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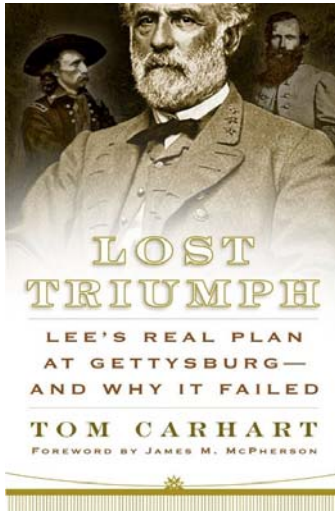
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The HCWRT PRESENTS



Dr. Tom Carhart Speaking on the Topic; "LOST TRIUMPH: LEE'S REAL PLAN AT GETTYSBURG -- AND WHY IT FAILED"

The Houston Civil War Round Table is delighted to welcome Dr. Tom Carhart, who will be discussing his book entitled *Lost Triumph*. Please note this is a change in the topic that we had previously advertised as "West Point Civil War Rivalries" about the book entitled *Sacred Ties*.

As Dr. Carhart explains it himself; "In brief, I think I have discovered why Lee gave such a lackluster performance at Gettysburg, and why he launched Pickett's Charge, unsupported, into the heart of the Union defenses. That attack by only 9 brigades out of the 43 he had available for the task is the tip off, for Lee's REAL plan was a three-part attack: most people know about Longstreet's attack (known as Pickett's Charge), but few are aware that an attack on Culp's Hill by 7 brigades was supposed to take place at the same time. Why didn't that happen? Because the triggering event for those 7 brigades

would have been the arrival in the rear of Culp's Hill of J.E.B. Stuart and his 6,000 screaming Rebel cavalry. Stuart would have dropped off Jenkins' Brigade of mounted infantry (around 1000 men) to attack Culp's Hill (then manned by 3,000 Union soldiers) from the rear while it was simultaneously attacked from the front by 7 Confederate brigades (about 10,000 men) and then proceeded to roll up the Union right. Meanwhile, the other 5000 Rebel horsemen would have cut directly across the hook of the "Fish hook" Union formation and met Pickett's men at the Copse of Trees, thus cutting the Union army in half, and from there Lee's army would have proceeded to defeat the Union Army of the Potomac in detail. So why didn't Stuart show up? Because he and his 6,000 men had been stopped on East Cavalry Field by the brash young Union Brigadier General George Armstrong Custer with 1800 men from his Michigan brigade -- and in so doing, as I develop in some detail, Custer did, on that day and in that place, truly save the Union."

DECEMBER 2011 MEETING
Thursday, Dec. 15, 2011

The Briar Club
2603 Timmons Lane @ Westheimer
6:00 Cash Bar
7:00 Dinner & Meeting

E-Mail Reservation is Preferred;
at drzuckero@sbcglobal.net
or call Don Zuckero at (281) 479-1232
By 6 PM on Monday Dec. 12, 2011
Dinner \$33; Lecture Only \$5

Note: Reservations are required for Lecture Only!



About Dr. Tom Carhart



Tom Carhart, Ph.D., graduated from West Point in 1966 and subsequently served as an infantry platoon leader with 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam and as an Advisor to the South Vietnamese forces. He was awarded two Purple Hearts for wounds suffered in combat. After teaching French at West Point, he left the Army and received a law degree from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He subsequently served as Editor of European Taxation in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Upon returning to the United States, Tom studied economics at the Rand Graduate School while working for the Rand Corporation in Santa Monica, CA. He then returned to Europe as an international corporate lawyer at the Archibald law firm in Brussels representing multinational corporations before the European Economic Community. In later years, Tom again worked for the Army as a civilian policy analyst and historian. In 1998, he received his Ph.D. in American and military history from Princeton University.

