

## Challenge Yourself, Round 9

During this down time occasioned by the fight against the spread of the Coronavirus, we want to keep our members in touch with the Civil War with a bi-weekly round of questions and ponderables. Some will be easy, some will not. This is not a formal quiz, but a way to keep your ACW expertise sharp. No response is needed; however, if you do want to comment, send them via email to Emil at [emilposey@ardmore.net](mailto:emilposey@ardmore.net), and he will post with the next "Challenge Yourself," which will also contain the "school solution" to this set of questions.

1. Which battle offered the South its best opportunity to win the war?
  - a. First Bull Run
  - b. Shiloh
  - c. Antietam
  - d. Gettysburg
  - e. Vicksburg
  
2. Which town suffered the greatest relative destruction as an urban area during the war?
  - a. Atlanta
  - b. Charleston
  - c. Decatur, Alabama
  - d. Fredericksburg
  - e. Gettysburg
  
3. Who was the youngest general to serve in the Civil War on either side?
  - a. George Armstrong Custer
  - b. John Herbert Kelly
  - c. Galusha Pennypacker
  - d. William P. Roberts

BONUS: What was his age at promotion and effective date of rank?

4. First and Second Battles of Fort Fisher were the largest land-sea battles in history until that time (amphibious landings from the sea).
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
5. Which general officer had the nickname "Old Reliable"?
  - a. Albert Sydney Johnston
  - b. William Joseph Hardee
  - c. Braxton Bragg
  - d. Leonidas Polk

BONUS: What prompted the nickname?

6. Which cavalry unit used nine-foot lances as their primary weapon from December 1861 to May 1863?
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> Arkansas Mounted Rifles, CSA
  - b. 5th Missouri Cavalry brigade, CSA
  - c. 6th Pennsylvania Cavalry, USA
  - d. 1st West Virginia Cavalry, USA
  
7. Which of the following early secessionist leaders became outspoken critics of Jefferson Davis? (Check all that apply.)
  - a. Thomas Salem Bocock
  - b. Henry Stuart Foote
  - c. Louis Trezevant Wigfall
  - d. William Lowndes Yancy

Ponderable: Which was the greater loss to the Confederacy, Thomas Jonathan Jackson or Albert Sydney Johnston?

**Answers to Round 8 questions:**

1. d
2. a Bonus: Pennsylvania
3. c
4. a
5. a, b, c
6. a, b, d Bonus 1: War bonds; Bonus 2: Tariffs
7. d
8. b Bonus: *De Bow's Review*
9. d Bonus: Winfield Scott
10. d
11. c Bonus: Secretary of the Treasury
12. a or d

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