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CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

JANUARY 2022

“The Civil War is the crux of our history. You cannot understand any part of our past, from the convening of the Constitutional Convention, down to this morning, without eventually arriving at the Civil War.”

Bernard de Voto

January 11, 2022

7:30 p.m.

At the Virginia War Memorial

621 S. Belvidere Street

Richmond, VA 23220

**“Ends of War: The Unfinished Fight
Of Lee’s Army After Appomattox”**

By Dr. Caroline Janney

Lee’s surrender was less of an ending than the start of a period marked by military and political uncertainty, legal and logistical confusion, and continued outbursts of violence. Through the deliberations of government and military authorities to the ground-level experiences of common soldiers, discover the uncertain days after Appomattox.

Caroline E. Janney is the John L. Nau III Professor of the American Civil War and Director of the John L. Nau Center for Civil War History at the University of Virginia. A graduate of

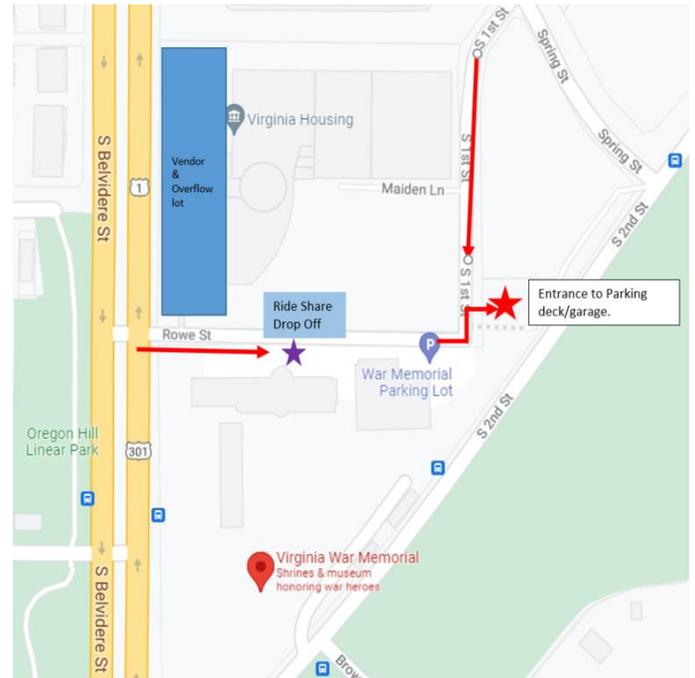
the University of Virginia, she worked as a historian for the National Park Service and taught at Purdue University before returning to UVA in 2018. An active public lecturer, she has given presentations at locations across the globe. She is the past president of the Society of Civil War Historians and a series editor for the University of North Carolina Press’s Civil War America series. She has published seven books, including *Remembering the Civil War: Reunion and the Limits of Reconciliation* (2013) and *Ends of War: The Fight of Lee’s Army after Appomattox* (2021).



*****Fully vaccinated individuals are not required to wear face coverings inside the Virginia War Memorial. Those who are not vaccinated are required to wear face coverings and are encouraged to maintain social distancing.*****

Virginia War Memorial Foundation is not a sponsor of this event.

Please park in the parking garage (see map below) and take the elevator to the main lobby where a security guard will direct you to the VMI Alumni Hall of Honor.



A Word from the President

Happy New Year! It’s the start of a brand new year and the first meeting of our 2022 “campaign.” We are certainly in for a treat this year with twelve excellent speakers.

We had an unusual two years, for sure, and my personal thanks and gratitude go out to our immediate past president, Doug Crenshaw, for hanging in there and repeating an extra year as president. Doug’s leadership was exemplary and I can only hope to adequately follow in his footsteps. With Waite as First VP, Art as Treasurer, Andy as Secretary, and our

dedicated board members Jack Mountcastle, Elaine Duckworth, Danny Witt, and Doug Crenshaw the task should be easy.

BUT.... We are not “complete.” As I write this message we still don’t have a Second VP. For this wonderful and esteemed round table – the second oldest in the country – to go on and succeed we need a member to step up and assume this vital role. When I was asked by Elaine a few years ago to consider assuming the position, I did not have to think about it very long. I considered it an honor and a privilege to play a role in the Richmond Civil War Round Table. It has been a very rewarding experience and I have truly enjoyed every minute of it.

