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Announcing Our 558th Meeting

December 2021

**"Trust in God and Fear Nothing:
Lewis A. Armistead, CSA"**

Will be Presented by Wayne E. Motts

DATE: Saturday, December 4

Location: Big Spring Country Club

COCKTAILS: 6:00 P.M.

DINNER (\$30.00): 7:00 P.M.

PROGRAM: 8:00 P.M.

Meet Our Speaker - Wayne E. Motts

Wayne E. Motts was born and raised in central Ohio and graduated from The Ohio State University with a B.A. in military history in 1989. Moving to Gettysburg in 1990, Wayne earned a Masters Degree in American History from the Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania in 1994.



Wayne was one of the youngest persons ever to complete the licensing process to be a Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg National Military Park. He has guided parties around the famous field for 33 years. He has spoken to a wide range of historical bodies and groups on topics related to the American Civil War including the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC.

In addition to his speaking engagements, Wayne has published several pieces related to the American Civil War in a variety of publications. He is considered the leading authority in the nation on Southern General Lewis Addison Armistead of Pickett's Charge fame and has published the only biography of the general entitled, *Trust in God and Fear Nothing: Lewis A. Armistead, CSA*. For ten years he was the research historian for renowned Civil War Artist Dale Gallon of Gettysburg where he assisted in the historical research of 40 works of fine art.

Wayne was the Senior Research Historian for TravelBrains Corporation and in this capacity researched material to be included in a number of audio-visual products related to the American Civil War. The products produced by his research have been endorsed by the History Channel and have won numerous awards.

In 2002, Wayne accepted the position of curator at the Cumberland County Historical Society where he managed a collection of 8,000 artifacts. In 2004, he assumed duties as the collections manager of the Adams County Historical Society in Gettysburg. In 2005, Wayne was named executive director of the Society. He led this organization from January 2005 until April 2012 and assisted the Society and Lutheran Theological Seminary in the rehabilitation of Schmucker Hall, one of the country's most significant Civil War structures.

In April 2012, Wayne accepted the position of chief executive officer of the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania in which he served until August 2021 when he accepted the position of President & CEO of the Gettysburg Foundation.

"Trust in God and Fear Nothing: Lewis A. Armistead, CSA"

Born in North Carolina and reared in Virginia, Lewis Addison Armistead spend 22 years in the United States Regular Army before the American Civil War. He served at some 20 military post from California to Florida, including a stint in Louisville after the Mexican War. In 1861, at the outbreak of the war, he resigned his commission and joined the Confederacy. On July 3, 1863, Armistead was mortally wounded at the head of his command at Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg. Join historian, author, guide, and the President and CEO of the Gettysburg Foundation as he explores the life and death of this career soldier.

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Please Note the Price of the Buffet is now \$30!

Due to a price increase at Big Spring, the Price of the buffet is now \$30. The Round Table is paying a \$2 subsidy for the 2021-2022 season. Please read the explanation on Page 3.

Reservations

RESERVATIONS: Please Note!!! If you email Bryan Winslow and **do not** receive a confirmation, you need to call Doug Krawczyk (502-592-6864) and make your reservation. Not receiving a confirmation via email means you do not have a reservation, and this is a problem for Big Spring as they need an accurate count of our reservations so they can prepare enough fried chicken for us!

RESERVATIONS: Call Doug Krawczyk (502-592-6864) to place your reservations. If you are making reservations for more than just yourself, please give the names of the others. If you leave your reservation on his answering machine, please spell out your name so he can correctly identify you. You can also make your reservation by e-mail by sending it to bryanw@macconstruction.com. If you do not receive a confirmation from Bryan, please call Doug and make your reservation. Please call or email **no later than Wednesday, December 1**, by noon. If you wish to join us just for the program, please call and make a reservation so that we can provide you with a chair. If you are only coming for the program, you can call Doug anytime up to 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.

Reminder for Table Reservations: We can reserve tables for parties of **six** only, and we need you to provide us with the names of all the people in your party when you make the reservation. This will enable us to manage our meeting space in a more efficient manner. Thank you.

Price Increase at Big Spring

We were informed this summer that the price of the buffet dinner at Big Spring would increase from \$28 to \$32. It was explained that this is due to the rising costs of food and of the personnel needed to prepare and serve the dinner. The Round Table Board of Directors voted to subsidize this increase for the 2021-2022 year. At the September meeting, the Round Table paid the \$4 difference for all members. For the remainder of the year, the Round Table will pay a \$2 subsidy for each dinner so that the cost will be \$30 thru the May meeting. We feel this is still a good deal for the buffet and the facility. The normal price charged for the buffet is \$45 so we are getting a significant discount on the meal. We hate to see any price increase, but this seems to be the way things are going at present with the cost of food going up and the cost of labor rising. We are happy to report that the fried chicken tastes just as good as ever!

