a graduate from West Point Military Academy.

It was a pleasure to be a part of such a professional program. It flowed nicely from the Admiral's early life as a midshipman at age 12 and continuing through his years as a commander during the Mexican war and later to his work with Naval Efficiency Board.

The board's objective was to "Promote the Efficiency of the Navy"; in so doing, it replaced or retired 201 officers who were seen blocking the promotions of deserving young officers.

The program then moved seamlessly into the main focus of the evening, understanding the Attack on Charleston April 7, 1863. This is also described in Colonel Weddle's current book *Lincoln's Tragic Admiral*.

The Charleston attack was a direct order from the Department of the Navy, which placed Admiral DuPont in the unenviable position of making a near impossible task succeed. Admiral DuPont requested and needed ground troop support. Unfortunately his recommendations were overruled by the Secretary of the Navy, Gideon Welles who would later publicly criticize DuPont's actions during the battle.

The all Navy attack moved forward and failed. Charleston would later be attacked with

more force and again failed. Even though the city would not surrender until 1865 the career damage was done. The Admiral removed himself from command on July 5, 1863.

The program concluded with the Admiral finally being recognized by Congress after death in 1882 with a statue on the renamed DuPont Circle in Washington.

OCTOBER

By Cindy King

On October 25th, Roger Durham of the US Army Heritage Museum gave a very enlightening talk, with photographs, about Fort McAllister at Savannah., Georgia.

He started his presentation by explaining his research into these photos. Mr. Durham explained how he had used shadows and tide tables to tell during what part of the day they had been taken and to date some of the photos.

Mr. Durham then proceeded to show us slides of the photos and gave comments on how and where they had been taken. As he went along, he had pictures of the areas taken in a more recent time. It was interesting to note how a once quite barren, war directed area, has now overgrown with trees and become very tranquil. John Winkleman asked if there were any plans to remove this growth as has been done in Gettysburg and Mr. Durham answered that he thought not.

This was an extremely interesting presentation with pictures that had not been seen by a greater part of the public. Thanks to Mr. Durham for time well spent, as always.

NOVEMBER

By Joe Mieczkowski

On November 15th, round table members heard from Sheldon Munn, distinguished President of the Harrisburg Civil War Round Table and author, spoke on the topic of Freemasons at Gettysburg.

Using a slide show Mr. Munn first presented a summary of the

Civil War and the importance of The Battle of Gettysburg.

He then related how many men associated with the battle were in fact also Freemason's. The most famous story to come out of the battle is that of CSA General Lewis Armistead. Prior to the Battle Armistead and US General Winfield Scott Hancock served together in the pre-war Army. Both officers served their countries well and were promoted into leadership positions. After the two men went their separate ways, it was twenty-seven months before they were to meet again. This meeting finally took place on the battlefield remembered forever as "Gettysburg." During Pickett's charge, both officers were wounded. Armistead was mortally wounded and Hancock received a wound from which he would be in hospital care for many months. Armistead's cries for help were heard by several officers nearby, and it was a fellow fraternity brother, Captain Bingham, who arrived and offered aid to his fallen comrade-in-arms.

Armistead spoke of his close relationship with Hancock and he asked Captain Bingham to relay a message to his old friend. He entrusted his personal effects to the captain. Armistead died two days later at the George Spangler farm hospital site.

Mr. Munn then tied his presentation together by describing what it took to establish a memorial in Gettysburg to Freemason's, past and present, who have served their country in brotherhood, but most especially in the American Civil War. The story of Bingham helping Armistead was the inspiration for a monument in Gettysburg. Mr. Munn was himself instrumental in gaining the support needed to establish the now well known and beautiful "Friend to Friend Masonic War Memorial" in the Gettysburg National Cemetery Annex. The monument was sculpted by Ron Tunison and dedicated August 1993 following several years of negotiations.

The round table was fortunate to hear from our good friend Sheldon Munn.

