

My Fellow Roundtable Members: Happy New Year! Our next meeting is on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 7 pm at La Navona, 154 North Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio 43230. This meeting will be our annual debate/discussion among our own members. The topic is going to be "The Changing Historical Perspective on George McClellan." Please come to the meeting ready to listen to some of the recent reappraisal's of Little Mac's generalship and to argue whether these perspectives have any validity. Mike Peters will be making a presentation on the history of scholarship on McClellan, and then Tim Maurice will discuss his personal experience on his attitude toward McClellan and the effect of recent scholarship on his views. I will moderate the discussion but also give some insight into why I feel that many of the histories written from 1940 to 2010 treated McClellan incorrectly.

Tom Ayers and I are experiencing some technical difficulties in communicating his Secretary's report of the November meeting. I have decided to send out the meeting notice and we will try to get Tom's report to you at a later date.

Here is our Treasurer's Report from Dave Delisio:

Treasurer's Report for December 2018

Beginning checking account balance 12/1/2018 = \$1638.93

December receipts = \$35.00 from Ed Chapdelaine from aluminum can sales

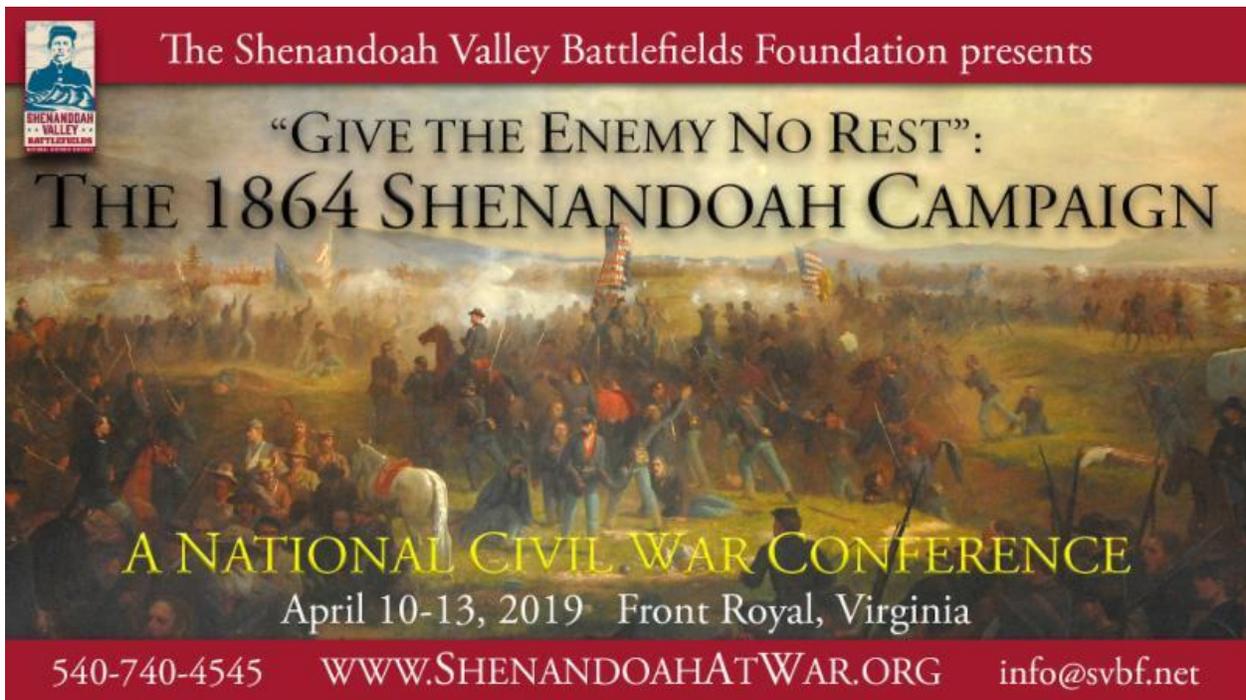
December expenses = \$0

Ending checking account balance 12/31/2018 = \$1673.93

January will mark the beginning of our new Civil War Roundtable year, so that means that Dave and I will begin collecting dues again. As I have said before, your officers intend to keep dues low as long as we get full participation in the book raffle. We have NOT been getting full participation in the book raffle for several months. I know that many of you probably are saying "Well, I don't need any more books" or "I don't want any of the books offered" but I would say that you are missing the point. The Raffle is designed to have members provide the Roundtable with an alternate funding source. If the members donate \$50/month, I will match that amount, and the Roundtable will raise \$1,100 during the year. This amount will pay for approximately four out-of-town speakers per year. If we do not get full participation in the Raffle, your officers are going to be forced to raise dues (and you will lose out on my matching dollars). Therefore, I am asking everyone to buy at least one raffle ticket each meeting.

Speaking on a new Roundtable year, please let me know if anyone is interested as serving as an officer. I would love to get a newsletter editor, and a tour coordinator. In addition, if anyone wants to serve as Treasurer or Secretary, please let me know (as I am sure Dave or Tom would welcome the break). Of course, if anyone wants to be President, please let me know and I will graciously yield the gavel. Mike Peters pointed out that I had failed to include him on this list of officers, and I told him that I did so intentionally because I consider him irreplaceable. However, if anyone would like to take over the task of finding speakers for the Roundtable, please let me know.

Here is some news from our friends at the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District:



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