



The Scout's Report

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Tuesday, NOV. 15, 2016

Buffet at 7:00 PM

Speaker at 8:00 PM

Dinner & Speech

\$15.00 Members

\$17.00 (Non-members)

Speech Only

\$3.00 Members

\$5.00 (Non-members)

RESERVATIONS FOR
BUFFET ARE REQUIRED
AND MUST BE MADE OR
CANCELED BY 11AM
MONDAY, NOV 14
CALL (865) 671-9001
AND LEAVE MESSAGE

MENU:
Pork BBQ
Char-grilled Chicken
Garden Salad
Oven Roasted New Potatoes
Spinach Casserole
Rolls
Beverages

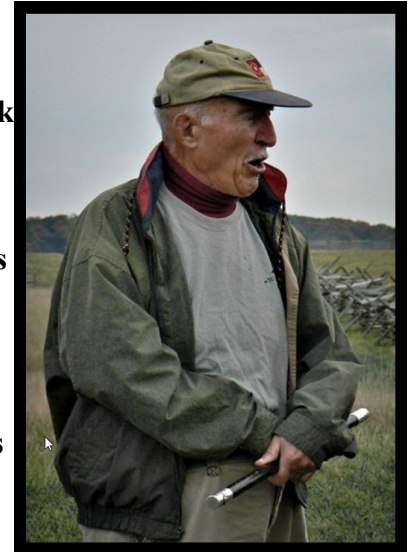
Assorted Desserts
LOCATION:
Bearden Banquet Hall
5806 Kingston Pike

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CUSTER AT THE LITTLE BIGHORN

Come join us as National Park Service Chief Historian Emeritus Ed Bearss takes us back in time to July 25th, 1876 to an iconic battle and a battlefield that he knows well: the Battle of the Little Bighorn.

During the Civil War, George Armstrong Custer's courage and audacity won him many plaudits and promotions. Ever a risk taker, he led his men from the front at Gettysburg, Yellow Tavern, Third Winchester and Cedar Creek, and it was Custer's cavalry division that cut off Lee's last avenue of escape at Appomattox. Always in the thick of things, Custer emerged from one engagement after another unscathed leading others to characterize his good fortune as "Custer's luck."



Following the war, the bold and ostentatious Custer remained in the army. Commissioned lieutenant colonel in the 7th Cavalry and posted in the west, he participated in several campaigns against the Sioux and Cheyenne prior to the star-crossed Centennial Campaign of 1876. It was during this campaign at the Battle of the Little Bighorn that Custer's audacity at long last failed him and his luck, and that of 266 officers and men in his command, finally ran out.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR DINNER

CALL (865) 671-9001 AND LEAVE MESSAGE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to everyone who attended the October meeting. There were 64 diners, five who were non-members. Also attending were an additional 28 members and eight non-member to hear the lecture. Total attendance to hear the lecture was 92. Thank you once again for your outstanding support and interest in the Round Table.

Remember to make your dinner reservation by 11 a.m. November 14th to hear Ed Bearss speak on "Custer at the Little Bighorn."

Fort Dickerson Living History Weekend

These are my brief comments about the Ft. Dickerson weekend. It was a fascinating and enriching experience for those that attended the events and for those that participated as volunteers, exhibitors, and reenactors.

I would like to thank those who made this a successful three days. If I have left anyone from the list please accept my apology and my thanks for your contribution.

Perry Hill and Tom Wright for leading and organizing the event.

Eric Wayland – coordinated and controlled parking at the event

Gerald Augustus – ordinance

Sandra Augustus – women's fashions

Ed Archer – medical display and presentations

Bill Walker – medical presentation and amputation

Tom and Sue Wright – President and Mrs. Lincoln

Conny Ottway – 24 piece band/ orchestra

Jim Young – General Lee

Dewey Beard – bugler

George Lane – cooked rice and red beans with corn bread

Steve Lundberg – Union Commander

Gary Holt – Confederate Commander

All the Union and Confederate reenactors

City Park and Recreation Department for portable bathrooms and transportation

The volunteers from the KCWRT that helped over the three days.

The displays, reenactments and presentations were done with quality and excellence that left the more than 800 that attended the events with a special and memorable experience. I had many visitors express their appreciation to the Round Table for hosting the three day Living History of Fort Dickerson. If you were unable to attend this year, mark your calendar for next year's event.

Enjoy the pictures provided by Jerry Patterson.

John Stegner, President



**THE KNOXVILLE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE
2016 SPEAKERS SERIES**

****November 15---Ed Bearss, Chief Historian Emeritus/Author, "Custer at the Little Bighorn"*****

December 13---Jim Ogden, Historian Chickamauga/Chattanooga NMP, "The Great Locomotive Chase"

*****The date for the November KCWRT meeting has been moved to November 15, 2016. *****

2017 SPEAKERS SERIES

Jan 10---Jim Lewis, Historian Stone's River NMP, "Hell's Half Acre"

Feb 14---Earl Hess, LMU Professor, Author, Historian, "Civil War Tactics"

Mar 14---Curt Fields, Historian, "Appomattox: The Days Before the Surrender"

Apr 11---Eric Wittenberg, Attorney, Historian & Author, "Brandy Station"

May 9---Bud Robertson, Historian & Author, "The Four-Legged Soldiers"

Jun 13---Scott Mingus, Scientist, Historian & Author, "Extra Billy Smith"

Jul 18---George Rable, Historian & Author, "Fredericksburg"

Aug 8---Greg Biggs, Historian, "The Question was one of supplies: The logistics of Sherman's Atlanta Campaign"

Sept 12---Dave Mowery, Historian & Author, "Morgan's Great Raid: Taking the War to the North"

Oct 10---Eric Jacobson, H & A, "For Cause and Country: Spring Hill and Franklin"

Nov 14---Ed Bearss, Chief Historian Emeritus/Author, TBD

Dec 12---Jim Ogden, Historian Chickamauga/Chattanooga NMP, TBD

WELCOME BACK TO OUR FRIEND, ED BEARSS

Edwin C. Bearss is the Chief Historian Emeritus of the National Park Service and the Director's Special Assistant for Military Sites.

A 40 year veteran of the National Park Service and its former Chief Historian from 1981 to 1994, Ed is the winner of numerous history and preservation awards including the T. Harry Williams Award, the Bruce Catton Award, the Alvin Calman Award, the Bell I. Wiley Award, the Harry S. Truman Award for Meritorious Service in the Field of Civil War History, and an award that now bears his name, the Civil War Preservation Trust Edwin C. Bearss Lifetime Achievement Award.



Author of 20 books and countless articles on the Civil War, long-time co-editor of Gettysburg Magazine, and legendary battlefield guide, Ed was recently nominated for the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal “in recognition of his contributions to preservation of American Civil War history and [his] continued efforts to bring our nation's history alive for new generations through his interpretive storytelling.”



**FORT DICKERSON LIVING HISTORY WEEKEND PICTORIAL
PHOTOS COURTESY JERRY K. PATTERSON**



Abe Lincoln (Tom Wright) briefing 5th Grade Students at Ft Dickerson Living History Weekend (28 Oct 2016).



General Lee (Jim Young) prepares to give Civil War briefing at Fort Dickerson Living History Weekend



The crowd watching ceremony after Mock battle. Steve Lundberg leads Union and Confederate Soldiers in a Tribute to Veterans



Conny Ottway leading her students in a Civil War Music Concert.



Union surgeon Bill Walker with help from Perry Hill amputating the arm of Union Soldier Zachary Williams-Ed Archer is narrating the Procedure to the crowd.



The crowd watching a battle between Union and Confederate troops

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