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Architect of American Imperialism to be Described

Author Jack McCallum to discuss Leonard Wood: Rough Rider, Surgeon and Creator of Foreign Policy

Atlanta, Ga.- General Leonard Wood is a fascinating but little-remembered figure in modern American history. Wood was a close friend of Theodore Roosevelt and one of a small group of men who helped to transform the United States into a world power.

On Friday, January 20th at 7:30 pm, author Jack McCallum will tell the story of General Wood and sign copies of his book "*Leonard Wood: Rough Rider, Surgeon, Architect of American Imperialism.*"

**JACK MCCALLUM
AUTHOR LECTURE & BOOK-SIGNING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 20TH
7:30 P.M.**

There are striking parallels between author McCallum and General Wood. McCallum attended Georgia Tech, where General Wood started the university's football program and both men did their internship at Boston City hospital. McCallum spent 28 years as a neurosurgeon before retiring to become a historian and author.

In his book, McCallum describes Wood's extraordinary life as a Boston surgeon, Indian fighter, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, Medal of Honor recipient, commander of the Rough Riders, Governor General of the Philippines and presidential candidate. McCallum believes the life and times of Leonard Wood have much to teach us today. "We can learn some of the things Wood did right in re-organizing Cuba that we haven't done in Iraq, as well as some things he did wrong as he imposed his vision on the world," McCallum says.

The lecture and book-signing is open to the public at no charge. For more information, visit www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov.