

Greetings and salutations,

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE--DECEMBER 2017

Our November meeting was just two days before Thanksgiving, but 15 loyal members were in attendance, and we had one visitor, who found us through our website. Our speaker was our own Linda Clarke, who told us the fascinating story of the H.L. Hunley, the first submarine to sink a warship in battle. We learned a lot about the building of the predecessors to the Hunley, as well as the Hunley, itself. We also learned about its sinking of the Housatonic, in 1864, and the efforts that were made to discover, recover, and restore the Hunley.

We still have some openings in this year's speakers' schedule, and could use your help in filling them with enlightening and entertaining speakers. If you know of someone who you can recommend to be a speaker, please contact John Beckendorf, or Frank Mitchell.

We never stop collecting dues, so if you have not paid your dues, be sure to bring cash, or a check made payable to Linda Clarke, for \$25 (individual), or \$30 (couple), to the next meeting, which will be on Tuesday, December the 19th, at 7:00 PM. I know this is close to Christmas, but our December meeting always is. So, take an evening off from shopping, gift wrapping, and partying, to hear our own Dr. Dave Schrader, whose topic will be, "Meet The Fire-Eaters." Please see the attached flier for more details.

Upcoming Events

--"A Civil War Christmas," Saturday - Sunday, Dec. 2-3, 2017. 11:00 am-4:00 pm The 17th Annual Holiday Celebration. An event that should not be missed and one that has become a holiday tradition for thousands! The Banning Museum and the Drum Barracks Museum sponsor free horse-drawn carriage rides between the two sites, which are each decorated for true holiday delight. Admission to both museums, and the carriage rides, are all free.

Note: Visit our website (lacwrt.org) to see our new homepage. Also, look at our Speakers Schedule, under the "Our Programs" tab, to see our fantastic line-up of upcoming programs.

I can promise you that you will not find a more enlightening, or entertaining, way to end 2017, than by hearing Dr. Dave give one of his wonderful talks. Be merry, and bring a friend on December 19th. If you cannot attend, I hope you, and yours, have a joyous and safe holiday season.