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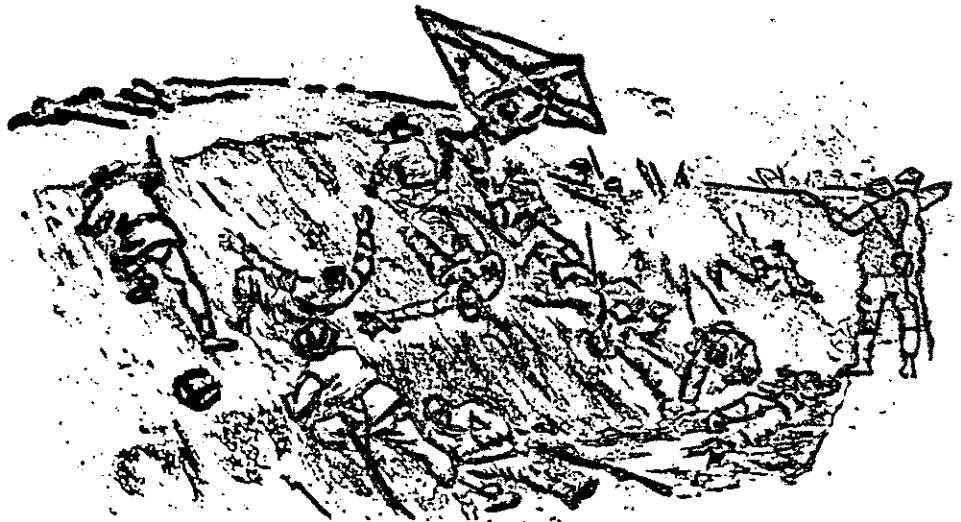
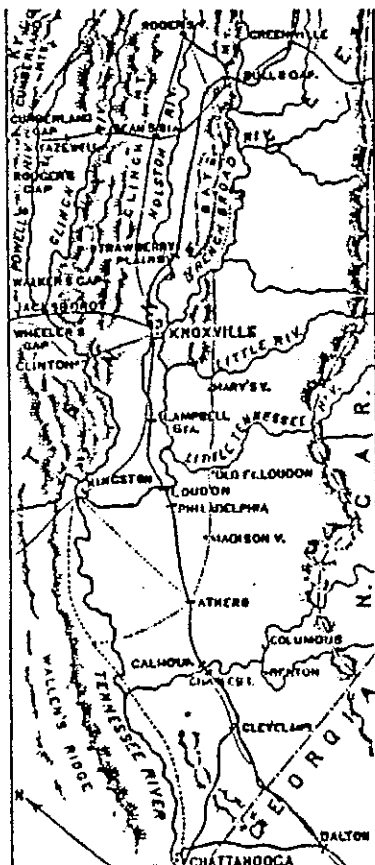
PLACE: Hermit Club

SUBJECT: LONGSTREET'S ADVENTURES IN TENNESSEE

SPEAKER: John E. Stanchak, editor of "Civil War Times Illustrated." Our speaker joined the magazine staff in 1977 as an editorial assistant, became the managing editor in 1980 and has been the editor since 1981.

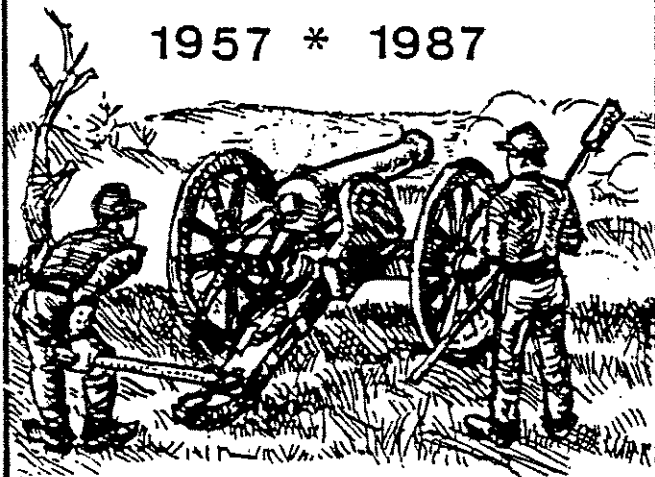
TIME: Cocktails at 6:00 PM Dinner at 7:00 PM

RESERVATIONS: Please call 371-0260 Reservations are a MUST!!



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Last Month's Meeting

Robert Krick, Chief Historian at Fredericksburg, Va., delivered a fascinating and thought provoking talk on the attitudes of Maj. Gen. James Longstreet. Admitting that "Old Pete" was a capable officer, Mr. Krick pointed out the General's limited strategic talents (Suffol & Knoxville campaigns) and a flaw in his character. It was this flaw that led his contemporaries to observe that Longstreet could be selfish, mean spirited and moody.

Longstreet's attitude was based on the premise that he was faultless as a general and as a military strategist. He believed his opinions and decisions were more militarily sound than those of his superiors, almost to the point of insubordination. His obstinate insistence of his correctness was vividly displayed during the battles of Seven Pines, 2nd Manassas and Gettysburg.

Mr. Krick stated that Longstreet also displayed an ugly pattern of thrusting blame on others when things did not suit him or go to his liking. He was quick to discredit others to his own benefit. This protection of his own place in history (vanity?) was apparent at Seven Pines where he placed the blame on Huger and by his part in the near mutiny against Bragg in late 1863.

All in all it was a fascinating look at "Lee's Warhorse" and led to a lively question and answer period.

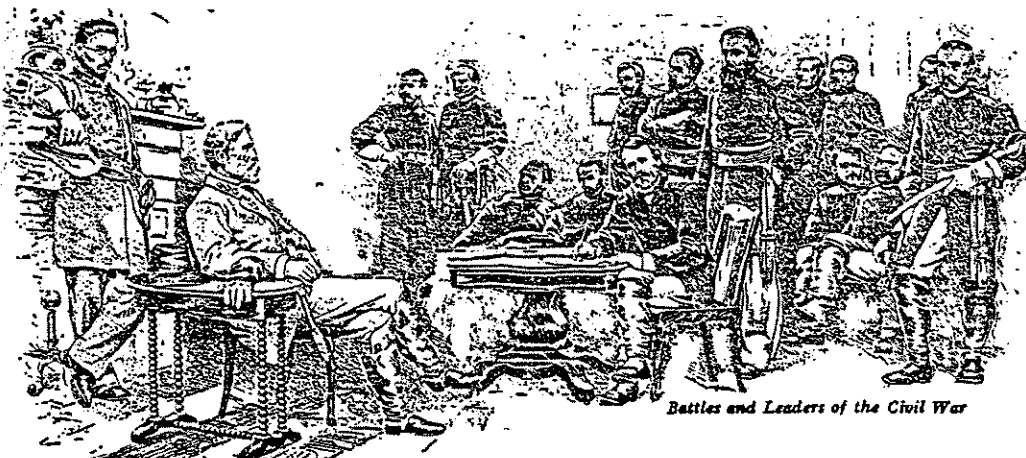
The reviewer would be remiss not to recognize the generosity and hospitality of Dr. Ken Callahan for once again hosting the Roundtable at his beautiful home. It is always the highlight of our year.

Maj. Gen. James Longstreet.
Courtesy, Library of Congress.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...



I regret to announce the passing of long-time member and past Charger editor, Ted Adams. He joined the Roundtable in 1958, one year after its founding. Having retired from LTV Steel, he assumed the responsibility of publishing the Charger in 1986. His tenure as co-editor-- a job he shared with his wife, Betty-- may have been short, but we are all grateful for the fine job the two of them did in maintaining the quality of our newsletter-- recognized nationally as one of the finest.

Another long-time member, Leigh Tanger, who had been residing in Pineville, Arkansas, also passed away this past summer.

Too often it takes sad occasions like Ted and Leigh's passing to recognize the accomplishments and contributions our charter and other long-term members have made to our organization over the past 30 years. While many roundtables folded after the Civil War Centennial ended in 1965, the commitment of these men to the preservation of the lessons learned more than 125 years ago carried the Cleveland Civil War Roundtable through the lean years. Their perseverance has enabled younger members to enjoy the opportunity of membership in a unique, exciting organization.

I would like to personally applaud the following members who joined in the 1950's and have helped to keep our Roundtable an active Civil War Forum over the years: Jack Auwerter, Neville Bayless, Ray Channock, Charles Clarke, John Cullen, Stu Cramer, Don Heckaman, George Hoagland, Dave Humphrey, Pat Moran, Ed Pendergast, Jim Ramsey, Don Rense, Paul Schildt, Bill Schlesinger, Gordon Tatum, and Dave Wood. These seventeen men deserve all our thanks.

