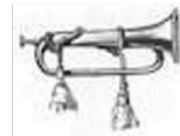




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500th Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

Sunset Ballroom, 8th Floor, Holiday Inn & Suites

8787 Reeder Rd., Overland Park, KS 66214

Social Hour - Cash Bar - 5:30p.m.

Dinner - 6:30p.m.



January Speaker

Dr. Ethan Rafuse, professor of Military History at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth KS, will give a program about Edwin M. Stanton.

Stanton was a lawyer and a politician, who served under the Lincoln Administration as Secretary of War during most of the Civil War. He helped organize the massive military resources of the North and guide the Union to victory. Stanton also organized the manhunt for Lincoln's killer, John Wilkes Booth.

Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Please be sure that **Susan Keipp** receives all reservations by **12:00 noon on Thursday, January 18, 2018** along with payment of **\$28.00 per person**. Mail to:

Susan Keipp, 436 W 88th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64114

Report any necessary adjustments by calling Susan at 816-333-0025 or e-mailing her at: skeipp@kc.rr.com by 12:00 noon on the Thursday before the dinner meeting.

Use your debit/credit card at our website, <http://www.cwrtkc.org>. Go to [Dinner Reservation](#) under the Meetings tab, fill out the reservation form, and then make your payment in the box to the left on that page through PayPal. If you are using this service please send **Susan** an email, so that he will not miss your reservation. <mailto:skeipp@kc.rr.com>

Reservation Deadline: 12:00 noon, Jan. 18th

Important Reservation Information

At our Executive Committee meeting held on October 21, 2017, it was decided to raise the price of our dinners to \$28.00 per person beginning in 2018. The cost the dinners goes to pay the Holiday Inn for our meals, service charge, room rental, bartender, and audio/visual equipment.

Please note that if you make a reservation and are not able to attend the dinner meeting, you are still responsible for the cost of the dinner. We have to pay the Holiday Inn based on the number of reservations that we turn in. Also, please do not show up at the dinner meeting without making a reservation. If you do, we cannot guarantee that you will be served a meal.

Dinner Menu

Chicken Picatta – Sautéed chicken breast in a light lemon/cream sauce. Accompanied with garlic whipped potatoes and chef's choice of vegetable, salad, bread, chef's choice of dessert, coffee, iced tea, and water.

The Holiday Inn has advised they can provide the following three options for dinner:

- The main entree meal as selected by the Civil War Round Table.
- A vegetarian meal as determined by the chef.
- A gluten-free meal as determined by the chef.

The Holiday Inn indicated they cannot provide a low-carb meal.

Meet Our Speaker



Dr. Ethan S. Rafuse

Dr. Ethan S. Rafuse is professor of Military History at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth KS. He grew up in northern Virginia, received his BA and MA degrees in history at George Mason University, and did his doctoral work at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Dr. Rafuse taught Civil War and military history at the U.S. Military Academy in 2001-2003 and has served at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College since 2004.

Dr. Rafuse has been a frequent speaker on Civil War related topics at the Kansas City Public Library, at the National Archives, and at our Civil War Round Table dinner meetings.

He has authored or co-authored eleven books on the Civil War including:

- *The American Civil War*
- *The Ongoing Civil War: New Versions of Old Stories* (with Herman Hattaway)
- *McClellan's War – The Failure of Moderation in the Struggle for the Union*
- *George Gordon Meade and the War in the East*
- *Corps Commanders in Blue: Union Major Generals in the Civil War* (with Kenneth Noe)
- *Robert E. Lee and the Fall of the Confederacy: 1863-1865*
- *Stonewall Jackson, a Biography*
- *A Single Grand Victory: The First Campaign and Battle of Manassas*
- *Manassas: A Battlefield Guide*
- *Antietam, South Mountain, and Harpers Ferry: A Battlefield Guide*
- *Guide to the Richmond-Petersburg Campaign*

Dr. Rafuse lives with his wife and daughter in Platte City MO.

Invocation at the December Meeting

At our dinner meeting last month, **Reverend Dave Holloway** said the following prayer:

Heavenly Father,

Christmas and Hanukkah are here once more.

Let us celebrate with great amore.

We are given a time to be bright.

May we truly celebrate your light.

