

2012 WCWRT Newsletters



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January 24, 2012

**CATHERINE M. WRIGHT
THE LETTERS OF Sgt. ROBERT W. PARKER**

The January speaker is Catherine M. Wright. Ms. Wright was born in Kansas City, Missouri, and grew up there and in Norfolk, Virginia. She is the editor of *Lee's Last Casualty: The Life and Letters of Sgt. Robert W. Parker, Second Virginia Cavalry* (University of Tennessee Press, 2008) and is a contributing historian to the online *Encyclopedia of Virginia*. She was formerly the curator at the Stonewall Jackson House in Lexington, VA, and is currently the curator at The Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond. The letters of Sgt. Robert W. Parker provide a window into the daily life of an enlisted cavalryman, as well as highlight the unique story of the soldier believed to be the last man killed in action in the Army of Northern Virginia. In many ways, Parker was representative of the average Confederate soldier: a modest farmer in the antebellum years, his patriotic fervor spurred him at the beginning of the war to enlist in the Confederate cavalry. His letters reveal how home front and battlefield were closely intertwined, and the importance of correspondence in sustaining that connection and the will to fight. The role of the cavalry and Parker's tragic death are also highlighted in the program.

We will meet in the Williamsburg Regional Library Theatre located at 515 Scotland St. in Williamsburg at 7 PM.

The December meeting featured two speakers: Jack Tuttle, Williamsburg City Manager, on the Riverside Hospital development and the Williamsburg battlefield. The second speaker was our roundtable member Teresina Toepke presenting "Civil War Christmas: In the Field and on the Home Front."

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PATRICK SCHROEDER
HISTORIAN, APPOMATTOX COURT HOUSE NATIONAL PARK
"Zouaves: America's Forgotten Soldiers"

The February speaker is Patrick Schroeder. Mr. Schroeder will present "Zouaves: America's Forgotten Soldiers", a slide show of 100+ photographs of Zouaves both North and South. He will discuss the origins of Zouaves in North Africa, French Zouaves' distinguished exploits in the Crimean War and Italy, Elmer Ellsworth and "Zouaves craze" in America. The slides demonstrate various styles of American Zouave uniforms and present brief capsule histories on several famous Zouave units. Mr. Schroeder will also display reproduction uniforms and explain the details of this exquisite uniform.

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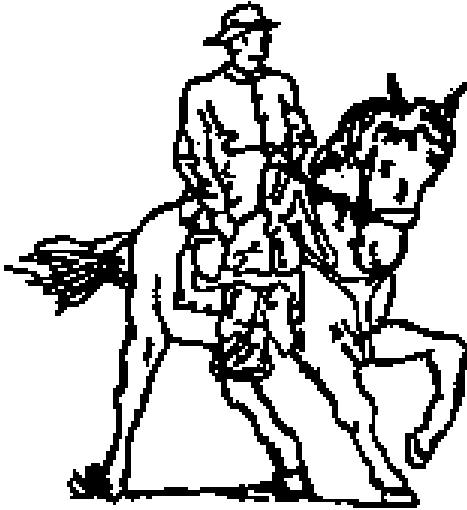
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March 27, 2012

**SCOTT C. PATCHAN
"Jubal Early and the 1864 Shenandoah Valley Campaign".**

The March speaker is Scott C. Patchan who will present "Jubal Early and the 1864 Shenandoah Valley Campaign". Mr. Patchan was born in Cleveland, Ohio and is a graduate of James Madison University. He currently resides in Haymarket, Virginia. Mr. Patchan is a prolific author and historian. His books include: *The Forgotten Fury; The Battle of Piedmont; Shenandoah Summer: The 1864 Valley Campaign; The Battle of Piedmont and Hunter's Raid on Staunton; Second Manassas: Longstreet's Attack and the Struggle for Chinn Ridge; The Last Battle of Winchester: Phil Sheridan: Jubal Early and the 1864 Valley Campaign*. Mr. Patchan has also written four feature essays for Blue and Gray Magazine on the 1864 Valley Campaign, working on two more on the Second Manassas Campaign as well as dozens of articles for other historical publications. He is currently researching and writing on the Battle of Resaca, Georgia, 1864 Atlanta Campaign.

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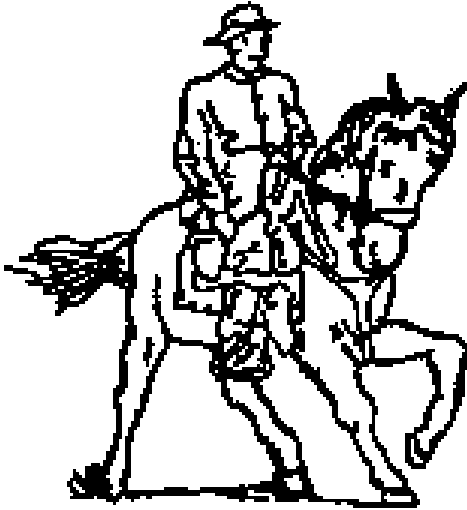
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April 24, 2012

