

# THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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## Ladies' Night 1st Brigade Band & E. J. Kupjack, February 14



E. J. Kupjack

Chicago's Civil War Round Table marks its once-a-year day on Friday, February 14, when we will hold our annual Ladies' Night with a Grand Review Ball featuring the 1st Brigade Band and craftsman-historian E. J. Kupjack.

Members and their guests will hear Kupjack discuss "History in Miniature" with the aid of 15 slides of the Illinois Sesquicentennial setting and five slides of miniature rooms in his private collection.

After attending the Art Institute of Chicago and the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts, Kupjack worked with Mrs. James Ward Thorne for three years creating the famed "American Rooms" on display in the Art Institute of Chicago. Other work by Kupjack is displayed in various museums in the U.S. and abroad.

A master craftsman and miniaturist, Kupjack has created miniature setting for more than 20 years.

Featured with Kupjack on the Ladies' Night program will be the renowned 1st Brigade Band, a 25-piece original Civil War period marching and concert band.

The band, which will make a recording Feb. 7 for the Company of Military Collectors and Historians, uses authentic Civil War period instruments to play 19th Century American music.

Sponsored by Heritage Military Music Foundation Inc., the 1st Brigade Band was organized in 1964 to make use of century-old instruments in the collection of Fred Benkovic of Milwaukee. Since then it has played at a number of historical commemorative events and a number of concerts.

The purpose of the group is "to increase public knowledge and appreciation of the music of America's past, with emphasis on the original music of our American Civil War, played on authentic period instruments."

One recent observer said the band's instruments "must be seen to be appreciated." Included are various over-the-shoulder instruments that are not part of today's marching band units.

Music played by the band comes from original Civil War band books copied in the Library of Congress especially for the 1st Brigade Band. Many members of the musical organization are serious Civil War collectors and a number of them are descended from veterans of Sherman's campaigns.

President Warshaw invites every CWRT member and his lady to attend with their guests. Admission is \$10 per person including dinner, dancing and Kupjack's presentation. Dress is optional, though those who wish to wear period costumes or black tie are invited to do so.



278th REGULAR MEETING

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Ladies' Night

Grand Review Ball

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E. J. Kupjack

"History in Miniature"

and

1st Brigade Band

Dancing in the Civil War Manner

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Friday, February 14, 1969

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Case and Cover Room

Furniture Club in Furniture Mart  
Cocktails at 6 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m.



1st Brigade Band

# THE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE



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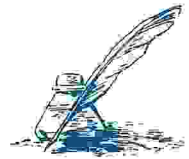
PRESIDENT WARSHAW asks all members to volunteer to work on appropriate committees of the CWRT. Chairmen appointed by the president for 1968-69 are:

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Applications for CWRT fellowships are now available from Arnold Alexander, chairman of the CWRT fellowship committee, 18 E. Chestnut St., Chicago, Ill. 60611. Chairman Alexander reminds all CWRT members and friends that they may make tax-deductible contributions to the CWRT Fellowship Fund for Civil War research and education. Contributions may be sent to Alexander at the address above.

from the  
Editor's pen



Our member Don Russell favored us last month with a spirited and vital discussion of George Armstrong Custer, a man whose military achievements are obscured by the legends pro and con that have surrounded his memory since Little Big Horn.

Custer (West Point '61) came alive in the American imagination after Custer's Last Stand in 1876, Russell explained, "and there has been little attention given to Custer's Civil War record even though he was a brevet major general who figured in a number of important actions including the third day at Gettysburg where he shouted 'Come on, you Wolverines' to the troops he led in a charge."

Russell contended that Custer has an undeserved reputation as being a brash officer somewhat disinclined to follow orders. In fact, Russell went on, Custer was rated highly by virtually every general he served in the Civil War even though his commanders had widely different standards of excellence.

"Custer had the knack of being in the right place at the right time," Russell said. "He drove his men hard and such generals as Sheridan learned to depend upon the 'Boy General.'"

Russell explained that Custer gained his reputation for independence from such situations as the parade following the Civil War when he passed the President's reviewing stand alone on his horse. "Custer was alone because his horse bolted and he was able to get him back into the parade but not with his own unit," Russell explained.

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Books and papers of the late Gil Twiss will go to his alma mater, James Millikin University, Decatur, Ill. Members of the Twiss family expressed to President Warshaw their thanks to all members of the Civil War Round Table for their expressions of sympathy after Mr. Twiss's death in December.

