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October 2023

Announcing Our 575th Meeting

"The Dangerous Mrs. Greenhow: A First-Person Portrayal"

Will be Presented by Emily Lapisardi

DATE: **Sunday**, October 8

Location: Big Spring Country Club

COCKTAILS: 6:00 P.M.

DINNER (\$35.00): 7:00 P.M.

PROGRAM: 8:00 P.M.

Meet our Speaker Emily Lapisardi

Emily Lapisardi is the editor of *Rose Greenhow's My Imprisonment: An Annotated Edition*, which debuted as the highest-ranking new release in Amazon.com's "U. S. Civil War Women's History" category in the spring of 2021. She has presented first-person portrayals of historical figures in fourteen states and the District of Columbia.



Emily is currently Director of Musical Activities for the Catholic Chapel of the United States Military Academy (West Point, NY), where she directs the West Point Catholic Chapel Choir for services at the Academy and touring appearances including the nationally televised funeral liturgies of medal of honor recipient Chaplain Emil Kapaun.

She has portrayed Civil War spy and diplomat Rose Greenhow at a range of venues including the International Spy Museum, Manassas Museum System, Manassas National Battlefield Park, the Lomas Center (Gettysburg, PA), Petersburg National

Battlefield Park, the Surratt Society's annual dinner, book launch events with author Ann Blackman for her 2005 biography *Wild Rose: Civil War Spy*, and for numerous historical societies, reenactments, and round tables. Other recent speaking engagements include the Cape Fear Civil War Round Table, American Civil War Museum at Appomattox, Dan Sickles Civil War Round Table, C. S. S. Neuse Interpretive Center, National Civil War Museum (Harrisburg, PA), Seward House Museum, the Company of Military Historians General Meeting, the 1860s Civilian Celebration (Capon Springs, WV), the Society for Women and the Civil War's 2022 conference, and the Civil War Lecture series at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall. She also serves on the board of the Society for Women and the Civil War. Emily holds a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance from West Virginia University (where she was named a WVU Foundation Outstanding Senior and received the university's nomination

for the Rhodes and Marshall Scholarships), a Masters degree in Sacred Music from Duquesne University, and a certificate in Catholic Liturgy from the University of Notre Dame's STEP program. As a musicologist, she received the Communal Studies Association's research fellowship for her work on the hymnody of American communal societies.

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"The Dangerous Mrs. Greenhow: A First-Person Portrayal"

First-person interpreter Emily Lapisardi will portray Confederate spy and diplomat Rose Greenhow in a portrayal drawn from primary sources including Greenhow's memoirs and correspondence, bringing her vividly and realistically to life through her own words. A native of Maryland, Rose Greenhow was a prominent antebellum society hostess in Washington, D. C.; she counted politicians such as James Buchanan, John C. Calhoun, William H. Seward, and Jefferson Davis. In 1861, Greenhow developed a network of Confederate agents which provided intelligence to General P. G. T. Beauregard. She and her spy ring were credited by Jefferson Davis with ensuring the southern victory at the First Battle of Bull Run/Manassas. Arrested by Allan Pinkerton on August 23, 1861, she and her youngest daughter were imprisoned in their home and the Old Capitol Prison for more than nine months before being released to the south in June 1862. Although Mrs. Greenhow had proclaimed vehemently that she desired a public trial, this request was never granted because of concerns that she would reveal her high-ranking sources. The Confederate government dispatched Rose Greenhow on a diplomatic/propaganda mission to Europe in the summer of 1863, where she published her memoirs and was granted a private audience with Napoleon III.

Books! Books! Books!

We will have copies of Emily Lapisardi's book *Rose Greenhow's My Imprisonment: An Annotated Edition* for sale at the meeting!

Please Note the Price of the Buffet is now \$35!
This is a Sunday Meeting!

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!

If you do not make a reservation, you may not get fed!

The Roundtable must give Big Spring an accurate count of reservations no later than the Wednesday before a Saturday Meeting, or the Thursday before a Sunday Meeting. Reservations can be made by emailing Bryan Winslow at bryanw@macconstruction.com or by calling Doug Krawczyk at 502-592-6864.

PLEASE NOTE: If you do not receive a return email from Bryan Winslow confirming your reservation, ***YOU DO NOT HAVE A RESERVATION! You must call Doug to make your reservation.***

When making a reservation for more than yourself, please list the names of everyone for which you are making a reservation. If you are calling Doug, and get his voicemail, please spell your name so he can properly identify the reservation.

If you wish to join us for just the program, you must still make a reservation so we can assure you have space and a seat. If you are attending just the program, you can call Doug anytime up to 4:00PM the day of the Meeting.

Reminder for Table Reservations: Tables for parties of eight (8) can be reserved. When making a Table Reservation, please list the names of everyone in your party. That will ensure everyone in your party will be at the same table and enable us to manage our meeting space in a more efficient manner.

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Online Options Are Here!

Reservations, Payments, and Membership Renewals

Members of the Round Table now have new options for making dinner reservations, Bourbon & BBQ reservations, field trip reservations, and membership renewals. To use these new options, first go to our website, <https://louisvillecwrt.yolasite.com> by clicking on this link or by googling "Louisville Civil War Round Table" which will bring up a link to our website.

