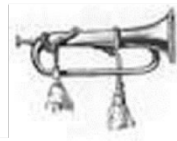




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## 503rd Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Sunset Ballroom, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Holiday Inn & Suites

8787 Reeder Rd., Overland Park, KS 66214

Social Hour - Cash Bar – 5:30p.m.

Dinner - 6:30p.m.



## April Speaker

Civil War Round Table member **Hibberd V. Kline III** will be giving a presentation on the Confederate Navy. This is in follow-up to the program in November of 2017 regarding the Union Navy.

Hibberd is a practicing attorney, an adjunct college professor, and a Civil War re-enactor. He joined the Round Table in 2017 and has written a novel titled: *Conflicting Loyalties*, a Navy Gray Novel of the Civil War at Sea.

### Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Please be sure that **Susan Keipp** receives all reservations by **12:00 noon on Thursday, April 19, 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](mailto: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, April 19th**

## Please Help our Treasurer with Reservations

Our treasurer, **Susan Keipp**, does an outstanding job handling all of the dinner reservations, paying our bills, coordinating with the Holiday Inn, etc. Most of our members do a great job of making reservations and paying for their meals. However, Susan reports the following problems:

- In March, seven people tried to make dinner reservations after the deadline or they showed up at the dinner meeting without making a reservation. That is not acceptable. Reservations are due by 12:00 noon on the Thursday before the dinner meeting. An e-mail reminder is issued two days before the deadline. By contract, we must turn in our headcount three business days prior to the dinner meeting. The Holiday Inn has to order and prepare enough food and set the tables based on our headcount.
- In March, four people made a reservation but did not show up at the dinner meeting. If you cannot make the dinner meeting, please let Susan know as early as possible, so that someone else can take your place. If no one is available to take your place, you are still responsible for the cost of the dinner.
- A few people are still paying \$27.00 for their meals. The price of the meals is now \$28.00 per person. If you use PayPal the price is \$29.00.
- A few people have paid with checks that were returned due to insufficient funds. This costs the Round Table \$11.00 for each returned check.
- A few people have attended the dinner meetings without paying for their meal. Susan said she does not want to be a bill collector. Payment is due prior to or at the dinner meeting.

Please do your part to make Susan's job go as smoothly as possible. Thank you!

## Dinner Menu

**Pork Loin Medallions:** Pork medallions roasted with a Fuji apple glaze, served with rosemary roasted new 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

**Hibberd Van Buren Kline, III**, Colonel USMCR (Retired) is an honors graduate in History from Harvard College, where he was starting saber on the Freshman Fencing Team and founding President of the Harvard Polo Club. Subsequently, he earned a Juris Doctorate from the University of Virginia.

Colonel Kline served thirty years active and reserve, ashore and afloat, as an infantry officer and intelligence officer in the United States Marine Corps, including active service during Vietnam and the Gulf War.

Colonel Kline has been a War Between the States re-enactor on-and-off since 1962, including participating as a Marine in the movie "Gods and Generals." When he writes of amphibious landings from whaleboats or firing large caliber 19th Century naval guns he actually has done so. *Conflicting Loyalties*, the first novel in his Navy Gray series is set in West Africa where he lived for a year as a child.

Colonel Kline currently is a practicing attorney, an adjunct college professor, and a Civil War re-enactor.

## The Sergeant Major's Book Sales and Auction

We would also like to thank **Arnold Schofield** for doing an outstanding job of raising money for the Round Table through his live auction and silent auction book sales. Arnold will auction the following books at the April dinner meeting:

*Charleston: Voices of the Civil War*, Henry Woodhead, Editor; Time Life Books, New York 1999; with dust jacket and mylar cover and in mint condition.

*Sword Over Richmond: An Eyewitness History of McClellan's Peninsula Campaign*, Richard Wheeler; The Fairfax Press, New York, 1989; with dust jacket and in excellent condition.

*Witness to Appomattox*; Richard Wheeler; Harper & Row Publishing Company, New York, 1989; with dust jacket and mylar cover and in excellent condition.

