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Marshall D. Krolick on "The Cavalry in the Chancellorsville Campaign"

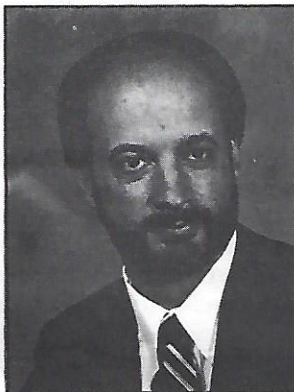
by Barbara Hughett

The Battle of Chancellorsville, which took place on May 1-4, 1863, in eastern Virginia, is remembered as a brilliant Confederate victory and, of course, as the battle in which General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was mortally wounded. Cavalry played a vital role in the Chancellorsville Campaign, beginning in April 1863.

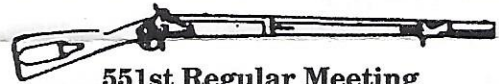
As part of his strategy for this campaign, Union General Joseph Hooker ordered General George Stoneman's recently-created cavalry corps to precede the infantry movement by moving around Confederate General Robert E. Lee's army. Once in the Confederate rear, Stoneman was to disrupt Southern communications and supply lines. Then he was to place himself in position along the line of retreat which Lee would be expected to take after he had been forced out of position by Hooker. Hooker ordered Stoneman, who had approximately 10,000 men, to march in two columns—one under General William Averell, toward Gordonsville; and the other, under General John Buford, to move toward the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad. Only one small cavalry brigade, under General Alfred Pleasanton, was to remain with the Federal army.

Marshall D. Krolick will address The Round Table on May 10 on "The Cavalry in the Chancellorsville Campaign." In his remarks, Mr. Krolick will describe the progress and results of Stoneman's march and, more importantly, its effect on the Chancellorsville Campaign. Also, he will review the Confederate reaction to the Federal movement, as well as Pleasanton's actions, both claimed and actual, during the Battle of Chancellorsville itself.

A native Chicagoan, Marshall Krolick received his B.A. degree from Duke University and J.D. degree from Northwestern University School of Law. He is a partner in the Chicago firm of Deutsch, Levy & Engel. Mr. Krolick is past president of Congregation B'Nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim, in Glenview; past executive vice president of the Les Turner Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Foundation; and currently serves on the executive committee of the national Board of Trustees of the Union of Ameri-



Marshall D. Krolick



551st Regular Meeting

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Marshall D. Krolick on "The Cavalry in the Chancellorsville Campaign"

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Friday, May 10

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Union League Club
65 West Jackson Boulevard

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

\$25 - The Civil War Round Table of Chicago members

\$30 - Nonmembers

Entree: Broiled Medallions of Pork Loin or Catch of the Day



Please Note

Make your reservation by Wednesday, May 8, by calling The Civil War Round Table offices at 312-341-1865. 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. **No last-minute orders for the Catch of the Day can be honored. The chef must have at least twenty-four hours notice.**

The Union League Club is located at the corner of Jackson Boulevard and Federal Street. Federal Street runs north and south between Dearborn and Clark Streets. Parking is free at the General Parking lot, just south of the Union League Club.

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Marshall Krolick has been a member of The Civil War Round Table of Chicago since 1961. He has served, and continues to serve, The Round Table in many capacities. He was president (1971-72), newsletter editor (1974-79), and was named an Honorary Life member in 1985. He was the 1990 recipient of our Nevins-Freeman Award for distinguished scholarship and dedication to Civil War

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The only requirement for membership in The Round Table is a genuine interest in the Civil War and its era. For information, address Membership Committee, 410 South Michigan Avenue, Suite 841, Chicago, Illinois 60605-1402.

BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION

☆ UPDATE ☆

by David Richert

As of early March the Secretary of the Interior had approved eleven requests for Civil War Commemorative Coin revenues from battlefield preservation groups. The funding totaled \$2,637,165, leaving available \$3,362,835 of the \$6 million in revenues from coin sales. A number of applications are pending and additional awards are expected to be made in the next few months.

