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MEETING – THURS, APR 17, 2008

Briar Club
2603 Timmons Lane @ Westheimer

6:00 Cash Bar
7:00 Dinner & Meeting

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OR call him at (713) 305-5510 to Reserve
by Monday 6 PM Prior to Apr 17 -
Dinner \$25; Lecture Only \$3

E-Mail Reservation is Preferred;
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evening her fascinating portrait of the man in command of the ill-fated charge on Day 3 of the battle at Gettysburg. Her book on this subject, *“General George E. Pickett in Life and Legend”* traces the Confederate general’s troubled wartime career and its culmination into the most famous failed frontal assault in American history—Pickett’s Charge at Gettysburg. Her biography of the commander also examines the efforts of his wife LaSalle Pickett to celebrate her husband, alter history, and create powerful, enduring myths for future generations of Americans engaged in the study of this man and his wartime contributions to the Southern cause.

DR. GORDON’S TOPIC: *“GENERAL GEORGE E. PICKETT IN LIFE AND LEGEND”*



Dr. Lesley J. Gordon

A FEW WORDS ABOUT LESLEY GORDON

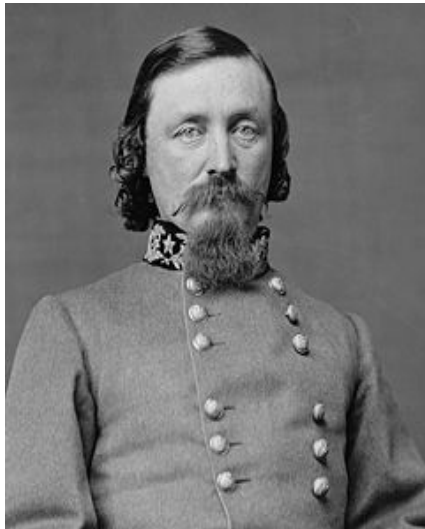
Lesley received her B. A. from the College of William and Mary and her M. A. and PhD from the University of Georgia. She presently serves as Associate Professor of History at the University of Akron in Akron, Ohio, and she resides in Economy, Pennsylvania.

Lesley’s in-depth study of the colorful and controversial general was published in 1998 (Chapel Hill). She is also the co-editor of *“Intimate Strategies of the Civil War: Military Commanders and their Wives,”* (New York, 2001) and *“Inside the Confederate Nation: Essays in Honor of Emory M. Thomas,”* (Baton Rouge, 2005), as well as *“This Terrible War: The Civil War and its Aftermath”* (New York, 2003). In addition, Dr. Gordon is in the process of completing an in-depth analysis of the 16th Connecticut Infantry Regiment.

We are indeed pleased and honored to have Dr. Lesley J. Gordon present to our group this

We invite you to set aside present cares and concerns and join us on April 17 as we examine

a bit of America's painful past and trace this story forward to modern times and the manner in which we evaluate and judge this man today.



Major Gen. George E. Pickett



LaSalle Corbell Pickett

GODLOVE'S GARRISON

Thanks to all of you who contributed so generously to our collection jar for the Confederate Memorial Hall at last month's

meeting. Our members contributed eighty-eight dollars (\$88) to assist the museum as it continues its struggle to recover in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and the drop in tourism that has accompanied it.



Jim Godlove, President

The donation jar will again be on the sign-in table at our April meeting. For every five dollars you donate to Memorial Hall, we will issue you a special raffle ticket. The winner of the special raffle will receive a copy of Steve Mayeux's book on Fort DeRussy: "*Earthen Walls, Iron Men*" that the author so generously donated to the Round Table when he presented our program in March. Steve's book is highly informative and very readable. The illustrations, maps, and footnotes are excellent. Please be generous to the museum in this our second and final fundraising effort to assist the museum.

Tony Matt, our field trip chairman, was able to persuade Frank O'Reilly to lead us on our October, 2008 journey to Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and the National Museum of the Marine Corps. Unfortunately, Ed Bearss was already booked during that time slot but Ed assures us that we will be in good hands with Frank as our leader this fall. But Ed will be our featured speaker at our January, 2009 meeting, so you can get your "Bearss fix" then!

On last year's field trip, we learned about General Pickett's fondness for baked shad. Be prepared to learn more about Pickett's life and legend as we welcome Dr. Lesley Gordon to Houston. Don't forget to ask a friend to join us also!

