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|   | 20 <sup>th</sup> Maine Volunteers<br>54 <sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment<br>(Colored)  | Timothy J. Orr<br>George H. Junne, Jr.  |
| A | The Abolitionist Movement<br>African American Soldiers<br>The Alabama Affair<br>Edward Porter Alexander<br>Bloody Bill Anderson<br>The Antebellum Period<br><br>The Campaign and Battle of Antietam<br>On the Road to Appomattox<br>Arming The Confederacy<br>Small Arms and Ammunition<br>Army of the Cumberland<br>Robert E. Lee and The Army of Northern Virginia<br>The Army of the Potomac<br>Civil War Artillery<br>Atlanta in the Civil War<br>Atlanta Campaign: Dalton to the Chattahoochee<br>Atlanta Campaign: Peachtree Creek to the City's<br>Surrender | Julie L. Holcomb<br>Barbara A. Gannon<br>Donald Rakestraw<br>Maury Klein<br>Matthew C. Hulbert<br>Dorothy Denneen Volo &<br>James M. Volo<br>Mark Grimsley<br>Christopher M. Calkins<br>Robert C. Whisonant<br>Dean S. Thomas<br>David A. Powell<br>J. Tracy Power<br>Lawrence A. Kreiser, Jr.<br>Michael A. Martorelli<br>Marc Wortman<br>Stephen Davis<br>Stephen Davis |
| B | Balloon Reconnaissance<br>Clara Barton<br>The Battle of Ball's Bluff  | Charles M. Evans<br>Marian Moser Jones<br>James A. Morgan III   |

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|   | <p>The Bermuda Hundred Campaign<br/>                 Between the Lines Trading<br/>                 Billy Yank<br/>                 The Union Blockade of the Southern States<br/>                 Boys of the Civil War<br/>                 Mathew B. Brady<br/>                 Braxton Bragg<br/>                 The Battle of Brandy Station<br/>                 The American Civil War in Britain<br/>                 John C. Breckinridge<br/>                 The Battle of Brice’s Crossroads<br/>                 The Bristoe Station Campaign<br/>                 James Buchanan<br/>                 Bull Run, July 21, 1861</p>   | <p>Daniel F. O’Connell<br/>                 David G. Surdham<br/>                 Thomas E. Rodgers<br/>                 Robert M. Browning, Jr.<br/>                 Joel A. Moore<br/>                 Carol M. Johnson<br/>                 Dr. Judith Lee Hallock<br/>                 Clark B. Hall<br/>                 Thomas E. Sebrell II<br/>                 William C. Davis<br/>                 Stewart Bennett<br/>                 Jeffrey W. Hunt<br/>                 Jean H. Baker<br/>                 David Detzer</p>   |
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| D | <p>Varina Howell Davis<br/>                 Death and the American Civil War<br/>                 The Democratic Party<br/>                 Desertion, Cowardice and Punishment<br/>                 Soldiers’ Diaries and Letters<br/>                 Union and Confederate Diplomacy in the Civil War</p>   | <p>Joan E. Cashin<br/>                 Annie B. Powers<br/>                 Al Ronzoni<br/>                 Dr. Mark A. Weitz<br/>                 Ian Delahanty<br/>                 Howard Jones</p>  |

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|   | Disease in the Civil War<br>Stephen A. Douglas<br>Frederick Douglass<br>The Dred Scott Case   | Dr. Bonnie Brice Dorwart<br>Martin A. Quitt<br>Frank J. Cirillo<br>Peter R. Wallenstein   |
| E | Civil War Economics<br>Antebellum Military Education of Civil War Leaders<br>The Election of 1860<br>Re-electing Lincoln: The Election of 1864<br>The Emancipation Proclamation<br>Union and Confederate Engineer Operations<br>Environment and the Civil War<br>Espionage<br>Experience of Battle                                      | Roger Ransom<br>Wayne Wei-siang Hsieh<br><br>Christopher C. Meyers<br>John C. Waugh<br>Louis P. Masur<br>Daniel F. O’Connell<br>Matthew M. Stith<br>Burrus M. Carnahan<br>Michael C. C. Adams   |
| F | David Glasgow Farragut<br>The Civil War in Film<br>Financing the Civil War<br>The Fire-Eaters<br><br>Nathan Bedford Forrest<br>The Confederate Flag<br>The Fort Henry-Fort Donelson Campaign<br>Rebel Gibraltar: Fort Fisher<br>Fort Pillow<br>The Battle of Franklin<br>The Battle of Fredericksburg<br>The Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 | Lawrence Lee Hewitt<br>David B. Sachsman<br>Michael A. Martorelli<br>David S. Heidler & Jeanne T. Heidler<br>Michael L. Bradley<br>John M. Coski<br>Kendall D. Gott<br>James L. Walker, Jr.<br>John V. Cimprich<br>Wiley Sword<br>James K. Bryant II<br>H. Robert Baker |
| G | The Battle of Gaines’ Mill<br>William Lloyd Garrison<br>Gender & The Civil War<br>Gettysburg<br>The Gettysburg Address<br>The Battle of Glendale<br>The Grand Army of the Republic<br>Ulysses S. Grant<br>Grant’s Memoirs<br>The Great Triumvirate<br><br>Horace Greeley  | Brian K. Burton<br>Julie L. Holcomb<br>Jacqueline G. Campbell<br>Garry E. Adelman<br>Jared Peatman<br>Brian K. Burton<br>Anthony Waskie<br>Joan Waugh<br>Chris Mackowski<br>David S. and Jeanne T. Heidler<br>Mitchell Snay   |
| H | Habeas Corpus<br>Wade Hampton III<br>Winfield Scott Hancock<br>Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.<br>The Home Front: North and South<br>John Bell Hood<br>Civil War Hospitals   | Frank J. Williams<br>Robert K. Ackerman<br>Christian Andros<br>Susan-Mary Grant<br>Roberta Baxter<br>Brian Miller<br>Dr. Bonnie Brice Dorwart   |

