25 October  **Lincoln, Davis, Their Generals, and Their Cabinet Secretaries**
The contentions of the generals were almost as bad as the competitive Cabinet snake-pits. We will compare Lincoln and Davis like as presidents and as commanders-in-chief. What were their leading men like? Was McClellan lacking in backbone? Did John C. Fremont think? Why did Lee command South Carolina’s sea coast defenses in 1861? How odd was Braxton Bragg?

**OUTLINE**
I. “You Are Green All Together”
   a. Manassas Junction
   b. Wilson’s Creek, MO
   c. Belmont, MO
II. Building Navies
   a. Old Father Neptune Builds a Blockade Fleet
   b. Stephen Mallory Builds a Commerce-Raiding Navy
   c. Experimental Modernization: USS Monitor, CSS Virginia, CSS Hunley
   d. Building Brown Water Fleets in the West
III. Testing the Diplomatic Waters: the Trent Affair
IV. Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis
   a. Character
   b. As President
   c. As Commander in Chief
   d. Comments
V. Their Key Cabinet Secretaries Compared
   a. Lincoln’s Cabinet
   b. Davis’s Cabinet
   c. Comparing and Assessing
VI. The Searches for Generals
   a. Lincoln’s Problem Army of the Potomac
   b. Davis’s Problem Army of Tennessee
   c. Producing Winning Generals:
      i. The Armies of the Tennessee and Cumberland
      ii. The Army of Northern Virginia
VII. My (Current) Best and Worst Lists

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Steven E. Woodworth, *Jefferson Davis and His Generals: The Failure of Confederate Command in the West* (1992)
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Union Cabinet Officers

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Confederate Cabinet Officers (Short tenure men not included)

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Secretaries of State:

Secretaries of War:

Secretaries of the Navy:

Secretaries of the Treasury:
US: 5. Salmon P. *Chase* (61-); 6. William P. Fessenden (64-65); CS: g. Christopher *Memminger* (61-64); h. George A. Trenholm (64-65)

Ambassador to Britain US: 7. Charles Francis *Adams*