

May, 2010
President's Message

Our speaker for April was new member, Bob O'Connor. Bob is preparing for the test to become a 'Licensed Battlefield Guide' at Gettysburg. He spoke of the demanding amount of time, up to four hours a day, studying for the test. We were exposed to some insights in the exam process and were entertained by Bob's presentation.



Next month's speakers will be the finalists of the Lawrence Cook Middle School, American Civil War contest. Kindly make every effort to attend and show our support for the students. This is our round table's signature event.

Thank you to all who have paid their dues.

Congratulation to the members who identified Mary Ann Bickerdyke from Cairo, Illinois. She was the Illinois nurse who threatened to use rat poison to catch hospital food thieves. Next month the ladies are encouraged to ask the gentlemen a question or two. Any question relating to women's fashions of the day will be summarily disqualified in view of the fact the gentlemen have NO chance of answering it correctly.

Upcoming speakers and events:

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)

Check the web site for updates.

Regards,

Tom