To know more about the duties of the Second VP (and the First VP and President positions following), please see the article on page 4. And PLEASE consider volunteering. I promise you, you won’t regret it. Those in our round table who have served as Second VP, First VP, and President can attest to this as well, I am sure. And, there is no reason that a past President can not run again, starting as Second VP.

Health and happiness in 2022 to you and yours. See you on the 11th.

Ulli

CIVIL WAR TRIVIA

(from the November issue of *Civil War News*)

1. Charleston fort named for Rev War hero
2. US general captured by Mosby
3. Hit by sharpshooter at such a distance an elephant couldn’t be hit
4. “Old Fuss and Feathers”
5. Yankee name for Battle of Murfreesboro, Tennessee

6. Spell the three names of three CS officers that sound alike
7. Inventor of US tent, CS invader of New Mexico
8. Last CS unit to surrender
9. These Native Americans “rose up” in Minnesota during summer of 1862
10. Last name of secret agent and his mother involved with J.W. Booth

Answers on page 6

ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE

Annual dues must be paid to the Secretary by February 15, 2022 in order to avoid being dropped from the membership roster.

Individual dues remain at \$35, and Couples at \$45 and may be paid by renewing members without including a membership form.

You may send a check payable to RCWRT to Andy Keller, 9701 Fireside Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23060; or pay Andy at the meeting.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to our three new members:

**David Maddox
Billie Raines
Al Veeck**

We are glad you joined our group.

Attendance at December Meeting: 48

We now have 1,208 followers on Facebook and 1,101 “likes.”

DUTIES OF SECOND VP, FIRST VP, AND PRESIDENT

We cannot emphasize enough how important it is that we have a member of the round table step up and volunteer for the all important position of Second VP. For the round table to continue to thrive, we need to fill this position as soon as possible. As mentioned previously, it is a highly enjoyable and rewarding experience to be involved in this way. Of course, it is a three year commitment as the First VP and President positions follow. The duties of each position are as follows:

Second VP

- Assist the RCWRT President and First Vice President as necessary.
- Plan a day-long Saturday bus trip to area site(s) for a date in mid- to late June. Have agenda and bus contract in place by the end of March so that the trip can be advertised in the April, May and June newsletters.
- Secure speakers for each month in the following year (2023), keeping in mind that the November meeting is a dinner meeting.
- Try to have commitments from 2023 speakers by the end of July 2022.
- Set up dinner meeting with Willow Oaks Country Club.
- Develop a budget for the speakers in 2022 that can be shared with the Executive Committee.
- Bring name badges to the meeting and lay them out on the table and retrieve them at the end of the meeting.

It is important to note that these are the duties as they have traditionally been carried out, but that suggested changes by the new Second VP can be considered since these duties are not requirements specified in the By-Laws.

First VP

- Meet the speakers that were booked the previous year at their hotel (if they're from out-of-town).
- Take the speakers to dinner.
- Introduce the speakers and assist them with book sales.

President

- Open the meetings
- Write a monthly message for the newsletter.

Please contact any of the board members if you have questions. Thank you.

FREE VHS TAPES

Round Table member Ed Wooldridge is offering for FREE a collection of Civil War related on-line courses, all recorded on VHS tapes.

Specifically, they are:

Two multi-lecture courses ("The American Civil War" and "Lee and His High Command"), both taught by Gary Gallagher and purchased from The Teaching Company.

Also, the Ken Burns Civil War series; a Ken Burns program on Thomas Jefferson; and the film "Gods and Generals."

Please let Ed know if you are interested at: edwool@verizon.net.

THE SEVEN DAYS BATTLES AND THE WHITLOCK HOUSE

During the Peninsula Campaign, the Battle of Glendale on June 30, 1862 was partly fought on the Whitlock Farm.

Dr. Edward Donnelly was a surgeon with the 2nd Pennsylvania Reserves and, after the Battle of Malvern Hill on July 2, takes charge of the wounded housed in the Whitlock House. He writes a letter on August 4, 1862 at Harrison's Landing which is published in his hometown [Huntington, PA] newspaper, "The Globe," on September 8, 1862.

The following is an excerpt, dated Wednesday, July 2, 1862:

"Wednesday was a rainy, dismal day within the rebel lines. Every few minutes Generals, Colonels, Captains, and other officers were inquiring for some division, brigade, regiment, etc. Their admirable ambulance corps were busy carrying off their wounded to Richmond; regiments, companies, parts of brigades and divisions were encamped in the fields and woods without system or order; wagons, artillery, ambulances and some infantry seemed to be making for Richmond by the Charles City Road.

