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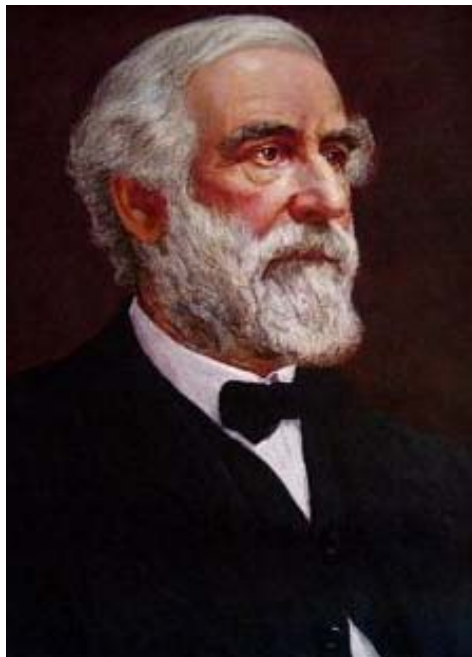
General R. E. Lee's 1862 Campaign Strategies

Presented by James Mack Adams as ***Robert E. Lee***

General Robert E. Lee's plan, in 1862, to prevent reinforcements from reaching Gen. George B. McClellan, whose army was threatening Richmond, was brilliantly executed by General Thomas Jackson in the Shenandoah Valley. When Joseph E. Johnston was wounded at Fair Oaks in the Peninsular campaign, Lee assumed command of the Army of Northern Virginia (June 1, 1862). His leadership through the next three years placed him among the world's great commanders.

Lee immediately took the offensive and, after ending McClellan's threat to Richmond in the Seven Days battles (June 26–July 2), he thoroughly defeated John Pope at the second battle of Bull Run (Aug. 29–30). In Lee's first Northern invasion, *The Antietam Campaign* (Sept.), McClellan forced a halt. Advances by Ambrose E. Burnside and Joseph Hooker were repulsed in the battles of Fredericksburg (Dec. 13) and Chancellorsville (May 2–4, 1863), though in the latter victory General *Stonewall* Jackson was killed.

Lee's second invasion of the North resulted in the Confederate defeat



Gen Robert E. Lee, Retired

in the Gettysburg campaign (June–July). He sorely missed the services of Jackson. Other authorities argue that Lee underestimated his opposition and failed to impose his will upon his subordinates. Lee assumed full blame for the defeat, but President Jefferson Davis refused to entertain his offer of resignation. After Gettysburg, Lee did not engage in any major campaign until May 1864 and in July 1864, Grant began the long siege of Petersburg, south of Richmond.

More than perhaps any other Southern general, Robert E. Lee used secret agents to supply him with every available Northern newspaper. A Southern spy with a copy of the Philadelphia Inquirer provided information of a withdrawal by McClellan; as a result, Lee shifted thousands of troops.

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JAMES MACK ADAMS

Our *Robert E. Lee* is actually James Mack Adams! After 22 years in the teaching profession, he retired to Tybee Island. Mr. Adams is now a freelance writer and journalist, as well as a military history interpreter, an Elderhostel instructor, and our R. E. Lee impersonator. He has published a book about the history of Tybee Island. His latest endeavor is entitled *Entwined Destinies: West Point and the Coastal Empire 1802-2002*.

Mr. Adams is a member of the Board of Directors of the Tybee Island Historical Society as well as a member of the *Sons of Confederate Veterans*, the *Savannah Grays* and *Lowcountry Civil War Round Table*.

Your Round Table Need's Your Help

Do you want to coordinate the 50-50 ticket sales? Help our membership by making a few phone calls at year-end. Like to greet members at the door and make sure they are wearing their name tags. How about putting the monthly Bulletin together? There are many more simple tasks, *but they are all important.*

Please fill out the form below and return it to Tom Oliver or call any of the officers at the right side of this page. You can also send an email to tkoliver@davtv.com or marianmitch@hargray.com with the information below or to ask any questions.

