



HARPERS FERRY

CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

PO BOX 389, HARPERS FERRY, WV 25425

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DATE: Wednesday, April 12th, 2006

TIME: Dinner 7:00 PM; Program 8:00

PLACE: Camp Hill Methodist Church, Harpers Ferry, WV

SPEAKER: Dr. Charles P. Poland Jr.

SUBJECT: THE GLORIES OF WAR: SMALL BATTLES
AND EARLY HEROES OF 1861

The Subject

Dr. Poland's talk will be based on his recently published book by the same title. He will speak on the Union's four invasion corridors into Virginia with the emphasis on Gen. Jacob D. Cox's invasion from Ohio into the Kanawha Valley. The latter would bring about fighting at Scary Creek, Cross Lanes, Carnifex Ferry, Sewell Mountain and Cotton Hill. The feud between Henry Wise and John Floyd made Cox's task easier and would taint Robert E. Lee's early reputation.

The Speaker

Dr. Charles P. Poland Jr. is Professor of History at Northern Virginia Community College and the founder and Director of the NVCC Civil War Museum. He is a native of Loudoun County, Virginia and the author of four books, including two recently published

titles, *From Frontier to Suburbia: Loudoun County Virginia, One of America's Fastest Growing Counties* and *The Glories of War: Small Battles and Early Heroes of 1861*.

Currently he is working on a book on John Brown and American terrorism and how the Harpers Ferry Raid led to the mobilization for war. In addition to teaching at NVCC, Dr. Poland has taught at George Mason University and graduate courses at the University of Virginia Extension Center in Northern Virginia. A specialist in the American Civil War, he has taught numerous courses on the subject including conducting thirty years of Civil War field trip courses throughout the eastern theater of the war, traveling more than 50,000 miles.

THE MEAL

A family-style meal will be served at 7:00 PM prior to the program. The cost of the meal is \$10.00 per person. Reservations for the meal **must be phoned in no later than Saturday, April 8th**, to Allison Alsdorf, at 304-535-2101 or you can e-mail her at alsdorf@adelphia.net

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July 21, 1861, [sic] will always be remembered fondly in the annals of Confederate history. It was the first significant battlefield victory for a Rebel army, and the first major opportunity to repulse the Yankee invader from Southern soil. It was a day that legends were born, particularly that one of "Stonewall" Jackson. But even victory has its price, especially for those who find themselves caught in the crossfire. Less than a few hundred yards from where the Stonewall legend was being created, the life of the Henry family was being destroyed. Federal shot and shell at the First Battle of Manassas obliterated the Henrys' home, devastated their property and, worst of all, claimed the life of their matriarch, Judith Carter Henry. Mrs. Henry was bedridden at the time of the battle. Attempts to move her to a safer location failed, and she was in the house with her daughter and a servant when Federal gunners, who later claimed they were firing on the house because it was being used by Confederate sharpshooters, opened on it. Mrs. Henry, who would die later that day, sustained multiple injuries, including having one of her feet partially blown off. The destruction of the house continued during the following months as Federal soldiers tore it apart for firewood and souvenirs.

Mrs. Henry's son would return to Henry House Hill and rebuild in the 1870s. The Henry House is still a Manassas landmark, and is currently being converted into a discovery center for children to learn about the momentous battles that took place there in 1861 and 1862. (Excerpted from Civil War Times, March/April 2006)

The Montgomery County Civil War Round Table Presents Dr. James I. Robertson, Jr. Thursday, May 4, 2006 Holiday Inn, Gaithersburg

The Montgomery County Civil War Round Table will hold its annual banquet with an appearance by Dr. James I. Robertson, Jr. at our annual banquet to be held Thursday, May 4 at the Holiday Inn in

Gaithersburg, Maryland. As Executive Director of the Civil War Centennial Commission, Dr. Robertson was instrumental in forming the policies that were implemented in the nation's commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Civil War. His topic will cover the work of the Commission from his appointment by the late President Kennedy through the four years of commemoration and work to honor the men and women who had lived and died in the 1861-1865 era. You will meet the political movers and shakers of the day, as well as the historians who molded the policies and procedures for the nation's 100th remembrance of our Civil War.

A cash bar will be available at 6:00 PM

There will be a Silent Auction all evening

There will be a book sale and signing for Bud's latest book – *Robert E. Lee: Virginian Soldier, American Citizen* as well as other Robertson tomes

Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM

Dinner will be London broil and strawberry cheesecake for dessert

(If you would like a vegetable plate or fruit plate, please specify that below)

Special events, awards, book raffle and speaker start at **8:00 PM**

Dinner Fee: \$25.00 per person, or to hear the speaker only, \$5.00 per person

WHETHER YOU ARE COMING FOR DINNER OR TO HEAR THE SPEAKER ONLY, YOU MUST HAVE A PRE-PAID RESERVATION.

Make the check out to MCCWRT and mail with the form below to:

Vicki Heilig
11843 Summer Oak Drive
Germantown, MD 20874
Phone: 301-972-3496

The deadline for paid reservations is Monday, May 1, 2006

Your name _____	Guests' Names (w/tag names)
Your nametag name (if different) _____	_____
Your address _____	_____
Your phone number _____	_____
Number of guests _____	_____
Check Amount (\$25 per person for dinner or \$5 per person for the speaker only) _____	
Do any of your guests prefer a vegetable or fruit plate? Please designate choice by guest's name.	