

# THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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## Jim Dan Hill - 'Command Structure in Civil War Navies' - Friday, March 12

Jim Dan Hill, a sailor in World War I, an artillery commander in World War II, college president, and author, comes back to us for the first time since Nov. 2, 1951, when he spoke to our 107th meeting on "The Red River Campaign." On Friday, March 12, he will speak on "Command Structure in the Union and Confederate Navies."



Jim Dan Hill

left a vast amount of discretion in the hands of fleet and squadron commanders.

"It is generally recognized that the navy gave priority to the creation of striking forces above that of blockade. Indeed, some striking forces had to get some sheltered sounds among the offshore islands for fuel, water, and supply purposes.

"From the midst of these emergencies the North gradually evolved a far-flung command structure that ultimately was to hasten the South to surrender because of a highly effective blockade.

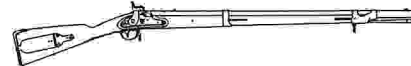
"On the Southern side the command problems are essentially a story of decentralization and improvisation. The South never achieved coordination and control in a way comparable to that of the north,

"Needless to say, there are some most interesting incidents and occasionally some colorful personalities."

Research in the field of Civil War history has long been an avocation of Gen. Hill. He is author of the popular "Sea Dogs of the Sixties", "The Texas Navy", and recently, "The Minute Man in Peace and War, a History of the National Guard" (Stackpole). He has conducted a weekly newspaper column, "Lets Look at the Record". His articles have been published in the Saturday Review, the Mississippi Valley Historical Review, and the Pacific Historical Review, and other periodicals.

After serving as president of the State University of Superior, Wis., from 1931 to 1963, he is now co-director of the joint staff, coordinating committee for higher education of Wisconsin, Madison. He is a member of the Editorial Policy committee and the board of directors of the Wisconsin History foundation. He is a member of the board of curators of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

Hill was born in Leon county, Texas, and as a youth was a ranch hand. In the war he was a sailor in the United States Navy and later a merchant seaman. He had started to college at Texas A & M, but after the war took his degree at Baylor, later adding M.A. at University of Colorado, and Ph.D. at University of Minnesota. After Baylor, his teaching and military careers ran concurrently. He was principal of Blooming Grove, Tex., High school, assistant commandant of the Gulf Coast Military Academy



239th REGULAR MEETING

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Maj. Gen. Jim Dan Hill (ret'd.)

on

"Command Structure in the Union  
and Confederate Navies"

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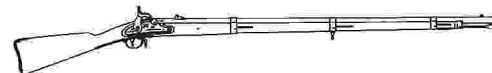
FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1965

St. Clair Hotel

Cocktails at 5:30

162 East Ohio Street

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.



at Gulfport, Miss., professor of English at the New Mexico School of Mines, professor of English and Economics at Michigan College of Mines, and chairman of the department of social sciences at River Falls, Wis., before going to Superior.

He has been in the officers reserve corps of the national guard since 1923. He commanded the famed 32d Infantry division of the Wisconsin national guard for ten years. He was graduated from the Army Command and General Staff college in 1940, assumed command of 120th Field Artillery regiment of Wisconsin, and later transferred to command of the 190th Field Artillery regiment of Pennsylvania.

Gen. Hill served in the European Theater during World War II and wears five combat stars and an arrowhead (for assault landing on Omaha Beach in Normandy). He fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He has the bronze star for leading Task Force Hill in the capture and occupation of Leipzig. Other combat decorations include the Air medal, Legion of Merit, and French Croix de Guerre with Palm and Chevalier of the Legion of Honor.

During the Korean war, Hill was chairman of the army's general staff committee on National Guard and Reserve policy, and later served as a member of the Department of Defense Reserve Forces policy board. In those positions he was frequently on active duty at the Pentagon. He retired as a major general in 1956.

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## Conference at U. of I.