145 years ago

January 1863 Emancipation Proclamation

In an effort to placate the slave-holding border states, Lincoln resisted the demands of radical Republicans for complete abolition. Yet some Union generals, such as General B. F. Butler, declared slaves escaping to their lines "contraband of war," not to be returned to their masters. Other generals decreed that the slaves of men rebelling against the Union were to be considered free. Congress, too, had been moving toward abolition. In 1861, Congress had passed an act stating that all slaves employed against the Union were to be considered free. In 1862, another act stated that all slaves of men who supported the Confederacy were to be considered free. Lincoln, aware of the public's growing support of abolition, issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, declaring that all slaves in areas still in rebellion were, in the eyes of the federal government, free.

The Battle of Galveston

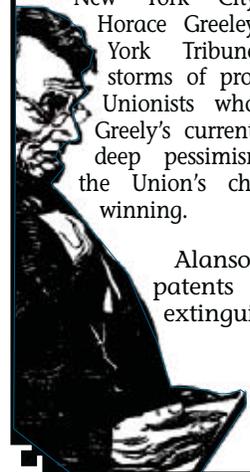
The Battle of Galveston occurred on January 1, 1863, during the American Civil War when Confederate forces under Major General John B. Magruder attacked and expelled occupying Union troops from the city of Galveston, Texas.

February 1863

At Augusta, Georgia, newspaper editors of the Confederacy meet and vote to form a press association to exchange news.

New York City, editor Horace Greeley's New York Tribune draws storms of protest from Unionists who see in Greeley's current writings deep pessimism about the Union's chances of winning.

Alanson Crane patents the fire extinguisher.



JAN **Stuff to do** FEB in the area

January 19 – 2 p.m., Joseph Theater in Breidenbaugh.

Gettysburg College and the Civil War Institute is extending an invitation to our round table members and guests to the reading of the play on Appomattox. They are limited to 50 people. This is a 90 minute play on a "private"

discussion between Lee and Grant prior to the surrender. *RSVP to Tina Grim NLT 1/15/08 at 717-337-6590.*

Adams County Historical Society – February 5, 7:30 p.m.

The Society's Director Wayne E. Motts will present a program

titled *Henry Stewart's Battlefield and Gettysburg Photography*, on early photography of the battlefield and town by Dr. Henry Stewart. For more information call 717-334-4723.

February 9 – Ninth Annual Lincoln Ball

Sponsored by the Civilians of

Gettysburg. The Ball will be held at the American Legion in Gettysburg from 8 – 11 p. m. Tickets are \$15.00. Call 717-642-6540 or 717-337-0748.

February 16 – The "Civilians of Gettysburg" authentic living historians will appear at the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg.

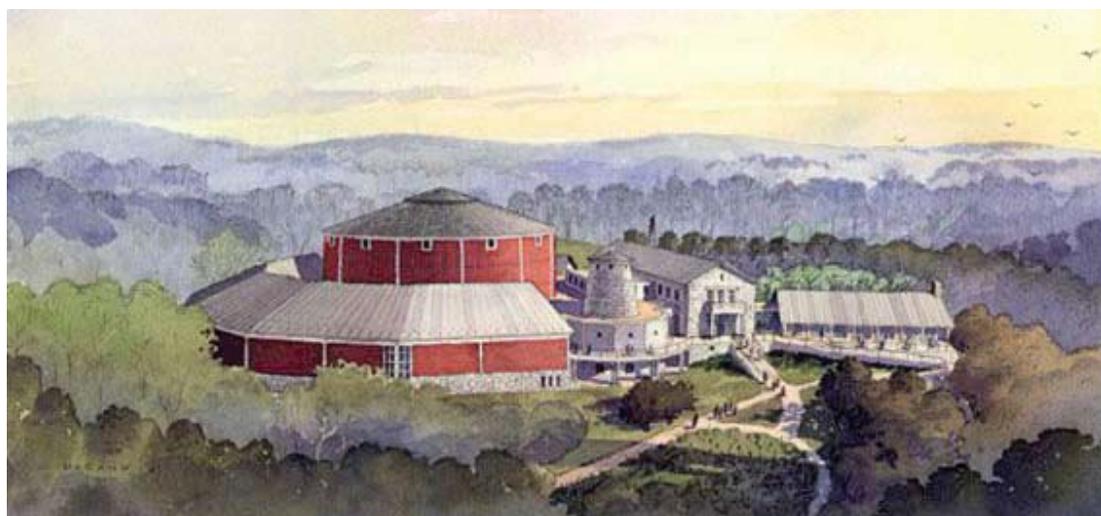
March 1 – Civil War Reenactors Expo.