What is the Gettysburg Foundation?

Our speaker this month, Wayne Motts, was named the President and CEO of the Gettysburg Foundation and assumed his duties on May 24, 2021. You may be wondering exactly what is the Gettysburg Foundation? It is a non-profit partner of the National Park Service at Gettysburg. It owns and operates the LEED Gold-certified Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center in partnership with Gettysburg National Military Park and the Eisenhower National Historic Site. The Foundation has a robust preservation and educational mission that includes land and artifact preservation, educational events, and programs. It also owns and operates the George Spangler Farm & Field Hospital, the Children of Gettysburg 1863, and the Gettysburg Lincoln Railroad Station.

Wayne said about his appointment, "I am honored to be president and CEO of the Gettysburg Foundation and I look forward to continuing work with the Foundation's board, staff, volunteers, and key partners while advancing the Foundation's mission. As a small boy dreaming of one day living and working in Gettysburg, my life now comes full circle with this wonderful opportunity."

Wayne's timely arrival to the Foundation allowed him to be involved in completing the rehabilitation efforts at Culp's Hill. Through a partnership of the Gettysburg Military Park and the Gettysburg Foundation, and generous donations from Cliff Bream and Julie St. John, the visitor experience at Culp's Hill has been enhanced by thinning 18 acres of woodlot, additional signage, and a new trail to explore this important area of the battlefield. - source The Civil War News September 2021.

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2021 - 2022 Schedule

Saturday December 4	Wayne Motts	"Trust in God and Fear Nothing: Confederate General Lewis A. Armistead"
Saturday January 15	Kent Masterson Brown	"Lee's Retreat from Gettysburg"
Saturday February 12	Dr. Curtis Fields	"U.S. Grant and Kentucky"

Saturday March 12	Michael Parrish	"The Importance of Texas in the Civil War"
Saturday April 9	Tim Smith	"TBA"
Saturday May 14	Gary Ecelbarger	"TBA"

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Field Trip to Gettysburg Scheduled for April 27 - May 1, 2022

Our Field Trip for 2022 will be to Gettysburg! We will be going to Gettysburg April 27 - May 1, 2022! Mark



your calendars now! Our guide will be James Hessler. James is a Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg National Military Park. His 2009 book, *Sickles at Gettysburg*, was awarded the R.E. Lee Civil War Round Table's Bachelder Coddington Award and the Gettysburg Civil War Round Table's Distinguished Book Award as the most outstanding work on the Gettysburg Campaign. Another of his books is *Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg*, which was co-authored with Wayne Motts and released in 2015. His most recent book, *Gettysburg's Peach Orchard*, was co-authored with Britt Isenberg and released in 2019. Jim has been a guest on NPR, Travel Channel, PCN-TV, Breitbart News, and Civil War Radio. He is a popular author and speaker at Civil War Round Tables and

has taught courses for the Gettysburg Foundation and Harrisburg (PA) Area Community College. He lives in Gettysburg with his wife and children. We are now taking signups this November and we will begin collecting the \$200 non-refundable deposit that will guarantee you a reservation for the trip.

Things to Remember About Making Reservations for Gettysburg

- (1) Signing up on the sign-up sheet does not guarantee your reservation. Only paying the non-refundable \$200 deposit guarantees your reservation.
- (2) Do not pay your \$200 non-refundable deposit unless you are **absolutely sure** you can go on the trip. After the January 15th meeting, only that part of the trip fee above the \$200 non-refundable deposit will be refunded. Please understand that once you make this payment, it is **non-refundable** for any reason after the January 15th meeting.
- (3) This policy is necessary because we must make several payments in February and March for the bus, insurance, and other items in advance of the trip. We also need a guaranteed count on the number of people going so we can keep the price of the trip as low as possible.
- (4) You can sign up for the trip by either signing up at a meeting or emailing John Davis at Johnd.davis@twc.com.

