



THE GENERALSHIP OF ROBERT E. LEE

- A Seminar and Tour sponsored by the ROBERT E. LEE FELLOWSHIP of the CWEA
July 13-15, 2017 - based in Fredericksburg, Virginia
with Robert K. Krick, Juanita Gibson, Jay Jorgensen, Richard M. McMurry
Stephen Lee Ritchie and James I. "Bud" Robertson

ROBERT E. LEE - no general in American history has attracted so much attention and adoration. Dwight D. Eisenhower described him as a man "unsullied as I read the pages of our history." Winston Churchill said Lee was "one of the noblest Americans who ever lived, and one of the greatest captains known to the annals of war."

On **Thursday evening, July 13**, at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House, at our 3rd annual presentation of the **Robert E. Lee Fellowship**, we will convene to address the topic of **The Generalship of Robert E. Lee**. After welcoming remarks, Fellowship president Jay Jorgensen will offer a presentation on *The Making of a Confederate General*.

On Friday, the Master himself – **Robert K. "Bob" Krick**, the leading authority on Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, will lead our tour on *Lee at Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville*. We will depart at 8:30 AM, aboard a **luxury air-conditioned coach** and travel short distances to sites on the Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville battlefields. This will **not** be a typical walking tour with its usual tactical/operational mix, and not arduous in any way. Bob will take us to the obvious sites that come to mind when we think of Lee at Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, but also to others such as **Hazel Grove**, not for the climactic artillery duel, but for Lee's famous exchange with **Justus Scheibert** about postwar education - and the **Episcopal Church** downtown that Lee visited repeatedly during the war, and again in 1869 as the representative of Rockbridge County Episcopalians, at a church convention (during which he stayed right across the street). Any of you who have ever been on a tour designed and led by Bob Krick will know that to refer to him as "The Master" is fully warranted. His commentary is always insightful, revealing and delivered in magnificently artful language. And Bob's tours always run on time!

We will arrive back at our hotel at 4:30 PM and then gather later for **dinner followed by a talk on *Lee's Staff: Inadequate or Indispensable*** by **James I. "Bud" Robertson**, the dean of American Civil War historians.

On **Saturday morning**, we'll hear talks by **Richard M. McMurry** on *Jeff Davis, R. E. Lee and Joe Johnston: The Making of Confederate Strategy*, **Stephen Lee Ritchie** on *Promotion by Attrition: Uncertainty at Gettysburg*, and **Juanita Gibson** on *It Takes a Lady to Make a Gentleman: The Woman Who Made Robert E. Lee*.

After lunch, we'll board our bus and head to **Lee's birthplace - Stratford Hall** - where we'll take a tour of The Great Hall. Then we'll drive the short distance to Oak Grove to the home of **Bud and Betty Robertson** on the banks of the Potomac River. In 2015, during our Lee Fellowship gathering, the Robertsons hosted us at a

reception in their home, which proved to be the most memorable part of a 3 day unforgettable adventure. **And they have invited us back!** We'll be able to stroll about the house, and see Bud's study and get an idea of how he does his historical research and keeps his files. And judging on the 2015 reception, we'll not want for delicious snacks and goodies to nibble on, and a full bar from which to partake. Bud and Betty are a very generous and engaging couple – and it will be a special treat to enjoy their home and hospitality again. We will arrive back at our Fredericksburg hotel at 5:00 PM.

We hope you'll join us for another exciting and informative gathering of the **ROB**

FACULTY

Robert K. Krick, the leading authority on the Army of Northern Virginia, is the author of many books including *Conquering the Valley: Stonewall Jackson at Port Republic*, *The Smoothbore Volley That Doomed the Confederacy: The Death of Stonewall Jackson and Other Chapters on The Army of Northern Virginia* and *Civil War Weather in Virginia*

Juanita Gibson, a native of North Carolina, resides in Harrisonburg, Virginia, and is the president of the Shenandoah Valley Civil War Round Table. She is a life- long student of the Civil War and a frequent speaker and living history presenter on the topic of Civil War era women.

Jay Jorgensen, the founder of the Robert E. Lee Civil War Round Table of Central New Jersey, is the author of many articles on the Civil War and several books including *Gettysburg's Bloody Wheatfield*.

Richard M. McMurry is the author of many books including *John Bell Hood and the War for Southern Independence*, *Two Great Rebel Armies: An Essay in Confederate Military History*, and *Virginia Military Institute Alumni in the Civil War, In Bello Praesidium*.

Stephen Lee Ritchie, the co-founder and co-director of the Shenandoah Valley Civil War Institute, is a veteran tour leader of Eastern Theater Civil War tours. .

James I. "Bud" Robertson, one of America's most celebrated historians, is the author of many books including *Robert E. Lee: Virginian Soldier, American Citizen* and *Stonewall Jackson: The Man, the Soldier, the Legend*.

We will be based at the [Fredericksburg Hospitality House Hotel & Conference Center](#), 2801 Plank Road (Route 3), Fredericksburg, VA 22401 where we have reserved a block of rooms for our attendees at the special nightly rate of **\$99.00 Single or Double Occupancy**. This rate **includes up to two breakfast tickets per room per night**. To reserve a room under our block call **540-786-8321** and identify yourself as a registrant for the Civil War Education Association (CWEA) program.

The Generalship of Robert E. Lee: A Seminar & Tour

Thursday, July 13

7:30 PM – 7:45 PM

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Welcome and Overview - at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House

The Making of a Confederate General - **Jay Jorgensen**

Friday, July 14

8:30 AM

4:30 PM

6:30 PM

7:30 PM - 8:15 PM

Bus Departs from hotel and Begin Tour

Arrive back at hotel

Group Dinner at hotel

Lee's Staff: Inadequate or Indispensable - **James I. "Bud" Robertson**

Saturday, July 15

8:15 AM – 9:15 AM

9:30 AM-10:30 AM

10:45 AM-11:45 AM

– **Juanita Gibson**

12:00 N - 1:00 PM

1:00 PM

1:45 PM

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

5:00 PM

Jeff Davis, R. E. Lee and Joe Johnston: The Making of Confederate Strategy

- **Richard M. McMurry**

Promotion by Attrition: Uncertainty at Gettysburg - **Stephen Lee Ritchie**

It Takes a Lady to Make a Gentleman: The Woman Who Made Robert E. Lee

Lunch at Hotel

Depart for Stratford Hall

Tour Great Hall

Visit & Reception at the Robertson home.

Arrive Back at hotel

What is Included in Your Registration:

- the services of expert historians chosen for their knowledge and experience
- deluxe transportation
- Friday & Saturday lunches
- Friday dinner
- Saturday afternoon reception at Robertson home

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