Bless us with what truly matters.

For those far from home who serve,
give them the best they deserve.

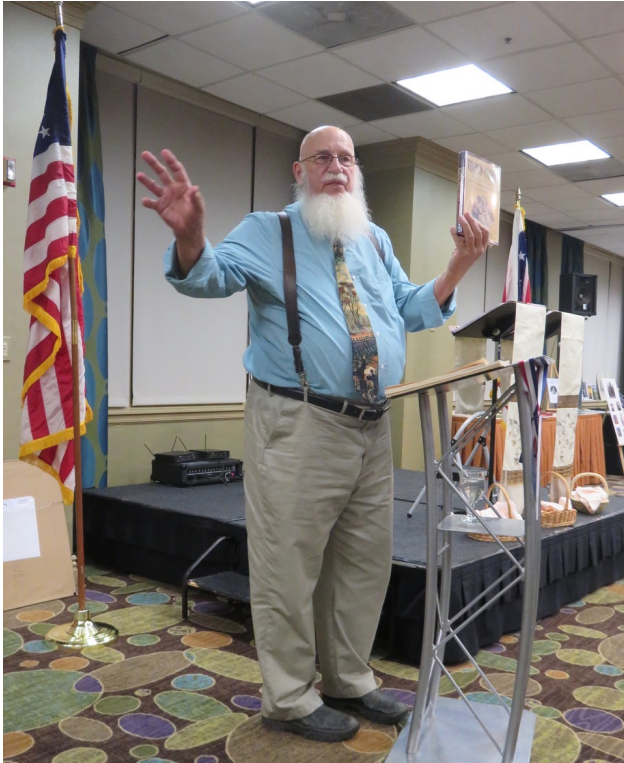
For family and friends, may we know all is well.

We give thanks for the Son who in us dwells.

God Bless us every one.

The Sergeant Major's Book Sales and Auction

We would like to thank **Sergeant Major Arnold Schofield** for doing an outstanding job of raising money for the Round Table through his silent auction and live auction book sales. Arnold's live auctions are always entertaining and we appreciate all of our members who bid on the rare and valuable Civil War books.



Arnold Schofield Conducting Live Book Auction

Arnold will auction the following books at the January dinner meeting:

The Fighting 10th: History of the 10th Missouri Cavalry U. S. by Len Eagleburger; 2004, in mint condition, with dust jacket.

Recollections and Letters of Robert E. Lee by Captain Robert E. Lee Jr.; K & K Press, Old Saybrook Connecticut, in excellent condition with dust jacket. Reprint.

Rebel Private: Front & Rear by William Andrew Fletcher, Company F, 5th Texas Cavalry Regiment, C. S. A.; Preface by Bell Wiley; University of Texas Press, 1954; very rare, in excellent condition, with dust jacket.

Generals in Blue- Generals in Gray by E. J. Warner; 2 Volumes, Boxed Civil War Sesquicentennial Set; LSU Press; wrapped and in mint condition.

If you are interested in bidding on one or more of the above books, but are not able to attend the dinner meeting, please e-mail your bid to Arnold Schofield <mailto:arnoldschofield42@gmail.com> prior to the dinner meeting.

Last Month's Program



Herschel and Jacque Stroud in Period Dress



**Herschel and Jacque Stroud presenting
"Abe and Mary, a Family Portrait"**

At our dinner meeting on December 19th, Civil War Round Table members **Herschel and Jacque Stroud** gave an outstanding presentation titled: "Abe and Mary, a Family Portrait." Their presentation was highly entertaining and educational. Whenever Herschel portrayed Abraham Lincoln, he stood on a step stool, in order to imitate Lincoln's 6'-4" height. We learned a great deal about President and Mrs. Lincoln and their family. Everyone enjoyed the Stroud's period dress, including the Holiday Inn's wait staff.



Herschel and Jacque Stroud with Holiday Inn staff

The Strouds were very organized by bringing their own sound system, setting up two tables of Lincoln book and memorabilia displays, and giving everyone handouts of the Lincoln Family Tree. One of the highlights of the memorabilia display was a lock of Mary Todd Lincoln's hair that Herschel obtained from Sotheby's Auction House. We would like to thank the Strouds for making our December meeting extra special.