The eleven recipients are: Schoolhouse Ridge, West Virginia, \$483,172 for the purchase of 56 acres; Grove Farm, Maryland, \$50,000 for 40 acres; Third Winchester, Virginia, \$500,000 for 222 acres; Malvern Hill, Virginia, \$419,000 for 519 acres; Cedar Creek, Virginia, \$72,993 for 158 acres; Rich Mountain, West Virginia, \$11,100 for 71 acres; Prairie Grove, Arkansas, \$126,400 for 95 acres; Spring Hill, Tennessee, \$200,000 for 110 acres; Corinth, Mississippi, \$119,500 for 160 acres; Mill Spring, Kentucky, \$155,000 for 160 acres; and Resaca, Georgia, \$500,000 for 1,200 acres.

The Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County has purchased Roper's Knob, a 67-acre fortified hill that was used as a signal post during the Battle of Franklin. The property, which was zoned residential, was purchased from a group of developers for \$438,500. During the Civil War, Roper's Knob was one of a string of Union signal stations stretching from Nashville south to Murfreesboro. The site still contains the original earthworks. The Heritage Foundation is seeking donations to pay for the purchase. Contact them at PO Box 723, Franklin, Tennessee 37065 or call 615-790-0378. Make checks payable to the Heritage Foundation, Attention Roper's Knob.

The Georgia Civil War Commission has reached an agreement with Southlife Properties, Inc. to preserve about five acres of the New Hope battlefield in Paulding County. The site includes a portion of what is often called "the Hell Hole" where Union forces suffered heavy casualties as they charged through wooded ravines toward entrenched Confederate forces. Southlife Properties is developing a 92-acre residential community on the site of the New Hope battlefield.

Also in Georgia, a local committee is attempting to make a park out of the site of the last sizable fragment of "Johnston's River Line," constructed by Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston as he fell back from Kennesaw Mountain. The 1500-yard remnant includes the only Shoupade fort (arrow-shaped fort designed by Colonel Francis Asbury Shoup) anywhere on public land. The 102-acre park site is in the middle of an industrial park.

We offer congratulations to Donni Case and Larry Hewitt, who were married aboard the *Creole Queen* in New Orleans on April 20. Donni is Round Table trustee as well as chair of our Publicity/Public Relations Committee. Larry is a well-known Civil War scholar, and author and friend of The Round Table. This was a real Round Table romance; they met when Larry was the speaker for our June 1991 meeting. They will reside in Chicago.



❧ APRIL MEETING ❧

by Larry Gibbs

On April 12 at the 550th regular meeting of The Civil War Round Table, 142 members and guests heard a presentation by John C. (Jack) Waugh, who discussed some of the important Civil War officers in his book *The Class of 1846*. Waugh is a freelance writer about current political issues, but explained that "I can't stay out of the Civil War era."

Waugh asserted that the West Point class of 1846 is symbolic of the fratricidal conflict known as the Civil War. "The Civil War was the most fantastic event in 19th century U.S. history. Natural friends were made into unnatural enemies in an unnatural war," he proclaimed. The class of 1846 punctuated many contradictions and ironies. Among the members of this illustrious class were Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson, George Brinton "Babe" McClellan, Abrose Powell Hill, George Edward Pickett, and George Stoneham. Often these one-time friends were adversaries on the battlefield. However, many of these friendships endured during and after the war.

