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on February 8, 1951

RICHMOND CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE DECEMBER 2023

“The Civil War was the biggest thing that ever happened to us. It was our Iliad and our Odyssey – and it remains our least understood war.”

Bruce Catton

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**December 12, 2023
7:30 p.m.**

**At First Presbyterian Church
4602 Cary Street Road
Richmond, VA 23226
(The parking lot is behind the church; go up the
steps to fellowship hall on the left)**

JAKE WYNN

“CIVIL WAR MEDICINE”



Amid the carnage and chaos of the Civil War, medical professionals and volunteers fought to save lives on the battlefield and in hospitals. Civil War medical care has long been mischaracterized as brutal and primitive, notions that have been perpetuated for 160 years by popular culture in novels, movies, and television. The reality was very different. Though hamstrung by a lack of knowledge around germ theory and microbiology, the crisis of the Civil War saw American emergency medicine make giant leaps forward. The conflict saw the establishment of the nation's first organized hospital systems and ambulance services, the utilization of triage on a mass scale, and the specialization of medical practice. This presentation will examine how the Civil War reshaped American medicine and set precedents that



continue to impact our world today.

Jake Wynn is a public historian and tourism marketing professional. He currently serves as the Senior Marketing and Communications Manager for Visit Frederick, the Destination Marketing Organization for Frederick County, Maryland. He previously served as the Director of Interpretation at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine and the Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office Museum. He writes at www.wynninghistory.com and facebook.com/wynninghistory. He is also a founding contributor to the Pennsylvania in the Civil War blog. He is a native of Williamstown, Pennsylvania and currently resides in Frederick, Maryland.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

All good things must come to an end, as the saying goes. And for me personally it was a very good thing, indeed. I have enjoyed my time as an officer on the Board of the Round Table tremendously. As I write my last column as president, I can't help but look back over the last four years.

In 2019, as 2nd VP, I was fortunate enough that Bobby Krick agreed to lead us on a field trip of North Anna. In 2020, as 1st VP, I was looking forward to "hosting" the speakers I had booked the previous year. Then something happened that no one could have foreseen... Covid happened. We only held three meetings: Richard Lewis in January, Doug Crenshaw in February, and Dr. Gary Gallagher, who spoke in March on "Lincoln, Davis, and Their Principal Subordinates." There were close to 100 people in attendance that evening – and then the world shut down.

The Board discussed how to move forward for the rest of the year while "Zoom" became a household word. In 2021, we joined that Zoom world and held our first meeting of eight in that way with Jimmy Price in January and ending with Dr. Charles Fennell in August. Kudos to Andy Keller who took up the Zoom responsibilities and without whom we could not have done it.

We knew we had to get together in person as soon as possible. The church was not available, though. So, what to do.... Jack Mountcastle to the rescue! Thanks to Jack we negotiated with the Virginia War Memorial to hold our meetings in their beautiful VMI

Alumni Hall of Honor. What a perfect setting! We ended up having ten of our meetings there before First Presbyterian Church opened up their facility for meetings again. Thanks (again) to Jack and his efforts, we returned to our familiar place in July 2022 with Dr. Jennifer Murray as our first speaker.

Because of the unusual circumstances beginning in March 2020, Waite, Billie and I have been in our respective positions for two years instead of the customary one year. But now it's time for a change with new leadership in 2024. At this month's annual meeting we will be voting for three directors, our annual dues structure and, of course, five officers: Waite Rawls for president, Billie Raines for First VP, and Dale Harter for Second VP, Art Wingo for Treasurer and Andy Keller for Secretary. If you haven't met Dale, be sure to introduce yourself and thank him for stepping up.

Billie has a terrific lineup of speakers confirmed. The schedule for 2024 is on page 6. And Dale has a great idea for a field trip next year. We have much to look forward to.

As for me, I will hand the gavel over to Waite and enjoy sitting in the back where I started out in the summer



of 2015 when we moved to Richmond, and I joined the Round Table. I can honestly say that it has been a privilege and one of the great honors in my life serving on the Board of the Richmond CWRT.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, Happy Holidays.