The Strouds sent the following e-mail on December 20th:

"Good Morning Dave,

Jacque and I want to extend our thanks to the Round Table members for allowing us to present our comments about "Abe and Mary." It was a pleasure to receive a warm reception from everyone. The attention given to us was open and gratifying. When possible, please give our thanks to all the members.

With kind regards, Herschel and Jacque
The Strouds"

Upcoming Speaker Schedule

February 27, 2018: February is Black History Month. Round Table member **Arnold Schofield** will be speaking about the Kansas Independent Colored Light Artillery.

March 27, 2018: March is Women's History Month. **Aaron Barnhart and Diane Eickhoff** will be giving a program about women soldiers in the Civil War.

April 24, 2018: **Eric Wittenberg**, an attorney from Ohio, will be speaking about his book titled: *The Battle of Brandy Station*. Mr. Wittenberg last spoke to our Round Table in November of 2015.

May 22, 2018: **Dr. Phillip R. Kemmerly**, Professor Emeritus and geologist will be giving a program titled: "Shiloh Controversies." Dr. Kemmerly will discuss three controversies about Shiloh, all related to the effects of the flooding on the Tennessee River at the time of the battle.

June 26, 2018: **Dr. Clay Mountcastle** will speak on the topic of "Punitive War." This was the subject of his book by that title, published by the University of Kansas Press in 2009, as part of its modern military series. The talk will focus on the interplay of the Confederate insurgency and guerilla operations in the several theaters of the war and the Federal response to the insurgency.

July 24, 2018: **Bill McFarland**, who lives near Topeka KS, will be speaking about his new book titled: *Keep the Flag to the Front: The Story of the Eighth Kansas Volunteer Infantry*.

August 28, 2018: **Dr. Leo Oliva** will give a program about soldiers on the Santa Fe Trail in the Civil War and Fort Larned KS.

September 25, 2018: **Dennis E. Frye**, Chief Historian at Harpers Ferry National Historic Park, will be giving a program titled: "McClellan and Lee: A New Perspective."

October 23, 2018: **Matt Spruill** will be speaking about his new book titled: *Decisions at Stones River: The Sixteen Critical Decisions that Define the Battle*.

November 27, 2018: **Thomas Bogar** will give a program titled: "Backstage at the Lincoln Assassination."

December 18, 2018: Speaker to be determined.

Please Renew Your Membership in the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City for 2018

If you have not already done so, please renew your membership in the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City for the calendar year 2018. Membership dues are the same as they have been for past several years: \$30.00 per individual or \$45.00 per couple. The membership dues go to pay for our speaker travel expenses, as well as our administration costs (website fees, corporation fees, post office box rental, postage, printing, etc.). Submit your membership renewal form and membership fees to our treasurer, **Susan Keipp**. Membership dues must be received by March 1st, in order for members to be included in the 2018 Civil War Round Table Member Directory.

We have a great list of speakers lined up for 2018. In February, we will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City by Dr. Bert Maybee. The first meeting of the Round Table took place at the Hotel Bellerive in Kansas City MO on February 25, 1958.

Update on the "We Remember Again" Book

The Civil War Round Table will be publishing a book titled: *We Remember Again*, containing articles written by members of the Round Table regarding their Civil War ancestors. **Sylvia Stucky** said the Executive Committee has decided to reprint the original *We Remember* book, along with the new *We Remember Again* book, in one combined volume. She plans to utilize Amazon, in order to print the book on demand. However, Sylvia said she needs someone who can help advise her regarding how to print the book using Amazon. The goal is to get the book finished and printed as soon as possible. If you can help, please contact Sylvia.

Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the Civil War Round Table will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 17, 2018. The meeting will be held at **Don Bates'** office, located at 7600 State Line Road, Prairie Village KS 66208. All current members of the Round Table are invited to attend.

Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield Dispatches #500

A Faithful Companion

During and after the Civil War, the veterans of that war, and of any war, developed a special bond and their participation in their respective conflict was and is a tie that binds them together. During combat survival often depended on a buddy or companion who was near or immediately next to his fellow veteran. November 11, 2017 was the 99th anniversary of "Veterans Day" or as it was originally designated "Armistice Day", which was created to remember the "Veterans" who participated and or died in the "Great World War" that has subsequently been named World War I.