*President Lincoln Assassinated: The 1<sup>st</sup> hand story of the Murder, Manhunt, Trial & Mourning*, Edited by Harold Holzer; Library of America Press; New York, 2014: 1<sup>st</sup> Edition; with dust jacket and mylar cover 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



**Speaker Arnold Schofield**

At our dinner meeting on March 27th, Civil War Round Table member **Arnold Schofield** gave a very interesting talk about women who spied for the Union during the Civil War, including:

- Elizabeth Van Lew lived in Richmond VA and was known as "Crazy Bett." The Van Lew mansion became a safe house for escapees from Libby Prison. Van Lew became good friends with President Jefferson Davis' wife, Varina Davis. One of Van Lew's servants became an agent for the Union, while working in the White House of the Confederacy. None of Van Lew's agents were compromised during the Civil War. General Grant sent his cavalry to protect Elizabeth, who insisted on flying an American flag from the Van Lew mansion after Richmond fell. She died in 1900 at the age of 82.
- Sarah Emma Edmonds Seelye was a Canadian born woman, known for serving as a man during the Civil War. At the age of 20, Sarah enlisted as a male soldier in the 2nd Michigan Infantry and was assigned as a field nurse. A purported master of disguise, she wrote about her exploits in her memoirs: *Nurse and Spy in the Union Army*. She left for long periods of time and was charged with desertion. She filed for and received a military pension of \$12 per month in 1887. Sarah died in 1898 at the age of 56. She has been nominated for inclusion in the Military Intelligence Hall of Fame at Fort Huachuca AZ.

## Upcoming Speaker Schedule

**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: Aaron Barnhart and Diane Eickhoff** will be giving a program about women soldiers in the Civil War. This program was originally scheduled for March of 2018 and had to be rescheduled.

## Civil War Round Table Membership for 2018

Thank you for renewing your membership in the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City! We currently have a total of 106 members. The 2018 Member Directory was issued to all current members on March 24th.

If you have not renewed your membership and would still like to do so, please submit your membership dues to our treasurer, **Susan Keipp**. 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.).



## Valiant Service Award to Sandy Ackerson



Civil War Round Table member Sandy Ackerson

At our dinner meeting on March 27th, **Sandy Ackerson** was presented with the Civil War Round Table's Valiant Service Award. Sandy joined the Round Table in 1987 after being invited to join by her friend and member Jean Johnson. Sandy was elected the first woman president of the Civil War Round Table in 1994. She served ten years on the Executive Committee, including serving as editor of the *Border Bugle*. Sandy, along with Harriet Duff, were instrumental in putting together and publishing the first edition of the *We Remember* book in 1996. Congratulations, Sandy!

## Member News

Former Round Table member **Ralph Beckwith** is having some health issues and is no longer able to attend our dinner meetings. We will miss Ralph and we wish him well.

**Sylvia Stucky** had a total hip replacement in early March. She is in physical therapy and doing well.

**Sam Rabicoff** reported that his mother passed away and he was not able to attend the March dinner meeting.

**Jim Tucker** reports that former Round Table member **James Speicher** had liver surgery last July and had back surgery earlier this year.

## Information on the Bus Trip to Glasgow MO

The Civil War Round Table of Kansas City is planning a bus trip to Glasgow MO this spring. Glasgow is the site of a Civil War battle in 1864 when Confederate troops bombarded the Union forces holding the town. The Union force was outnumbered and eventually forced to surrender.

**J. Y. Miller** of Glasgow MO will be our tour guide. You may remember that J. Y. was the speaker at our dinner meeting in October of 2016 and gave an excellent program about the Battle of Glasgow MO.

The bus trip is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The bus will leave from the southeast parking lot of the Johnson County Community College parking lot. The cost of the bus trip is \$45.00 per person, including lunch. Lunch will be at a local Glasgow church. The bus trip is limited to the first 40 people that sign up and pay.

If you have already signed up or would like to go on this bus trip, please mail your check to **Susan Keipp** at 436 W 88th Terrace, Kansas City MO 64114. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Nevius at: <mailto:gnevius@dlrgroup.com>

## Update on the *We Remember Again* Book

**Dick Titterington** provided the following update on the *We Remember Again* book: **Sylvia Stucky** and her fellow editors have decided to merge the 1996 edition bios with the 2017 submissions and publish a second edition of *We Remember*. We anticipate publishing the book toward the end of May 2018. Members are encouraged to pre-order copies of the book, in order to obtain copies at 60% off the list price. We expect this special member price will be \$10.00 per copy. Dennis Garstang has agreed to be the point of contact for pre-orders. Dennis can be contacted at [dgarstang@kc.rr.com](mailto:dgarstang@kc.rr.com) or at 816-569-1180 or at 6005 NW 103rd Street, Kansas City MO 64154. Depending on the editorial schedule, members will be able to pay for and get their copies at either the May or June dinner meetings.

## The Round Table's Website

Embedded throughout our emailed newsletter are links to the website. Just click on those links and find out what great information is available on the [Civil War Round Table of Kansas City website](#).

Check out the Round Table's Facebook page, and make sure you "like" the page.