Harold M. Hyman, professor of history, University of Illinois, announces a Conference on Reconstruction Scholarship to meet April 15 and 16 in the auditorium of the Law building at the university in Champaign. There is no registration fee or admission charge. Hyman, a member of our CWRT, urges Round Table members to attend. Arrangements for sleeping accommodations and meals can be made on the campus. For further information, write Hyman in care of History Department, University of Illinois, Champaign. The program follows:

Thursday, April 15 - 2 p.m. Reconstruction and Political-Constitutional Problems, Speaker, Harold M. Hyman; Commentator, Alfred H. Kelly, Wayne State University. 8 p.m. Reconstruction and the Negro, Speaker, John Hope Franklin, University of Chicago; Commentator, August Meier, Roosevelt University.

Friday, April 16- 10 a.m. Foreign Reaction to America's Reconstruction, Moderator, Geoffrey Bruun, University of Illinois (visiting), Speaker (Latin America) Harry Bernstein, Brooklyn College; Speaker (Canada), W. L. Morton, University of Manitoba. 2 p.m. Reformers and Reconstruction, Speaker, C. Vann Woodward, Yale University, Commentator, Russell B. Nye, Michigan State University.

LINCOLN'S SECOND INAUGURAL will be re-enacted in Washington, March 4, exactly 100 years to the day from the date. Adlai Stevenson, former governor of Illinois, Presidential candidate, and United States Ambassador to the United Nations will read the immortal "Second Inaugural Address". Dore Schary, Hollywood producer, will arrange and present the program with a film star in the role of Lincoln. Staging will be on the platform used for the Lyndon B. Johnson inauguration. Robert Ward, composer, is writing special music for the occasion. A motion picture will be made for use in public schools. The commemoration is sponsored by the District of Columbia Centennial commission in cooperation with a Congressional committee and other groups. Leading government officials will attend.

from the  
Editor's pen



Ladies' night, February 19, was one of the largest attended ever, with 147 members, ladies and guests present. Cocktails were in the large reception hall of the Racquet Club at 1363 North Dearborn St. Then there was dinner featuring roast beef in the large dining hall. President Arnold Alexander introduced Clem Silvestro, co-chairman of the event. Clem, after outlining the evening's program, introduced Paul and Vesta Angle.

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The party then moved two blocks north to the Chicago Historical Society building where Paul, the director, and Clem, associate director, were hosts. In the auditorium, Ralph Newman made a brief announcement for the Fellowship Award committee. He said the list of applicants had been narrowed to three excellent candidates. The winner will receive the \$3,000 Lloyd Miller award for a year of graduate study on a Civil War subject. Ralph said the candidates are worthy of a runner-up award. He appealed to members present and readers of the newsletter to send in donations to provide a second award of \$1,000.

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The audience then saw "The Red Badge of Courage" featuring Audie Murphy and Bill Mauldin. Before and after the film showing, the party visited the Lincoln and Civil War rooms of the historical society.

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Among guests at the dinner were Alice Hamilton Cromie, author of "A Tour Guide to the Civil War", and her husband, Robert Cromie, literary editor of the Chicago Tribune. Many CWRT members and friends of Alice attended an autographing and cocktail party for her at the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop before the dinner.

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President and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson were hosts at a luncheon in the White House on February 12 for Lincoln scholars. Members and Honorary Life members of our Round Table who were guests included: Gov. Otto Kerner, President Raymond Dooley of Lincoln College, Judge Abraham Lincoln Marovitz, State Historian Clyde C. Walton, Ralph G. Newman, Clement Silvestro, Prof. Harold M. Hyman, Frank Kinst, Warren Reeder, Arnold Alexander, Carl Haverlin, Henry Bass, Bell I. Wiley, Bruce Catton, David Mearns, Avery Craven, and T. Harry Williams.

A NAPOLEON 12-POUNDER, which has a 1,239 pound barrel and is valued at \$1,750, was removed from Chickamauga National Military park where it was bolted to slabs of stones. F.B.I. agents found it 100 miles away at the Kappa Alpha fraternity house at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Eleven students, nine of them freshmen, faced charges of stealing government property.