In each conflict, after the fog and chaos of a battle had ended, there would often be faithful companions who assisted the wounded or helped to bury the remains of their deceased comrades. The following incident describes the actions of a faithful companion in the Civil War and is located in the *Pictorial Anecdotes and Incidents of the War of the Rebellion* that was published in 1889:

"A remarkable incident is related of the manner in which Mrs. Pfeiff, the wife of Lieutenant Louis Pfeiff, at Chicago, who was killed at Shiloh [Tenn.], was enabled to find her husband's body. No person when she arrived on the battlefield could inform her where her husband's

body was buried and after searching among thousands of graves for half a day, she was about to abandon the pursuit. Suddenly she saw a large dog coming toward her, which she recognized as one that had left Chicago with her husband. The dog seemed delighted to find her and led her to a distant part of the battlefield, where he stopped before a single grave. She caused it to be opened and found the body of her husband.

"It appeared, by the statements of the soldiers that the dog was by the side of the Lieutenant when he fell and remained with him till he was buried. He then took his station by the grave and there he remained for twelve days until he was relieved by the arrival of his mistress, only leaving his post long enough each day to procure food in order to sustain himself in his FAITHFUL SERVICE!"

Now then, a FAITHFUL "CANINE" COMPANION performed a FAITHFUL SERVICE to his master, so that his master would not become an "Unknown Soldier" lost in the fog of our Civil War.

Let us all please remember Veterans Day and to thank all the past and present veterans of our armed forces for their dedicated service, so, that we may continue to live in the "Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave." There are no words that can adequately express enough gratitude for the service you have rendered throughout the years, so I humbly respectfully say THANK YOU one and all!

Events Around Town

Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

There will not be a Membership meeting on Wednesday, January 10th. The next Membership meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14, 2018. The meeting will be held at the Village Heights Community of Christ Fellowship Hall, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence MO. John Moloski will be giving a program titled: "Missouri Boys at the Battle of Franklin." If you have any questions, call **Beverly Shaw** at 816-225-7944.

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

The Kansas City Posse of the Westerners will meet on Tuesday January 9, 2018. The meeting will be held at the Golden Corral restaurant (near the Home Depot), 8800 NW Skyview Avenue, Kansas City MO 64154. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. from the buffet menu. Cost is \$12.00 or less and non-members are welcome. Mary Conrad will be giving a program titled: "Archaeological Investigations at the Last Chance Store."

For more information, call **Deb Buckner** at 913-338-5689 or **Dennis Garstang** at 816-569-1180.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City History

The Civil War Round Table of Kansas City will be celebrating our 60th anniversary in February of this year. The following article, which appeared in the *Kansas City Star* on March 29, 1983, discusses the 25th anniversary of our Round Table:

Captivated by the Spell of History Civil War Group Marks 25th Year

By Betsy Kline, The *Star's* book review editor

I was just old enough to remember the old Civil War veterans and their stories," recalls 81-year-old Victor A. Newman.

"My grandfather was in the Confederate Army, but he didn't want to talk about it much. Then when I was a boy—1913, I think—we moved to Kansas City from Logan, Kansas. There were still lots of verbal battles going on between people descended from both sides."

The heated talk of war—right and wrong, neighbor against neighbor—eventually died down, but Mr. Newman's interest never waned. Nor did the curiosity of many others.

In early 1958, Dr. Bert Maybee, a Kansas City dentist, placed an advertisement on the book page of the *Kansas City Star* inviting men with an interest in Civil War history to convene at the Bellerive Hotel. More than 50 men, including Mr. Newman, attended that meeting on the evening of February 25, 1958. The Kansas City chapter of the Civil War Round Table was born, and Dr. Maybee was installed as its first president.

Last month, the Round Table celebrated its 25th anniversary—a landmark for a group that has made a practice of preserving landmarks.

The ranks of the Round Table have swelled over the years from as few as 50 to 108 today, says Orvis Fitts, the current president. In the fall of 1981, the Round Table admitted its first women members. Even though the face and median age of the group is changing, Mr. Fitts proudly points out that the group's activities have not swerved from its original purpose, and Kansas City and surrounding areas have benefitted.