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### Battlefield Dispatches #510

#### A Stormy Stampede

By their very nature, horses will tolerate rain and snow. However when it comes to thunder, lightning, and especially wind they can get nervous and attempt to run away from the noise through their flight syndrome. This was very true during the Civil War with partially trained or untrained artillery and cavalry horses. Private Albert R. Greene of Company A of the 9<sup>th</sup> Kansas Volunteer Cavalry discovered this when he was on a mounted mission, in southeast Kansas, in the summer of 1862. During that mission, the horses of his company stampeded one night during a severe thunder and lightning storm, which he described as part of his memoir in Volume XIV 1915-1918 of the Kansas Collections described as follows:

"After a week or so [in Fort Scott] the troops had nearly all left for the front with only a few companies and the garrison remaining. One sultry afternoon our orders came; but as it turned out, not to go to the front. I shied a little as they told us that we were going on a SCOUT after Indians, but as I saw the whole company was going, I concluded it was no joke this time. We were told to take one day's rations and all the ammunition we could accommodate. The column struck out to the southwest across the prairie and then it passed along the line that [Confederate] Stand Watie, with a regiment of Indians, was raiding the settlements along the Neosho [River] Valley. About sundown we came to a skirt of woods along a tributary of the Marmaton River and then a black cloud, which had been rising in the west, shot down on us like a pot lid. It was impossible to see your hand before you. We became involved in the woods and lost our way. After a lot of aimless wandering about we came to a strip of prairie and bivouacked [camped] for the night.

"We had no sooner picketed our horses than a storm broke with TREMENDOUS FURY. TORRENTS OF RAIN, BLINDING FLASHES OF LIGHTING, and PEALS of THUNDER that seemed to shake the earth, kept us dodging for an hour and with it all about one hundred men blaspheming at the top of their voices. To make the demonstration complete, the HORSES STAMPEDED in the thick of it and with the air full of FLYING PICKET PINS there was more to dodge. It was a fine experience for a boy just from the plow handles. I think that the exhilaration lasted me for a week. Once or twice I thought I could detect the ribald laughter of Stand Watie amid the uproar, but I must have

been mistaken. Finally the tumult subsided, the stars began to wink at us and the clouds were wringing out the remnants of the storm in desultory drops. Horses whinnied for their masters and the reassuring voice of Captain Earl was heard commanding us to fall in on him. One by one the horses were recovered and we began the formation of a line, which in the starlight could be seen to grow longer and longer, until at the count every man was found to be present. Then by the light of a match the compass was consulted and setting his course (he had been a sailor all of his adult life) the gallant Captain led us on our way.

"At daylight, we came to the Neosho timber and soon after struck a long lane and arrived at Osage Mission [near St. Paul KS]. We halted in front of the administration building and Father Schoenmachers, of blessed memory, gave us a cordial greeting. Captain Earl told him that we had been wandering after Stand Watie's guerrillas all night and were tremendously hungry. He pointed to a pasture where a number of fat cattle were lying and said with a smile, "select a beef, with my compliments." While we were killing and dressing the beef, other men built a big campfire of rails and our host presently appeared with a band of boys, bringing buckets of hot coffee and milk and stacks of delicious fresh bread. Father Schoenmachers displayed the ability of a general in his directions for our refreshments and in replenishing of the buckets and kettles – butter was not overlooked, nor cream for the coffee and we were urged to eat all that we could hold.

"When we had finished, Captain Earl took out his order book and began preparing a voucher, asking the old priest for the amount of the bill, but the good father replied that he was only too glad to contribute this little mite for the good of the cause, which he prayed to God would be successful. Then the boys all shook hands with their benefactor and when we were in line ready to go he raised his hands in benediction and said, "May the blessing of a merciful God go with you and preserve you" and we were off. By questioning every woman we saw about all the men who were in the army, no evidence could be found that any rebels were in that part of the country and we made a forced march back to Fort Scott."

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Now then, even though Company A did not locate Stand Watie and his guerrillas on this scout or mission it was not a total failure. Private Greene and his fellow troopers of Company A survived and learned from a "Stormy Stampede", became more familiar with the territory of the Neosho River Valley, learned how to conduct a night march, and discovered a friend at Osage Mission and, of course, the War went on!



## Civil War Round Table of Kansas City History

The following article appeared in the *Kansas City Star* on June 1, 1996:

### History Is In Genes of Some War Buffs

By: Shirl Kasper, Staff Writer

At the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City, members take their Civil War history to heart. Sometimes, they take it on vacation to Civil War battlefields and right down the line of their ancestral charts, mapping relatives who fought in the war. That's what Wiley "Tex" Imboden of Lenexa did a few years ago.

