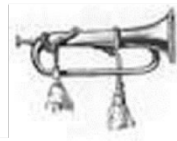




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## 524th Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, January 28, 2020**

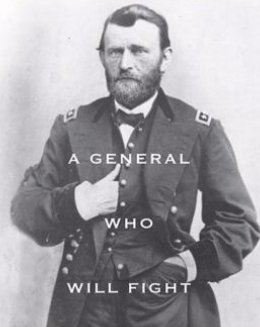
**Sunset Ballroom, 8th Floor, Holiday Inn & Suites**

8787 Reeder Rd., Overland Park, KS 66214

Social Hour - Cash Bar – 5:30 p.m.

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

### THE LEADERSHIP OF ULYSSES S. GRANT



HARRY S. LAVER

## January Speaker

**Dr. Harry S. Laver** with the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College will be speaking about Union General Ulysses S. Grant. The title of his program is: "Genesis of Command: The Leadership Origins of Ulysses S. Grant."

Dr. Laver has written books titled: *The Leadership of Ulysses S. Grant: A General Who Will Fight* and *The Art of Command: Military Leadership from George Washington to Colin Powell*.

**Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation of \$29.00 per person.**

**Please be sure that Susan Keipp receives all dinner reservations by 12:00 noon on Thursday, January 23, 2020.** You can make a dinner reservation by calling Susan at 816-333-0025 or by e-mailing her at: <mailto:skeipp@kc.rr.com>

Due to problems with PayPal, Susan prefers that members pay for their meals either at the dinner meeting or by mailing her a check prior to the dinner meeting. If you choose to mail Susan a check, send to:

**Susan Keipp, 436 West 88th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64114**

**Reservation Deadline: 12:00 noon, Jan. 23rd**

## Important Dinner Reservation Information

Please note that the price for a dinner is **\$29.00 per person**. Dinner reservations are due to **Susan Keipp by 12:00 noon on Thursday, January 23rd**. 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. Please do not show up at the dinner meeting without having made a dinner reservation. That causes problems for our treasurer and the Holiday Inn's staff.

Payment for a dinner reservation is required regardless of whether or not you attend, unless the reservation is cancelled prior to the reservation deadline. Advance payment for a missed meeting will not carry over, but will be applied with the other payments to the meeting for which it was intended, since we have to pay the hotel for that meal, whether or not the person attends. A missed reservation made with payment that was to be made at the door will still require payment.

Thank you for your cooperation!

## 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.

Please let Susan know if you want a vegetarian meal or a gluten-free meal when you make your reservation

## Meet Our Speaker

**Dr. Harry S. Laver** of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth will be giving a program titled: "Genesis of Command: The Leadership Origins of Ulysses S. Grant."

Ulysses S. Grant is typically considered one of the great generals of the Civil War, if not one of the best in American history. He won a succession of critical battles, defeated Robert E. Lee, and was a leader of unrelenting determination. Nevertheless, he was not born a great commander and in his early battles he made a number of significant mistakes. Rather than being blessed with an innate ability to command, Grant had to learn the art of command. A look at Grant's earliest battles reveals how he developed his leadership through experience, mentoring, and a conscious and deliberate

effort to improve, to become by war's end the victor at Appomattox and the architect of Union victory.



**January Speaker: Dr. Harry S. Laver**

Dr. Laver was Professor of History and Political Science at Southeastern Louisiana University and is a Fulbright Scholar awardee. He received a BA in zoology from the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill in 1983, an MA in history from the University of North Carolina - Charlotte in 1992, and a PhD in history from the University of Kentucky in 1998. Dr. Laver wrote the books titled: *The Leadership of Ulysses S. Grant: A General Who Will Fight* and *The Art of Command: Military Leadership from George Washington to Colin Powell*.

## The Sergeant Major's Book Sales and Auction

We would like to thank **Arnold Schofield** for doing an outstanding job of raising money for the Round Table. The books sales brought in a total of \$504 at the December dinner meeting. Arnold will auction the following Civil War books at the January dinner meeting:

- *Diary of a Confederate Soldier: John S. Jackman, Kentucky Orphan Brigade*; edited by W. M. Davis, University of South Carolina Press, 1990. First Edition with dust jacket.

