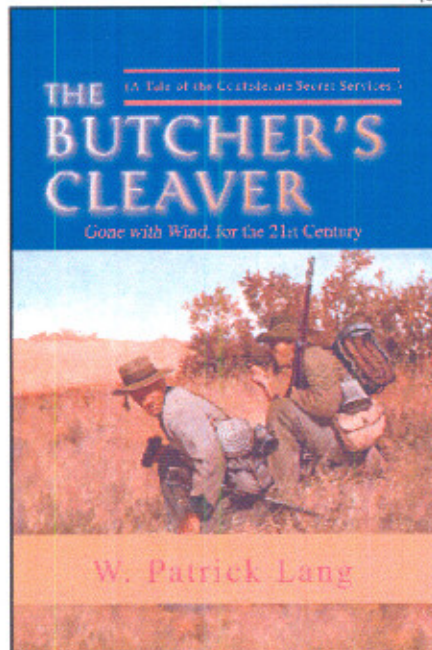


(U) 'The Butcher's Cleaver': A Book Review

By Edward Stephens

(U) Many of you remember COL Pat Lang, a veteran of Vietnam, who was DIA's defense intelligence officer for the Middle East and South Asia and also served as director for Human Intelligence Collection. Lang is now retired and often seen on TV, where he's a recognized expert on the Middle East, particularly Iraq.

(U) He's also a student of the American Civil War. In his novel "The Butcher's Cleaver," Lang tells a story of an operation by the Confederate intelligence service to penetrate the military planning of the North. Although a great deal has been written on the Civil War, little can be found about the intelligence operations of either side. Lang has produced an unusually illuminating work about how the Confederates could have mounted a high-level collection operation. He reproduces the atmosphere of wartime



(U) Washington and the bureaucracy found in the federal corridors of power. He recreates the elements in the North who opposed Lincoln and the Northern cause, doing what they could to cooperate with the operatives of Confederate secret intelligence.

(U) Everyday life in wartime Washington is portrayed quite credibly, and Lang uses his own combat experience to describe several military clashes. Woven throughout the story are actual figures from North and South, such as the colorful GEN Joseph Hooker. It's a fascinating tale, well told and highly recommended for all interested in the great conflict as well as those who practice the craft of intelligence.

(U) *EDITOR'S NOTE* — This review was provided by Edward Stephens, a former DIA employee who served as chief of the Foreign Exchanges and Disclosures Office, now known as the Office of International Engagement (IE). ★

(U) The Origins of African-American History Month

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(U) Dr. Carter Woodson, known as the father of black history, was born in Virginia to former slaves. While completing his doctorate degree from Harvard University, he realized how American history lacked accurate information about the significant economic, social and intellectual contributions of black Americans. He launched Negro History Week in 1926 and chose the second week of February to honor the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

(U) Negro History Week evolved into Black History Month in 1976, and it is celebrated today during the month of February as National

(U) Upcoming Events:

- Join the DIA Equal Opportunity Office (EO) and the DIA Chapter of Blacks in Government Feb. 26 in the Tighe Auditorium at 11 a.m. for its **National African-American History Month program**. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Lenora Peters Gant from the Director of National Intelligence's Centers of Academic Excellence.
- The Missile and Space Intelligence Center's (MSIC's) African American Program Council will host its first **professional development seminar** Feb. 27 at 10 a.m. in the Richard C. Shelby Auditorium. The seminar is entitled "Roadmap to Success: How to Maximize Your Performance."

African-American History Month. Here are some other facts about African-American history:

- Joseph Hayne Rainey was the first African-American elected to the House of Representatives. Rainey represented the state of South Carolina from 1870 to 1879.
- BG Sherian Grace Cadoria was the highest ranking African-American woman officer when she retired in 1990.
- Benjamin Davis Jr. became the first African-American general in the U.S. Air Force in 1954.

(U) Check out next week's InterComm for more interesting facts about African-American history. ★