A retired military man, Imboden decided to go back East and re-trace the steps of his great- (or possibly great-great) grandfather, Brigadier General John D. Imboden, a Confederate who rode into the little town of Gettysburg, Pa., that famous summer of 1863.

It was on July 3 that General George Pickett's troops advanced across a wide field and up the slopes of Cemetery Ridge. The Yankee fire was murderous, and Pickett's Charge failed. The battered Confederate Army, which suffered nearly 23,000 casualties, withdrew. It was General John D. Imboden who escorted the wagon train of wounded back to Virginia.

"This is quite a story," Tex Imboden said the other day. He's told the story before, to Round Table groups in Topeka and Wichita and Indianapolis; how the wounded lay on the naked boards of 2,000 wagons, the train so long it stretched as far as the eye could see. The wagons bounced over the rough and rocky roads, the misery of the men compounded by a drenching rain.

At the Cashtown Inn, seven miles from the battlefield, people still talk about the day the general and the Confederate wounded passed by. There's even a plaque, engraved with the name Imboden. So when the great-grandson of General John D. Imboden walked into the inn, it took the proprietor by surprise.

"My name's Imboden," Tex said to him.

"Yeah, and mine's (Confederate General) A.P. Hill," the proprietor shot back.

But then he took a second look at Tex Imboden and was amazed at the resemblance. It's there for anyone to see - the shape of the forehead, the lay of the hair. "When we go back East, I'm almost a celebrity," Imboden said and laughed.

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Wiley "Tex" Imboden served as president of the Civil War Round Table in 1992.

## Tom Beard Limited Edition Note Cards

Artists and sculptors Tom and Betty Beard live and work at their home studio located in Pleasant Hill, Missouri. A former member of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City, Tom Beard illustrated the first edition of *We Remember*, a book containing the stories of members' ancestors who served in the American Civil War. His sketches from the first edition will also be featured in the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition to be published in 2018.

Tom is offering a limited edition of premium quality note cards featuring full color sketches of scenes from the American Civil War. For further information contact his studio, "NOW and THEN," either on, Facebook/Thomas Lee "Torn" Beard or by telephone number 1 (816) 540- 6316.



## Events Around Town

### Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

The next Membership meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2018. The meeting will be held at the Village Heights Community of Christ Fellowship Hall, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence MO. Mark Kelly will be speaking about his new book on the topic of Annie Dougherty Ruff, the daughter of John Dougherty of Clay County. 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 April 10, 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. For more information, call Deb Buckner at 913-338-5689 or Dennis Garstang at 816-569-1180.

## Gary Christy's Interesting Story

Civil War Round Table member Gary Christy wrote an article about his great-grandfather, William Springer, for the *We Remember Again* book. William Springer served as a private in Company B of the 63rd Pennsylvania Infantry and was wounded by a Confederate sharpshooter. The bullet ended up by William's spine and could not be removed until much later when a doctor in Manhattan KS removed it. The bullet was saved and has been passed down to Gary Christy by his ancestors. What a great story! Thank you for sharing.