1. To make dinner reservations and pay for your meal, on the home page of the website, click on "**Meetings**" on the left-hand side of the page and then scroll down to the current meeting. Click on "**Dinner and Program Reservations**" and enter the required fields to make your reservation and pay with a credit card. You will receive a confirmation email. You can still make your reservations by calling Doug Krawczyk or emailing Bryan Winslow.
2. To make your reservations and your payment for the Bourbon & BBQ on October 15, on the home page under "**Bourbon & BBQ**", click on the appropriate option, Patron member, Single, Basic Family Member, or Non-Member and follow the instructions. You will receive a confirmation email. You can still make reservations by emailing Doug Krawczyk or signing up at the October meeting.
3. To make membership renewals. On the home page under "**Membership**", then click on the appropriate level of membership and follow the instructions. Again, you can still pay your membership renewals by mail or by paying at the meetings.
4. **Coming Soon!** You will be able to make reservations for the Spring field trip to the Wilderness and Spotsylvania, click on the "**Field Trip**" option and follow the instructions. You can also sign up for the field trip at the meetings.
5. You will now have the capability to pay for your meals at the meetings with a **credit card**. Of course, you will still be able to pay with a check or cash at the meetings as before.

Please note that you can still make reservations and payments as you have always done before using emails, phone calls, checks and cash. We are implementing these new options to give you another way and hopefully an easier way to do these things.

We want to thank our Webmaster, Brian Taylor and our Treasurer Patrick Wilbourn for working hard to make this a reality. Please be aware that there will be enhancements and tweaks to make the new options more streamlined in the future. We will keep you apprised of any changes.

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2023 - 2024 Schedule

Sunday October 8	Emily Lapisardi	"The Dangerous Mrs. Greenhow: A First-Person Portrayal"
Saturday November 4	Richard McMurray	"The Historian and the General: Researching and Writing About Ole Joe Johnston"
Saturday December 9	Stuart Sanders	"Anatomy of a Duel: Secession, Civil War, and the Evolution of Kentucky Violence"
Sunday January 14	Kent Masterson Brown	"Thoughts on Robert E. Lee"
Saturday February 10	Brad Gottfried	"The Wilderness and Spotsylvania"
Saturday March 9	Jim Hessler	"Pickett's Charge"
Saturday April 13	Tim Smith	"TBA"
Saturday May 11	Scott Hartwig	"Antietam"

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April 17-21, 2024, Field Trip to the Wilderness and Spotsylvania Battle of Giants: Lee vs Grant with Gordon Rhea

We are going to Virginia to cover the beginning of the Overland Campaign, the battles of the Wilderness and Spotsylvania. The dates are April 17-21, 2024. Our guide will be renowned Civil War historian and author Gordon



Rhea. He has written seven award-winning books about the American Civil War, including *The Battle of the Wilderness*, *The Battles at Spotsylvania Court House* and *the Road to Yellow Tavern*, *To the North Anna River*, *Cold Harbor*, *On To Petersburg*, *Carrying the Flag*, and *In the Footsteps of Grant and Lee*. He has conducted numerous tours of these battlefields and has been involved in their preservation. These two battles which occurred over May 5 - May 12, 1864 marked the beginning of the titanic confrontation of the war's two greatest generals, Robert E. Lee and U.S. Grant and would to a large extent determine the outcome of the Civil War. When the Army of the Potomac numbering some 120,000 men crossed the Rapidan River on May 4 and entered the tangled undergrowth of the Wilderness, Robert E. Lee responded by

having his 55,000 Army of Northern Virginia break camp and march directly towards Grant's army. What followed was some of the war's most savage and dramatic fighting resulting in enormous casualties on each side. We will walk this hallowed ground and cover in detail what unfolded. You can sign up now by emailing John Davis at johnd.davis@twc.com or you can sign up at the meetings beginning in September.

LOUISVILLE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

11th ANNUAL BOURBON & BBQ FUND RAISER

A Taste of the Civil War:

Dr. William Forrester

&

Old Forester Bourbon

Location:

Farmington
3033 Bardstown Rd.
Louisville, Ky.



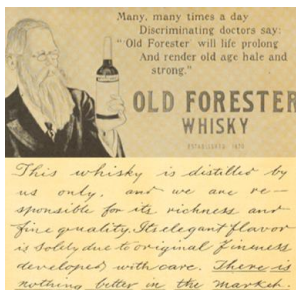
Date:

Sunday
Oct. 15th 2023
Time: 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm



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Chris Morris



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on LCWRT Website

It is Time for Membership Renewals

Please send your renewal check made out to LCWRT directly to Louisville Civil War Round Table, 9462 Brownsboro Road - #142, Louisville, Ky., 40241.

Option One: Regular Membership	\$50	Basic membership.
Option Two: Family Membership	\$60	A spouse or family member living at the same address can also join +\$5 for each additional family member.
Option Three: Patron Membership	\$75+	Membership with tax-deductible gift to LCWRT.
Option Four: Student Membership	\$10	Student membership.

SEPTEMBER 2023 QUIZ:

1. Where was Fort Darling?
This Confederate fort was located at Drewry's Bluff near Richmond, Virginia.
2. What was the name of General Ulysses S. Grant's horse?
Its name was Cincinnati.
3. Who wrote the original order of Confederate General Robert E. Lee's Farewell Address?
Lieutenant Colonel Charles Marshall of Lee's staff wrote it.
4. Who first commanded the Union's Irish Brigade?
That was General Thomas F. Meagher.
5. What family owned the farmhouse that General George Meade used as his headquarters at Gettysburg?
It was owned by the Leister family.

OCTOBER 2023 QUIZ:

1. What was a "red badge of courage"?
2. What was Union General George McClellan's opinion of President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation?
3. How many secretaries of state did Confederate President Jefferson Davis have?
4. What was Union General U.S. Grant's first Civil War command?
5. What proclamation did President Andrew Johnson issue concerning President Jefferson Davis?

(The Quiz is prepared by Harriette Weatherbee)

Attest:

**John Davis
Adjutant**

By Order of:

**Julie Bartlett
President**