I only hope that the example set by Ted, Leigh and the rest of this core group will be followed by newer members to ensure that the Roundtable exists as a viable forum 30 years from now.



NEW MEMBERS

FROM MARY'S GARDEN ... This week's *ROSES* to lawyer Charles F. Clarke for his 17 years of service as president of the Free Clinic. Clarke guided the clinic since it started in 1970 and is credited with gaining the support of the judicial system, law agencies and the community for it. Clarke will be honored at a luncheon at the City Club Sept. 23 as he steps down as president, but he will remain as a trustee of the organization.

Welcome to the Cleveland Civil War Roundtable. We are glad you have joined us:

Robert Berne
John Elder
Raymond Froelich
Daniel Hurley
Julian Krawcheck
Bruce Pauly
William Schultz
Gil Stovicek

2 Lejeune Marines, Sailor Become Civil War Casualties

Associated Press

CAMP LEJEUNE — The Civil War inflicted three belated casualties Tuesday at Camp Lejeune when a cannon shell from that conflict exploded, injuring two Marines and a sailor.

All the victims were in stable condition Wednesday, a base spokesman said.

The artillery round was made to be fired from a long-range Parrot rifled cannon, said S. Sgt. Cal Openshaw of Lejeune's Joint Public Affairs Office.

"They were attempting to defuse a piece of explosive" at the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Range late Tuesday morning when the accident occurred, said base spokesman Sgt. Chuck Little.

The injured men were taken by helicopter to Lejeune's Naval Hospital.

Asked what the men were doing with a Civil War shell, he replied, "They get some stuff (explosives) from historical societies and are asked to render them inert and return it."

S. Sgt. John McKenzie, 28, of Springfield, Mo., was flown by helicopter to Duke University Medical Center in Durham for microsurgery on his right hand and an eye, Little said.

McKenzie suffered burns on both hands, injuries to his eyes and ears, fragmentation wounds to his left hip and additional injuries to his right hand.

Sgt. Richard Renna, 25, of Waltham, Mass., was being treated at the base hospital. He suffered a fractured left leg, injuries to his left forearm and ear.

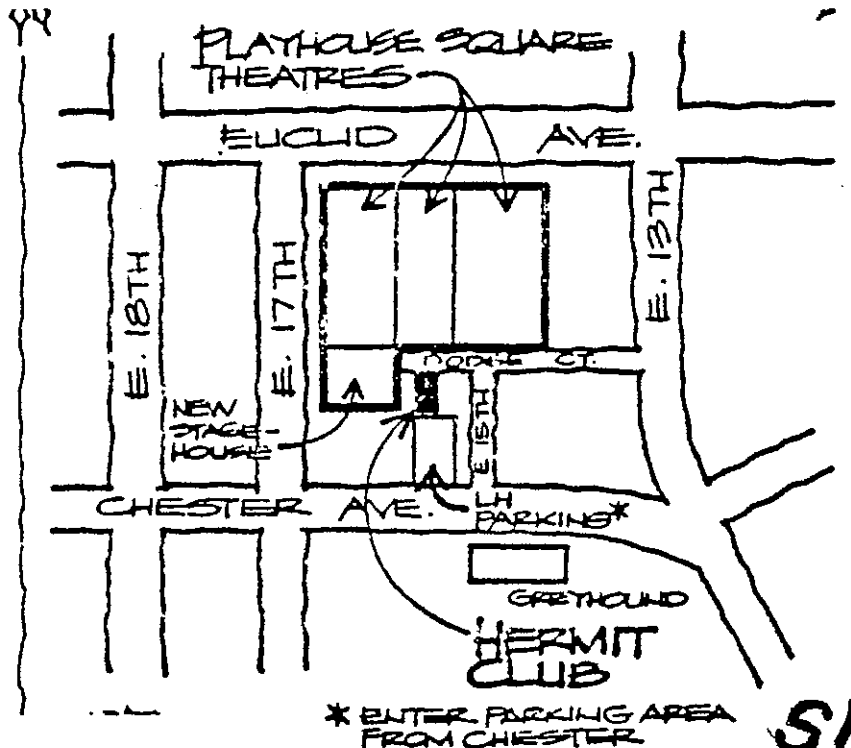
Navy corpsman HM2 Dale E. Bocker, 24, of Newport was hospitalized on base with a fractured right hand, wounds to his right thigh, eardrum injury and damage to his right eye.

All three victims suffered generalized burns, Little said.

