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The **January 12th, 2005**, meeting is to be held at **Wisconsin Club**, Milwaukee

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Stephen Servais— “As if We Were Foreigners Suddenly Coming into a Strange Country; New Englanders in Tidewater Virginia, 1861-1865”

Where is Tidewater, Virginia?

A geologist may define Tidewater as the area east of the Fall Line. A historian would consider Tidewater to be the location of early Colonial settlement around the Chesapeake Bay. An astronomer may consider Tidewater to be the area where the water level rises and falls each day based on the gravitational pull of the moon (and the sun, too).

An ecologist may start talking about the Chesapeake Bay estuary, or the downstream end of watersheds (including the mouths of the rivers) east of the Fall Line. A voice coach might recognize certain accents ("let's go to the riv-ah and catch some fish...") as being associated with Tidewater Virginia.

However, a politician, business owner, or government official in southeastern Virginia can tell you that Tidewater is a region with a complex mix of official jurisdictions. The waterways and history of settlement have fragmented the communities into separate cities and counties.

Some people consider the Eastern Shore, the Northern Neck, the Middle Peninsula, the Pen-

insula, and the portion of Hampton Roads south of the James River to be Tidewater. Others think "Hampton Roads" and "Tidewater" are the same. Some consider Tidewater to be just the portion of Virginia that is 1) east of the Fall Line, 2) between the James and Potomac rivers, and 3) west of the Chesapeake Bay.

All are correct. Traditionally, "Tidewater Virginia" includes Richmond, Spotsylvania, Alexandria, Chesapeake, Colonial Heights, Fairfax, Falls Church, Fredericksburg, Hampton, Hopewell, Newport News, Norfolk, Petersburg, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Richmond, Suffolk, and Williamsburg.

In short, the very cockpit of the Civil War in the East.

— From <http://www.virginiaplaces.org/chesbay/11chesa.html>, accessed 11 Dec 05

Schedule of Events

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

James A. Rawley, Civil War Historian, Dies at 89

James A. Rawley, 89, an author, professor and nationally known expert on race relations, died 29 November 2005 in Lincoln, Nebraska, after suffering a stroke.

He moved to Lincoln in 1964 and taught at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He was an authority on the Civil War, reconstruction and the history of race relations. The Organization of American Historians (OAH) created the Rawley Prize for accomplished historians in the area of race relations.

His books include *The Transatlantic Slave Trade: A History* and *Turning Points of the Civil War*.
—From the Baltimore Sun 5 December 2005, accessed through the History News Network

Member Directory to be Updated

The Membership Directory is to be updated this season. Members whose address or other personal information has changed since the last roster was published, or who would like to change their information, or can't remember what's in the Directory should contact the Membership Chairman, Paul Eilbes.

As a reminder, the *GO* mailing list and the Membership Directory database are separate: just because you get the *General Orders* does not mean that your correct address is in the Membership Directory.

North and South Offers Discount

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Not a bad price for a pretty good magazine.

SUV Patriotic Luncheon 4 February 2006

The 2003 Patriotic Luncheon, hosted by the C. K Badger Camp 1 of the Sons of Union Veterans (SUV) will be honoring Presidents Washington, Lincoln and McKinley. The luncheon will be held on Saturday 4 February at 12:30 PM at the Bluemound Gardens, 11703 Bluemound Road in Wauwatosa. Dr. Van Mobley of Concordia University will speak on Lincoln and his Generals.

Reservations can be made before 28 January by sending \$16 per person to the C.K Badger Camp 1, 6623 S. North Cape Road, Franklin, WI, 53132-1227. No walk-ins will be admitted.

For more information, contact Steve Michaels at (414)276-7100, (414)425-4648 (evenings), by e-mail (steve_michaels@metronetworks.com), or at the Wisconsin Department Website, <http://www.suvcw-wi.org>.

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Shiloh — The Hornet's Nest V

By 3:00 on the afternoon of 6 April Sherman and McClernand were withdrawing across the Tilghman Branch to the Perry and Russian Tenant Fields, anchoring their right flank on Owl Creek. Shortly after this Beauregard learned of the death of Johnston and shifted the emphasis of attacks from the left side to the right of the Hornet's Nest to avoid the Sunken Road deathtrap. During the shift, Bragg attacked the Sunken Road one last time with predictable results.

Eleven hours into the battle Hurlbut, running desperately short on ammunition and men to fight with, withdrew from the Peach Orchard starting at about 4:00 PM, taking with him much of the remaining artillery that still had horses. Prentiss and Wallace shifted their lines around briefly, turning their left flank back almost due north to south.

Less than two thousand men were still on their feet inside the salient that was becoming a pocket, and many of them were wounded. Casualties lay everywhere, potable water was completely gone, and there were no more medical supplies anywhere.

But Prentiss had no idea that Sherman and McClernand had withdrawn too far to help him, and believed that the last message he got from Grant was still true: Grant had promised that Lew Wallace's Third division was on its way. Prentiss had

no notion that Wallace had become hopelessly delayed and wouldn't arrive at Pittsburgh Landing until an hour after dark.

At 4:30 Confederate general Daniel Ruggles commenced firing on the Sunken Road at 500 yards with a grand battery of some 62 guns. Confederate units had been sweeping through the thickets and heavy timber, working their way around the Hornet's Nest's flanks for hours. When Ruggles opened fire they began to converge. In half an hour Prentiss's and WHL Wallace's troops (Wallace himself had been fatally wounded and was presumed to be dead) began to withdraw from Hornet's Nest. Soon thereafter, the Federal remnants began to surrender in large numbers on the north end of the Cloud Field. Prentiss himself surrendered at about 5:30.

By then Hurlbut's remnants had taken up new positions just north of the Dill Branch, and some 20,000 Federal troops manned Grant's Last Line. With the Hornet's Nest eliminated, Bragg attacked Hurlbut and the siege guns across the Dill Branch at about 6:00 and were bloodily repulsed. Shortly thereafter, Beauregard suspended all offensive activity. The sun set at 6:10. Beauregard composed a telegram to Richmond announcing a great victory of Confederate arms.



2006 Schedule

- February 9: James McPherson—*"Abraham Lincoln as Commander-in-Chief"*
- March 9: Gail Stephens—*"Lew Wallace"*
- April 20: Horace Mewborn—*"The Battles of Manassas"*

- May 11: Mark Nell—*"How the Bible Helped Start the Civil War"*

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

Civil War Round Table Dinner Reservation for: January 12th, 2006

Mail your reservations by January 6th to:

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

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

Enclosed is \$_____ (meal price \$20.00 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.

The Civil War Round Table of Milwaukee, Inc. admits members of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges and activities of the Round Table.

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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 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.