- *Reading the Man: Private Letters of R. E. Lee* by Elizabeth Brown Pryor, Viking Press, 2007. First Edition with dust jacket.
- *The American Civil War* by Sir Winston Churchill, Fairfax Press, New York, 1985. In excellent condition with dust jacket and mylar cover.
- *Lee's Adjutant: Wartime Letters of Colonel Walter H. Taylor, 1862-1865*; edited by R. Lockwood Tower, University of South Carolina Press, 1995. First Edition with dust jacket and mylar cover.
- *Blue & Gray at Sea: Naval Memoirs of the Civil War*; edited by Brian M. Thomsen. Published by Doherty Associates, New York, 2003. In mint condition with dust jacket and mylar cover.
- *Midshipmen in Gray* by James M. Morgan. Reprint of 1917 edition. Edited by R. Thomas Campbell, Burd Street Press. In excellent condition with dust jacket and mylar cover.

## Last Month's Program



At our dinner meeting on December 17, 2019, **Dr. Ethan S. Rafuse** of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth gave a program about Confederate General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson. Total attendance at the December dinner meeting was 64. The following is a summary of Dr. Rafuse's presentation:

- Dr. Rafuse wrote a biography about Stonewall Jackson that was published in 2011. He said it is a "Cliff Notes" version of the excellent book written by Dr. James I. Robertson, Jr. titled: *Stonewall Jackson, The Man, The Soldier, the Legend*, and published in 1997. Dr. Robertson died on November 2, 2019.
- Thomas J. Jackson was born on January 21, 1824 in Clarksburg VA. He attended the United States Military Academy at West Point from 1842-1846 and graduated 17th in his class of 56. Jackson worked hard to impress his classmates and believed: "You may be whatever you resolve to be." After graduating, he looked forward to policing the frontier. However, the Class of 1846 fought in the War with Mexico.
- As a young lieutenant in 1846-1851, Jackson served as an artillery officer. He fought in Mexico from 1846-1848, served at Fort Hamilton from 1848-1850, and served at Fort Meade from 1850-1851. During the War with Mexico, Jackson fought at Vera Cruz and Cerro Gordo and earned three medals. Captain John B. Magruder said: "If devotion, industry, talent, and gallantry are the highest qualities of a soldier, then he (Jackson) is entitled to the distinction which their possession confers."
- From 1851-1861, Jackson worked as an artillery instructor at the Virginia Military Institute (VMI). However, he was not a good teacher and he was challenged to a duel by one of his students. Jackson joined the Presbyterian Church in Lexington VA and started a Bible study.
- Jackson's first wife died during childbirth. Jackson remarried and his second wife gave birth to their first child in December of 1862. Jackson did not meet his daughter until April of 1863. Jackson took his wife on a honeymoon to Canada to visit military sites. Jackson had a great interest in military history and went to Europe to visit battlefields, including Waterloo.
- After the Civil War began, Jackson led his VMI cadets to Richmond and arrived on April 22, 1861. However, Jackson was not in favor of secession. He later commanded the Confederate troops at Harpers Ferry VA. Jackson instilled discipline and occupied Maryland Heights.
- At the First Battle of Manassas on July 21, 1861, Brig. General Bernard Bee rallied his men by pointing to Jackson's line on Henry Hill and shouting: "Look men, there is Jackson standing like a stone wall!"