Tom is the author of a number of books: Battles and Campaigns in Vietnam (1984), The Offering (1987), Battlefront Vietnam (1991), Iron Soldiers (1994), West Point Warriors (2002), Lost Triumph: Lee's Real Plan at Gettysburg and Why it Failed (2005), and Sacred Ties: From West Point Brothers to Battlefield Rivals: a True Story of the Civil War (2010). He is co-author of A Time to Lead: for Duty, Honor, and Country (2007), the autobiography of General Wesley Clark. Currently, Tom is researching his next commercial book.

He presently lives with his wife and two sons in Massachusetts.

For more on Dr. Carhart, please visit his website at: <http://www.tomcarhart.net>.



DECEMBER BOOK RAFFLE

By Donnie Stowe

I'm sure I am not the only one that enjoyed our program with Dr. Amanda Foreman on November 17th. And we still have a lot of great speakers to come.

For our December book raffle begins with a book donated by Jim Godlove. It is ***DID LINCOLN OWN SLAVES*** – and other frequently asked questions about Abraham Lincoln by Gerald J. Prokopowicz. Next up is ***RELIVING THE CIVIL WAR – A Reenactor's Handbook*** by R. Lee Hadden and donated by Dr. Joe Goulding. Third in the raffle is a historical novel turned into a movie ***GODS AND GENERALS*** by Jeff Shaara and donated by Charles Mitchell. The final selection this month is ***THE CIVIL WAR IN DEPTH – History in 3-D*** by Bob Zeller. A 3-D viewer is included on the inside back cover. I try to make sure I recognize the donor of each volume, but in this case I'm afraid I didn't write it down.

With Christmas just around the corner, I want to wish everyone a joyous and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And just in case jolly old St. Nick brings you a book or two that you already have, please remember the Raffle. Without your help with donated books and magazines; this raffle wouldn't be the same.

DECEMBER QUIZ

By Jim Godlove

THIS NORTH CAROLINIAN WAS THE YOUNGEST WEST POINTER TO ATTAIN THE RANK OF MAJOR GENERAL IN THE CONFEDERATE ARMY. HE WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED THE DAY AFTER HE RECEIVED WORD OF THE BIRTH OF HIS DAUGHTER.



WHO WAS HE; AND, IN WHAT BATTLE DID HE FALL?

Request For Information

by Les Rolston

The following is the content of an email that was sent to our round table website that should be of interest:

I am the author of three Civil War books who has just recently begun the research for a fourth. My first books are *Lost Soul*, *Long Time Gone* and (the soon to be released) *Home Of The Brave*.

My new book will be called *No Ordinary Soldier*. My premise is that one CW soldier (only) from each Union and Confederate state will represent said state. I'm looking for men who are not well known (ordinary) but performed feats of bravery and honor. I would also like to tell the readers who these men were in civilian life.

I'm hoping that SUV, SCV, UDC and roundtables around the country would ask its members to suggest candidates representing their state. I think it could be a lively discussion.

I look forward to hearing anyone who would like to suggest an ancestor or any soldier who you believe would be of interest to the readers. The only

stipulation is that there be enough surviving material for me to work with.

Please email me at Lesrol2@gmail.com, or you can write me at:

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FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Effective 12/31/2011 I am resigning my position as Vice President of the Houston Civil War Roundtable but will continue to aid in transitioning someone to replace me. I will likewise resign from the Board but can continue with the book raffle. I feel bad about doing this, but current job demands and responsibilities have forced me to make this decision.

Thanks for everyone's support,

Donnie C. Stowe

HOUSTON CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE 2011 - 2012 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN

Dec 15, 2011	Tom Carhart - <i>"Lost Triumph: Lee's Real plan at Gettysburg and why it failed."</i>
Jan 19, 2012	Ed Bearss - <i>To Be Announced</i>
Feb 16, 2012	Stephen Kinnaman - <i>"The Building of the Alabama"</i>
Mar 15, 2012	Carol Berkin - <i>"Civil War Wives"</i>
Apr 19, 2012	Pat Falci - <i>"A.P. Hill: Lee's Forgotten General"</i>
May 17, 2012	Jerry D. Thompson - <i>"Sibley and the Southwest"</i>



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