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|   | Oliver Otis Howard<br>How the Civil War Created a Nation  | David K. Thomson<br>David Goldfield   |
| I | Immigrants in the Union Army<br>Introduction to the American Civil War<br>The Irish Brigade<br>The Iron Brigade<br>Battle of the Ironclads<br>The Battles of Iuka and Corinth   | Ryan W. Keating<br>Various Authors<br>Thomas J. Craughwell<br>Lance J. Herdegen<br>John V. Quarstein<br>Daniel T. Davis   |
| J | “Stonewall” Jackson: Christian Soldier<br>John Brown’s Raid<br>Joseph E. Johnston<br>The Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War<br>The Jones-Imboden Raid<br>Civil War Journalism  | James I. Robertson, Jr.<br>Evan Carton<br>Stephen Cushman<br>Bruce Tap<br>Darrell L. Collins<br>Ford Risley   |
| K | Bleeding Kansas<br>The Kansas Nebraska Act of 1854<br>Kentucky in the Civil War 1861-1862<br>The Battle of Second Kernstown<br>The Knoxville Campaign<br>The Ku Klux Klan   | Nicole Etcheson<br>Debra L. McArthur<br>Steven Bernstein<br>Kyle Rothemich<br>Daniel F. O’Connell<br>Kathleen L. Gorman   |
| L | Robert E. Lee<br>The Lieber Code<br>Abraham Lincoln<br><br>The Lincoln Assassination<br>The Words of Lincoln<br>The Lincoln-Douglas Debates<br>The Battle of Lookout Mountain<br>The Lost Cause   | Elizabeth Brown Pryor<br>Burrus M. Carnahan<br>Orville Vernon Burton &<br>Lewie Reece<br>Edward Steers, Jr.<br>Harold Holzer<br>Owen Muelder<br>Jack H. Lepa<br>Lloyd A. Hunter   |
| M | The Battle of Malvern Hill<br>Manifest Destiny<br>Maps and the Civil War<br>George G. Meade<br>The Battle of Mechanicsville<br>Civil War Medicine<br>Memorial Art and Architecture<br>The Mexican American War<br>The Mine Run Campaign<br>The Missouri Compromise of 1820<br>The Struggle for Missouri<br>The Battle of Mobile Bay<br>John Singleton Mosby | Brian K. Burton<br>Michael A. Morrison<br>Earl B. McElfresh<br>Richard A. Sauers<br>Brian Burton<br>Dr. Bonnie Brice Dorwart<br>Michael W. Panhorst<br>Michael A. Morrison<br>Dr. James. K. Bryant<br>Matthew Mason<br>Elle Harvell<br>Christopher L. Kolakowski<br>Erick W. Buckland |
| N | The Battle of New Bern<br>The Battle of New Market<br>The North Anna Campaign<br>The Nullification Crisis   | Richard A. Sauers<br>Charles R. Knight<br>Gordon C. Rhea<br>Lucas Kelley  |