FALL FIELD TRIP REMINDERS by Tony Matt

We will be journeying to Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville on October 23 -26, 2008. The itinerary includes Fredericksburg on the 24th and Chancellorsville on the 25th. On the 26th, we will visit the National Museum of the Marine Corps.



"The Last Meeting of Jackson & Lee,"
Battle of Chancellorsville
Oil on Canvas by Everett B. D. Julio, 1864,
Museum of the Confederacy

This should be a great trip, and we hope as many of you who can will join us. I am currently accepting deposits of \$250 per person. More details will be forthcoming in future editions of *General Orders*, so stay tuned!



The View from Marye's Heights, Fredericksburg,
Ranking Among the Foremost Landmarks in American
Military History

APRIL SCHEDULED BOOK RAFFLE by Mike Pierce

Offerings this month are: *"From the Fields: a Music CD,"* by Kyle Thompson, a Civil War Preservation Trust hat, and *"The Camp Chase Fife and Music Drum"* music cassette, all three items donated by the Civil War Preservation Trust; *"Cotton Clads! The Battle of Galveston and the Defense of the Texas Coast,"* by Donald Frazier, donated by George Covington; *"Civil War Battlefields: Discovering America's Hallowed Ground,"* by Jeff Shaara, donor unknown; *"Shiloh National Park Service Guide" and "Civil War Tennessee Battles and Leaders,"* both by Thomas Connelly (2 books), donor unknown; *"The Confederate Reader: How the South Saw the War,"* donated by Linda and Mike Pierce, and *"Divided we Fall: Essays on Confederate Nation Building,"* by John Belohlavek, donor unknown.

At a time when prices seem to be rising continuously, our book raffle is an incredible bargain at 50 cents each, or 8 tickets for \$3.00. Please buy generously and help your Round Table with its funding requirements.



APRIL QUIZ QUESTION by Jim Godlove

On September 13, 1847, Lt. George Pickett raised the flag over the walls of Chapultepec.

He had taken the standard from the hands of which wounded officer?



GOOD NEWS CONCERNING BEAUVOIR!

Beauvoir is scheduled to re-open the grounds on April 7, 2008. There will be a small rotating museum exhibit along with the gift shop that will be open to the public. Admission to the exhibit will be permitted without charge until the Grand Opening scheduled for June 3, 2008.

There will be private guided van tours of the grounds that the public normally does not get to see. These tours focus on what transpired during the storm, happenings during the recovery period, and the master rebuilding plan currently in progress.

Groups of up to ten people can be accommodated during each tour. These tours are about an hour in duration, must be prebooked with gift shop personnel prior to the tour, and are a combined riding and walking tour. They are available at a \$9.00 charge for adults and a \$5.00 charge for school-aged children. You may make arrangements for your tour by telephoning (228) 388-4400.

The Grand Opening Ceremony for the Beauvoir House on June 3 will include refreshments served on the grounds as well as guided tours of the house.

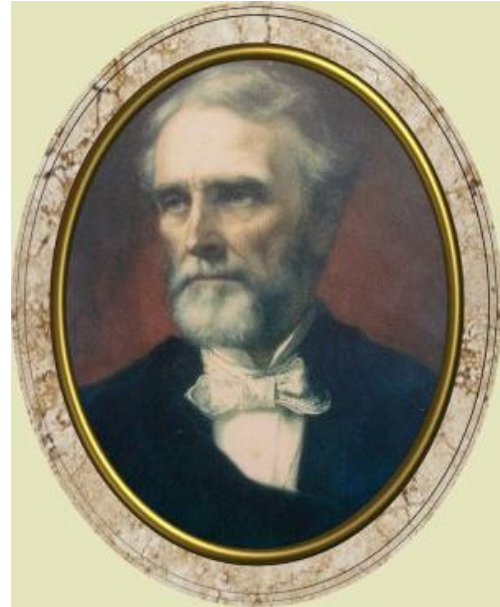
The Acting Director of Beauvoir, Rick Forte, has reported that over 85% of the roofing is complete, that window units have been installed, plaster work on the front porch is finished, and that over 90% of the painting on the outside of the house is complete.

He states, moreover, that blueprints of the Jefferson Davis Library and Museum have been approved and that bids have been solicited.

