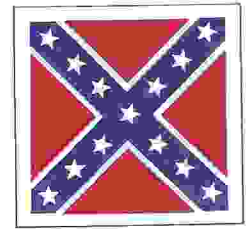




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## 594th REGULAR MEETING



NEVINS-FREEMAN ADDRESS

**CHARLES P. ROLAND ON  
"ROBERT E. LEE AND THE  
LEADERSHIP OF CHARACTER"**



**Friday, October 13**



HOLIDAY INN MART PLAZA  
350 NORTH ORLEANS STREET

*Cocktails at 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.*

\$30 - Members    \$35 - Nonmembers

*Entree:*

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Make your reservation by **MONDAY, October 9** by calling registrar Carole Le Claire at 847-698-1438. People who attend without having made a reservation will pay a \$5 walk-in charge. If you make a reservation and then find you cannot attend, please call to cancel or you will be billed for a dinner.

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NEVINS-FREEMAN ADDRESS

## CHARLES P. ROLAND

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### "Robert E. Lee and the Leadership of Character"

ONE OF THE NOBLEST AMERICANS

BY BARBARA HUGHETT

The Nevins-Freeman Award, named in honor of distinguished historians Allan Nevins and Douglas Southall Freeman, was established by The Civil War Round Table of Chicago in 1974. It is presented to individuals to honor their outstanding contributions to the preservation of American history, especially that which occurred between the years 1861-1865. On October 13, renowned Civil War scholar Charles P. Roland will become the twenty-seventh annual recipient of the Nevins-Freeman Award.

Confederate General Robert E. Lee, of course, was one of the great military leaders of modern times, regarded by many as *the* outstanding general of the American Civil War. Colonel G. F. R. Henderson, one of the most eminent British military historians of the nineteenth century, went so far as to say that Lee was probably the greatest general who ever spoke the English tongue! Without doubt, Lee's generalship was the crux of the extraordinary Confederate military effort.

What was the key to his ability? Many factors can be identified, but certainly character was an important one—possibly the most important one—in producing Lee, the general. Sir Winston Churchill implicitly made the connection between



Charles P. Roland

Lee's martial prowess and his character when he said of him, "He was one of the noblest Americans who ever lived, and one of the greatest captains known to the annals of war."

Dr. Charles P. Roland, currently the Alumni Professor Emeritus at the University of Kentucky, received his B.A. degree from Vanderbilt University and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Louisiana State University. A native of Maury City, Tennessee, he served as a combat infantry captain (rank of captain) in the European Theater in World War II. He was awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service, the Purple Heart for wounds received in action, and the Belgian Fourragère for "extraordinary heroism" in the battle of the Ardennes.

Before coming to the University of Kentucky in 1970, he served on the faculty of Tulane University in New Orleans for eighteen years, four of those years as chair of the history department. He has also worked as a historical technician for the National Park Service in Washington, D.C., and was a visiting professor on two separate occasions at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Among the many books he has written are *The Confederacy* (1960), *Albert Sidney*

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## BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION UPDATE

BY MARY MUNSELL ABROE

**ABPP Publicizes Grant Recipients for FY2000 Funding:** The Fall 2000 edition of *Battlefield Update*, the newsletter of the American Battlefield Protection Program, announced the preservation groups and enterprises that will receive monies this year under ABPP auspices. The ABPP, an arm of the National Park Service, supports cooperative efforts that involve it with private organizations and public agencies other than the federal government; projects related to NPS-owned lands do not qualify for ABPP funding.

The program does *not* finance land purchases or capital improvements; its focus is on historical research, land-use and preservation planning, archaeological studies, public education, and other undertakings that promote the protection of battlefield land.

Projects affiliated with battle sites of all wars fought on American soil are eligible to compete for ABPP funding.

Among Civil War-related endeavors affected by this year's awards are ones in Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Texas. The Madison County Historical Society will use its \$25,500 grant to produce a preservation plan for the battlefield of Richmond, Kentucky, and to promote the plan in the local community. Another private-sector group, the New Bern Historical Society Foundation, will receive \$17,000 to write a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the New Bern, North Carolina, battlefield.

Sites linked to the 1863 Tullahoma campaign in Middle Tennessee constitute the focus of Tennessee's Backroads Heritage, an organization that will use its \$20,000 award to survey and evaluate those sites and offer proposals for acquiring, preserving, and interpreting them. Additionally, battlefields in Tennessee's Cumberland Valley and at Davis Bridge will be the subjects of preservation planning by local heritage/memorial organizations using ABPP funding, and in Texas, the Brownsville

Community Foundation will study and survey Palmito Ranch.