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| O | Occupation: Federal Military Government in the South<br>The Official Records<br>The Civil War Online and Digital History<br>Civil War Military Organization<br>The Orphan Brigade  | Jacqueline G. Campbell<br><br>Alan C. Aimone<br>William G. Kurtz<br>Garry E. Adelman<br>Kent Masterson Brown   |
| P | Partisans and Guerrillas<br>The Battle of Pea Ridge/Elkhorn Tavern<br>John C. Pemberton<br>The Peninsula Campaign<br>Civil War Pensions<br>The Battle of Perryville and Bragg's Kentucky Campaign<br>Personal Liberty Laws<br>The Siege of Petersburg<br>Civil War Photography<br>George E. Pickett<br>Pickett's Charge<br>Union and Confederate Politics<br>Popular Sovereignty<br>The Port Hudson Campaign<br>The Port Royal Experiment<br>Presidents Who Were Civil War Veterans<br>Prisoner Exchange and Parole<br>Confederate Prisons<br>Union Prisons<br>The Siege and Reduction of Fort Pulaski | Daniel E. Sutherland<br>Richard H. Owens<br>Michael B. Ballard<br>Glenn David Brasher<br>Kathleen L. Gorman<br>Kenneth W. Noe<br><br>H. Robert Baker<br>A. Wilson Greene<br>Bob Zeller<br>Lesley J. Gordon<br>John M. Priest<br>Michael Landis<br>Christopher Childers<br>Lawrence Lee Hewitt<br>Ben Parten<br>W. Dennis Keating<br>Roger Pickenpaugh<br>Roger Pickenpaugh<br>Roger Pickenpaugh<br>Herbert M. Schiller |
| R | A Railroad War<br>The Rebel Yell<br>Memory and Legacy of Reconstruction<br>Reenacting<br>Religion in the Civil War<br>The Republican Party to 1865<br>Richmond Capital of the Confederacy<br>The Battle of Rich Mountain<br>William Starke Rosecrans   | George A. McLean, Jr.<br>Richard G. Williams, Jr.<br>Bruce E. Baker<br>Clint Johnson<br>George C. Rable<br>Timothy M. Roberts<br>Mary A. DeCredico<br>Charles P. Poland, Jr.<br>Frank P. Varney  |
| S | The Battle of Savage's Station<br>Secession<br>Raphael Semmes and the CSS Alabama<br>The Seven Days Battles<br>Stonewall Jackson's 1862 Shenandoah Valley Campaign<br>Sheridan's 1864 Valley Campaign<br>William Tecumseh Sherman<br>Sherman's March to the Sea  | Brian K. Burton<br>William A. Link<br>Stephen Fox<br>Brian K. Burton<br>Jonathan A. Noyalas<br><br>Jonathan A. Noyalas<br>John F. Marszalek<br>Paul G. Ashdown &<br>Edward Caudill   |

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|   | The Battle of Shiloh<br>Sibley's New Mexico Campaign<br>Daniel E. Sickles<br>Slave Narratives<br>Slavery<br>Soldiers of the Press<br>Southern Unionism<br>The Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse<br>Stoneman's 1865 Raid<br>The Battle of Stones River<br>The Stonewall Brigade<br>Civil War Strategies 1861-1865<br>Fort Sumter<br>Surrenders After Appomattox | Timothy B. Smith<br>Miles Mathews<br>James A. Hessler<br>Michael E. Woods<br>Calvin Schermerhorn<br>James M. Volo<br>David Williams<br>Gordon C. Rhea<br>Chris Hartley<br>William G. Kurtz<br>Richard G. Williams, Jr.<br>Donald J. Stoker<br>David W. Detzer<br>Chuck Hamilton |
| T | Tariffs in the American Civil War<br>The Telegraph<br>George H. Thomas<br>The Trent Affair<br>Harriet Tubman<br>The Tullahoma Campaign   | Phillip W. Magness<br>David Hochfelder<br>Christopher J. Einolf<br>Donald Rakestraw<br>Kate C. Larson<br>Daniel F. O'Connell  |
| U | Uncle Tom's Cabin<br>The Underground Railroad<br>Civil War Uniforms and Accoutrements<br>The US-Dakota War<br>United States Sanitary Commission  | David S. Reynolds<br>Fergus M. Bordewich<br>Alan C. Aimone<br>Kathleen L. Gorman<br>Patricia L. Richard   |
| V | Union and Confederate Veterans<br>The Vicksburg Campaign   | James Marten<br>Michael B. Ballard  |
| W | The War Begins<br>Washington: Capital of the Union<br>The 35 <sup>th</sup> Star: The Civil War in West Virginia<br>Civil War Widows<br>The Battle of the Wilderness<br>The Campaign and Battle of Wilson's Creek   | David W. Detzer<br>Kenneth J. Winkle<br>Richard H. Owens<br>Angela E. Elder<br>Gordon C. Rhea<br>Richard W. Hatcher III   |