Thanks to the generosity of several Sons of Confederate Veterans, three used but low-mileage vehicles have also been donated to Beauvoir. These vehicles replace those destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

If you would like to become a part of this effort to restore Beauvoir for future generations to remember and enjoy, kindly forward your con-

tribution to Friends of Beauvoir, 2244 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39531.



President Jefferson Davis, C. S. A.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Houston Civil War Round Table is dedicated to the study of the civilian, military, and cultural aspects of United States history during the period of 1861 – 1865 and to the preservation of historical sites and artifacts.

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PRESERVATION TRUST AND PARKER'S CROSSROADS

The Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT), the nation's largest nonprofit battlefield preservation group and winner of the HCWRT's 2007 Van-diver Award, recently announced its first land acquisition campaign of 2008—the protection of eighty-eight acres of hallowed ground at Parker's Crossroads, Tennessee, site of one of the war's most daring cavalry raids.

On New Year's Eve, 1862, Confederate cavalry commander Nathan Bedford Forrest found himself in a precarious situation. After engaging in battle all day with one Union force, the Confederates were surprised by federal reinforcements attacking their rear and hampering their movements toward the Tennessee River.

Forrest, under pressure but seemingly unfazed by the hazardous position into which he had been thrust, ordered his horsemen to "Charge 'em both ways!" This brazen response was successful, and Forrest repelled the new threat and rushed past his astounded and demoralized enemies.



Gen. Bedford Forrest

James Lighthizer, President of the CWPT, has announced that with this acreage acquisition, the preservationist organization will have permanently protected some seventy-five percent of the battlefield.

Such success is particularly noteworthy at Parker's Crossroads, as the battlefield there is bisected by Interstate 40 and contains a major highway exchange. Further threatening the area's preservation focus, State Highway 22 bordering the newly preserved acreage is being widened into four lanes.

Thanks to CWPT's ongoing efforts and the dedication of a variety of preservation partners in Tennessee, there is now a nearly three-hundred acre battlefield park at the site.

Due also to generous matching grants from the state, the current fundraising campaign offers CWPT members an impressive 8-to-1 leverage factor on their donations. The State of Tennessee Heritage Conservation Trust fund is committing \$300,000 to the project; the State of Tennessee Lands Acquisition Fund, an additional \$400,000. This means that for only \$100,000 in private funds, donors have the opportunity to protect \$800,000 worth of history!

With some 65,000 members, CWPT is the largest nonprofit battlefield preservation organization in the United States. Its goal is to preserve and protect our nation's remaining Civil War battlefields. Since 1987, CWPT has saved more than 25,000 acres of hallowed ground.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL HALL – NEW ORLEANS



On your next visit to New Orleans, don't forget to visit this historic museum, home to the second largest collection of Confederate memorabilia in the United States.

GEARING UP FOR THE BATTLES OF FREDERICKSBURG AND CHANCELLORSVILLE: QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Our artillery, being in position, opened fire as soon as the masses became dense enough to warrant it. The fire was very destructive and demoralizing in its effect and frequently made gaps in the enemy's ranks that could be seen at the distance of a mile."

Gen. Longstreet, writing from the vantage point of Marye's Heights, Fredericksburg, 12/13/1862

"I never realized before what war was. I never before felt so horribly since I was born. To see men dashed to pieces by shot and torn into shreds by shell during the heat and crash of battle is bad enough, God knows....God grant I may never have to repeat my last night's experience."

Col. Samuel Zook of Winfield Hancock's 2nd Corps, writing to his wife on the stone wall/sunken road area, Fredericksburg, 12/13/1862

"It is well that war is so terrible. We should grow too fond of it."

Gen. Lee to Gen. Longstreet, as he watched Longstreet's almost casual destruction of Gen. Burnside's divisions as Jackson's counterattack repulsed Meade, Fredericksburg, 12/13/1862

"Give him my affectionate regards, and tell him to make haste and get well as soon as he can. He has lost his left arm, but I have lost my right."

Gen Lee to the stricken Gen. Jackson, in a message sent through a friend, Chancellorsville, 05/02/1863

"I have always desired to die on Sunday." Then, "Order A. P. Hill to prepare for action! Press the infantry to the front rapidly," followed by "Let us pass over the river and rest under the shade of the trees."

Gen. Jackson's final comments, uttered shortly before he expired, Chancellorsville, 05/10/1863



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