Thanks to those who volunteered at the last meeting for delivery backup of the Bulletin

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What A Fantastic February Meeting


When the stentorian voice of Ed Bearss breaks the silence of the stage, the audience is held spellbound for an hour. His prodigious knowledge is evident as he traces the movements and location of prisoners-of-war, the famous and infamous prison camps, and the individuals responsible for the *well being* of prisoners. The complicated *parole* system was explained in detail.



Tom Oliver With Ed Bearss

The *Morning After* meeting with its **short** questions and **long** answers were not only educational but allowed Mr. Bearss to show his humorous side. The escapades of Clara Barton and Dorothea Dix were most amusing and Ed brought these icons down to earth. If you weren't there, you missed an amazing event with a preeminent Civil War historian.

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 Carrying the Minié Ball (1847-1855). This was the
 standard issue for the Union and Confederate
 Armies. Patented by Samuel D. Smith, N.Y.
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2002-2003 PRESENTATIONS PERIOD FROM 1861 TO 1862

March 13th

Morning After Details

James Adams will be at the **MORNING AFTER** Round Table on Thursday morning, from 10-12, at the Palmetto Electric Building at **RIVERWALK** on Route 278. **CALL BERNIE COVERT 705-7808 TO RESERVE A SEAT.**

April 9th

Fort Pulaski: Tally Kirkland from the National Park Service Staff at Fort Pulaski, located at the mouth of the Savannah River, will discuss the importance of the Fort in 1862.

May 14th

Stonewall Jackson and the Valley Campaign. This will be discussed in detail by noted historian Robert Krick.**

** There will be a *Morning after* meeting for this event..

COMING IN 2003-2004 (subject to change)

Civil War Women
Battle of **Shiloh**
The Western Campaign
Medicine during the Civil War

2nd Manassas/Bull Run
Civil War Weaponry
Antietam
The Seven Days Battle



Gen R. E. Lee
and His
Generals

March's Trivia Question Who Captured Atlanta?

A. General Sherman B. General McPherson C. General Grant D. General Meade E. General Slocum

Answer on Page 5

Correction: Thanks to our alert readers the Editors have moved Port Hudson from Mississippi back to Louisiana

**Richard McMurry's South Atlantic Civil War Symposium at Holiday Inn Oceanfront Hilton
Head Island March 27 -29, 2003**

Once again the Blue & Gray Education Society is presenting a Civil War Symposium on Hilton Head Island. It's not to be missed, last years symposium was terrific. Here's what you get:

10 Presentations, 3 Panel discussions, 3 Lunches, 1 Optional Tour, 1 Dinner (BGES members only)

The cost is \$288 if you register before February 1, 2003 or \$320 from February 1, 2003. You can also sign up for individual days. See the registration form for more details or call Tom Oliver (705-7217) or Bernie Covert (705-7808). The Faculty& their topics are:

Richard McMurry: Freelance historian, will speak on *Aspects of the Atlanta Campaign*

James I. "Bud" Robertson: Director, Virginia Tech Civil War Center, will speak on *The Common Soldier*

Joe Glatthaar: University of Houston, will speak about *Harsh Realities, Joe Johnston and the Army of Northern Virginia to Seven Pines*

Jackie Campbell: University of Connecticut, will speak about *Fear, Fire and Fortitude: The Reality of Sherman's March through the Carolinas*

Brian Steel Wills: University of Virginia, College at Wise, will speak on *The River Ran Red with Blood, Forrest and the Fort Pillow Affair*

Stephen Wise: University of South Carolina, Beaufort, will be speaking on *The Gate of Hell*

Craig Symonds: Professor at the United States Naval Academy, will speak on *Old Buck, Anchor of the Navy*

Alan Downs: Georgia Southern University, will speak about *Westward Ho! The Confederates, Post War Expansion and the Native Americans*

Gail Stephens and Gloria Swift: The former is a free lance historian, the later an NPS historian at Monocacy Battlefield, they will divide a presentation on "*Greater than Ben Hur--The Interesting Career of General Lew Wallace.*"

Cathy Barton and Dave Para: A talented pair of folk music historians from Boonville, Missouri. They will give a musical presentation entitled *Civil War Songs from the Western Theater.*

South Atlantic Civil War Symposium Registration Form

Name: _____ Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

_____ Registration for Wednesday March 26th tour of Port Royal Sound and selected dockings **Lowcountry CWRT Members \$95 until Feb 1 then \$110; BGES members and partner organizations: \$100. General Public: \$125. This tour is optional and an additional cost.**

_____ **Pre registration for Entire Program March 27, 28 and 29, lectures, lunches, panels** (payment must be received by February 1st) *LCWRT and BGES members/partner organization members only \$ 288 Save \$87! General Public: \$320 save \$55!*

_____ **Registration for Entire Program, March 27, 28 and 29, lectures, lunches, panels** from February 1, 2003: *LCWRT only \$ 320 Save \$55! General Public: \$375*

_____ **BGES Members and partner organizations: Registration for Entire Program, March 27, 28 and 29, lectures, lunches, panels** from February 1, 2003: **\$300**

A La Carte Registrations

_____ Registration for Thursday only, March 27th Lectures, lunch, panel \$150.

_____ Registration for Friday only, March 28th Lectures, lunch, panel \$150

_____ Registration for Saturday only, March 29th Lectures, lunch, panel \$150.

_____ **BGES Annual Meeting, Saturday March 29: 5 PM, buffet BBQ, State of Society report and guest lecturer (will be announced). Dues-paying BGES members only. Must pre register by March 24th. FREE, but, donations for dinner will be gratefully accepted.**

Form of Payment: ___ Check enclosed ___ Charge my Am Express VISA MasterCard (circle)

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Signature: _____

You may cancel your registration with a full refund until March 21st. Your money will be refunded in full if you are not completely satisfied.

Mail this registration form to **BGES Hilton Head Symposium**; 416 Beck Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23503 or fax this form to **434-836-3292** or call Toll Free 888-741-BGES (2437)

What Union General is Credited With the Capture of Atlanta?

At his headquarters seven miles from the center of Atlanta, Union General Henry W. Slocum heard a series of violent explosions on the evening of September 1, 1864. Before daybreak the next morning, he dispatched Captain Henry M. Scott into the suburbs to investigate. Scott reported, "Soon after passing through the works formerly occupied by our army, a body of men were observed coming out of the city. Advancing rapidly toward them, I discovered that they were citizens bearing a flag of truce. Going forward, I asked them what proposition they had to make. One of them then made himself known as the mayor, and said he had come to surrender the city." The explosions had been caused by the destruction of 28 cars of a trainload of munitions. Confederate General John Bell Hood had fired them as the Rebels were abandoning Atlanta. Union General William T. Sherman was far to the south of the city and knew nothing about this. The mayor, James Calhoun wrote a note to the Union General saying, "The fortunes of war have placed the city of Atlanta in your hands, and as Mayor of the city I ask protection to non-combatants and private property." Captain Scott, Captain A.W. Tibbetts and Lt. J. P. Thompson signed the document for the Union army to attest to the authenticity of the surrender that involved an estimated 25,000 residents and refugees. Thus, General Henry W. Slocum is credited with the capture of Atlanta. *From Rebellion Record (document) 11:282 Submitted by Harry Joe King*

The Civil War and the Arts

Liberty University Center for the Study of the Civil War in Lynchburg, Virginia will present its seventh Annual Civil War Seminar from April 4-5. Presentations for this year's seminar will range from the musical *Rebel Cry* to a special screening of the latest cinematic version of Ambrose Bierce's classic short story *An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge* to a presentation by the chairman of *The CSS Hunley Commission*. South Carolina State Senator Glenn F. McConnell of the Hunley Commission will give us a glimpse into the lives of the brave men who gave their lives to make the doomed submarine one of the most innovative and advanced weapons of the War. Other topics to be covered in the seminar will be a presentation on unusual weapons of the war by Mr. Doug Wickland of the National Firearm Museum, a talk on the history of Civil War trading cards, and a concert of period music by the renowned duo Potomac Thunder. In addition to the presentations, there will be a number of exhibits, most notably those pertaining to the C.S.S. Hunley and unusual weapons of the Civil War. The cost for the seminar is \$35 per person. Special lodging rates are available at The Wingate Inn. Ask for the special LU Civil War Seminar rate. Call 434-845-1700. For more information and to register, interest persons should call 434-582-2308, 434-582-2512, or 434-582-2087 or e-mail cehall@liberty.edu (From Kenny G. Rowlette)

If Only R. E. Lee Had Those UAVs

"For all of the high-tech intelligence that was available at upper levels during Desert Storm, a company commander had no more situational awareness of his immediate surroundings than a commander working for Robert E. Lee had during the Civil War," says Col. Barry Ford, chief of staff for the Marine Corps Warfighting Lab in Quantico, Va. "We think these mini-UAVs (Unmanned Air Vehicles) will fill a critical capability gap."

From Wall Street Journal 2/12/03



CULINARY DEPARTMENT

Eggs on the March For The Men in Blue

Eggs may be roasted by standing them on end in hot ashes. They may be boiled hard to carry in the pockets on forced marches.

Now after this gourmet repast, you may feel the need for something to wash it all down with. Keep this trick in mind: If you have any tea left, do not throw it away. Fill your canteens with it. It is infinitely more refreshing than almost any other drink upon a hot, weary march. If, instead of filling your canteen with fresh water, you would boil it in

the morning, before starting, with enough tea to flavor it and keeping it from becoming insipid when warmed by the sun, it would be a thousand times more healthy, and the best prevention of dysentery.

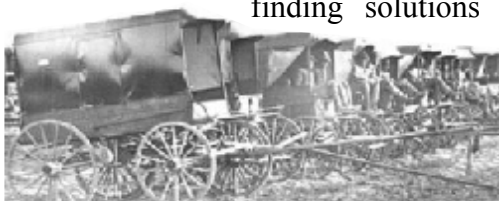
Water, which has been boiled, is freed from the bad effects it frequently has. The southern people boil their lemonade, and then allow it to cool before using it. Learn from your enemies how to protect yourselves in their climate.

Conscientious Objectors in The Civil War

Members of several pacifist religious groups conflicted with Union and Confederate officials to defend their conscientious scruples against bearing arms. They tended to suffer most severely in the South, where manpower shortages, a martial spirit, and invading armies left little sympathy for men unwilling to fight. But under each of the opposing governments they sometimes endured violent persecution by civilians, brutal punishment by military authorities, and death by firing squad.

The membership of smaller sects such as Dunkards, Amanists, and Schwenkfelders varied between 800 and 1,200. The largest politically active sects, the Society of Friends (Quakers) and the Mennonites, counted well over 200,000 members in 1860; most lived in the North. Lincoln encouraged objectors to apply for exemptions, thus delaying any legislative attempt to address the problem until the draft became an issue in August 1863.

After passing the South's first Conscription act, 16 April 1862, which made no provision for pacifist exemptions, Confederate politicians were prodded into finding solutions acceptable to dissenting religious groups.



Some Conscientious Objectors Drove Ambulances

Some states tried to deal with the problem locally: North Carolina accepted objectors for hospital duty or substitute work in salt mines. But the

revised Confederate Exemption Act of Oct. 1862 included a national solution, exempting Quakers, Nazarenes, Mennonites, and Dunkards, provided they furnished substitutes or paid a \$500 exemption tax. The difficulty of collecting the exemption fee finally forced the government to abandon the attempt. The October act placed pursuit of conscientious objectors under army control, where pacifists found unexpected sympathy from military leaders who believed using force against them to be a wasted effort. Lt. Gen. Thomas *Stonewall* Jackson recommended allowing pacifists to produce supplies or serve as Non-Combatants.

Pacifists in combat-torn regions such as the Shenandoah Valley hid or fled with their families to escape being hunted by home guards. By war's end Kentucky Shakers at Pleasant Hill reported having fed at least 50,000 soldiers from both armies and estimated losses in supplies, stock, and buildings at \$100,000.

Source: Historical Times Encyclopedia of the Civil War

To read more about this subject, go to <http://www.civilwarhome.com/conscientiousobjectors.htm>



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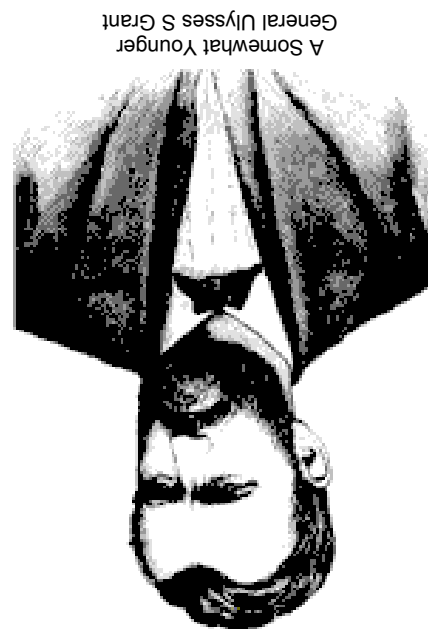
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Need Memorabilia Help?

Bob Zabawa, a club member and a collector of civil war memorabilia for over 20 years, will be happy to assist any members of the club, *free of charge*, in authenticating or valuating paper items that they may have. While his expertise is paper and autographs primarily, he will try to help, through his contacts, with any other items. Feel free to call him at 843-341-9142.

LCWRT Statistics as of 2/15/03

Total Members	467
New for 2002-2003	155
Feb 19 th Dinners Served	169
Feb 19 th Non Dinner	81
<i>Morning After Feb 20th</i>	36
Web Site Hits for Jan '03	4529

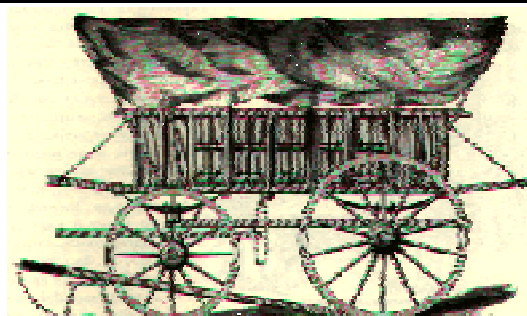


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General Ulysses S Grant

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**NEXT MEETING
APRIL 9TH, 2003
THE IMPORTANCE OF FORT
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PRESENTED BY TALLY KIRKLAND
OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**



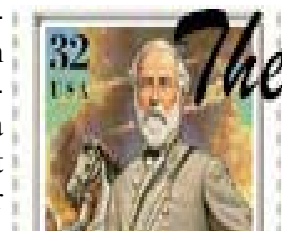
Volunteers Really Needed

Like the Civil War Hospital Wagon above, we want you to help your *Roundtable* but with no fighting. We guarantee your enjoyment at what ever you do! Its fun! Its only for one season! Its short! Its painless! You can be a *Conscientious Objector* but your *Lowcountry* needs you to enlist and aid your fellow mem-

bers. Please mull this over. Do not just read this story and go on to the next column. Call Tom, John Longo or Mitch and Marian Sackson. In fact, you can call anyone on the list on page 2.

Have You Seen *Gods & Generals*

If so, please write, email or call your Editor with your reaction, review, and any other comments you may have. I will include *all* in the next issue of the Bulletin. This is an important film since so many of our speakers and members have had a part in this epic. Do not hesitate to contribute your opinion. It is a must!



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