- Dr. Rafuse discussed Jackson's Shenandoah Valley Campaign (November 1861 to June 1862) in detail. In summary, Jackson's force of 17,000 Confederates defeated 60,000 Federal troops.
- From June 1862 to May of 1863, Jackson served under General Robert E. Lee. Jackson didn't perform well at the Seven Days Battles because his troops were exhausted. Also the swampy conditions around Richmond were different than the Shenandoah Valley.
- Jackson performed well at Second Manassas. Jackson captured over 12,000 Federal troops at Harpers Ferry during the Antietam Campaign. At Fredericksburg, the only Union breakthrough occurred at Jackson's front.
- During the Battle of Chancellorsville VA on May 2, 1863, Jackson was instrumental in defeating the Union Army by leading his troops on a 12-mile flank march to attack the unsuspecting Union right. However, later that night, Jackson was accidentally shot by his own men. Jackson's left arm had to be amputated and he later contracted pneumonia. Jackson died at Guinea Station on May 10, 1863.
- During the question and answer period, Dr. Rafuse was asked to compare Jackson versus Lee. Dr. Rafuse said Jackson grew up poor. He made himself successful. Jackson thought you could be anything you want to be. Jackson was dedicated. He prayed all the time. He believed in personal development and expected others to do the same. Jackson was very demanding of his subordinates.
- Dr. Rafuse said General Lee was born into his position. Lee was naturally elite. He expected non-elites to make mistakes. Lee thought people should do what is right. However, people will do things wrong. Lee could not get too upset with those people because they were not elite. Lee was conflict averse. He gave subordinates second chances.

Following Dr. Rafuse's program, Round Table president **Dan Dooley** presented Dr. Rafuse with the Round Table's Harry S. Truman Award in recognition of the contributions that Dr. Rafuse has made as a distinguished professor and author of Civil War military history. Dr. Rafuse said he was honored to receive the same award that his mentor, Dr. Herman Hattaway, received back in 1986. This was the sixth time that Dr. Rafuse has spoken at our Round Table dinner meetings.



**Round Table President Dan Dooley presenting Dr. Ethan Rafuse with the Harry S. Truman Award.**

### **Upcoming Speaker Schedule for 2020**

- **February 25, 2020:** Round Table member **Arnold Schofield** will be speaking about "The Myth of Black Soldiers of the Confederacy."
- **March 24, 2020:** **Dr. Jeff Gentsch**, professor of history at West Alabama University, will be giving a program about the use of artillery at the battle of Shiloh.
- **April 28, 2020:** **Dr. Chris Phillips** will be giving a program about Missouri in the Civil War.
- **May 26, 2020:** **Dr. Paul Kahan** will be giving a program about his latest book: *The Presidency of Ulysses S. Grant*.
- **June 23, 2020:** **Jeffrey D. Wert** from Centerville PA will be speaking about his new book titled: *Civil War Barons*.
- **July 28, 2020:** **Matt Spruill** will give a program about the battle of Chickamauga GA.
- **August 25, 2020:** **David T. Dixon** will be speaking about his new book titled: *The Lost Gettysburg Address*.
- **September 22, 2020:** **Dennis E. Frye** will be giving a program about Harpers Ferry.
- **October 27, 2020:** **Judy Cook** will be giving a program dressed in period attire titled: "Life on the Home Front."
- **November 17, 2020:** **Wayne Motts**, CEO of the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg PA will be our speaker. Wayne's father is Warren Motts, who is the founder and director of the Motts Military Museum in Groveport OH.

- **December 15, 2020:** Round Table member **Deb Buckner** will be giving a program about Libby Custer, wife of George Armstrong Custer.

## We Are Looking for a New Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer

**Susan Keipp and Dennis Garstang** have faithfully served as treasurer and assistant treasurer of our Round Table since taking over for **Paul Gault** in April of 2015. Susan and Dennis would like to retire from their current positions. If you would be interested in serving the Round Table in one of these two capacities, please let Susan, Dennis, or **Dan Dooley** know. Susan said she is willing to stay on until her replacement is trained. You do not have to be a CPA in order to do this job. Some experience with bookkeeping software or Excel spreadsheets would be beneficial, but is not required. This is a great opportunity to get to know our members and help the Round Table.

## Member News

We would like to welcome back **Jan Gippo** as a member of the Round Table. Jan was previously a member in 2015.

