



Financing the Civil War with Ron Leshner

Course Description:

2012 is the 140th anniversary of the creation of the Bureau of Internal Revenue. Its establishment by law was one of the hallmarks of financing the Union's war effort. The Confederacy took a different approach to financing their troops. This symposium-style course takes a serious look at the philatelic artifacts that remain of these two methods of raising the funds for the war. Today's outstanding revenue collectors will share their insights of decades of collecting these artifacts. Symposium contributors are Mike Morrissey and Bob Hohertz.

Instructor Biography:

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Ronald E. Leshner is a former government bureaucrat, retiring from the New Jersey Department of Education after more than twenty years of service. Having flunked retirement, he currently teaches physics and calculus at a small private secondary school. His philatelic collecting interests include U.S. revenue stamped paper and alcohol related federal and state tax stamps. He is a nationally and internationally accredited judge. His writings have been published in *The American Philatelist*, *The American Revenuer*, *Scott Stamp Monthly*, and the *State Revenue News*.