"The object of the Civil War Round Table is to promote history through literary and educational activities by members," Mr. Fitts explains. "Our goal is to emphasize and implement the study of people and events in U.S. history, particularly during the Civil War period."

For 25 years, the Round Table has gathered at restaurants for monthly (except summer) dinner meetings to discuss educational projects and listen to speakers versed in Civil War history. Guest lecturers

have included historians T. Harry Williams and Pulitzer Prize-winner Bruce Catton, Ulysses S. Grant III, and a history buff named Harry S. Truman.

Mr. Truman, although not a member, was a good friend of Dr. Maybee and frequent guest, old-timers recall. Thanks largely to his efforts, the Round Table never lacked prestigious speakers. In the former president's honor, the Round Table established in 1959 the Harry S. Truman Award for Meritorious Service in the Field of Civil War History. The honor has been conferred on several guest speakers and three Round Table members: the founder, Dr. Maybee; Howard N. Monnett, the author of *Action Before Westport 1864*; and Lumir F. Buresh, the author of *October 25th and the Battle of Mine Creek*.

The Round Table's proudest achievement, Mr. Fitts hastens to note, is the Howard N. Monnett Battle of Westport Fund, Inc. Organized in 1975, the non-profit group raised funds and erected Civil War markers around the Kansas City area. The group maintains the markers, publishes pamphlets for self-guided tours and cooperates with the Westport Historical Society in sponsoring the annual fall Battle of Westport guided tours.

Mr. Buresh, president of the Monnett Fund, was honored at the February Round Table anniversary meeting for his efforts spearheading the establishment of Mine Creek Battlefield Park near Pleasanton, Kansas, the site of the only Civil War battle fought in Kansas between large, uniformed forces of Union and Confederate cavalry. It is hoped that the park, which officially opens later this year, will be expanded by 1985, Mr. Buresh says.

Members from as far away as Wichita and Topeka commute to meetings of the Kansas City Round Table chapter, which currently meets at the Acorn Inn Restaurant of the Twin Oaks at 5050 Oak Street. The growing membership, Mr. Fitts says, demands a larger meeting place, and alternatives are being studied.

Round Table participation is more than just an occasional hobby for many of its members. Several members boast of 1,000-volume plus libraries and private collections that include war mementos and artifacts. Some members participate in the mock Battle of Westport staged by the Missouri Civil War Re-enactors Association.

For many, the Round Table is an opportunity to share a lifetime of scholarly or amateur historical study. Several have written about different aspects of the war; many read all the literature they can get their hands on; others just love to listen.

Roy Kornfeld, 83, one of the four surviving original charter members of the Round Table, says that he has "always been a student of Civil War history." He has

unearthed cannonballs and other artifacts from the area surrounding his Ward Parkway home, which is in the middle of the Westport battlefield.

Another charter member, Thomas R. Hooper of Maryville, who served on the Civil War Centennial Commission, says that several of his ancestors participated in the bloody conflict

Hammond C. Woods, a federal administrative law judge in the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Social Security Administration, also was among the Civil War buffs present at the first meeting. He recalls that the meeting was marked more by a spirit of nostalgia than scholarship

“We were just people with a common interest. We discussed artifacts, and important things like what caliber rifles were used and such,” Mr. Woods says. Over the years, members became more specialized in their interests, he says.

Despite intervening world wars, the Civil War still holds a powerful spell over students of military and social history. They will tell you that it was the last of the wars of chivalry and the first of the modern wars. It also pitted brother against brother in the bloodiest conflict waged on American soil.

The fascination will never wane, Mr. Buresh suggests, because of the abundance of written material and the proximity of the battle sites.

“So much more material of human interest—in the form of diaries, letters borne and field communiques—survived the Civil War. These letters, full of complaints and observations, were so much more colorful than those that survived World War II, when letters and memos were censored heavily,” the Prairie Village author explains.

The legal ramifications of search-and-seizure actions; surgical techniques; armaments; music, literature and lore; philosophical and ethical codes; and moral questions—all play a role in the “culture” of war. For 25 years, the Round Table has endeavored not to relive the past, but to understand it.