MICHAEL MOORE

"1862 Peninsula Campaign"

The April speaker is Michael Moore who will discuss the Peninsula Campaign. Michael Moore is the curator and registrar for Lee Hall Mansion and Endview Plantation in Newport News. Moore received a bachelor of arts history from Christopher Newport University and a master of arts in history from Old Dominion University. While earning his graduate degree, he taught American history at ODU. During his tenure with the City of Newport News, Mr. Moore has curated several exhibits at local historic sites and lectured to various historical societies and civic groups. In addition, he has led battlefield tours throughout Virginia, West Virginia, and Maryland. Aside from his work with the City of Newport News, the Maritime Archaeological and Historical Society, the Isle of Wright County Historic Recourses, and the York County Historical Museum retain him as a consultant. Moore is the co-author of *The Peninsula Campaign of 1862: A Military Analysis*. Michael has also served as editor and photographic editor for eight books and written articles for *Virginia Cavalcade*, *North & South*, and *Military Collector & Historian*.

March Program: The March speaker was Scott C. Patchan who presented "Second Manassas". Mr. Patchan resides in Haymarket, Virginia. He is an historian and author of many books.

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Upcoming Events:

May 15, 2012 – A. Wilson Greene, executive director of Pamplin Historical Park & The National Museum of the Civil War Soldier, will give a free lecture May 15 on the capture of New Orleans. The talk will take place at 7:00 p.m. at the Park's Education Center off

Duncan Road in Dinwiddie County. New Orleans was the Confederacy's largest and, next to Richmond, most important city. A combined Union army and navy operation targeted New Orleans 150 years ago in a campaign that resulted in the fall of the Crescent City.

May 18-19, 2012 - Cedar Creek Spring Symposium fundraiser will be held in Strasburg, VA. Attendees will enjoy unique access to the battlefield and receive insights on the battle's importance from experts in the field. Please visit <http://www.cedarcreekbattlefield.org/symposium.html>.



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May 22, 2012

Dr. Lisa Heuvel & Sean Heuval

**"The Old College Goes to War:
Exploring William & Mary's role in the American Civil War".**

The May speakers are Dr. Lisa L. Heuvel and her son Sean Heuval. They will present "The Old College Goes to War: Exploring William & Mary's role in the American Civil War". When most people think of the College of William and Mary, they usually associate it with the colonial era. However, the College had an equally rich and eventful history during the American Civil War. This presentation will explore key Civil War-era events on the William and Mary campus, as well as the wartime contributions of its students, faculty, and alumni.

Lisa L. Heuvel is a museum administrator, teacher, and educational consultant who specializes in higher education history and Native American Studies. She has extensive work experience with several public history institutions, including the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation and the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

Sean M. Heuvel is a faculty member with the Department of Leadership and American Studies at Christopher Newport University, where he specializes in military leadership, the American Revolution, and the Civil War. His previous publications include *Life After J.E.B. Stuart: The Memoirs of His Granddaughter, Marrow Stuart Smith*.

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2012-2013 Elections: For Officers WCWRT: Nominations will also be

taken from the floor.

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Upcoming Events:

Civil War EVENING tours going on right now through Colonial Williamsburg.

Here's the general schedule:

Wednesdays: "Uncivil Harmony: Music of the Civil War"

Fridays: "Williamsburg Civil War Tour"

Sundays: "Women of Civil War Williamsburg"

The easy way to get info, times, etc. and ticket prices as well as reservations are to call:

1-800-HISTORY



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September 25, 2012

Waite Rawls III

President, CEO, Museum of the Confederacy

"Burying the Dead, But Not the Past"

"Immediately after the Civil War ended, ladies across Virginia banded together into 'Memorial Associations' and went to work. In the next two decades, they found and reburied 72,500 Confederate soldiers, they sowed the seeds for what became Memorial Day, they founded the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Museum of the Confederacy, and they erected statues all across the state. Waite Rawls will talk about these ladies and their accomplishments, and he will talk about how they helped to shape our modern memory of the Confederacy.

A native of Franklin Virginia he joined the Franklin CWRT at age 9. He has a BA from Virginia Military Institute and MBA and JD from University of Virginia. After 30 years as an investment banker in New York and Chicago he joined Museum of the Confederacy as Executive Director in 2004 and was elected President and CEO in 2006.

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- **October 23: Thomas Adrian (Doc) Wheat. "The Siege of Yorktown"**
- **November 27: Kirsten Talken-Spaulling, Nat. Park Service, Chief Ranger, Fort Monroe. " National Park Service and Fort Monroe"**
- **December 18: Frank O'Reilly, Historian, Stonewall Jackson Shrine, Historical Consultant, City of Fredericksburg, former Nat. Park Service Ranger at Fredericksburg-Spotsylvania. "The Fredericksburg Campaign"**
- **January 22: TBA**
- **February 26: Brian McIlheny. "West Point class of 1862"**
- **March 26: Patrick Schroeder. "Appomattox"**
- **April 23: Frank Ernest**
- **May 28:TBA**

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