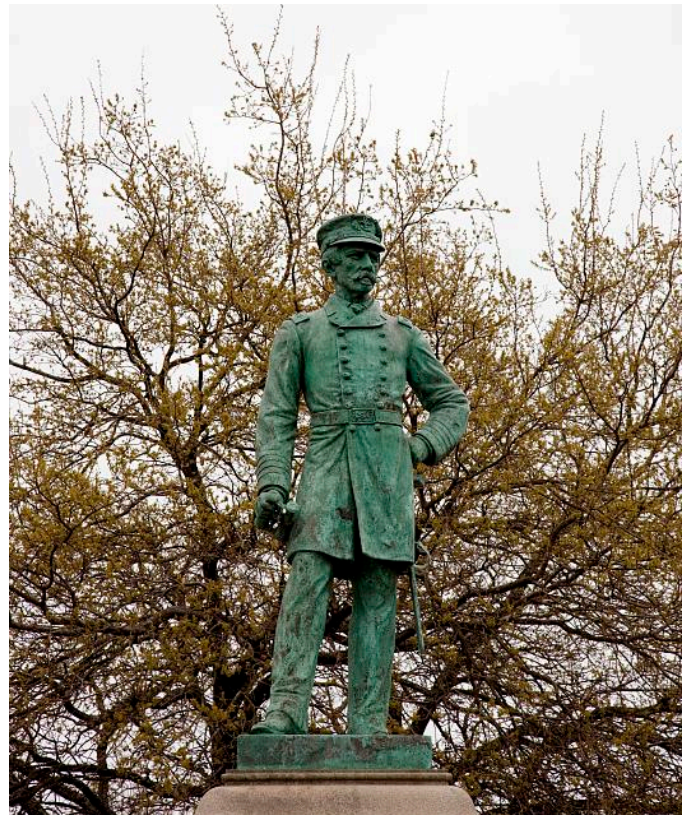


**Bullet removed from Private William Springer**

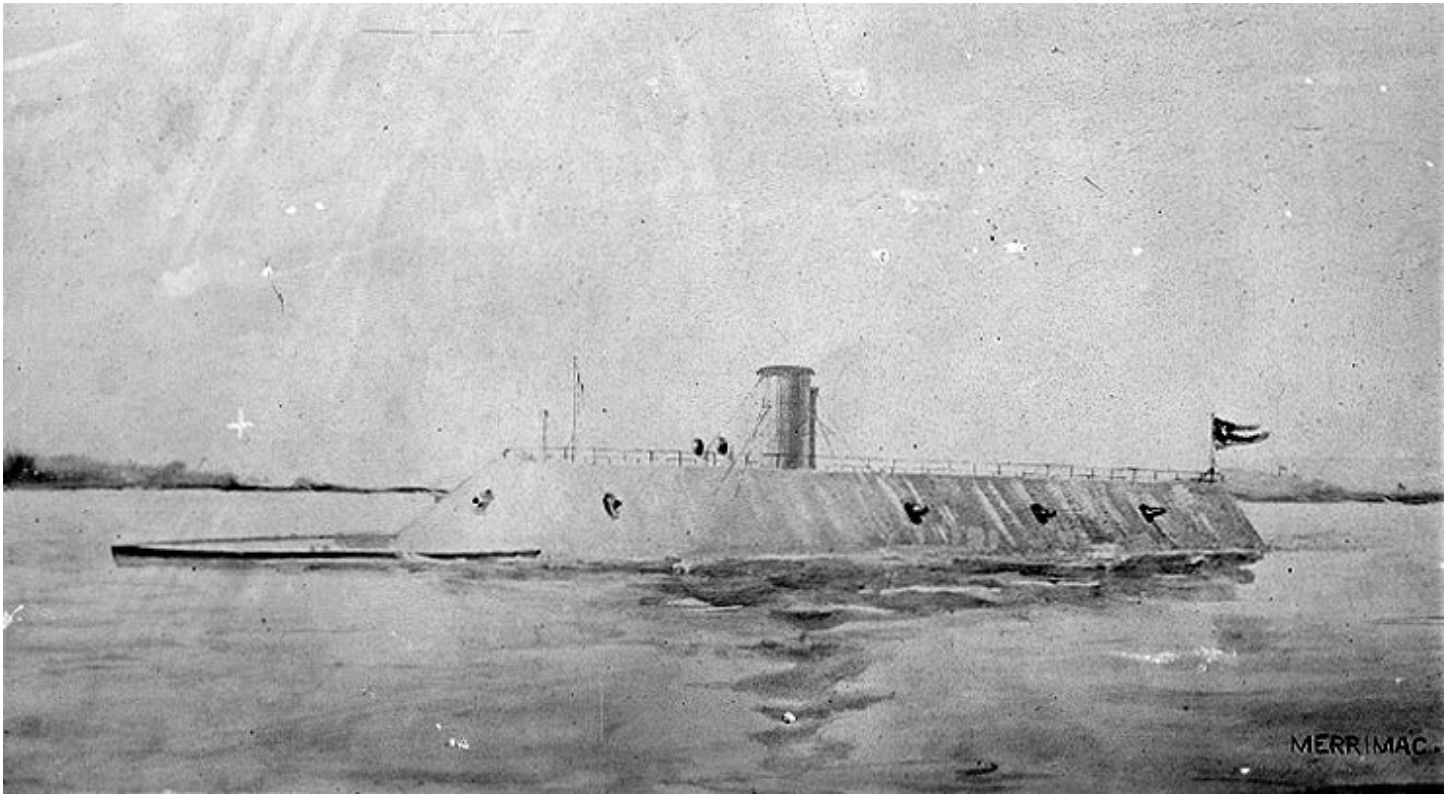
## Photos Related to Confederate Navy



**Pvt. William Springer, 63rd Pennsylvania Infantry**



**Statue of Rear Admiral Raphael Semmes (1809-1877), Confederate States Navy, Mobile AL.  
(Photo courtesy Library of Congress)**



**CSS Virginia 1862 (Photo courtesy of Wikipedia)**

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