



CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE
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MEETING NOTICE – DECEMBER, 2014

Before the month and the year end, your Editor wanted to remind you of our meeting on the third Wednesday of this month, December 17th. Please join us before you succumb to all or several of the distractions of the holidays. Also, please feel free to bring a guest and wear your favorite sweater!

DATE: Wednesday, December 17, 2014
PLACE: Smilie's Restaurant, 5725 Jefferson Hwy, Harahan, LA
SPEAKER: Ted Alexander
SUBJECT: "Hispanics and the Civil War: From Battlefield to Homefront – Americans All"
TIME: 6:30 p.m. Social
7:00 p.m. Dinner (\$25.00)

OUR SPEAKER: Ted Alexander is the chief historian at the Antietam National Battlefield, where he has worked for more than twenty-nine years. He is the author, editor or contributor to ten books on the Civil War and other aspects of American history. His publications include *When War Passed This Way*, *Southern Revenge*, and *The Battle of Antietam—The Bloodiest Day*. Ted is also the author of more than two hundred articles and book reviews for publications such as the *Civil War Times*, *Blue and Gray*, *North and South* and the *Washington Times*.

Ted has a BA in history from the University of Maryland, College Park, and an MA in history from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

Ted is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of Vietnam, where he served a tour and a half and was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V.

He is the founder and coordinator of the very popular Chambersburg Civil War Seminars. Through these events, Ted has been instrumental in helping to raise more than \$150,000 for battlefield preservation.

He served as a consultant for the HBO miniseries *To Appomattox*. He spoke to us several years ago on "Louisianians at Antietam."

THE SUBJECT: "Hispanics and the Civil War: From Battlefield to Homefront – Americans All" will be Ted's topic. The U.S. Army War College and the National Park Service produced an interesting pamphlet after several years of research.

LAST MEETING: Gordon Rhea is considered by many in the Civil War Community to be the foremost expert on the Overland Campaign, that series of battles, skirmishes and movements that included the Battles of Spotsylvania, Five Forks, Cold Harbor and the Wilderness. Gordon, without the use of any notes or Powerpoint, literally worked his way through a presentation that included elements of at least four, yes four, of his books. He enthralled our thirty-one members and guests in an approximately fifty-minute talk. Surely Gordon's visit was one of the finest talks we have heard in the last several years.

REMINDER: William C. “Jack” Davis will be a part of the observance of the two hundredth anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans. Reminder to check the website at BattleofNewOrleans2015.com/index.php for general information and www.thebattleofneworleans.net/BNOSymposium2015.pdf

CHARLES BRACELEN FLOOD DIES: Several different sites have recently carried the news that author and historian Charles BraceLen Flood has died at 84. Flood wrote perhaps a dozen books and novels but was more widely known for his book *Lee—The Last Years* (Houghton Mifflin Company, 1981). This book sold very well and is often seen in bookstores that offer used books and on websites selling used books.

FUTURE MEETING: The Program Chairman of the Austin CWRT did a great job in arranging for Gordon Rhea to be our October speaker. The previously announced speaker for October, Russell Bonds will now be with us in March. Our speaker in January (Wednesday the 14th) will be James Conroy, whose topic will be “One Common Country: Lincoln and the Hampton Roads Peace Conference.”

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