Quoting from Will Leonard in the Chicago Tribune:

NEWTON FARR, veteran real estate man, was discovered at the Germania club among the guests at Ald. Paddy Bauler's 75th birthday party, a crew that ranged from Adlai Stevenson III of Springfield and the Gold Coast to Bernie Moshel of Chances R and Wells street, from Ralph Newman of the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop to Fred Camacho of the Cafe Azteca, from Paul Angle of the Chicago Historical society to Win Stracke of the Old Town school of Folk Music. Now was the chance to ask Mr. Farr: "It is true you are a survivor of the Iroquois fire of 1903?" Mr. Farr replied: "Yes, and this is another event I wouldn't want to miss."

## Reservations for Springfield

Though the detailed program for the April 30-May 4 meetings of Civil War Centennial Commissions, Civil War Round Tables, and the Illinois State Historical Society in Springfield will not be available until April, CWRT Co-Chairmen Michael Lerner and Newton Farr announce that reservations can be made at once.

April 30 and May 1 will be devoted mainly to the state historical society, but members are welcome for all events and can include wives, guests and families.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hotel Leland for the Civil War Round Table. Reservations may be made by calling Margaret April, Whitehall 4-3085, giving the dates and accommodations desired. These will be reported to the Hotel Leland. Members will pay their own bills at the hotel, and thus will be able to charge meals or any other services.

When the printed program is ready, it will be mailed to all members. From it, members will be able to check off the events desired. These will be reported to Bernard Wax, in charge of registration. Members will be able to mail a check and then pick up their tickets upon registering at the hotel.

Members who belong to the historical society or are on a centennial commission are urged to reserve with the CWRT group.

Owing to pressing legislative matters arising in the Congress this spring, Sen. A. Willis Robertson (D. Va.) has been forced to cancel his acceptance of an invitation to address the May 1-4 national assembly of Civil War Centennial commissions.

At 11 a.m. on April 15, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assisted by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, will hold its ninth annual ceremony at the Lincoln Tomb. This ceremony commemorates the centennial of the death of Abraham Lincoln. Thomas L. W. Johnson, assistant registrar, University of Wisconsin, and George L. Cashman, custodian of the tomb, are co-chairmen for the event. After the tomb ceremony, a luncheon will be served at 12:30 at the Hotel Leland. The featured speaker at the Luncheon will be Dr. John Y. Simon, executive director of the Ulysses S. Grant Association. Members and friends of the Round Table are invited to attend one or both of these events. Luncheon reservations at \$4 per person should be made with George Cashman, Lincoln Tomb, Springfield, Ill.

CIVIL WAR TIMES Illustrated for February has a lead article by its editor, Robert H. Fowler, on "New Evidence in the Lincoln Murder." It is an analysis of a letter showing that Lafayette Baker contacted John H. Surratt, an associate of John Wilkes Booth, less than a month before Lincoln's murder. Other articles in the issue include "The Civil War Could Have Been Avoided," by Bruce Catton, and "Lee vs. Grant in North Anna Operation", by Joseph P. Cullen. An article on "Federal Spies in Richmond" traces the activities of Elizabeth Van Lew, among others.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY PRESS has announced that it will publish the Jefferson Davis Paper, a series expected to run to 15 volumes, beginning in 1968. Richard L. Wentworth, director of L.S.U. Press, said, "This will be the largest project undertaken by L.S.U. Press in thirty years of publishing and one of the most important". The Press is the South's leading publisher of books on the Civil War. Publication is under sponsorship of the Jefferson Davis Association (Houston) and the National Historical Publications commission. Sources with Jefferson Davis material are asked to write Dr. Haskell Monroe, Department of History, Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas.

## BULLETIN BOARD

HONORS have come to several of our members. E. B. (Pete) Long will receive the Harry S. Truman award when he speaks to the Kansas City CWRT on March 23. Lloyd Miller was made an honorary life member of Baton Rouge CWRT when he spoke to that group on "The Battle of Franklin". Lloyd speaks at Madison, Wis., on March 18. Dr. Louis A. Warren, Fort Wayne, received the Benjamin Barondess award at a meeting of New York CWRT on February 9. The award, a copy of the Leonard Volk bust of Abraham Lincoln, was established in memory of a distinguished New York Attorney who was a Lincoln student, author, charter member and officer of New York CWRT.

