

April 16, 2010
President's Message

Our speaker for March was Associate Professor and Chair, Department of History, Humboldt State University, Thomas D. Mays. His presentation was on Champ Ferguson and the guerrilla conflict in the Appalachian highlands. His book "Cumberland Blood" is an excellent portrayal of the "dark side" if you will, of a notorious Tennessee guerrilla. You can purchase the book on amazon.com.



This month's speaker will be one of our members, Bob O'Connor. Bob is in training to become a 'Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg. He will be taking the test this year and tells me studying for it has been harder than studying for the CPA exam. His talk will cover aspects of the Gettysburg battlefield in addition to what is required to become a guide. This talk promises to be very interesting. Show your support for our own member and make every effort to attend.

If you have not paid them yet, remember, club dues should be received by April 1, 2010.

Congratulations to Ellie Lowry for answering the ladies only question:
What did Madame la Force accomplish and how was it done?

Like the old saying goes 'turnabout is fair play'. June will be the ladies turn to ask the gents a question. Stumping us will probably be easy. Please, no fashion questions!

However, there is a ladies only question for this month and it is ...

As a nurse in Cairo, Illinois, when challenged by anyone she would say "I have received my authority from the Lord God Almighty: have you anything that ranks higher than that? To catch hospital food thieves she spiked peaches with vomit inducing medicine and warned next time she would use rat poison.

Upcoming speakers and events:

May 13, 2010 Lawrence Cook Middle School Civil War Contest Finalists
Please note...this meeting is on Thursday !!!
One week earlier than usual.

June 16, 2010 Animal, Vegetable Mineral (Round Table Participation Event)
For those new to the RoundTable the guidelines are as follows:
On a strictly volunteer basis, for two minutes or slightly more,
present a subject that is **NOT**, a general, battlefield or person, that
had a positive or negative impact on the American Civil War. Do not
worry if your selection has been presented before. Every one has
their own impressions. Some examples of topics in the past have
been: coffee, habeas corpus, pontoon bridges, baseball and letters.
Participation is fun and you will be surprised at what the members
present. This is our fourth year of AVM and some members have
been known to search all year for their civil war nugget.

July 17 & 18 Civil War Days, Duncans Mills, Ca (civilwardays.net)

The web site is up and running and I am in the process of having other round tables link
to our address. Any suggestions on the site are greatly appreciated.

Once again the newsletter is late. My foot is now in a specialty boot and renders me
walking a lot like Quasimoto.

See you all on Wednesday.

Regards,

Tom



An unknown Irish Brigade Guest/Minstrel at our last meeting March 17, 2010. It pays to
attend all the time. You never know who might show up!