Ulli

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Ballots will be handed out as you enter the church on which you may vote for up to three Director positions, as well as the five Officers. The three at-large Directors will be chosen from a list of past Presidents. The Immediate Past President is automatically a Director.

Waite Rawls is the candidate for President, Billie Raines is the candidate for first VP, Dale Harter is the candidate for second VP, Art Wingo is the candidate for Treasurer, and Andy Keller is the candidate for Secretary.

The completed ballots will be placed before the meeting in a collection box as designated by the Secretary.

ANNUAL DUES NOTICE

Dues are due starting January 1, 2024 (but may be paid early). All dues are required to be paid to the Secretary by February 15, 2024, although there is no longer a late fee. Assuming the membership does not change the amount of the dues at the December meeting they remain at \$35 for individuals and \$45 for couples. To renew your membership, please pay Andy Keller at the meeting, or send a check – made out to Richmond CWRT – to Andy Keller, 9701 Fireside Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23060.

PRESERVATION AT COLD HARBOR

By Bert Dunkerly

For two years now, the Round Table has participated in Richmond National Battlefield Park's Adopt-A-Monument Program. Round Table members check on the 2nd Connecticut Heavy Artillery Monument at Cold Harbor, the only monument on the battlefield.

Having volunteers check on the monument and nearby marker, clean it, and report on conditions is a big help to park staff, who often don't get to check on it very regularly. This year the following members have helped with this work: Bill Parkhurst, Ulli Baumann, Art Wingo, Dale Harter, Doug Crenshaw, John McKenna, and Danny Witt. Thank you! It is a tremendous help.



The park looks forward to continuing this program with the Round Table next year. In fact, the park and Round Table have a long history together: many Richmonders who founded our group were also involved in preserving land and creating the park. The Round Table first met in the log cabin at Fort Harrison battlefield. The park is happy to work with the Round Table on this preservation project. If anyone wants to be involved next year, please email Bert at bert_dunkerly@nps.gov.

October 28 Field Trip A Big Success

On Saturday, October 28, 24 members and guests of the Round Table went on a field trip of "The Second Battle of the Weldon Railroad: August 18-21, 1864." On a beautiful day, and under the expert guidance of Jerry Netherland and Mark Jacobson, we learned a lot. Proceeds from this field trip were donated to the Petersburg Battlefields Foundation.



THE DUNCAN LODGE

By Emily D. King

As our September round table speaker, Jonathan Jones, was ending his talk, he showed a slide of a Richmond-area structure used as an opioid treatment hospital. During the "Q and A" period afterward, he admitted not having any details on the Richmond building.

So – with my questions unanswered, I headed to my small but Richmond-focused library when I got home. I pulled out Mary Wingfield Scott's "Houses of Old Richmond," which she had created for the Valentine Museum in 1941. It had the same picture as on Jones' slide plus a short description of the house. Great!!!

The house was built in then Henrico County (1843) as Duncan Lodge. It was on Broad Street between Mackenzie and Lodge Streets where today you will find what I call the "old" Sears building, east of the Sauer's Vanilla sign.

According to Miss Scott, the original building only had two stories. Henrico County Land Books show that in 1876, improvements to the property increased its value by \$2,000. That probably explains the third floor and lack of cornice at the roof line.

That's just fine but... but why the Pinel Hospital? With apologies to all "hard copy" writers: books, brochures, etc. etc., I challenged "Mr. Google." He explained that Philippe Pinel was born in France in 1745. Receiving initial degrees in 1773 and '74, he moved to Paris. He found those two degrees did not allow him to practice medicine. So, continuing to study mathematics, botany and medicine through the 1780s, he also edited a weekly medical journal.

Finally, in 1784, he came in contact with some mentally ill sufferers. By 1789, his description of how various mental illnesses develop put the field of psychiatry into general medicine.