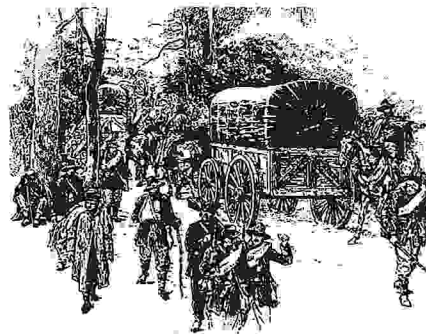
### Agreement Between Byrd and Interior Protects Portion of School House Ridge:

According to an early summer agreement reached between Senator Robert Byrd (D-WV) and the Interior Department, most of 330 acres of federal property on School House Ridge will remain under Interior protection rather than being transferred to the Treasury Department for a firearms training center. In a prelude to the battle of Antietam, Stonewall Jackson deployed his

troops along that ridge for the final, successful assault against the Union garrison in Harpers Ferry in September 1862. Last May, when Senator Byrd attached a rider to a Senate appropriations measure that called for the transfer of 330 acres on School House Ridge to Treasury for a Customs Service training facility,

preservationists were alarmed about the possibility of development on the acreage if Treasury decided to rid itself of excess land; the Department of the Treasury, unlike Interior, has neither a preservation nor a conservation mandate.

In early June the Interior Department announced that a "conceptual agreement" with Byrd's office had been concluded. The accord's provisions call for Treasury to use about thirty acres of what Harpers Ferry Superintendent Don Campbell describes as "nonhistoric land" on School House Ridge for the training center. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a division of Interior, will keep the remaining three hundred acres and jointly manage the property with the National Park Service. The 330-acre tract in question abuts Harpers Ferry National Historical Park and is part of a 1225-acre proposed park enlargement. With thirty of the 330 acres set aside for Treasury's use, Supt. Campbell said in an interview with *Civil War News* that he considers co-management of the remaining land by Fish and Wildlife and the Park Service as an interim solution until Congress considers the issue of park expansion.



## JUNE MEETING

BY LARRY GIBBS

"Sex in the Civil War" was the topic of Thomas P. Lowry's presentation on September 8, when he addressed 93 members and guests at the 593rd regular meeting of The Civil War Round Table. Dr. Lowry is a retired associate clinical professor of psychiatry and the author of several books on Civil War topics. His address was based on his highly-acclaimed 1994 book, *The Story the Soldiers Wouldn't Tell: Sex in the Civil War*.

"Has anyone come forward to reenact sex in the Civil War?" Lowry asked this question in a provocative fashion that captured his audience's attention as he began his address. He claimed that historians must rely on documents to ascertain what happened in the past, but many documents relating to sex in the repressed Victorian Age are difficult to obtain.

Relating that "the study of sex in the Civil War has been shamefully neglected," he noted that "marriage and christening records gave historians an idea about the number of pregnancies occurring before marriage. An estimated 25 percent of all pregnancies [during the Civil War period] occurred before marriage" and one-fourth of all pregnancies were ended with abortion.

To describe such events, Victorians employed numerous anecdotes, interspersed with double entendres and vivid euphemisms. "Blocked menses" that were "cleared up" was another way of describing abortions. Euphemisms applied to prostitutes included "soiled doves," "Cyprians," and "camp followers."

The lives of these prostitutes were commonly brief and unpleasant. The records of one hospital which treated 2,000 prostitutes for venereal diseases indicate that the average woman entered the hospital for the first time at age 18 and was dead by the time she was 22.

Lowry succinctly proclaimed, "Sick soldiers are not good soldiers." Evidence of this truism were the 70,000 Union soldiers who were afflicted with syphilis and the 109,000 who were treated for gonorrhea.

"There should be a monument for the venereal disease hospital in Washington, D.C.," Lowry observed, "to honor those doctors and nurses who treated V.D. patients."

The treatment for venereal disease did not include the antibiotics of today. The standard treatment available was salts of mercury. Major problems developed because there was an exceedingly thin line between a therapeutic dose and a fatal dose of mercury! Before a soldier spent a night with a "soiled dove," he might remember that "a night with Venus" might mean "a lifetime with Mercury!"

Though soldiers were not usually arrested for visiting a "house of ill repute," they were frequently arrested if they visited a prostitute after the 9 p.m. curfew. In an interesting anecdote, Lowry told of a prostitute who posed as a soldier. The soldier responsible for this charade was arrested for false muster with the additional soldier added to the company. Prostitution

provided for a unique type of internal revenue service for the madams.

Confederates, too, had their adventures with sex during the Civil War, but the rebels burned their court-martial records, which would give clues to such matters. However, Confederate newspapers were not destroyed. One result of this was the discovery

that many prostitutes followed the Confederate government's leaders from Montgomery, Alabama, to the new capital in Richmond, Virginia, early in the conflict.