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Contributions to the CWRT Fellowship Fund have been made in memory of Gil Twiss by Jerry Warshaw, Joseph Eisendrath, Wilson Smith, Daniel Lapinski, Harriet Twiss Smith and Dorothy and Elizabeth Smith. Other contributions to the fund have been received from George Donovan of Fourth Presbyterian Church through Ver Lynn Sprague, from the Camp Followers, and from Joseph Eisendrath in memory of Franklin Meine. In last month's newsletter a contribution to the fund was erroneously credited to George "Donaghue." It should have read George Donovan.

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Tributes to Gil Twiss were presented at our January meeting by Mike Lerner and Ralph Newman, who both remembered the gentleness and quiet scholarship that Gil Twiss radiated. A special issue of this newsletter will be published as a memorial to our beloved late editor.

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Club members who know of the death or illness of anyone associated with the Chicago CWRT are encouraged to promptly contact President Warshaw or the CWRT through the Abraham Lincoln Bookshop.

All CWRT members and their guests are welcome to attend meetings of the Unofficial CWRT Board of Directors and Chowder and Marching Society held each Monday at noon in our CWRT meeting room in Chodash Restaurant, 312 W. Randolph St.



19TH ANNUAL C.W.R.T. BATTLEFIELD  
TOUR TO WESTERN TENNESSEE AND  
NORTH MISSISSIPPI

Plans are nearing completion for the 19th annual Civil War Round Table battlefield tour. The tour, this year, will cover the Western Tennessee and Northern Mississippi theater with special emphasis on Shiloh. The dates for this year's tour are May 1 to 4.

The tour will depart from O'Hare International Airport the morning of May 1. A Delta Airlines jet will fly the group nonstop to Memphis where they will be joined by out-of-town CWRT members as well as members from other Round Tables. Members of the West Tennessee Historical Society and Sons of Confederate Veterans, Nathan Bedford Forrest, Camp 215 will be on hand at the Memphis airport to welcome the campaigners. An invitation to help Memphis celebrate its sesquicentennial will also be made at that time.

Air conditioned Greyhound buses will take the group on a tour of Memphis pointing out such places as the site of the gunboat attack on Memphis, the Jeff. Davis house, (yes they have one in Memphis, too), the Nathan Bedford Forrest home, the Pink Palace Museum and other sites related to the Civil War.

The tour will visit La Grange, Tennessee, the one time base for Grierson's famed raid into the heart of the Confederacy. After a short visit, the group will proceed to Corinth, Mississippi where they will be based for the next three days at the Holiday Inn. Command posts will be established at various points along the tour to revive and rehabilitate the battle fatigued campaigners.

Friday, May 2, will be spent studying and touring Shiloh Battlefield Park and related areas including Grant's headquarters at Savannah. The Park Service will present a special program with a film of the battle and a conducted tour of the museum in the administration building. Lunch will be served at the famous Catfish Hotel on the Tennessee River at Pittsburg Landing. (They serve dishes other than catfish for the less courageous.)

A special memorial service will be conducted at the Illinois monument to honor the memory of our late member Otto Eisenschiml whose ashes are scattered at this place. Ample time will be allowed to roam the battlefield on your own in the afternoon. A local historian has been scheduled to speak at the evening dinner.

Saturday, May 3, calls for a trip to the Northern Mississippi area visiting Baldwin and the battlefield at Brice's Crossroads. Claude Gentry, the outstanding authority on the Battle of Brice's Crossroads, will guide the group through the stages of the battle and will display his personal collection of materials relating to the action.

On to Tupelo, Mississippi, where we shall be met by Guy Braden of the National Park Service. A tour of the Battle of Tupelo will follow and the members will get a glimpse of the historic Natchez Trace. Returning to Corinth that evening, we shall have a prominent speaker followed by the traditional Fun Nite.

Sunday, May 4, the group will review the campaigns at Iuka and Corinth. Much of this area has remained in much the same condition as when the battles took place. Sunday afternoon it's on to Holly Springs. The Holly Springs Garden Club has scheduled a tour through some of the most beautiful ante-bellum homes of the Old South. This should prove to be a most interesting afternoon for the ladies and the antique collectors. The battle fatigued veterans will then proceed to Memphis Airport where a jet will be waiting to fly them back to Chicago.

Tour chairmen Dan. J. Lapinski and Clyde Walton have promised some very interesting if not provocative speakers including Shelby Foote, Dr. John Battersworth, Governor James Coleman, Claude Gentry and other noted historians. Ed Bearss will accompany the tour as coordinator and commentator at large.

TO THE LADIES—

Thirteen hearty Camp Followers braved the cold weather and came to the meeting on Friday evening, January 10. We regretted that our speaker, Mrs. Arnold Alexander, was unable to be with us because of illness (we all hope for your speedy recovery, Marda). Mrs. Gerhard Clausius filled in by reading from the Winter 1958 issue of the Journal of the Illinois Historical Society an article entitled "The Little Soldier of the 95th; Albert D. J. Cashier" by Gerhard Clausius, member of the Civil War Round Table.