A total of 59 men graduated in the West Point Military Academy class of 1846. This was the largest class in West Point history up to that time. More than a score of these men achieved some fame during the Civil War. The most promising graduate was George McClellan, while the least promising was perhaps the introverted Thomas Jackson. Reno, Nevada, was named in honor of an 1846 graduate, Jesse Lee Reno, who became a Union major general before he was mortally wounded on South Mountain (September 14, 1862). Samuel Davis Sturgis was the Federal general who helped Burnside's brigade cross Burnside Bridge at the Battle of Antietam (September 17, 1862). He later met defeat before the Confederate forces of Nathan Bedford Forrest at Brice's Cross Roads (June 10, 1864). A roommate of "Stonewall" Jackson, George Stoneham, became a Union cavalry leader. Last in the 1846 class was George Pickett. He was a fine singer but history will remember him as the Rebel major general who lost a division at Gettysburg. Two future Civil War leaders, A.P. Hill and John Gibbon, began studies with the class of 1846 but did not graduate with their classmates.

"The most intriguing aspect of the class of 1846," stated Waugh, "were the individuals and the resultant ironies. Brother against brother created ironies; soldiers against soldiers created even more ironies." Waugh demonstrated his point by citing several specific examples. George McClellan and A.P. Hill remained friends even though they were on opposite sides in the Civil War. They would continue to be friends throughout the conflict until the death of Hill near the end of the war. Earlier both fell in love with and became rivals over Nellie Marcy. In the end, she loved Hill but married McClellan. Nevertheless the friendship persevered.

One of the armies that Rebel general "Stonewall" Jackson ran circles around in the 1862 Valley Campaign was that of Nathaniel Banks. Colonel George H. Gordon, an 1846 classmate of Jackson's, realized that Bank's army was in peril. Gordon found himself protecting this army from Jackson. "To illustrate how drastic changes happen in war," continued Waugh, "Jackson claimed that he did not remember Gordon as a friend as the campaign

concluded."

In the late afternoon of September 17, 1862, Rebel General A.P. Hill's soldiers finally arrived at the Battle of Antietam. His men mounted a desperate but successful charge. Hill and McClellan, the union commander at Antietam, were close friends from the class of 1846 who were involved in a historical irony: "In achieving this feat at Antietam, Hill probably cost McClellan his career," explained Waugh.

Waugh indicated that the terrible war could not deter friendships made at West Point in the 1840s. On May 30, 1885, Memorial Day, at Antietam, a spirit of reconciliation prevailed. For the first time Rebel soldiers crossed Antietam Creek to be with Union soldiers. General George McClellan spoke of unity and a common purpose to show reverence for the common dead. Both armies rose, marching together. Alluding to this incident Waugh concluded that the Civil War was "a war of such ironies and a time of such passions."

MARSHALL D. KROLICK (from page 1)

In addition to speaking regularly on Civil War topics to schools and civic organizations, Mr. Krolick has also addressed Civil War organizations and symposiums throughout the country and has served as a guide for tours of Gettysburg and other Civil War battlefields.

His published works on the Civil War include articles which have appeared in *Blue and Gray*, *Civil War Quarterly*, *Civil War*, and *Gettysburg* magazines. He is the author of the Introduction to Morningside House's reprint of the *History of the Eighth Cavalry Regiment, Illinois Volunteers*, and for several years wrote a regular column in *Civil War Times Illustrated*. He has appeared before The Round Table on numerous other occasions over the years.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Krolick is replacing our previously-announced May speaker, Charles P. Roland, who had to cancel his appearance due to illness.)

Nominating Committee Report

Barbara Hughett, chair of the Nominating Committee, has announced the following proposed slate of officers for the 1996-97 term:

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 Ted Birndorf, Roger Bohn, Thomas Herres,
 Susan Phillips

Trustee — one year term, to complete the unexpired term of Frank Patton, who has been nominated for treasurer:

Michael Marienthal

(Three trustees, whose terms expire in June, 1997, will remain, completing their two-year terms:

Donni Case, Gene Holland, Janet Linhart)

The election will be held during the May meeting, at which time additional nominations for any of the above offices may be made from the floor.

