Overview:
This session will provide a short review of 1861 and an overview of 1862-1865 to put this year’s material in context.

Lincoln, Davis, Their Politicians, and Their Generals:
We will examine the two Presidents-turned-dictators, key members of their Cabinets, and select generals and admirals, particularly the few really good ones.

OUTLINE

I. Overview:
   A. Review of 1861:
      1. Causes of the War:
      2. Goals, Strategy, Logistics, and Movement
      3. Marshaling the forces: raising the armies, building the navies
      4. Key Events of 1861
   B. Overview of 1862-1865: The War
      1. Objectives and Operations in the East, 1862-1863
         a. Maryland Campaign, Antietam, and Emancipation
      2. Objectives and Operations in the West, 1862-1863
      3. Grant’s Strategic Plan and Operations, 1864-1865
      4. The Diplomatic War
   C. The Civilian Side of War. North vs. South:
      1. Transforming Families, Homes, Farms, and Businesses
         (This includes gender and race)
      2. The Impact of Railways, Telegraph, Mass-circulation News, etc.
      3. Shift of Demand – and “retardation of growth”
      4. The Politics of War
      5. Religion and War
      6. Indians and the Warring “Euro-Americans”

II. The Presidents, Cabinets, and Generals
   A. The Presidents
      1. Jefferson Davis
      2. Abraham Lincoln
   B. The Cabinets
      1. Secretaries of War, Navy, and State
      2. Secretaries of Treasury, etc.
   C. The Generals (and Admirals)
      1. Generals in the Eastern Theater
      2. Generals in the Western Theater
      3. The Admirals
   D. Governors and the States (time permitting)

Suggested Readings:
McPherson & Hogue, Ordeal by Fire, 4 ed, chapters 14-18.
Donald, Baker, & Holt, Civil War and Reconstruction, chapters 10-16.
Some Good Books:
Susan-Mary Grant and Brian Holden Reid, *Themes of the American Civil War; the War Between the States* (2009). Each chapter reviews the literature on a topic, often from a non-American viewpoint, adding a certain “objectivity” at times.

William J. Cooper, jr., *Jefferson Davis; American* (2001)
Steven E. Woodworth, *Jefferson Davis and His Generals: The Failure of Confederate Command in the West* (1992)

Ken Burns, *The Civil War* (video) in many parts is well worth watching. It has errors, some serious, most minor, and gives a good overview of the war. Many people were first exposed to the Civil War by this series. It redefined historical documentaries too.

The handout for the first session in 1861, aka 2011, lists a number of basic documentary sources, web sites, and so on. Handouts from all six sessions are available. The web site URL is: http://personal2.stthomas.edu/jcfitzharris/CivilWar/index.html. The web site also provides resources for planning your travels to battle fields, and following campaigns. Mark Grimsley’s “How to Read a Civil War Battlefield” is a good starting point.