



POWHATAN CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

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ANTIETAM

with John W. Schildt

Following Confederate victories at Second Manassas and Lexington, Kentucky in August of 1862, Robert E. Lee takes the initiative and 40,000 Southern soldiers across the Potomac River into Union territory. His hope is that another Rebel victory will bring European support to the Southern Cause. But first, he must split his small force in two, sending General Thomas J. Jackson to intercept Union troops stationed at Harpers Ferry, Virginia, while Lee heads his remaining forces further north.

However, on September 13th the pursuing Union Army (under the recently restored command of General George B. McClellan) stumbles upon an unlikely piece of luck. Three cigars, wrapped in a copy of Lee's battle plan are found, giving the Yankee leader something few other Union Generals will ever have against Robert E. Lee – the advantage.

Rushing to intercept the Confederate Army before it can regroup, McClellan's troops (87,000 strong) clash with Lee's small army at South Mountain on September 14th. After the Union garrison at Harpers Ferry surrenders to Jackson's Confederates on the 15th, the Stonewall Brigade hastens to Lee's aid. Finally, on the 17th of September, these two unstoppable armies collide on the banks of Antietam Creek, near Sharpsburg, Maryland in a battle that will claim nearly 4,000 American lives and change the face of the war forever.



Thursday, July 15th we proudly welcome historian John W. Schildt, author of numerous books on the Civil War. As a member of the board of directors of Save Historic Antietam Foundation, Mr. Schildt is an active battlefield preservationist who has the rare ability to make history come alive. Please join us as John Schildt guides us through what is still known as the bloodiest day in our nation's history, the Battle of Antietam.

JULY 15, 2004 ~ 6:30 P.M. ~ THE COUNTY SEAT RESTAURANT ~ POWHATAN
\$14.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES DINNER, SOFT DRINK, DESSERT, TAX & GRATUITY

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