



Our Initiative to Educate Future Historians

In our last issue, we debuted a new campaign, "Help us find the next Shelby Foote or Ed Bearss." You may have noticed it promoted on the inside front cover or on social media.

Our stated goal was to identify boys and girls aged 13 to 17 with an interest in Civil War history, and provide them with a free subscription to *MI*, to aid them in their ongoing education.

The idea grew out of a conversation with subscriber and contributor Kevin Canberg, who donated five 1-year subscriptions for this purpose.

Kevin's philanthropic impulse and generous spirit impressed me. His commitment also moved me to do something practical, which can help educate young Americans about our country's history.

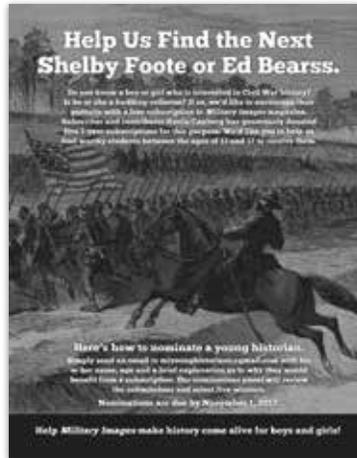
The most tangible benefit of understanding our history is rooted in the idea that the more one knows about our origins, the better citizen he or she will become. Knowledge is, in fact, power. This perhaps helps explain why concerns about history in education have existed for a long while. Some of us are fortunate to recall that one great teacher who inspired us by making history come alive. But not everyone has been so fortunate.

I believe *Military Images* can help raise awareness and educate the young (and not so young!) about the Civil War through the images and stories of those who lived it. *MI* is not a single answer to the larger question of history education. It is however, one of many entry points into understanding the great calamity that divided our country for four long years, cost the flower of a generation, and drained a massive amount of resources.

I am delighted to report that we have identified deserving young historians as a result of our campaign. You can read about them in *Mail Call*.

I am optimistic about future sponsor subscriptions for young historians and others. I hope you'll help by answering future calls to action.

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