

Mary Turk-Meena – “The Leadership of Major General George Gordon Meade”

Famously, George Meade is ordered to take command of the Union Army of the Potomac on June 28, 1863, three days before the Battle of Gettysburg. He takes over an Army on a long losing streak. In those three days of preparation and during the three days of battle George Meade turns this spectacularly unsuccessful organization into a winner. Not known as a charismatic leader, how is this turnaround achieved? What does George Meade do to inspire his troops? Is he just lucky? Or is he the beneficiary of a poor performance by the Army of Northern Virginia? This program explores the man, George Meade, and his actions in late June and early July 1863 to try to answer these questions.



About our Speaker:

Mary is a retired attorney and has been a Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg National Military Park since 2016. She practiced law for 35 years focusing on employer-sponsored employee benefit plans – retirement, health care and executive compensation – largely for Fortune 100 companies headquartered in the United States, Europe and Asia. Mary was recognized by colleagues and clients in the publication *Best Lawyers in America*.

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During the winter, Mary returns to her home in Charlotte, NC or travels with her perpetually on-the-road-opera-conductor husband. Mary has two adult daughters; one lives in London and the second daughter in Charlotte.