At our December dinner meeting, **Susan Keipp** passed around a Christmas card for everyone to sign for Round Table member **Phil Baker**, who has moved to Minnesota. Phil sent the following e-mail on December 28th:

*Dave,*

*Thanks so much to you, Susan Keipp, and all the members of the Round Table for the wonderful Christmas card! That was very thoughtful of you and I really appreciate it!*

*Things are going well up here in the Frozen North. Not as brutally cold as the past two Winters, yet; but there has been snow on the ground since Thanksgiving. However, Winter has just begun!*

*I got to give a battlefield tour at Chickamauga last year, and am going back in March to join another group tour (but on the "listening" end this time). I'll take a few extra days to do a solo car tour of Atlanta Campaign sites too. I'm having fun reading all those Civil War books that I've purchased over the years!*

*I love keeping up with you via the Border Bugle, please give my regards to all the members!*

*Have a great 2020!*

*Warm regards,*

*Phil Baker*

## Please Renew Your Membership for 2020

If you have not already done so, please renew your membership in the Civil War Round Table for 2020. The membership dues go to pay for our speaker travel costs as well as our administrative expenses (office supplies, printing, postage, bank charges, website fees, corporate reports, plaques, name tags, etc.). Membership dues for this year are \$35 per individual or \$55 per couple. You can pay **Susan Keipp** at an upcoming dinner meeting or else you can mail her a check. Thank you for being a member of the Round Table! The 2020 CWRT-KC Member Directory will be issued in March.

## Remembering Dr. Thomas P. Sweeney

At our December dinner meeting, **Don Bates** spoke about his friend, Dr. Tom Sweeney, who passed away on December 9, 2019. Don sent the following information from the Springfield MO, News-Leader:

"After retiring from Mercy Hospital, Dr. Tom Sweeney pursued his love of travel, fishing, and especially the history of the Civil War in the Trans-Mississippi. Opening General Sweeney's Museum was truly a dream come true for Tom and his wife Karen. Tom was unbelievably proud of the museum that they built. He was honored and humbled to share his knowledge with visitors from all over the world.

"His passion for history lead Tom to co-author two books. *Portraits of Conflict, A Photographic History of Missouri in the Civil War*, written with William Garrett Piston, was given the Missouri History Book award for 2010. His second book, *A Scene of Horrors, a Medical and Surgical History of the Battle of Wilson's Creek*, was written with Kip A. Lindberg."

Dr. Tom Sweeney spoke at our Round Table dinner meeting on February 26, 2002. He gave a program titled: "All for the Union, General Thomas William Sweeney in Missouri in 1861."

## Civil War Trivia Questions

The following trivia questions are based on the book titled: *2,000 Questions and Answers About the Civil War* and pertain to the Civil War in the East:

1. What engagement is generally considered to have been Robert E. Lee's final offensive of the war?
2. Where did Joseph E. Johnston, C.S.A., surrender his army to William Tecumseh Sherman, U.S.A.?
3. What was the mile-wide C.S.A. salient at Spotsylvania where it took 24 Union divisions to destroy one C.S.A. division?

4. When Jubal Early, C.S.A., headed toward Washington in July 1864, where were his men delayed for a day?
5. At Gettysburg, what hard lesson did cavalryman Jeb Stuart learn, which he heeded through the rest of his career?
6. What uniforms did men under A.P. Hill, C.S.A., wear to deceive the enemy at Antietam?
7. Stonewall Jackson was killed by "friendly fire" from what Southern unit?
8. When did General Grant succeed in cutting the last railroad linking Richmond with the lower South?
9. Who replaced General Joseph Hooker on June 26, 1863?
10. What was the duration of the Overland campaign of the Army of the Potomac, a war of attrition directed by U.S. Grant?

The answers to the trivia questions are shown on page 8.

## Sergeant Major's Roar

### Battlefield Dispatches #592

#### Winter Quarters

The winter of 1861 -1862 was the first winter of the Civil War and the armies of the Union and Confederacy went into "Winter Quarters." In Kansas, General James Henry Lane's "Brigade" was stationed along the Kansas and Missouri Border, to defend Kansas from any incursions into Kansas by Confederate guerrillas from Missouri. The following is a description of a Confederate threat that never materialized and the disposition of Lane's Brigade along the Kansas/Missouri Border. It concludes with a difference of opinion on the previous conduct of Lane's Brigade in Missouri in the fall of 1861. All of this information is located in *Vol. 8 of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion* on pages 415 -416, 423, 449, and 450.