The New Books

Compiled by C. Robert Douglas



- Spink, Barry L. *From Cavan to Cold Harbor: The Life of Colonel Richard Byrnes (28th Mass. Inf.)*. The Irish Brigade Association, P.O. Box 3495, Wayne, NJ 07470-3495. 1995. \$10.00.
- Spruill, Matt. *Guide to the Battle of Chickamauga*. U. of Kansas Press. 1993. \$27.50; Pbk. \$12.95.
- Steele, Phillip W. and Steve Cottrell. *Civil War in the Ozarks*. Pelican Books. 1993. Pbk. \$8.95.
- Steenburn, Donald H. *Silent Echoes of Johnsonville: Rebel Cavalry and Yankee Gunboats*. Elk River Press, Rogersville, AL. 1994. \$19.95.
- Steers, Edward, Jr. *Lincoln: A Pictorial History*. Thomas Publications. 1994. Pbk. \$12.95.
- Stiles, T.J. *In Their Own Words: Civil War Commanders. A First Hand Account of the Civil War from the Military Leaders who Orchestrated its Battles*. Pedigree Press. 1995. Pbk. \$14.00.
- Straubing, Harold E. *In Hospital and Camp: The Civil War Through the Eyes of its Doctors and Nurses*. Stackpole Books. 1993. \$16.95.
- Strode, Hudson, ed. *Jefferson Davis: Private Letters, 1823-1889*. Da Capo Press. 1995. Pbk. \$16.95.
- Styple, William B., ed. *With a Flash of His Sword: The Writings of Major Holman S. Welcher, 20th Maine Infantry*. Belle Grove Publ. Co. 1994. \$33.00.

The 56th Annual Meeting of the Lincoln Fellowship of Wisconsin was held on April 13 in Milwaukee. It featured addresses by Roger Fischer, Harold Holzer, and Judge Frank Williams. The group will charter a bus and travel to Chicago on June 8 to visit the Lincoln exhibit at the Chicago Historical Society; tour the Lincoln, Douglas, and Civil War sites with Brooks Davis, former Round Table president, as guide. The group will also visit the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop, owned by Dan Weinberg, former Round Table president.

Round Table member James Chenoweth, of Colorado, who frequently participates in our annual battlefield tours, has been writing a weekly column on Civil War and Civil War era-history for the *Cattle Country News*. We thank Karen Krieger for bringing this to our attention.

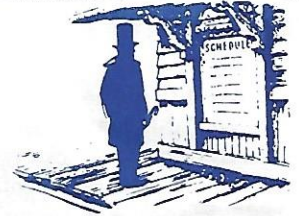
Schimmelfennig Boutique

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.

BULLETIN BOARD



FUTURE MEETINGS

Regular meetings are held at the Union League Club, 65 West Jackson Boulevard, the second Friday in each month, except as noted.

May 1-5: Annual Battlefield Tour: Chickamauga and Chattanooga

May 10: Marshall D. Krolick on "The Cavalry in the Chancellorsville Campaign"

June 14: Michael W. Kauffman on "The Lincoln Assassination — The Investigation Continues"

September 13: Stephen R. Wise on "The Gates of Hell: The 1863 Charleston Campaign"

October 18: James M. McPherson, Nevins-Freeman Address

November 8: Phillip Shaw Paludan on "Lincoln and the Propaganda of War and Peace"

December 13: Robert E. Lee Krick on "The Confederate Staff"

January 10: Kurt Carlson on "Patrick Cleburne"

February 21: Bruce Allardice on "Confederate Officers Corps"

March 14: Dale K. Phillips on "Benjamin Butler and the Occupation of New Orleans"

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We are saddened to announce the death of Round Table member Donald Schuette on April 12. We offer our deepest condolences to his daughter Donni Case and to all his family and friends.

Former Round Table President Kurt Carlson will deliver a Civil War talk to the College of DuPage on June 7.

Dale Phillips, one of our tour guides for last year's tour to Charleston and an upcoming speaker for us next March, will address the annual banquet meeting of The Northern Illinois Civil War Round Table on June 7.