There will be no meeting of the Camp Followers in February, as the members have "dates" to attend the Grand Review Ball on the regular meeting night.

Costs of the tour and further details will be provided in the special tour letter in March.  
ON TO SHILOH IN '69.

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Past President Ver Lynn Sprague spoke on "Lincoln and His Wars" at the Oct. 12 meeting of the Decatur Civil War Round Table.

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CLEVELAND CWRT will hold its 100th meeting in March with James Hutchinson speaking on "The Development of the McClellan Saddle." The next two months Ed Bearss speaks on Vicksburg and Col. Ned Julian on "The Real Margaret Mitchell."

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Our longtime friend Charles L. (Pie) Dufour of New Orleans spoke to the Houston CWRT on "The Blue and Gray in Mexico." Pie has a new book titled "The Mexican War."

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A handsome, beautifully illustrated booklet on Civil War battlefields in Virginia has been published by the Virginia State Travel Service.

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From Jerome Beatty Jr.'s column "Trade Winds" in the Saturday Review: "OKAY TO BIND WOUNDS OF CIVIL WAR," said a telegram received by book manufacturers Cushing-Malloy. It was from the University of Nebraska Press, and it was not as bloody as it sounds. It merely referred to Thomas Lodge's play, The Wounds of the Civil War, to be published in April."

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Our CWRT newsletter was given great prominence in the December issue of the Civil War Round Table Digest which quoted extensively from our appeal for CWRT members to write their Congressmen in opposition to bills that would turn Manassas National Battlefield Park into a national cemetery.

Francis F. Wilshin, superintendent of Manassas park, says "I feel like there (at the Chicago CWRT November meeting) we gained support which will carry us through to victory in our desperate struggle with this cemetery issue. It is a victory we must win!"

Opposition is urged to defeat HR 12556 and HR 18116, both of which would open Manassas park lands for expansion of Arlington National Cemetery.

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Our member Dr. Gerhard Clausius spoke on "Lincoln at Gettysburg" at the Kansas City Civil War Round Table on Nov. 26.

## THE NEW BOOKS



Alexander, Thomas B. **POLITICAL RECONSTRUCTION IN TENNESSEE.** N.Y.: Russell & Russell, 1968. \$9.50. Original of 1950.

Baber, Adin. A. **LINCOLN WITH COMPASS AND CHAIN.** Surveying career... Kansas, Ill.: privately printed by author, 1968. \$15.00

Bryant, Lawrence C. **NEGRO LAWMAKERS IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE, 1869-1902.** Orangeburg, S.C.: School of Grad. Studies, S.C. State College, 1968. \$4.00

Coffin, Levi. **REMINISCENCES OF LEVI COFFIN.** N.Y.: Arno Press, 1968, \$16.50. Reprint of 3rd ed. 1898.

Douglass, Frederick. **MY BONDAGE AND MY FREEDOM.** N.Y.: Arno Press, 1968. \$14.50. Reprint of 1855 ed.

Drotning, Philip T. **A GUIDE TO NEGRO HISTORY IN AMERICA.** Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, 1968. \$4.95

Feldman, Eugene P.R. **BLACK POWER IN OLD ALABAMA: The Life and Stirring Times of James T. Rapier.** Chicago: Museum of African American History, 1968. paper. \$2.00

Graves, Charles P. **WILLIAM TECUMSEH SHERMAN: Champion of the Union.** Champaign, Ill.: Garrard, 1968. \$2.60. Juvenile.

Hale, Laura V. **FOUR VALIANT YEARS IN THE LOWER SHENANDOAH VALLEY, 1861-1865.** Strasburg, Va.: Shenandoah Pub. Hse., 1968. \$12.00

Hirshon, Stanley P. **FAREWELL TO THE BLOODY SHIRT: Northern Republicans & the Southern Negro, 1877-1893.** Paper. Chicago: Quadrangle, 1968. \$2.95

Horgan, Paul. **CITIZEN OF NEW SALEM.** Paper, N.Y.: Avon, 1968. \$0.60

Lewis, Paul. **YANKEE ADMIRAL: A Biography of David Dixon Porter.** N.Y.: McKay, 1968. \$4.95

Lynch, John R. **THE FACTS OF RECONSTRUCTION.** N.Y.: Arno Press, 1968. \$10.00. Reprint of 1913 ed.

Mitchell, Broadus. **FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED, A CRITIC OF THE OLD SOUTH.** N.Y.: Russell & Russell, 1968. \$7.50. Original of 1924.