The pornographic industry flourished during the Civil War years. Novels, such as *Fanny Hill*, were sold in black leather covers—the outward appearance made to look like that of the *New Testament of the Bible*, which was carried in the breast pocket of many soldiers as they went into battle. Another popular novelty was a standhope, which was a stickpen with a magnifying glass, which sometimes pictured an explicit sexual scene.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Civil War Round Table of Chicago, the original Round Table, has inspired the formation of over 300 Civil War Round Tables around the world. On November 11, in honor of the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Civil War Round Table movement, we are sponsoring a symposium which will feature top-notch speakers, plus entertainment and meals.

Please read the flyer accompanying this newsletter and send in your reservations. Space is limited!

See you there!

Bruce Allardice  
President

A new Civil War Round Table is being formed in Pinehurst, North Carolina. The Rufus Barringer Civil War Round Table is holding its first organizational meeting on October 26. For information, contact Tonia J. Smith, at teej@pinehurst.net.

**CHARLES P. ROLAND** (from page 1)  
*Johnston: Soldier of Three Republics* (1964), *The Improbable Era: The South Since World War II* (1975), *An American Iliad: The Story of the Civil War* (1991), and *Reflections on Lee: A Historians Assessment* (1995).

The long list of honors bestowed on Dr. Roland include the University of Kentucky Research Foundation Award for excellence in research (1977) and the Decoration for Distinguished Civilian Service from the Secretary of the Army (1992). He has been president of both the Louisiana Historical Society and the Southern Historical Association. Dr. Roland last spoke to us in November of last year, when his topic was "An Antebellum Southerner Defends Slavery."

### PREVIOUS NEVINS-FREEMAN HONOREES

Bruce Catton, 1974	James T. Hickey, 1987
Ralph G. Newman, 1975	Robert K. Krick, 1988
T. Harry Williams, 1976	Mark E. Neely, Jr., 1989
Lloyd D. Miller, 1977	Marshall D. Krolick, 1990
Bell I. Wiley, 1978	Gary W. Gallagher, 1991
E.B. Long, 1979	Shelby Foote, 1992
Edwin C. Bearss, 1980	Stephen B. Oates, 1993
James I. Robertson, Jr., 1981	Alan T. Nolan, 1994
Frank E. Vandiver, 1982	Richard N. Current, 1995
John Hope Franklin, 1983	James M. McPherson, 1996
Richard B. Harwell, 1984	Wiley Sword, 1997
John Y. Simon, 1985	William C. Davis, 1998
Harold M. Hyman, 1986	David Herbert Donald, 1999

## THE NEW BOOKS

Compiled by C. Robert Douglas



Throne, Mildred, ed. *The Civil War Diary of Cyrus F. Boyd Fifteenth Iowa Infantry—1861-1865*. LSU Press. 1998. Pbk. \$12.95. Original of 1977.

Trask, Benjamin H., ed. *Two Months in the Confederate States—An Englishman's Travels Through the South by W. G. Corsan*. LSU Press. 1998. Pbk. \$12.95. Original of 1996.

Trefousse, Hans L. *Carl Schurz: A Biography*. Fordham U. Press. 1998. \$32.50.

Trefousse, Hans L. *Impeachment of a President: Andrew Johnson, the Blacks and Reconstruction*. Fordham U. Press. 1999. \$29.95.

Trout, Robert J., ed. *In the Saddle with Stuart: The Story of Frank Smith Robertson of Jeb Stuart's Staff*. Thomas Publications. 1998. Pbk. \$16.95.

Trudeau, Noah A. *Like Men of War: Black Troops in the Civil War, 1861-1865*. Little, Brown & Co. 1998. \$29.95.

Tucker, Phillip T. *"God Have Mercy On Us"—The Confederate First Missouri Brigade from Vicksburg to Fort Blakely*. Mercer U. Press. 1998. \$39.95.

Venner, William T. *Hoosier's Honor: The Iron Brigade's 19th Indiana Regiment*. White Mane Publ. Co. 1998. \$39.95.

Venner, William T. *The 19th Indiana Infantry at Gettysburg: Hoosier's Courage*. White Mane Publ. Co. 1998. Pbk. \$16.95.

Former President Marshall Krolick will be a featured speaker at the Third Annual Conference on the Art of Command in the Civil War, presented by the John Singleton Mosby Heritage Area Association, Inc., on October 13-15 in Middleburg, Virginia. His topic is "The Federal Reaction to Mosby and His Tactics." Other speakers include Jeffrey Wert, James Ramage, and Horace Newborn.

Marshall Krolick will also be leading a tour of the Gettysburg battlefield, sponsored by the Union League Club, on October 19-22. For information, contact Frank Patton (312-461-9760).

