

The **January 11th, 2007**, meeting is to be held at **Wisconsin Club**, Milwaukee

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## **Dave Eicher on *Dixie Betrayed***

Much ink has been spilled debating the question of why the South lost the Civil War. The January speaker, member Dave Eicher, offers his own significant analysis of what he views as the central issue: how the Confederacy shot itself in the foot because its leaders "together . . . founded an imperfect union, and together they destroyed it."

How was a nation built primarily on the concept of states' rights ever going to create for itself sufficient unity of effort to win a war the very purpose of which, from the Union perspective, was to ensure the preservation of the Union those states had pulled out of? Eicher sees that the South never solved the problem.

President Jefferson Davis bickered with the Confederate Congress, the state governors bickered with him, the military also bickered with Congress, and Davis attempted to micromanage the whole enterprise; thus, Eicher considers the project doomed to failure. "The Confederacy," he insists, and building a strong case for his position, "was born sick."

—*From Booklist via Amazon.com*

Dave has appeared on CNN, CNN Headline News, WGN radio, National Public Radio, and other media outlets to promote the science and hobby of astronomy. In his free time, Dave studies Civil War history; he has written eight books on the subject, most recently *Dixie Betrayed* (Little, Brown, 2006, a featured Selection with the History Book Club), and speaks at engagements in the south and east.

## **Christmas Gala Deserves a Repeat**

Judging from comments of members and guests, the December 10 Christmas Gala was a resounding success--so much so that the Board has decided to include the Gala on the 2007-2008 CWRT calendar. In addition to the exceptional meal and period entertainment, guests had the opportunity to bid on a wide variety of books and collectibles, contributing to \$929 raised by the event for preservation efforts. Members interested in serving on a committee for the 2007 Christmas Gala should contact Elaine Ottman.

## **2006-07 Schedule**

Meetings are at the Wisconsin Club unless otherwise noted. *Speakers and topics are subject to change without notice.*

- February — Dan Paterson — *A Longstreet Pictorial History*

- March — Peter Cozzens — TBA
- April — Robert Krick, Jr — TBA
- May — Becky Cumins — *2<sup>nd</sup> Mississippi*

### *Schedule of Events*

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| • Staff Meeting (when required;<br>open to all members) | 5:00 PM |
| • Registration and Social Hour                          | 6:15 PM |
| • Dinner  | 6:45 PM |
| • Program Begins  | 7:30 PM |

## Iron Brigade Awards for 2006-7 Season

The Board announces the Iron Brigade Awards for Civil War Scholarship are to be awarded this season to:

- Peter Cozzens (March)
- Robert E. L. Krick (April)

The Iron Brigade Awards are made to scholars who have made considerable contributions to Civil War studies. Past recipients have included Ed Bearss and James McPherson. An additional award will be presented for Robert K. Krick.

Any member wanting to nominate a scholar for the Iron Brigade Award should contact the Awards and Donations Committee or any Board member.

## Osprey *Graphic History* Series Chronicles Military History

Osprey Publishing of Great Britain, a major force in the publishing of short, well-illustrated historical works, has begun a new series of "graphic novels" that proposes to cover major battles in American (and world) history. Current and future titles will feature the

First Bull Run, Pearl Harbor, Shiloh, Guadalcanal, *Monitor* and *Merrimac*, Iwo Jima, Antietam, Midway, and Gettysburg.

A step above the comic book, these works are at least entertaining enough to teach the basics of a given battle or campaign, and at \$13 each are an excellent introduction to a subject for an evening's read. Other Osprey titles are excellent overviews on numerous subjects.

From their web site: "Osprey is a leading publisher of illustrated military history. Over 1,300 titles in print provide a definitive resource for both established military enthusiasts and a wider audience with a general interest in military history. Chronicling human conflict on the ground, in the air and at sea from ancient times to the present day, Osprey provides a full range of perspectives on every major war and warrior group in history."

For more information on this series see your bookseller or go to <http://www.ospreygraphichistory.com/index.php>.

## Speaker's Bureau Forming

Members Peter Jacobsohn and David Coverdale are forming a CWRTM Speaker's Bureau. Information will be on your table at the January Meeting. See either of them for details.

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## *January in the Civil War*

**1/2/1861:** South Carolina Commissioners rejected President Buchanan's peace offering.

**1/4/1861:** Alabama seized the Federal arsenal at Mt. Vernon, Alabama.

**1/9/1861:** The *Star of the West* fails to relieve Fort Sumter, and Mississippi becomes the 2<sup>nd</sup> state to secede.