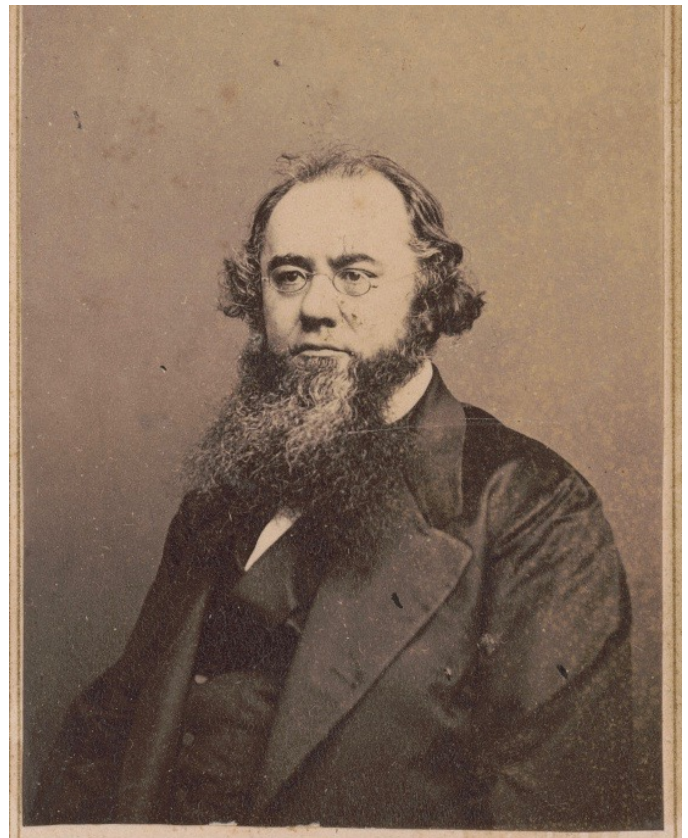
Preserving the past, historians maintain, is the first step toward ensuring a future.

The Round Table's Website

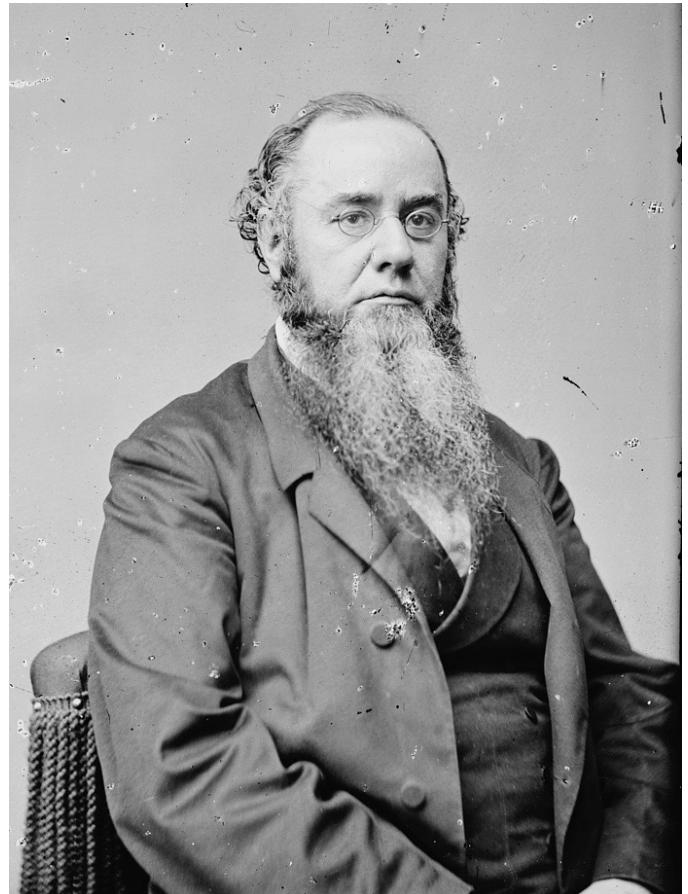
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Lincoln's Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton
(Photos courtesy of the Library of Congress)





Team of Rivals: The first reading of the Emancipation Proclamation before Lincoln's Cabinet.
Edwin M. Stanton is shown seated at the left. (Photo courtesy of the Library of Congress)

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