"Osawatomie, Kansas,

December 8, 1861.

General James H. Lane:

Sir: Everything is going wrong here. What you and I feared at Springfield is coming to pass. The enemy is advancing. He disbanded his three-months men about the 20th of November and moved north with his regulars, some 10,000 strong. He marched by way of Sarcoxie, Greenfield, Stockton, and Bolivar, striking the Osage [River] at Warsaw and Osceola. The disbanded men have carried their arms home with them and

engaged in guerrilla operations. The country swarms with guerrillas and this makes it difficult to procure information. Our faithful scouts (Breedin and Nelson) brought me accurate information of the enemy's movements, though they obtained it with great difficulty, being shot at not less than one hundred times.

The enemy moved in three divisions and with great caution, throwing off at Greenfield a strong flank guard to Montevallo. His advance was at Stockton [MO] before I knew it. [Major] Ritchie had gone to Carthage. Hearing the enemy had some force still behind, I dared not move all the force from Fort Scott. The movement of the enemy evidently menaced Sedalia, but I feared that he would strike to the left, if he found Sedalia too strong. I informed General Hunter of the enemy's advance and, without waiting for orders, advanced to Osawatomie to cover our [supply] trains and to prevent the enemy from outflanking me.

The enemy numbers 10,000 and has twenty pieces of artillery, most of them rifled. Here, at Osawatomie, general Denver's order reached me, directing the Fourth Regiment to Wyandotte; Newgent's to remain at Paola; Jennison's to Leavenworth; Rabb's Battery to Leavenworth, and the Third and Fourth [Regiments] to Fort Scott. I have kept Denver posted in the movements of the enemy; but I am coolly snubbed with the information that [General] Price's advance is all stuff; that Price has no army and that his army is disbanded.

Today my scouts bring word that a force of 700 to 1,000 strong is at Butler MO. A dispatch this evening brings word that 400 or 500 Rebels are in full view of Barnesville, KS and advancing. The dispatch thinks that the enemy is advancing in force. Price made a speech in his camp at Sauk Crossing, in which he said that he would make a "wide sweep" in Kansas before Christmas. This last move looks as if he intends to make his words good.

You will see at a glance that I am in no condition to fight if the enemy comes in force. The MEASLES are still raging in our camps and our regiments are reduced to mere skeletons. One Mountain Howitzer and an 8-Pounder Gun, with 6 Pounder Ammunition, constitute my show for artillery. With such a show, I must say I fear the worst.

In Haste yours,

Col. James Montgomery"

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"Headquarters, Troops in Kansas,  
Leavenworth City, December 10, 1861.  
Special Orders, No. 8



I. Colonel Montgomery, Third Kansas Volunteer Infantry, will concentrate the troops now in his command at or in the vicinity of Fort Scott KS, which Post he will, if possible, defend; retreating in case of necessity to West Point MO, or in that direction.

II. Colonel Jennison, first Kansas Volunteer Cavalry, will with these troops now under his command proceed immediately to West Point MO, and if possible protect the frontier [border] of Kansas from incursions of the Rebel bands now in that neighborhood.

III. Colonel Wessells, Eighth Kansas Volunteers, will immediately proceed with such troops as he may have in his command ready for service to West Point MO and report to Colonel Jennison, First Kansas Cavalry for duty in that vicinity.

By command of Brigadier General Denver,

C. FRANCIS CLARKE,

Captain, Sixth Kansas, Acting Assistant Adjutant General."