**1/10/1861:** Florida secedes, followed by Alabama on 1/11, Georgia on 1/19, and Louisiana on 1/26.

**1/1/1862:** Federals bombarded Rebel shipping and Fort Barrancas in Florida.

**1/15/1862:** Edwin M. Stanton was confirmed as the Union Secretary of War.

**1/18/1862:** Former President John Tyler died in Richmond.

**1/27/1862:** President Lincoln issued War Order No. 1, ordering all Federal armies to advance.

**1/1/1863:** Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation took effect.

**1/2/1863:** The battle at Stones River concluded with a Union victory.

**1/8/1863:** Marmaduke's Rebels were thrown back from Springfield, MO.

**1/22/1863:** Burnside's infamous "Mud March" ended in disaster.

**1/25/1863:** Joseph Hooker replaced Ambrose Burnside as commander of the Army of the Potomac.

**1/11/1864:** Sen. Henderson of MO. proposed the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment abolishing slavery throughout the US.

**1/30/1864:** William Rosecrans succeeded John Schofield as commander of the Federal Department of the Missouri.

**1/4/1865:** Union troops embarked at Bermuda Hundred for a new expedition against Fort Fisher, N.C.

**1/13/1865:** The attack on Fort Fisher began. John Bell Hood resigned as commander of the Army of Tennessee.

**1/19/1865:** General Sherman ordered a march from Savannah, GA through South Carolina.

**1/31/1865:** The US House passed the Abolition Amendment. Robert E. Lee was named General-in-Chief of Rebel Armies.

—David Coverdale

## **Stresses of War Showed Up Years Later, Study Finds**

Younger soldiers who served in the U.S. Civil War and those who saw more of their comrades die were at greater risk for heart, stomach, and nervous illnesses decades after the war, reveals a study of individual and unit records of more than 15,000 veterans.

Parallels with earlier wars and soldiers may offer insight into the aftereffects of contemporary combat, co-author Roxanne Cohen Silver, Ph.D., of the Department of Psychology and Social Behavior at the University of California, Irvine, told *Psychiatric News* in an interview. "There can be serious mental and physical health costs of traumatic war exposure," she said. "While the specific forms of trauma may have changed, the message is the same."

For more of this excellent article from an unexpected source, go to <http://pn.psychiatryonline.org/cgi/content/short/41/8/2>.

## **2007 Liberty University Civil War Seminar**

On March 23-24, Liberty University will present its 11th annual Civil War Seminar. This year's program is entitled Robert E. Lee in Life and Legend. Featured speakers include nationally renowned authors whose books are familiar to all Civil War enthusiasts. Liberty University is in Washington DC, and the cost will be \$55 for the two day seminar. Go to [www.liberty.edu/civilwar](http://www.liberty.edu/civilwar) for more information.

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### **Civil War Round Table Dinner Reservation for: January 11th, 2007**

*Mail your reservations by January 5th to:*

**Paul Eilbes, 1809 Washington Ave. Cedarburg, WI 53012-9730**

**ALSO, call in reservations to (262) 376-0568**

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (meal price **\$23.00** per person) for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations for the next meeting of the Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee. (Please make checks payable to the Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee, Inc.)

Name of Member: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***In the Event of Inclement Weather...***

Since we live in a part of the Union that has such wonderful weather, the President will decide if there is to be any change in a meeting due to weather. Listen to WTMJ or WISN radio for news of meeting cancellations if the weather turns on us.

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### ***A Gentle Reminder***

The Wisconsin Club and the Board of the Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee would like to remind our members that jackets are required for the Club's dining room. Please contact club management if you have any questions.

### ***General Orders***

#### ***Submissions and Editorial Policy***

All submissions to the *GO* are used on a space-available, date-required basis. Electronic submissions are preferred over paper. The Editor/Publisher reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, propriety, content, and house style. Submissions with a direct Civil War interest, or those that are date-sensitive, will be published first.

All submissions must be received by the Editor/Publisher at [jdbeatty@amcivwar.com](mailto:jdbeatty@amcivwar.com) no later than the 10th of the month before the next *GO* (for example, submissions for the January *GO* must be received by 10 December). All address changes, or problems receiving the *GO*, are handled through the Membership Chairman.