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The **March 8th, 2007**, meeting is to be held at **Wisconsin Club**, Milwaukee

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Peter Cozzens, Diplomat and American Military Historian

Our scheduled speaker, Peter E. Cozzens, is a senior United States diplomat and a prolific author of Civil War and American military history who should require little introduction for most members. A native of Wheaton, Illinois and 1979 Knox College graduate, Cozzens is deputy consul general at the United States Consulate General in Monterrey, Mexico.

After completing his degree in international relations, Cozzens served for four years with U.S. Army military intelligence, rising to the rank of Captain. He entered the U.S. Foreign Service in 1984, and has held posts in Mexico, Panama, and Peru. He has also served as a special assistant at the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research.

In 1997 he received the State Department's second-highest recognition, the Superior Honor Award. In 1999 Knox College honored him with an Alumni Achievement Award. In 2002 Cozzens received the prestigious William R. Rivkin Award, presented annually by the American Foreign Service Association to one Foreign Service officer for "extraordinary accomplishment involving initiative, integrity, intellectual courage, and creative dissent."

Cozzens is a widely acclaimed historian who

has written on the Civil War and the American Indian Wars. *Civil War Times* praised him as "a talented and prolific writer," and *The Washington Times* said his books are "battle history as it was meant to be written." His Civil War books include *This Terrible Sound: The Battle of Chickamauga*, and *The Shipwreck of Their Hopes: the Battles for Chattanooga*. Both were History Book Club Main Selections and were chosen by *Civil War Magazine* as two of the 100 best books on the Civil War, selected out of a literature of more than 60,000 volumes. The History Book Club has called his magisterial five-volume series, *Eyewitnesses to the Indian Wars*, "the best work ever done on the Indian Wars of the American West."

Cozzens is a member of the National Advisory Council of the Lincoln Prize, one of the most prestigious awards in the field of history. He has contributed dozens of articles to leading historical journals and magazines, and is a member of the Company of Military Historians. He is scheduled to receive the Iron Brigade Achievement Award at the March meeting.

2006-07 Schedule

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

- April — Robert EL Krick, — TBA
- May — Becky Cumins — 2nd Mississippi

Schedule of Events

- Staff Meeting (when required;
open to all members) 5:00 PM
- Registration and Social Hour 6:15 PM
- Dinner 6:45 PM
- Program Begins 7:30 PM

Alcott Program 26 March

A dramatic program entitled "From Fruitlands to Orchard House and Beyond: The Life and Times of Louisa May Alcott" featuring Rose Stephenson is scheduled for 26 March at 7 p.m. at the Matousek Auditorium on the Milwaukee VA Hospital grounds.

Although Louisa May Alcott (1832-1888) is known primarily as the author of *Little Women* and its sequels, she was a multi-faceted woman — an activist with an independent spirit who served as a Civil War nurse and reformer in the suffrage movement. In a show based on Alcott's novels, letters and journals, Stephenson will bring to life this fascinating woman and the times in which she lived.

This program is free and open to the public and is supported by the Wisconsin Humanities Council, with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the State of Wisconsin, and individual donors. It is sponsored by the West Side Soldiers Aid Society, Inc., and the Federal Women's Program with the support of VA Voluntary Service.

For information, contact Patricia Lynch at (414) 427-3776 or info@wssas.org

**Iron Brigade Awards
for 2006-7 Season**

The Board announces the Iron Brigade Awards for Civil War Scholarship are to be awarded this season to:

- Peter Cozzens (March)
- Robert E. L. Krick (April)

The Iron Brigade Awards are made to scholars who have made considerable contributions to Civil War studies. Past recipients have included Ed Bearss and James McPherson. An additional award will be presented for Robert K. Krick.

Any member wanting to nominate a scholar for the Iron Brigade Award should contact the Awards and Donations Committee or any Board member.

Munitions of War Circa 1867

Another unusual reprint from Lindsay Publications is entitled *Report to the Government of the United States on the Munitions of War Exhibited at the Paris Universal Exposition, 1867*, sold on their web site and their catalogs as simply *Munitions of War*.

The report was written by Charles Norton and WJ Valentine. The two men spent nearly half a year in Europe evaluating the state of armament manufacture and design, and comparing it to American efforts. They produced a fascinating look at what the world was up to in the last third of the 19th Century.

As with most of Lindsay Publication's reprints, it is lavishly illustrated with engravings. The 286-page softcover is \$14.95 from Lindsay Publications, lindsaybks.com, or call the Chicago office at (815) 935-5353.

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In The News

2007 Liberty University Civil War Seminar

On March 23-24, Liberty University will present its 11th annual Civil War Seminar. This year's program is entitled "Robert E. Lee in Life and Legend." Featured speakers include:

- Dr. Steven Woodworth
- Gordon C. Rhea
- Jeffery C. Wert
- William Marvel
- Robert E.L. Krick

The cost will be \$55 for the two-day seminar. Liberty University is in Washington, DC. CEU credits are available for this seminar. For more information on CEUs, please call Janie Harrison at (434) 582-2408, or email at jharrison@liberty.edu.

For more information on the seminar call the Liberty University History department at (434) 592-4366, email Kristina Burdeaux at klburdeaux@liberty.edu, or go to www.liberty.edu/civilwar.

White House's Lincoln Bedroom Restored

By Michael Bechloss, *Newsweek*

A hundred and ninety-eight years after Abraham Lincoln's birth, the White House's Lincoln Bedroom finally looks like a room the great man would recognize.

Until recently, Lincoln furniture and a copy of the Gettysburg Address were displayed against the pale walls, curtains and carpet of a 1950s city hotel—not the vivid golds and purples, heavy fabrics and large patterns of Lincoln's era.

One reason for this mild historical fib was to focus attention on the chamber's historic objects. Another: midcentury Americans disdained Victorian décor,

which they equated with the horrific house in Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho."

But now, under First Lady Laura Bush and White House curator Bill Allman, the bedroom has been impressively restored to the time of the Civil War and the Emancipation Proclamation, which Lincoln signed there in 1863.

The chamber, of course, was never Lincoln's bedroom. It was his office, as it was for later presidents until Theodore Roosevelt built the West Wing in 1902. Harry Truman, though he was descended from Missouri Confederates, felt that Lincoln should be honored with the old mansion's only room named for an ex-president, its centerpiece, the haunting mahogany bed in which 11-year-old Willie Lincoln died.

Facing agonizing choices, chief executives often wonder: what would Lincoln have done? In its newest incarnation, the Lincoln Bedroom will allow them more than ever to sense that mystical aura of the Civil War martyr and the storm through which he guided us.

—From *Newsweek National News*,

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/16960419/site/newsweek/> accessed 11 Feb 07



Civil War Round Table Dinner Reservation for: March 8th, 2007

Mail your reservations by March 2nd to:

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

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

Enclosed is \$ _____ (meal price **\$23.00** 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.

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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.