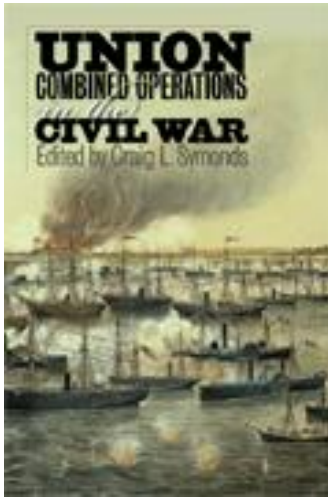


‘Union Combined Operations in the Civil War’

By Rob Morgan

Edited by Craig Symonds, and published by Fordham University Press of New York, 2010. I’ve just had the opportunity to take a quick look at a copy of this work, but not to read and carefully examine it. The hardback is rather slim at only 160 pages and priced at \$45 US, the UK price was given as £49.99 incidentally; the ISBN 978-0-8232-3286-4.



This is clearly an important work as far as the American Civil War oriented members of SWA are concerned. It’s described as offering ten case studies of combined operations between field armies and the federal fleets ranging between the North Carolina Sounds in 1861, to the James River in the mid-war period. It concludes with the numerous attempts to seize Confederate naval ports and blockade runner bases at Charleston and Wilmington at the end of the War.

The cover ‘blurb’ suggests that these ten studies (and indeed each one seems to be a wargame campaign in both naval and land terms) will ‘shed valuable light on what is an often neglected aspect of the crucial maritime campaigns of the American Civil War’. I had no time to take better notes than these few scribbles, unfortunately.

Hopefully, someone in the Society’s membership with adequate access to this intriguing volume will decide to review and recreate the book’s contents as wargames for the wider benefit of the rest of us.