Their injuries were not life-threatening, said Cmdr. Larry Simmons, executive officer of the Naval Hospital.

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HOW TO GET THERE



Getting To & Around

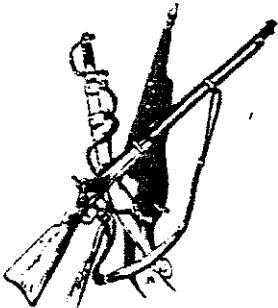
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Shaia's Park



Events of 125 Years Ago

October 1862

- Oct 1 Maj. Gen. John C. Pemberton was given command of the New Confederate Department of Mississippi and East Louisiana, replacing Maj. Gen. VanDorn
- Oct 2 President Lincoln visited Gen. McClellan's headquarters in Maryland and reviewed the Army of the Potomac
- Oct 3-4 Battle of Corinth, Mississippi
- Oct 8 Battle of Perryville, Kentucky
- Oct 9-12 J.E.B. Stuart lead his cavalry around the Army of the Potomac, raiding Chambersburg, Pa. along the way
- Oct 11 Richmond papers began to speak of a possible early peace as a result of Confederate successes
- Oct 14 Congressional elections in Iowa, Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania result in gains by the Democrats, except in Iowa
- Oct 18 John Hunt Morgan captured the Federal garrison at Lexington
- Oct 20 President Lincoln ordered Maj. Gen. John A McClernand to Illinois to raise troops for an expedition against Vicksburg
- Oct 30 Maj. Gen. Rosecrans assumed command of the Department of the Cumberland replacing Maj. Gen. Buell

- The Civil War Day by Day by E.B. Long

Lincoln and McClellan confer on the field of Antietam.



Lincoln visits McClellan and his staff after the battle. McClellan is the fourth man to the left from the President. Courtesy, National Archives.

A SAD TURN OF EVENTS!



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expenses for our speakers and for printing and mailing.

(To those who have paid your dues, THANKS
and march proudly in the front rank.)

Artemus Ward, a pseudonym for Charles Farrar Browne, was a popular humorist during the Civil War and a favorite of Lincoln's. The President used Ward's humor to ease the tensions of the war years and was quoted as saying: "With the fearful strain that is upon me night and day, if I did not laugh I should die." Lincoln was said to have read a passage from Artemus Ward: His Book before reading his draft of the Emancipation Proclamation before his cabinet.

Charles Farrar Browne was born on April 26, 1834 on a farm near Waterford, Maine. When thirteen years old he went to work in his brother's print shop in Boston and soon became enamored with the glitter of the big city, the famous people and the theatre. He longed for a career in the public eye.

Restlessly he moved to Ohio taking up various jobs. Once he even agreed to teach school across the river in Kentucky until he found out that the local school toughs liked to display their prowess by licking every new school teacher. Later he took a job in Tiffin and then in Toledo as a compositor at the local newspapers.

Now in his twenties, Browne's talent was recognized by Joseph W. Gray, publisher and editor of the "Cleveland Plain Dealer." Gray hired him as a commercial editor at the then respectable salary of \$12.00 per week.

Shortly after, on January 30, 1858, the first newspaper communication of Artemus Ward appeared in the "Plain Dealer." Ward purported to be the proprietor of a sideshow who humorously commented upon his life and times. In these articles Browne used a rustic style expressed in quaint spellings of exaggerated understatement, political satire and excruciating "punch-line" puns.

On the eve of the Civil War, Browne quarreled with Editor Gray over syndicating his articles in "Vanity Fair." As a result he quit the "Plain Dealer." One story holds that he was so lazy a reporter that he faked an account of a local function and quit in embarrassment after learning that the event never took place. Nevertheless, he became managing editor of "Vanity Fair," published his best articles in book form, and toured the country giving humorous lectures. There were even rumors that with his new found wealth he was going to take over the "Plain Dealer."

In 1866 he was on a British tour when the damp London weather took its toll on the skinny, overworked American. Browne contracted tuberculosis and on March 6, 1867 died.

Artemus Ward's humor is apt to leave the modern reader as cold as Secretary of War Stanton. Despite this, the following are a few examples:

When a San Francisco lecture manager wired him "What will you take for forty nights in California?" Browne wired back "Brandy and water!"

When in Utah he was introduced by Brigham Young. During his talk he observed of his Mormon audience that "Thar religion is singular, but their wives are plural," and that "the pretty girls in Utah mostly married Young."