### SCHIMMELFENNIG BOUTIQUE

The history of The Round Table, *The Civil War Round Table: Fifty Years of Scholarship and Fellowship*, by Barbara Hughett, is available for \$30 per copy. You may purchase the book at the monthly meeting or order it from Morningside Bookshop, 260 Oak Street, Dayton, Ohio 45401 (1-800-648-9710). Add \$2.50 for postage and handling.

In addition to The Round Table history and *The Continuing Civil War*, the essays from the Fiftieth Anniversary Proceedings, the following items are available at each monthly meeting: Lapel pins, Mugs, Meeting Tapes, Civil War Buff posters and T-Shirts, CWRT T-shirts, polos, and sweatshirts.

Proceeds from the sale of these items go to support the programs of The Civil War Round Table.

### SILENT AUCTION

A silent auction is held at each monthly dinner meeting, for books donated by late Round Table founding member Ralph G. Newman. The minimum bid is \$5 per book, with a minimum rise of \$1 per bid. Five minutes after the conclusion of the speaker's presentation, bidding will close and the last highest bid is the winner of each book. Proceeds go to benefit battlefield preservation.

We are sad to report the death of member John McManus, on August 23. His widow, Carol, noted how much he had enjoyed this past spring's battlefield tour. We send her our most heartfelt condolences.

President Bruce Allardice will be a panelist at the Newberry Library's "Ask the Experts" a program on Wednesday, October 11. The panel will discuss how military records can be used to trace one's family tree. The program will commence at 6 p.m. For details, contact the Newberry Library, 60 East Walton Street, Chicago, at 312-943-9090.

The Fifth Annual Lincoln Forum will be held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on November 16-18. David Herbert Donald will be honored with the Richard Nelson Current Forum Award of Achievement. Among the many other speakers are Michael Bechloss, Gary Gallagher, Doris Kearns Goodwin, Mark E. Neely, Jr., Jeff Schaara, Louise Taper, Hans Trefousse, and Albert Jerman—as well as the chairman and vice chairman of the Forum, Frank J. Williams and Harold Holzer. For information, contact Annette Westerby, at 303-721-6681 or via e-mail at antewest@uswest.net.

## Bulletin Board



### FUTURE MEETINGS

Regular meetings are held at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, 350 North Orleans Street, the second Friday of each month, unless otherwise indicated.

October 13: Charles P. Roland, Nevins-Freeman Award Dinner. "Robert E. Lee and the Leadership of Character"

November 11 (Saturday): All-day 60th Anniversary Seminar and Banquet

December 8: Gordon Rhea, "The Overland Campaign"

January 12: Terry Winschel, "The Vicksburg Campaign"

February 9: Jack Welsh, "The Medical Histories of Civil War Generals"

March 9: Mark Bradley, "The Surrender in North Carolina"

April 20: Richard McMurray, topic to be announced

May 2-6: Annual Battlefield Tour, Antietam

May 11: Anne J. Bailey, "The Recruitment of African-American Troops"

June 8: Lesley Gordon, "General George Pickett"

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*Soldiering with Sherman: The Civil War Letters of George F. Cram*, edited and annotated by Jennifer Cain Bohrnstedt, was published recently by Northern Illinois University Press. Cram was a member of the 105th Illinois Infantry, Company F. Bohrnstedt received the assistance of several members of the Chicago and Salt Creek Round Tables in completing this project. She will visit the Chicago area this fall to publicize the book, including an appearance at Border's in Wilmette on Wednesday, November 29, at 7:30 p.m.



The Civil War Round Table of Chicago presents

★ **The 60th Anniversary** ★

of the founding of the Civil War Round Table Movement

All-day Symposium, gala Dinner Party and Concert of Civil War music.

**Saturday, November 11, 2000**

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★ **All-inclusive \$135.00** per person registration fee covers: *Five speakers, continental breakfast, lunch, refreshments, gala dinner party, awards, and a live concert of Civil War music by the 97th Regimental String Band...8:00 AM (registration) to 10:00 PM.*

Also included are displays and sales by *Abraham Lincoln Book Shop, Keith Rocco's Tradition Studios, and the Museum of Civil War Medicine.* (CASH-BAR at 5:30PM.)

★ **Symposium-Only \$90.00** per person Option covers: *Only the five speakers, continental breakfast, lunch, and refreshments...8:00 AM (registration) to 4:30 PM.*

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**Edwin C. Bearss**

**Lance J. Herdegen**

**Marshall D. Krolick**

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● **Marvin Sanderman, Chairman...call 847-520-3525** ●

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Check box for Symposium-Only option (\$90.00 X total number of persons to attend.) Total: \$ .....

★ NOTE... Send this registration form with your check payable to: CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF CHICAGO (or just "CWRT of Chicago"). Mail to: Carole LeClaire, 60th Anniversary Registrar; 8417 Johanna; Niles, IL 60714.

( Registrations will be limited to the available space...send yours in early and you won't miss out ! )