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| B | Battlefield Preservation<br>The Battle of Big Bethel<br>Blueprint for Modern America<br>Struggle for the Border States<br>The Brooks-Sumner Affair<br>The Battle of Second Bull Run<br>Other Battles   | Garry Adelman<br>John V. Quarstein<br>Michael S. Green<br>Aaron Astor<br>Carl C. Creason<br>Mike Burns<br>J.B. Potter   |
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| D | Battle of Drewry's Bluff   | Matthew P. Eng  |
| E | Early's Washington Raid  | David P. Hopkins  |
| F | Civil War Facts and Figures<br>The Battle of Five Forks<br>Flags in the Civil War<br>The Capture of Fort Pulaski<br>Forts and Fortifications<br>The Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and<br>Abandoned Lands  | Thomas R. Flagel<br>Edward Alexander<br>Greg Biggs<br>Herbert Schiller<br>Thomas R. Flagel<br>Randall Miller  |
| G | The Grand Review   | Brian Jordan  |
| H | Hampton Roads Peace Conference<br>Harpers Ferry<br>The Helena Campaign   | James Conroy<br>Julie Mujic<br>David Schieffler   |
| I | Innovation and Technology<br>Island No. 10   | James and Susan Johnson<br>David J. Gerleman  |
| J | Jim Crow<br>Johnny Reb   | Amy Wood<br>Richard G. Williams, Jr.  |
| K | The Battle of Kelly's Ford<br>The Battle of First Kernstown<br>Kilpatrick-Dahlgren Raid  | Clark B. Hall<br>Phill S. Greenwalt<br>Eric Wittenberg  |

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| L | Ladies Memorial Associations<br>Ladies and Soldiers Aid Societies<br>Union and Confederate Military Leadership<br>Military Legacy of the Civil War<br>Civil War Literature<br>Civil War Logistics<br>Lynchburg Campaign | Anderson Rouse<br>Beverly C. Tomek<br>Miles Mathews<br>Hugh Dubrulle<br>Coleman Hutchison<br>Greg Biggs<br>Daniel F. O'Connell                            |
| M | Memory of the Civil War<br>The Battle of Memphis<br>Military Intelligence<br>The Battle of Mill Springs/Logan's Crossroads<br>The Battle of Murfreesboro/Stones River<br>Civil War Music                                | Brian M. Jordan<br>Matthew P. Eng<br>William Feis<br>Stuart W. Sanders<br>William Kurtz<br>Stephen H. Cornelius   |
| N | Native Americans<br><br>The Campaign and Battle of Nashville<br>The Effect of the Natural Environment in the Civil War<br>Naval Warfare<br>The Capture of New Orleans<br>Nursing  | Rose Stremmlau, Joe Genetin-Pilawa, and Malinda M. Lowery<br>Richard Holloway<br>Matthew Stith<br><br>Laura J. Davis<br>Charles J. Wexler<br>Karen Egenes |
| O | Ordnance Departments CSA & USA<br>The Overland Campaign   | Michael Martorelli<br>Gordon C. Rhea  |
| P | Paducah Gateway to the Confederacy<br>The Battle of Parker's Crossroads<br>Soldiers' Pay<br>Political Generals<br>John Pope<br>Fitz John Porter<br>The Battle of Port Republic<br>Primary Sources                       | John Cashion<br>Daniel Kennerly<br>Thaddeus Romansky<br>Peter Sicher<br>Robert I. Girardi<br>Brian K. Burton<br>Phillip S. Greenwalt<br>Al McLean         |
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| R | Reconstruction<br>Recreation and Leisure<br>The Red River Campaign<br>Regimental Histories<br>The Fall of Richmond<br>Riverine Warfare  | Bradley Proctor<br>Not Assigned<br>Gary D. Joiner<br>Timothy Orr<br>Mary A. DeCredico<br>Caroline Davis   |
| S | The Sand Creek Massacre<br>Sectionalism<br>Sharpshooters and Skirmishers<br>Sheridan's Richmond Raid<br>Robert Smalls<br>Statehood: New States in the Civil War   | Ari Kelman<br>Susannah Deily-Swearingen<br>Fred Ray<br>Jimmy Price<br>Ethan Kytyle<br>Michael S. Green  |



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|     | States Rights<br>Kate Stone<br>Sutlers   | Richard G. Williams, Jr.<br>Fernando Ortiz<br>Richard Holloway             |
| T   | Tactical Warfare<br>Hood's Texas Brigade<br>Eastern and Western Theaters<br>Civil War Timeline | Kevin Oliver<br>Rick Eiserman<br>Kristopher D. White<br>Andrew Wiley       |
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| V   | Recognition of Valor<br>Confederate Veterans' Organizations                                    | Not Assigned<br>James Johnson  |
| W   | Wartime Emancipation<br>Weather<br>Who Was Who in the Civil War<br>The Wounded                 | Jaime A. Martinez<br>Meg Thompson<br>Not Assigned<br>Glenna Schroeder-Lein |
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