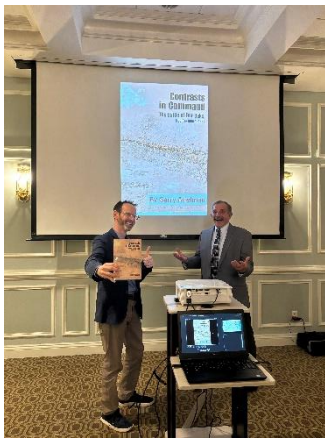
Were there other Pinel hospitals at that time? Where were they; under whose direction; how many, etc. etc. etc.? That will be for another day and closer to my Richmond-focused library, I hope!



“Duncan Lodge”

ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

Sixty members and friends of the Round Table enjoyed a lively, informative and at times funny presentation by Garry Adelman, Chief Historian of the Battlefield Trust. The food and service at Willow Oaks Country Club were outstanding as well. Garry, in his customary energetic style, talked about the preservation successes of the Trust, one of which is the recent acquisition of 12 acres of the Adams House property, site of significant action at the Battle of Fair Oaks.



Also on hand were Vic Vignola and his wife Su, who joined us from New York. Vic wrote the just released book, “Contrasts in Command: The Battle of Fair Oaks, May 31 - June 1, 1862,” which is receiving high praise. On

Wednesday, November 15, 23 attended Vic’s free tour of the Adams property. His book is available at savasbeatie.com, or on Amazon.



SILENT AUCTION

At the December meeting – and just in time for gift giving – we will again hold a Silent Auction. Round Table member Dave West is moving and donated several items. Bert Dunkerly contributed a Mort Kuenstler print. We thank Dave and Bert both for their generosity. The proceeds from the Silent Auction will be donated to the American Battlefield Trust’s “Fair Oaks” Campaign.



West Point Atlas of American Wars, 2 volumes

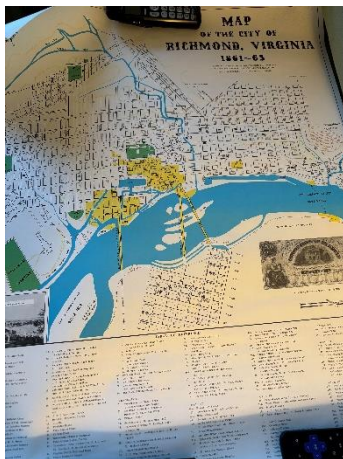


Seasons of the Confederacy: Spring, Summer, Autumn

Framed Confederate Bond



"Sheridan's Men"
By Mort Kuenstler



Map of the City of
Richmond,
1861-1865

2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

January 9:* Megan Bever, "At War With King Alcohol"

February 13:* Dr. Jeffrey Wert, "General, They Are Coming"

March 12: Carolyn B. Ivanoff, "Clara Barton: The Life and Legacy of an American Icon"

April 9: Dr. Christian B. Keller, "Southern Strategies: Why the Confederacy Failed"

May 14: Patrick Falci, "The Man in the Red Shirt: The Life of A.P. Hill"

June 11: Wayne Motts, "Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg"

July 9: Frank O'Reilly, "Yellow Tavern and the Death of JEB Stuart"

August 13: Brad Gottfried, "The Antietam Paintings by James Hope"

September 10: Scott Mingus, "If We Are Striking for Pennsylvania: The Army of Northern Virginia and the Army of the Potomac March to Gettysburg"

October 8: Bobby Krick, "W.H.F. 'Rooney' Lee"

November 12: Annual Dinner Meeting

Dr. Gary Gallagher, TBA

December 10: Sarah Bierle, "John Pelham: His Five Years at West Point"

***January and February speakers will be via Zoom**

Attendance at November Dinner Meeting: 61

IN MEMORIAM

It is with regret and sadness that we learned of the passing of Round Table member, Edwin Travers, on October 27, 2023.

Our sincere condolences and sympathy to his family and friends.