Recruit and network with other reenacting groups. It will be held at the National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg, PA. For more information call 1-866-258-4729. ☎

Round table shirts for sale!

We are now taking orders for the new Gettysburg Civil War Round Table polo shirts. The shirts cost \$20.00 and are available in blue or gray colors. The shirts come in a variety of sizes and are embroidered with a bugle and the round table name. The shirts are produced locally. People who have seen the logo have been very impressed and so will you. Wear your pride in the Gettysburg Civil War Round Table and buy a shirt, wear it to our meetings and outings.

Shirt orders will be taken at our meetings or you may email JoyceAnn Deal, jdeal@gettysburg.k12.pa.us. Deadline for our first order will be the January 24, 2008 meeting. Your money is due on that day. ☎



Sneak peek at the new Visitor's Center slated for late January

A special preview of the new Gettysburg Battlefield Visitor's Center will be held January 26, 2008 for round table members. This tour will be led by LBG Sue Boardman for the first **60 round table members** that sign up. If you didn't sign up at the Christmas dinner you can email (j-cmieczkowski@comcast.net) or call (717-642-9351) Chris Mieczkowski to get on the list. Tentative plans are to meet at 9:00 am on January 26, on the grounds of the Visitor's Center near the bus shack. Entrance to the Visitor's Center is from Baltimore Pike. Directions will be at the January meeting.

Using your contributions to preservation, we will be presenting a check to the Gettysburg Foundation. A ceremony is tentatively planned for the January meeting. At the meeting we will be given an update on the progress of the new Visitor's Center. ☎

Maps of Gettysburg *continued from page 2*

of some of the smaller clashes during the fighting. It was a pleasure to see, for instance, maps of the brickyard fighting. Gottfried's book is advertised as an atlas of the Gettysburg campaign. While it is not the first such atlas, Craig Symonds also wrote one, it is the most complete. (I really miss the color that Symonds used in his maps. Hugh Bicheno in his work *Gettysburg* also makes good use of color.) The maps themselves compare favorably to those in other battle histories.

Homes and farms are clearly marked as are fence lines, water courses, and terrain features. Commanders, regiments and the States they represent are easy to discern. I miss the friendlier scaling and clocks found on the maps of Noah Trudeau's work, *Gettysburg: A Testing of Courage*. I tend to see more of Trudeau's maps in the hands of battlefield guides than any others. A weakness of the book is found in the visual depiction of Pickett's charge. The series of maps describing

the charge is at a scale that gives the reader a "50,000" foot view of the battlefield. Since most of the important fighting occurred near the angle, several close up maps focusing on the action there would have helped. Trudeau does a better job here, even if you have to have a magnifying glass to read his maps. There is a narrative accompanying each map, but he could have been more succinct and left the telling of the battle to others.

In summary, like Gottfried's other standard work, *The Brigades of Gettysburg*, his newest book is an important supplement to any Gettysburg library and belongs on your bookshelf. But I wouldn't discard the maps you are using from other books, including the work of Trudeau, Harry Pfanz or Jeffrey Hall (*The Stand*).