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NEW MEMBERS: Edward B. Freitag, 4847 W. Augusta Blvd., Chicago 60651; David E. Johnson, 150 E. Lake St., Apt. B, Elmhurst, Ill.; Thomas C. Lyons, 6457 N. Hiawatha, Chicago; Richard J. Newman, 615 W. University, Champaign, Ill.; Charles H. Schrader, 1009 Campbell St., Chicago Heights, Ill.; Eugene J. Shonts, 920 S. Washington St., Park Ridge, Ill. 60668.

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AVAILABLE at meetings: Gold filled lapel pin, \$1; Cloth patch of emblem, 50¢. File of CWRT newsletters - September, 1959, to June, 1964 - by mail or at meetings, \$5.

PAUL M. ANGLE, an honorary award life member of our CWRT, is retiring March 1 as director of Chicago Historical Society, a position he has held for 20 years. Our member Clement Silvestro, associate director since last March, will succeed him. Paul will stay on the society staff as secretary for an indefinite time, devoting his time to writing and editing. He has written or edited about 20 books, among them "The Lincoln Reader", "Bloody Williamson", "The American Reader", and "Crossroads, 1913". Before coming to Chicago, Paul was Illinois state historian. Clem received his doctor of philosophy in history from the University of Wisconsin in 1959. He was associated with the State Historical Society of Wisconsin and then was director of the Association for State and Local History before coming to Chicago from Madison.

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY has established a History and Travel department on its fourth floor near the Washington street entrance in the southeast corner of the central library building. Historians, geographers, travelers, teachers, students, Civil War fans, collectors of coins, medals, and postage stamps will find an excellent collection of books, pamphlets, periodicals, and maps. A collection of 20,000 books in the subject fields includes more than 10,000 on the Civil War, Western American travel and exploration, and regional and local history. Books may be taken on three week loan. There is a collection of more than 5,000 maps. An expert staff is on hand to assist visitors. Telephone reference service is also available. Call Central 6-8922 and ask for the History and Travel department. There will be monthly exhibits in the department. The section is open daily except Sundays.

## THE NEW BOOKS



**INFERNAL MACHINES: The Story of Confederate Submarine Warfare**, by Milton F. Perry (Louisiana State U. Press, 240 pp, \$5.95). Torpedoes and Mines.

**MICHIGAN AND THE CIVIL WAR YEARS, 1860-1866: A Wartime Chronicle**, by Dr. George S. May (Michigan Civil War Centennial commission, 124pp).

**THE YEARS OF ANGUISH**, by John K. Gott (350 pp, Fauquier Democrat, Box 631, Warrenton, Va., \$4). Civil War participation of Fauquier County, Va.

**ADVENTURES OF A PRISONER OF WAR, 1863-1864**, by Decimus et Ultimas Barziza, edited by R. Henderson Shuffler (U. of Texas, \$4.50). Personal narrative of a Texan who escaped to Canada and then made his way back to the Confederacy.

**THOMAS COUNTY (Georgia) IN THE CIVIL WAR**, by William Rogers (Florida State U., \$4.50).

**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: A Concise History**, by H. C. Allen (Praeger, \$8.95).

**THE CONFEDERATE QUARTERMASTER IN THE TRANS-MISSISSIPPI**, by James L. Nichols (Texas U., 126pp, \$4.50).

**MR. LINCOLN'S ARMY**, by Bruce Catton (Cardinal, paper, 75¢).

**THE FAREWELL TO LINCOLN**, by Victor Searcher (Abingdon Press, 320pp, \$5.95). The journey from Washington to Springfield, April 21 to May 3, 1865.

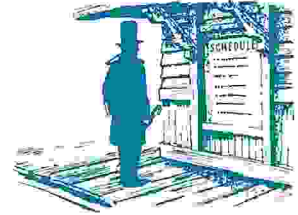
**FREEDOM UNDER LINCOLN**, by Dean Sprague (Houghton, Mifflin, \$5.95).

The Magazine of Albemarle County History, Civil War Issue, sets forth the part played by the Charlottesville-Albemarle community in the war, \$4, Albemarle County Historical Society, Charlottesville, Va.