Ward satirized the mournful Civil War song "Just Before the Battle, Mother" by asking whether "it wasn't about time somebody cared for the old man?"

He satarized office seekers by explaining that the Yankee flight at first Bull Run was really a consequence of a rumor that there were three government clerk vacancies in Washington.

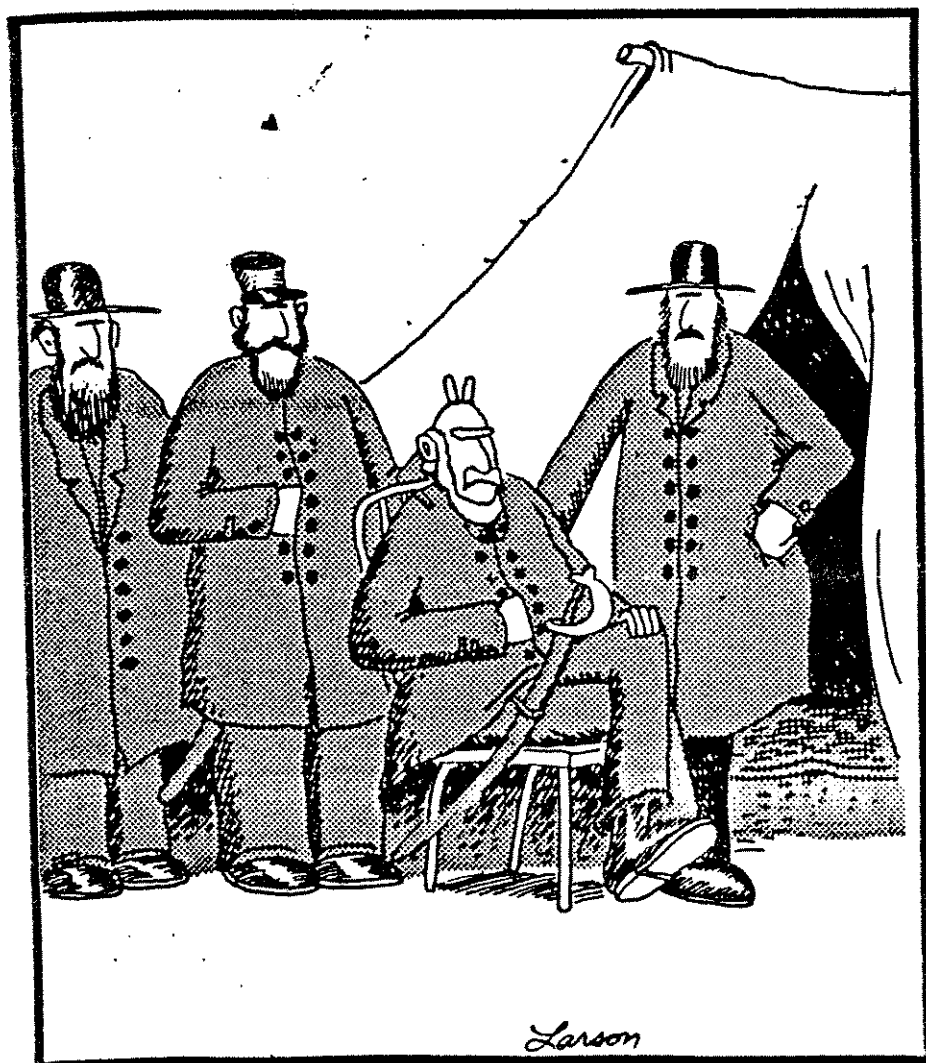
Of the Confederate army at the end of the war he said that "The surrender of R. E. Lee, J. Johnston and others leaves the Confederate army in a rather shattered state. That army now consists of Kirby Smith, four mules and a brass drum and is movin' rapidly to'rds Texas!"

- "Artemus Ward and Petroleum Nasby" by
Harvey Wish

For the Union: Ohio Leaders in the Civil War
ed. Kenneth W. Wheeler pp 439-453

CIVIL WAR SMILES

civil war trade show



The American History and Heritage Association presents the 1987 Civil War Exposition from October 9 thru 18 at the I-X Center. The I-X Center is located adjacent to Cleveland Hopkins Airport. Besides being a Civil War trade show they are supposed to have authentic entertainment, music and food of the period. For more information you can call 892-1776.

Near Gettysburg, 1863: A reflective moment