Nevins, Allan. **THE EMERGENCE OF LINCOLN.** 2 vols., paper. N.Y.: Scribners. \$2.95 each.

Potter, David M. **THE SOUTH AND THE SECTIONAL CONFLICT.** Baton Rouge: 1968. \$7.50

Robinson, Wm. M. **JUSTICE IN GREY: A History of the Judicial System of the Confederate States of America.** N.Y.: Russell & Russell, 1968. \$20.00. Original of 1941.

Rozwenc, Edwin C. **RECONSTRUCTION AND THE RACE PROBLEM.** Boston: D.C. Heath, 1968. Paper. \$1.35

Rudwick, Elliott M. **W.E.B. DU BOIS, PROPAGANDIST OF THE NEGRO PROTEST.** Paper. N.Y.: Atheneum, 1968. \$3.25

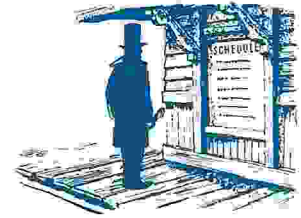
Seitz, Don Carlos. **THE DREADFUL DECADE: ... 1869-1879.** N.Y.: Greenwood Press, 1968. \$13.25. Original of 1926

Stark, David and Peter Seymour, eds. **A HOUSE DIVIDED: A Treasury of the Civil War.** Kansas City, Mo.: Hallmark Eds., 1968. \$2.50

Taylor, Richard. **DESTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION.** Waltham, Mass.: Blaisdell, 1968. Paper. \$2.75

Taylor, Susie King. **REMINISCENCES OF MY LIFE IN CAMP.** N.Y.: Arno, 1968. Reprint of 1902 ed.

Thomas, Benjamin P. **ABRAHAM LINCOLN: A BIOGRAPHY.** N.Y.: Modern Library, 1968. \$3.95. Original of 1952



## BULLETIN BOARD

### FUTURE MEETINGS

MARCH 14: Brooks Davis on "The Battle of Perryville."

APRIL 11: Warren W. Hassler Jr. on "McClellan."

MAY 9: William K. Alderfer "Illinois' Wartime Capitol."

JUNE 6: Frank G. Rankin on "John Hunt Morgan."

All meetings are held on Friday nights in the Furniture Club of the Furniture Mart.

This year's battlefield tour will visit Shiloh, Corinth, Brice's Crossroads, Holly Springs and Memphis on May 1-4.



Trefousse, Hans L. **THE RADICAL REPUBLICANS: Lincoln's Vanguard for Racial Justice.** N.Y.: Knopf, 1969. \$10.00

Weaver, Herbert. **MISSISSIPPI FARMERS, 1850-1860.** Gloucester, Mass.: Peter Smith, 1968. Original 1945.

Wesley, Charles H. **THE COLLAPSE OF THE CONFEDERACY.** N.Y.: Russell & Russell, 1968. Reprint of 1937 ed.

Williams, George Washington. **A HISTORY OF THE NEGRO - TROOPS IN THE WAR OF THE REBELLION.** N.Y.: Bergman Pubs., 1968. \$22.50. Reprint of 1888 ed.

Wynes, Charles E. ed. **THE NEGRO IN THE SOUTH SINCE 1865: Selected Essays in American Negro History.** Paper. N.Y.: Harper, 1968. \$1.75

**THE LIFE MEMOIRS, WRITINGS, AND SPEECHES OF CASSIUS M. CLAY,** Reprint of Original 1886 Edition, newly indexed (Oscar Rucker, Jr. C.P.O. 1520, Berea, Ky. 40403, 600 pp. with seven steel engravings, \$21).

### A LETTER

Members of the Civil War Round Table:

I sincerely thank you for sharing a most unforgettable evening with me at your January meeting. I found your fellowship to be extremely pleasurable. Your enthusiasm has had a tremendous influence during the state sesquicentennial, and I'm sure the Civil War Round Table will continue to contribute greatly to our state's heritage.

I feel that any further study of the Civil War would be post climatic if I should not become a member of the Civil War Round Table when eligible.

Charles Meade  
Raub, Indiana

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Francis Wilshin, our November speaker, writes: "I was so pleased to learn that your Newsletter reaches some 200 Civil War Round Tables. That's some coverage. I was glad to see that the "Civil War Round Table Digest" gave the Newsletter account of the talk and appeal front page billing. It looks like we have the drums beating and the bugles sounding the alarm (to save Manassas National Battlefield Park)."

Gilbert G. Twiss, editor of this newsletter for the past fourteen years and a recognized Civil War historian, died Monday, December 23, at the age of 61. A former president of the Illinois State Historical Society, Mr. Twiss was a veteran member of the Chicago Civil War Round Table.