CENTENNIAL CENTER, Richmond, Va., will have an exhibit, Petersburg to Appomattox, from March through May. It will follow Gen. Robert E. Lee's army from the Crater to the surrender. Featured will be two of Tom Lovell's paintings, "Petersburg" and the stacking of guns at the surrender. The center will have a travel exhibit, "Virginia Beckons" during the summer months. The Virginia Civil War commission has authorized James J. Geary, executive director, to invite bids for displays worth \$60,000 which have been used. These include the Pelham exhibit, Petersburg diorama, and the Railroad exhibit containing 1,000 one-inch high figures. The center closes November 30, 1965.

ON APRIL 7, 1865, Gen. U.S. Grant made headquarters at the Randolph House in Farmville, Va., and from there sent to Gen. Robert E. Lee the "Effusion of Blood" letter which weighed heavily upon the decisions to terminate the war. Randolph house was under restoration last year, but collapsed on its foundations and was destroyed. A nonprofit corporation is planning to erect a stone bearing an appropriate plaque at the site in April. To raise money, the corporation is preparing a booklet relating to the campaign between Petersburg and Appomattox, including something of the siege of Petersburg, the retreat to Amelia Court House and Saylor's Creek, where the last great battle was fought, then along the road to Farmville and Appomattox. There will be a painting of the nighttime review of troops which General Grant held from the porch of Randolph House - an event described by Horace Porter in "Campaigning with Grant". Copies of the booklet may be had for \$1, from Randolph House, Inc., P.O. Drawer 528, Farmville, Va.

## FUTURE MEETINGS



Friday, April 9 - Frank Vandiver.

April 30-May 4- Springfield, Ill., Centennial of Abraham Lincoln funeral; Special meetings of national and state Civil War Centennial commissions, Civil War Round Tables, and Illinois State Historical Society.

Friday, May 14 - Glenn Tucker, "Chickamauga".

Friday, June 11 - T. Harry Williams, "The Valley Campaign of 1864".

### SPECIAL EVENTS

March 4 - Washington, D.C., Commemoration of President Lincoln's second inauguration.

March-May - Richmond, Va., Centennial Center, exhibit "Petersburg to Appomattox".

April 9 - Appomattox Court House, Va., Commemoration of Surrender, Lee to Grant; Tours of reconstructed area.

April 15-16 - Champaign, Ill., Civil War Seminar, University of Illinois.

April 16 - Washington, D.C., New York Avenue Presbyterian church; Lincoln assassination memorial service.

April 19-25 - Quincy, Ill., Civil War Centennial week observance, talks, display of Civil War and pioneer relics, dinner April 24 with Fred Schwengel speaker, pageant April 25.

April 26 - Durham, N.C., Surrender of Confederate army at Durham Station, commemoration.

May 11-12 - Brownsville, Texas, Battle of Palmetto Hill, commemoration.

May 22-23 - Baton Rouge CWRT Battlefield Tour to Vicksburg.

May 29-31 - Washington, D.C. Commemoration re-enactment of Grand Review and Heroes Day.



David E. Johnson, a new member, was a member of the Civil War Round Table of Northern New Jersey, East Orange, before moving to Elmhurst, Ill.

THE NEW MARKET BATTLEFIELD and about \$3,000,000 to maintain it as a memorial were left to Virginia Military Institute by George Randal Collins of Charleston, West Virginia. Each year of the centennial V.M.I. has held a re-enactment of the New Market battle at the original site. Out of the battle has come what is known as the "Spirit of V.M.I." Ten cadets died in the 1864 encounter. The battle is credited by Civil War historians with being responsible for saving much of the Shenandoah Valley from Union forces at the time.

VINCENT CANIZARO, a member of Mississippi CWRT, produced a 45-minute movie titled "The Salvage of the Gunboat Cairo" from shots he took during the salvage operation. His film shows the action of the cable slash that cut the Cairo. In the continuing recovering of artifacts a most interesting relic is a large keg of beer (leaking at the seams a bit, but still smelling like beer) with "Chicago Brewery" on the keg. Anyone know whether there's a present Chicago brewery that is a successor of the one of the Civil war era?