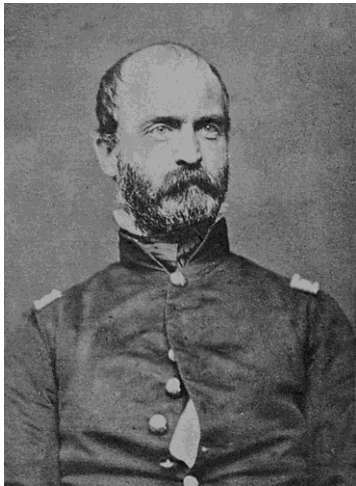
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Lewis Addison Armistead

Lewis Addison Armistead was born February 18, 1817 in Newbern, North Carolina the son of an army general. He entered West Point in 1834 but only attended two years being expelled after a fight with Jubal Early. He joined the army with the rank of lieutenant in the Sixth United States Infantry. He fought in the Seminole War and the Mexican War where he received brevet promotion to major for heroism at Chapultepec. He then spent the next 14 years on frontier duty and during this time one of his closest friends was future Union General Winfield Scott Hancock from Pennsylvania. Armistead was married twice, first to Cecilia Love and secondly to Cornelia Jamison. He had two children, one girl and one boy.

When the Civil War came, Armistead resigned his commission and left Texas for Virginia where he offered his services to the Confederacy. He was older than most of his fellow officers and had strict adherence to the old army ways. He first served as Colonel of the fifty-seventh Virginia and then on April 1, 1862 he was promoted to brigadier general. His brigade consisted of the Ninth, Fourteenth, Thirty-eight, Fifty-third, and



Fifty-seventh Virginia and became one of the most battle-hardened and celebrated brigades in the Army of Northern Virginia. Armistead's stern leadership was one of the reasons for its success. A superior noted, "he regarded obedience to duty as the first qualification of a soldier. For straggling or neglect of duty on the part of his men, he held the officer in immediate command strictly responsible. The private must answer to the officer but the officer to him."

From Seven Pines through Second Manassas, a colleague observed, Armistead increased his reputation "displaying everywhere conspicuous gallantry, and winning by his coolness under fire, by his stern perseverance and his indomitable pluck, the applause of his superiors and the entire confidence of his men."

After serving as Provost Marshal during the Sharpsburg campaign, his brigade became part of George Pickett's division. His brigade saw little action in the Fredericksburg campaign and was with General Longstreet during the Chancellorsville campaign. It was in the Gettysburg campaign that he would gain immortality. On July 3, 1863, his brigade was part of the climatic Pickett-Pettigrew attack on Cemetery Hill and the Union center. After receiving his order to advance he turned to his drawn-up columns and shouted: "Men! Remember what you are fighting for your homes, your friends, and your sweethearts! Follow me!" With his hat on the point of his sword, Armistead led his men forward. Barely 150 of them made it to the Federal lines. Armistead jumped over the stone wall and fell mortally wounded among the Federal cannon. He would die on July 5th in a Union hospital, after requesting that his watch and other valuables be given to his old friend, General Winfield Scott Hancock whose troop ironically, and unknown to Armistead, were the ones who had repulsed his Virginians.

A monument has been erected commending the spot where Lewis Armistead made his gallant penetration. Armistead is buried next to his uncle, Lieutenant Colonel George Armistead, at the Old Saint Paul's Cemetery in Baltimore, Maryland. Lee wrote of Armistead and the three other brigadiers slain at Gettysburg that they "died as they had lived, discharging the highest duty of patriots with devotion that never faltered and courage that shrank from no danger."

Taken from James I. Robertson, *The Encyclopedia of the Confederacy*

NOVEMBER 2021 QUIZ:

1. According to the 1860 Census, what state had the largest population of free African Americans?
That was Maryland with 84,000, followed by Virginia with 58,000, Pennsylvania with 56,000, and New York with 49,000.
2. Who served as the Chief of Artillery for the Army of the Potomac during much of the Civil War?
It was Brigadier General Henry Hunt.
3. What was the nickname for Fort Mahone in Petersburg, Virginia?
It was called Fort Damnation by both Confederate and Union soldiers.
4. Who was considered the "railroad genius" of the Union Army?
That was Brigadier General Herman Haupt.
5. What is the *official* date for the end of the Civil War?
On April 2, 1866, President Andrew Johnson issued a proclamation that stated the war was over in all the former Confederate states except Texas. On August 20, 1866, Texas' new state government was accepted, and President Johnson declared the Civil War finally over.

DECEMBER 2021 QUIZ:

1. There are 46 cannon tubes scattered throughout the Manassas National Battlefield Park, marking the locations of select artillery placements from either the first or second battle. How many of the cannon tubes are original?
2. Why, in 1864, was President Lincoln insisting that as many soldiers as possible be given leave time to go home?
3. Which state is the only one that ever had two of its sons serve as President at the same time?
4. Who was the oldest corps commander of the Civil War?
5. What act is said to have marked the beginning of the Civil War?

Attest:**John Davis
Adjutant****By Order of:****Art Boerner
President**