Published by Savas Beatie, hardback, June 2007; 384 pages; listed at \$39.95 discounted to \$26.37 on Amazon. ☎

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the Licensed Battlefield Guide Exam in 1994. His interest in Lincoln History, and specifically the Assassination of Lincoln, has been a primary focus since childhood. 

FEBRUARY 28TH

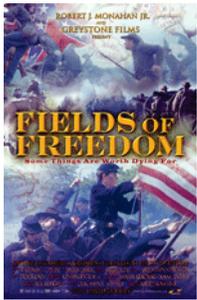
history and did a great deal of research while working as the library director at the Richland Community Library, in Richland, Pennsylvania. Ms. 

Weigley focused a great deal of her research on her ancestor who served during the Civil War in the 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and which spent its entire service in the Western theater. During her research she discovered a lack of scholarship on the Western theater and decided to begin her writing career with Kilpatrick's raid because her ancestor was wounded and captured during the raid. 

Free movie showing in February to Gburg Round Table members

Please come to a special and free showing of the Civil War movie *Fields of Freedom*, even if you've seen this one before!

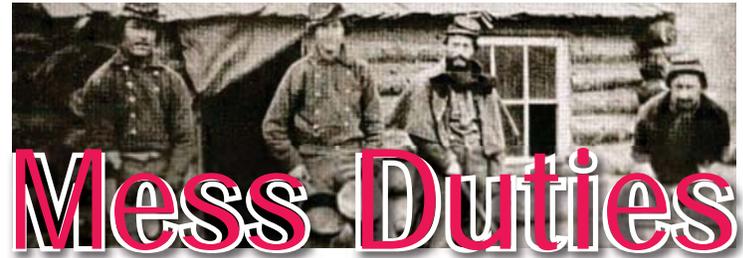
This groundbreaking film transports you to the Battle of Gettysburg with all its sound and fury. You will witness the ferocity of the battle and the anguish of its aftermath.



This 30-minute film plays exclusively at Gateway Gettysburg, in the new, state-of-the-art, specially designed, giant-screen theater.

Round table members and their guests have been invited by Bob Monahan and the Gateway Theatre.

We will assemble at the Gateway Theatre just off routes 30 and 15 at 6 PM on February 1st, 2007. See you there!



Mess Duties

We wish to thank the following for volunteering to supply the snacks for upcoming Winter meetings:

Pat and MaryEllen Fairbairn for the January 24th meeting.

Deb Novotny and Charlotte Calcara for the February 28th meeting.

Bill and Barb Burkman for the March 27th meeting. 

Nearly 70 people attended our annual banquet held on December 6th (St. Nicholas Day). The event raised several hundred dollars for historic preservation.

The Dobbin House in Gettysburg once again proved a perfect venue.

In the photo to the right are (l to r) Pat Fairbairn (VP), Tom Jolin (musician,



receiving round table certificate of appreciation), and Joe Mieczkowski (President GCWRT).

Thanks to all who attended and special thanks to those who made a contribution to the raffle or who helped in organizing the event.

Treasurer JoyceAnn Deal received special mention at the banquet. 

Notable Quotables

from Pat Fairbairn

"Like the patriarchs of old, our men live all in one house with their wives and concubines, and the mulattoes one sees in every family exactly resemble the white children ---and every lady tells you who is the father of all the mulatto children in everybody's household, but those in her own she seems to think drop from the clouds or pretends so to think...My disgust sometimes is boiling over."

South Carolinian Mary Boykin Chestnut, from her diary.

"The fanatical zeal in the north to abolish slavery has left the South and its organizations in peril. Unless something decisive is done to arrest this agitation, the South will be forced to choose between abolition and secession."

John C. Calhoun, on the floor of the Senate, March 4, 1850

Did You Know...?

In Camden County, NC, Unionists informed Lincoln that they would raise two regiments of volunteers. They'd move to do so once he gave them permission to drive all Rebel families out of the country. 