



## **CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF NEW ORLEANS, INC.**

### **MEETING NOTICE – DECEMBER, 2015**

Please join your fellow members and their guests at our meeting this month. Remember, we are meeting next week, the second Wednesday.

DATE: Wednesday, December 9, 2015  
PLACE: Smilie's Restaurant  
5725 Jefferson Highway  
Harahan, LA  
SPEAKER: LAWRENCE L. HEWITT  
SUBJECT: Civil War Myths  
TIME: 6:30 p.m. Social 7:00 p.m. Dinner (\$25.00) (Optional)

**OUR SPEAKER:** Dr. Lawrence L. Hewitt is a native of Kentucky who studied under T. Harry Williams at LSU. Larry earned his B.A. and M.A. at LSU and his Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky. Larry worked for the Louisiana Office of State Parks, which included working at Port Hudson from 1978 to 1982 and Camp Moore from 1982 to 1986. He later taught at Southeastern Louisiana University. He was one of the main individuals who nurtured the now defunct Deep Delta Civil War Symposium in its early years.

Larry is a favorite speaker at many Round Tables and seminars. He has authored, co-authored or edited approximately twelve books. His most famous publication is Port Hudson Confederate Bastion on the Mississippi (1987).

**THE SUBJECT:** Larry's topic on Wednesday will be "Civil War Myths". Many thousands of books and articles have been written about the War in the last 150 years, and perhaps no one would argue that all of this literature is entirely accurate. Myths abound around famous events

and Larry will no doubt include several in his presentation. Did Union General Abner Doubleday really invent the game of baseball? Did Union General Daniel Butterfield really compose "Taps"? Or, did dying Confederate generals really speak so eloquently on their death beds? Join us this month for a very interesting talk.

**LAST MEETING:** Unfortunately, inclement weather accompanied by high winds stranded our planned speaker near his home in the northeast. John M. Baldwin did speak to the Austin CWRT on Thursday. Your Program Chairman does not know at this time if we will be able to reschedule this speaker for a future meeting.

**UPDATE TO SCHEDULE FOR MAY MEETING:** James A. Morgan, III has agreed to be our speaker for May 18, 2016. This change was necessitated by the untimely passing of Wiley Sword.

Jim Morgan is a native of Louisiana who has lived near the Ball's Bluff Battlefield in Virginia for most of his life. He is the Chairman of the Friends of Ball's Bluff Battlefield. He authored [A Little Short of Boats: The Fights at Ball's Bluff and Edward's Ferry, October 21-22, 1861: A History and Tour Guide](#) in 2004. The soft cover book was re-issued in 2011 as a hardback by Savas Beatie Pub.

**FREE SYMPOSIUM/FREE FOOD:** Although the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans was observed last year with a symposium, reenactment, etc., the Battle of New Orleans Historical Symposium sponsored by the Louisiana Institute of Higher Education is now in its fourth year and attracts a good audience every year. This year's symposium is set for Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. The symposium, parking and lunch each day are free. For information, contact Curtis Manning at (504) 512-5120 or [manning.curtis@gmail.com](mailto:manning.curtis@gmail.com).

**NEXT MEETING:** Sam Hood will speak to us on the third Wednesday next month, Wednesday, January 20, 2016.

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