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### A Difference of Opinion

During the winter of 1861 and 1862, all of the Kansas Regiments were consolidated and completely reorganized. Lane's Brigade, which had conducted a campaign of revenge, retribution, retaliation, and destruction in the border counties of western Missouri, was dissolved and its soldiers were reassigned to other regiments. One of the main reasons for this reorganization was the devastating results of destruction of Lane's Brigade inflicted on the counties of western Missouri, which was echoed in the following opinion of Major General Henry W. Halleck, who commanded the Department of Missouri:

"By a few severe punishments for marauding and pillaging, I hope to put an end to these depredations. The CONDUCT of the FORCES UNDER LANE and JENNISON has done more for the enemy in this State [MO] than could have been accomplished by 20,000 of his own Army. I receive, almost daily, complaints of outrages committed by these men in the name of the United States and the evidence is so conclusive as to leave no doubt of their correctness. It is rumored that LANE has been made a Brigadier General. I cannot conceive of a more injudicious appointment. It will take 20,000 men to counteract its effects in this State and moreover, is offering a premium for rascality and robbing generally."

One would expect that with General Halleck's opinion of Colonel James Henry Lane that he, Colonel Lane, would not be promoted to the rank of Brigadier General. Such would not be the case, because Colonel Lane had a friend in very high places in President Abraham Lincoln who responded to General Halleck with the following:

"December 27, 1861

An excellent letter; though I am sorry General Halleck is so unfavorably impressed with General Lane.

Abraham Lincoln."

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Now then, President Lincoln went ahead and authorized the promotion of James H. Lane to Brigadier General of Union Volunteers, because "Lane was a doer and a man of action." Eventually, General Lane resigned his commission as a Brigadier General and continued to serve as one of the first two Senators from Kansas for the balance of the Civil War, and of course the War Went On!

### Events Around Town and Nearby

#### Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

The February Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Heights Community of Christ Fellowship Hall, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence, MO. Round Table member **Dan Smith** will be giving a program titled: "Secret Orders and Spies of the Battle of Westport." The prelude to the Price Missouri Campaign of October 1864 was immersed in rumor and military speculation. The role of intrigue and secret societies particularly on the Confederate effort, such as the Order of American Knights or OAK, were widely believed to be laying the groundwork for Confederate victory in Missouri in 1864. The origins and organizations of such clandestine groups will be discussed. In addition, the role of civilian spies at the Battle of Westport will be described from an eyewitness account. If you have any questions, please call **Beverly Shaw** at 816-225-7944.

#### Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

There will be a meeting of the Westerners group on Tuesday, January 14, 2020. The meeting will be held at the Golden Corral restaurant (located near the Home Depot), 8800 NW Skyview Avenue, Kansas City MO 64154. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. from the buffet menu. The cost is \$12.00 or less and non-members are welcome. **Gina Powell** will be the speaker. For more information, call **Deb Buckner** at 913-338-5689 or **Dennis Garstang** at 816-569-1180.

## Mid-Continent Public Library

Round Table member **Dan Smith** will be giving a program titled: "Blacks in Blue at the Battle of Westport" on February 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the North Independence Branch of the Mid-Continent Public Library. The library is located at 317 U.S. Highway 24, Independence MO 64050. For more information, please contact **Dan Smith** at 913-345-2000.

## Bleeding Kansas Program Series 2020

On Sunday, February 9 at 2:00 p.m. at the Constitution Hall State Historic Site, 319 Elmore, Lecompton KS, **Judy Sweets**, historical researcher and genealogist, and **Kerry Altenbernd**, historian and John Brown interpreter will be giving a program titled: "They Put Up More Than Hay: Joel and Emily Grover, Their Barn, and The Underground Railroad." Suggested donation is \$3.00. For more information, please contact **Tim Rues** at 785-887-6520.

## Answers to the Civil War Trivia Questions

1. Fort Steadman, Virginia, March 29, 1865.
2. Durham Station, North Carolina, seven miles west of today's Durham, April 26, 1865.
3. The Mule Shoe, which held out for twenty hours.
4. At Monocacy, Maryland, by Brig. Gen. James Rickett's men.
5. Always stay in communication with his army.
6. New blue uniforms, captured at Harpers Ferry.
7. The Eighth North Carolina.
8. April 1, 1865.
9. Maj. Gen. George Gordon Meade.
10. Five weeks: May 4 to June 12, 1864.

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