

2009 WCWRT Newsletters

Happy 2009 WCWRT Members!!!

Below is our January Newsletter...thanks to Scotty!!!

Williamsburg Civil War

Roundtable

Meeting Place:

STRYKER BUILDING

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"THE DAMN FAILURE"

By J. Michael Moore,

7:00PM TUESDAY, January 27, 2009

--Stryker Building; Williamsburg, Virginia

J. Michael Moore holds a B.A. in History from Christopher Newport Univ.; M.A., History, Old Dominion University. He is the Curator and Registrar, Lee Hall Mansion and Endview Plantation, Newport News. He is an authority on the Lower Peninsula Campaign and Battle of Dam #1. We welcome him back for a return visit; Michael's topic for Jan. 27 is, "The Damn Failure." A week after our November meeting with speaker Dick Ludwig on "Kilpatrick 's Raid and Other Disasters", Dr. Charles L. Cooke, M.D. of Richmond, Virginia. Spoke on "*Evacuation of the Injured*". Both presentations were excellent and the December meeting was followed by a fellowship with holiday goodies.

Upcoming Programs 2009 WCWRT Season: (Location: Williamsburg Library Theatre)

February 24th – Billie Earnst " George and Sarah Pickett" - Williamsburg Library Theatre

March 24th – Dr. Ludwell Johnson - "Red River Campain" - Williamsburg Library Theatre

April 28th - Donny Taylor is coming from Bentonville, NC, "Bentonville Battlefield" - Williamsburg Library Theatre

May 26th – End of the Year Meeting - Dr. Jimi Elizabeth Thomas: "A Re-examination of the Legacy of James Longstreet, Lt General, CSA" - Williamsburg Library Theatre

September 22nd - Kick Off Meeting - Scott Patchan will talk about his newly being published book on "Battle of 3rd Winchester" - Williamsburg Library Theatre.

October 27th - Dick Rankin - "Nathan B. Forrest" - Williamsburg Library Theatre

WCWRT Officers 2008-2009 season:

President: Jerry Galloway

Vice-President/Program Coordinator: Frank Arlotto

Secretary: Teri Toepke/ Angela Arlotto

Treasurer: John Hale

The Executive Committee consists of the elected officers, the immediate past president and other members appointed by the incoming president. Those members will include Ken Sage, Dick Cooper, John Marsh, Norman Cooper, and permanent member, Willard Gilley.

Thank You Tom!!! Tom Lamb has volunteered to construct a 'trial website' for our WCWRT. More information to come.

This Month In History: 1863: Major General Ambrose Burnside attempts to cross the Rappahannock River but pulls back to Fredericksburg after his advance becomes a "mud march".

Upcoming Events:

Feb 7, 2009--Petersburg Tour Caravan tour to sites of battles that would lead to the fall of both Petersburg and Richmond. *For more information, contact:* Petersburg National Battlefield, (804) 732-3531 ext. 200.

Feb 21, 2009--Authors Roundtable Civil War Authors Roundtable & Book Sale at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, Fairfax. *For more information, contact:* reservations, Andrea Loewenwarter, (703) 591-6728 aloewenwarter@fairfaxva.gov.

Sesquicentennial Commemoration of the American Civil

War. The meeting is free, but everyone must register at the website:

www.vacivilwar.org Only 2,000 can attend. The title is "America on the Eve of the Civil War" Dr. Edward L. Ayers, Conference Chair, Univ. of Richmond. April 29, 2009, 8:45 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

2009 Symposium: "Generals Behaving Badly"

The Library of Virginia, 800 E. Broad St., Richmond 23219

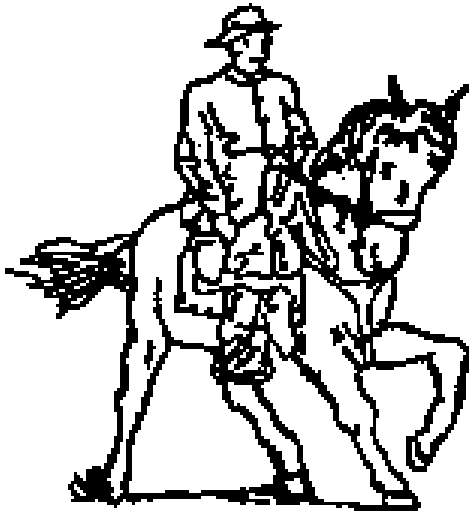
February 21, 2009

9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate call 804-649-1861 x. 32.

Website: [Visit this event's page.](#)

*For a list of other events go to www.civilwarnews.com



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September 22, 2009

"PETERSBURG: WAR ON THE DOORSTEP"

By HENRY KIDD

7:00PM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

--Williamsburg Library--

Williamsburg, Virginia

Welcome to the new season of WCWRT. Our first speaker is Henry Kidd a recognized author and historical artist who will present "Petersburg: War on the Doorstep". Born in 1950 in Petersburg, Virginia, Henry Kidd is a lifelong resident of Colonial Heights. He grew up playing on the battlefields surrounding Petersburg and has studied the war and its' people extensively. He has a great passion for this period of American history. To him, it is more than mere history, it is family pride. Many of his ancestors followed General Robert E. Lee into battle. His fine art has appeared in documentaries on the History Channel and on

covers of many books and magazines. He designed the Confederate Medal of Honor.

MAY MEETING: Our season ended on a high note with a fine talk by Dr. Jimi Elizabeth Thomas. Her topic: "A Re-examination of the Legacy of James Longstreet, Lt General, CSA" The purpose of this presentation is to reexamine the systematic process by which James Longstreet became the scapegoat for the defeat of the Battle of Gettysburg and thus faulted for the failure of the confederate States to become an independent nation.

DUES FOR THE 2009-2010 SEASON are now being collected. Membership in the Williamsburg Civil War Roundtable is open to all. The annual dues for membership are \$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family living in the same household. Use the attached Membership form and mail or pay at the meeting.

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October 27, 2009

"NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST"

By RICHARD RANKIN

**7:00PM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2009
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, STRYKER BUILDING**

Williamsburg, Virginia

***Note we will be meeting at the Stryker Building this month.**

Our guest will be roundtable member Mr. Richard Rankin on Bedford Forrest. Mr. Rankin is a retiree from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, where he served as an administrator. He has a B.S. from the University of Kentucky, M.B.A. from George Washington University, and a doctorate in education from George Mason University. He has taught economics at Rappahannock Community College. He is a member of the Williamsburg CWRT and has recently taught a well-received course at the Christopher Wren Association on "Nathan Bedford Forrest" and his

exploits in the western theatre of the Civil War. He was "that devil Forrest" to his Union foes and was "perhaps the South's greatest fighting man" according to Robert E. Lee. His topic is "Nathan Bedford Forrest".

SEPTEMBER MEETING: The new season of WCWRT began with artist and author Henry Kidd presenting "Petersburg: War on the Doorstep". Henry was born in Petersburg and grew up playing on the battlefields surrounding Petersburg and has studied the war and its' people extensively. He has insight on the city and it's people and history. It was Henry's second visit with us over the years and we appreciate his returning.

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