

Scottsdale Civil War Roundtable History

The Scottsdale Civil War Roundtable began as a discussion group in the 1990s. Around 2000, the Roundtable began hosting speakers on a regular basis. Our venue then, and now, is the Scottsdale Civic Center Library Auditorium which seats 280. Membership initially grew slowly, reaching about 100 by 2010. Between 2010 and 2019 it grew to 375. After dropping to about 260 during Covid it is now back at 340.

For the past 20 years, the Roundtable has published a monthly newsletter, the Grapeshot, from September through May.

In 2015, the Roundtable began holding a History Discussion Group each month, a week after our monthly speaker. This is an informal discussion on a specific Civil War topic, facilitated by a Roundtable member. These meetings were originally held at the Scottsdale Library and now take place in a room at a local restaurant.

The Roundtable began simulcasting on YouTube for the 2020-21 season, before moving to YouTube for the 2023-24 season.

The Roundtable currently has partnerships with:

OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Arizona State University.

Arizona Historical Society

Scottsdale Historical Society

Western Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the West

Pioneers' Cemetery Association (Phoenix)

City of Phoenix Historian

Arizona Civil War Council

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