On Wednesday, Dr. Marsh was sufficiently recovered to be able to take charge of the wounded in the church, whilst Dr. Collins and myself each took charge of houses filled with wounded; I, the house of Mr. Whitlock on the battlefield on Monday, and the Dr. at a place about half a mile distant on the Quaker Road. Whitlock, his wife and seven small children were in the cellar during the battle, their frame house was completely riddled with balls, and the large brick chimney, which in all country houses throughout the state are built on the outside, was broken in several places, and

holes made through it by cannon balls in several places. It was in this small two story frame, with only three rooms, that I had forty-two patients, officers, and men, all seriously wounded, with no assistance but my faithful Hartman [Thos. Hartman, 2nd regiment PA Reserves] who voluntarily remained with me when the army left the night after the battle. Words cannot express the obligations I am under to this faithful man, who labored day and night in relieving the wants of the wounded, preparing them such food as could be found lying in haversacks, helping me to dress their wounds and supplying their constant cries for water. He was detained a prisoner in Richmond after I left, but has since joined the regiment.

It was on Wednesday, the 2nd of July, I took charge of the wounded in and around Whitlock's house and on the same day I went to Gen. Winder, who was encamped close by, and informed him of the condition of our wounded; nothing to eat, no nurses, our men lying in the field without my having means to carry them in, and for which I begged him to detail me some men to assist me. I received no satisfaction and neither food, nor help, and it was not till Friday, the 4th of July, five days after being wounded, that we received some flour and rancid fat pork, which had been sent to Dr. Marsh for all our wounded by the Confederate government. Friday the rebels began to bring in our wounded on stretchers, one at a time, seven that were nearest to my hospital that were brought to me this day, and others were carried to the nearest houses; many however, died from exhaustion produced by starvation.

The heat was now intense, and our wounded men suffered terribly from its effects, but the large blue flies were the most serious annoyance. They swarmed in

thousands around the poor men, depositing their eggs where there was the least odor from a wound. These eggs in a few hours became disgusting maggots, crawling over the body and penetrating every wound. It was impossible to keep them out of the wounds with my limited means, no dressings, no turpentine or chloroform to kill them, in fact nothing but rags as we could find in and about the houses.

On the 8th of July, two large army wagons were sent to take away my wounded to Richmond.”

Dr. Edward Donnelly was born in County Londonderry, Northern Ireland, on August 1, 1822, and died on November 5, 1891 in Oakland, California. He is buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia, PA.

Many thanks to round table member Frank Whitlock for providing us with this very interesting history of his ancestors’ home and the role it played during the Peninsula Campaign.



Dr. Edward Donnelly

UPCOMING MEETINGS

February 8: Kevin Pawlak, “Water to His Front, Water to His Rear: Robert E. Lee Defends the Confederate High Water Mark at Sharpsburg”

March 8: Gregg Clemmer, “Why the Civil War Still Lives”

April 12: Gordon Rhea, Esq., Topic TBA

May 10: Brendan Synnamon, “The Union Drummer Boy: A Love of History and Historical Preservation as Experienced by One of America’s Foremost Civil War Militaria Shops”

June 14: Col. Keith Gibson, “Thomas J. Jackson: Lexington, The Institute, and a Legacy”

July 12: Dr. Jennifer M. Murray, “Meade at War”

August 9: Michael C. Hardy, “Feeding the Army of Northern Virginia”

September 13: Dr. Gary Gallagher, Topic TBA

October 11: David Keller, “Military Prisons of the Civil War, A Comparative Study”

November 8: Annual Members Dinner
William C. “Jack” Davis, Topic TBA

December 13: Frank O’Reilly, “The Battle of Fredericksburg and Christmas Along the Rappahannock”

Trivia Answers:

1. Fort Sumter, but a twofer as you could also claim Fort Moultrie
2. General Edwin H. Stoughton
3. General John Sedgwick
4. General Winfield Scott
5. Stones River
6. Generals George H. “Maryland” Steuart, Alexander “Old Straight” Stewart, and John Ewell Brown Stuart
7. General Henry H. Sibley
8. CSS *Shenandoah*
9. Sioux
10. Surratt, John and Mary