

THE BATTLE CRY



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TRIVIA LITE

- What did U.S. Grant call
the biggest explosion of
the war, which created
the Crater at Peters-
burg?
- What general was
named for renowned
American, general Win-
field Scott?
- What fast-moving caval-
ryman refused anesthe-
sia when surgeons re-
moved a bullet lodged
close to his spine?
- What shortage often
reduced the effective-
ness of C.S.A. horses
and mules?
- Who wrote the pre-civil
war work, The Impend-
ing Crisis, which pre-
dicted the coming
conflict?

TERMINOLOGY

Why? While organizing the category in my collection, that I have labelled “RAIDERS” I realized that there are several terms, often misused or used interchangeably for others. Naturally, for me, my mind suggested that many others did not really know the definitions and how they were being used both during the Civil War and in everyday conversation or writing. In no particular order the “Dictionary” follows:

RAIDER: Person(s) who attacks an enemy in the enemy’s territory; a marauder. Synonyms: robber, burglar, thief, plunderer, pillager, looter ... Def: a soldier specially trained for close range fighting;; a commando, ranger, or the like, specially trained to participate in military raids. ORIGIN: 1st recorded in 1860-1865.

GUERRILLA: a member of a small independent group taking part in irregular fighting typically against larger regular forces. Synonyms: freedom fighter, irregular, member of the resistance, partisan, actions or activities performed in an impromptu way, often without authorization.

RANGER: April 21, 1862 Congress of the C.S.A. passed the Partisan Ranger Act. The law was intended as a stimulus for recruitment of irregulars for service into the Confederate States Army during the Civil War. Def: a Partisan Ranger of an irregular detachment of the Confederate army.

JAYHAWKER: Bands known as “Jayhawkers” were guerrilla fighters who often clashed with pro-slavery groups from Missouri known as the time as “Border Ruffians.” After the Civil War the word “Jayhawker” became synonymous with the people of Kansas.

BUSHWACKER As the Civil War progressed in some regions “guerrilla,” “bushwacker,” and “jayhawker” became synonymous in their meaning and usage. The term “bushwacker” was perhaps the most degrading and was often applied to anyone practicing the art of ambushing..

Bushwacking was a form of guerrilla warfare common during the American Revolutionary War, American Civil War, and other conflicts in which there were large areas of contested land and few governmental resources to control these tracts. The perpetrators of the attacks were called bushwackers

You may come across or know of other names used, however those above make up a list of most used sobriquets.

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February, Speaker Bio

Franklin R. Crawford

A member of the Sarasota Civil War Round Table, has addressed us before. One of his latest, *The Centralia Massacre of 1864*, typified what one critic stated, “Crawford is among the rare individuals who finds an untold story and tells it in a compelling way. Impeccable research and writing style combine to present little known accounts of remarkable soldiers [or events, ed.] ... “. — Rob Girardi The partial quote was about one of Frank’s books, *In the Shadows of Lincoln and the Civil War: Average Men in Uncommon Situations*. (2014)., Millions witnessed the events [in the book] All were so proud. Do we recall [their] names] now, just a few years later? “You have another winner — learned much more than I knew before.” — Edwin C. Bearss.

Frank is a very knowledgeable student of the history of Andersonville Prison, he is as good a guide as any. His topic for us tonight is *The Shenandoah Valley in the Civil War*.



Frank at Camp Sumter (Andersonville)

Doing the tour

BOOKS RECOMMENDED BY THE FACULTY AT THE CWEA SYMPOSIUM

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GRANT, by Chernow || Universal agreement that this work stands next to Grant’s own memoirs, that have received not only top reviews but others have given much misinformation. One question, in jest, was “Are we going to have another ‘Hamilton’ on Broadway?” Holzer quickly responded that it might happen!

ORs NAVY, Washington, GPO1894-1927 in 31 vols. Incl. General Index. || Statement was made that v. 17 dealt with the blockade of the FL coast. Actually, since I have the complete set, v, 17 deals with the East Gulf, but vols. 18-22 cover the West Gulf. Notably, the point was that so many of the ORs Navy include information about the FL coastal blockade.

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF Robert E. LEE, by Robertson || Work in progress. Consists of 200 small essays all about R. E. Lee. Much about the Overland campaign. May publish this fall. Bud had “ words “for copy editors.

ON TO PETERSBURG, by Rhea || High praise for Rhea. This volume concludes his much-lauded history of the Overland Campaign, a series of Civil War battles fought between Generals Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee in southeastern Virginia in the spring of 1864.

PEACHTREE CREEK, by Hess || Hess shows that morale played an unusually important role in determining the outcome at Peach Tree Creek—a soured mood among the Confederates and overwhelming confidence among the Federals spelled disaster. Hood replaced Johnston which demoralized the soldiers. Hood attacks Thomas and is beaten. Hess is an excellent scholar.

THE CAMPAIGNS OF NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST, by Scales || a careful and unique examination of Forrest’s wartime activities and how his actions affected the war in the Western Theater. what impact did Forrest’s dazzling raids and victories have upon the overall course of the war? Scales research and writing stand with the best!

LINCOLN’S LIEUTENANTS, by Sears || The high command of the Army of the Potomac frequently appeared to be fighting against the administration in Washington instead of for it, the eastern army was stabilized by an unsung supporting cast of corps, division, and brigade generals. With characteristic style and insight, Stephen Sears brings these courageous, determined officers, who rose through the ranks and led from the front, to life.

THE THIN LIGHT TO FREEDOM: THE CIVIL WAR AND EMANCIPATION ... by Ayers || He captures the strategic savvy of Lee and his local lieutenants, and the clear vision of equal rights animating black troops. Throughout Ayers shows how the dynamics of political opposition drove these momentous events, transforming once unimaginable outcomes into fact. With analysis as powerful as its narrative, here is a landmark history of the Civil War.