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April 2021

Announcing Our 555th Meeting

"Grant vs Lee: The First Petersburg Offensive"

Will be Presented by A. Wilson Greene

DATE: Saturday, April 10

PROGRAM: 7:00 P.M.

Location: Your Home

Meet our Speaker A. Wilson Greene

We welcome back our friend Will Greene to the April meeting. Will recently completed a 44-year career in public history as a park historian, battlefield preservationist, and museum director. Greene holds degrees in history from Florida State University and Louisiana State University, where he did his graduate work under the legendary T. Harry Williams. He worked for the National Park Service for sixteen years, was the first executive director of the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites (now the Civil War Trust) and is the founding executive director of Pamplin Historical Park and the National Museum of the Civil War Soldier.



He is the author of six books and more than 20 published articles on Civil War history. Greene's latest publication is *A Campaign of Giants: The Petersburg Campaign from the Crossing of the James to the Battle of the Crater*. This book has won numerous awards including the 2019 Distinguished Book Award in American History from the Society for Military History, the Daniel M. & Marilyn W. Laney Book Prize, Austin Civil War Roundtable; the 2019 Richard Barksdale Harwell Award, Atlanta Civil War Round Table; and the Emerging Civil War Book Award for 2019. This

is the first of a projected three-volume study of the Petersburg Campaign from the University of North Carolina Press. Will is now working on Volume 2 and this is his comment on how that is going, "I've been grinding away on research and organization to start writing volume 2 and will be in a position to do so later this year. The amount of material is almost overwhelming. I have about 6,000 5 x 8 cards for Volume 2 thus far and another 5,000 and counting for Volume 3. But I can see light at the end of the research tunnel!". Greene lives in Walden, Tennessee with his wife, Maggie, and his cat, Ozzie Guillen. Will was our guide on the Petersburg field trip we took in 1998, the Shenandoah 1864 field trip we took in 2013 and on the 2019 field trip of Jackson's 1862 Shenandoah campaign.

"We Have Done all that is Possible and Must be Resigned: The First Petersburg Offensive":

In the spring of 1864 the new Union general-in-chief, Ulysses S. Grant, conducted a grueling campaign that took the Army of the Potomac from the Wilderness, through Spotsylvania Court House, the North Anna River, and finally Cold Harbor, just ten miles from the Confederate capital at Richmond. Stymied there by geography and Robert E. Lee's stubborn Army of Northern Virginia, Grant undertook a highly risky movement to leave Lee's front and cross the mighty James River to target Petersburg, the capital's supply and logistics center. This bold maneuver succeeded brilliantly and by June 15 Grant's overwhelming forces were bearing down on Petersburg's outmanned defenses, commanded by General P.G.T. Beauregard. By all odds, Petersburg should have fallen that day, but it did not. Nor did the Federal attacks the next three days succeed in capturing the Cockade City. Will Greene's talk, based on his most recent book, *A Campaign of Giants*, explores Grant's remarkable shift to the James and the four bloody days of combat that followed, and in the process evaluates not only the prowess of the fighting men in blue and gray, but the generalship of Lee, Grant, Beauregard, and army commander George G. Meade.

The April Meeting Will Be a Zoom Meeting

Due to the continuing Covid-19 pandemic, the April meeting will be a Zoom meeting. Big Spring Country Club, our meeting place, has informed us that they will be closed in April and we are going to hold this meeting as a Zoom meeting on the scheduled date as planned. The ongoing situation that continues to develop and continues to change with the virus will dictate how soon we can meet in person.

How Does Zoom Work?

This is basically how Zoom would work for a meeting. First, you will need to download the Zoom app to your computer, tablet, or cellphone. You can do this by going to zoom.us and clicking on "Resources" and "Download Zoom Client for Meetings". You will receive an email before the meeting with a link that you will click on and that will take you directly into the meeting. You will not need to enter a passcode or password as the link will take you directly into the meeting. We encourage you to log in ahead of the start time so that you will be ready when the meeting starts. At 7:00 you will see our President, Dave Hoffmann, who will host the meeting, introduce the speaker and then you will be able to see and hear the speaker give his talk. You can ask questions during the talk using the chat function and the speaker will answer at the end of the meeting. The meeting will last about one hour and of course you can drink your favorite beverages and munch on snacks while you watch, and you do not have to dress "up"!

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To connect to our Zoom Webinar activities, we need a current and active email for you. We have email addresses for most of our members. For the ones we do not have email addresses for, you will receive a request in your mailed newsletter to email me. I will need to have your email address before April 9 when the link to the meeting will be sent. You can send me your email at johnd.davis@twc.com. As a reminder, we do not share your email address with any outside group. If you receive the newsletter by email, you obviously do not need to send your email address to me unless you have a new email address.

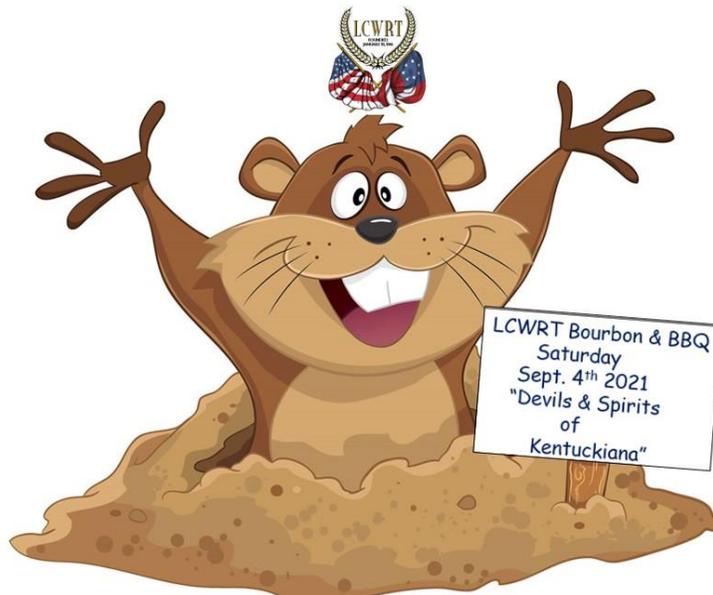
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The 9th Annual Bourbon and BBQ Will Return September 4th!!!

The Bourbon and BBQ is tentatively scheduled to be held on September 4th. The cost to attend has not yet been established and there are a few details we are working on. Stay tuned for more details.

We're BACK!!!!



DEVILS

Location:
2200 1/2 Utica Pike
Jeffersonville, Ind. 47130

Time:
3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Cost:
Member: \$TBD*
Non-Member: \$TBD*
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****Payment guarantees seating**
*After **** meeting:*
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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH 2021

SPIRITS

Presentations:
"CHASING A CIVIL WAR SERIAL KILLER"



A. James Fuller, PhD
University of Indianapolis
INDIANA DISTILLED WHISKIES



Michael Veach
Kentucky Bourbon Hall of Fame Historian

Field Trip to Gettysburg Rescheduled for 2022

We have rescheduled the field trip to Gettysburg for next year! We will be going to Gettysburg April 27 - May 1, 2022! Mark your calendars now! Our guide will be James Hessler.



James is a Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg National Military Park. His 2009 book, *Sickles at Gettysburg*, was awarded the R.E. Lee Civil War Round Table's Bachelder Coddington Award and the Gettysburg Civil War Round Table's Distinguished Book Award as the most outstanding work on the Gettysburg Campaign. Another of his books is *Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg*, which was co-authored with Wayne Motts and released in 2015. His most recent book, *Gettysburg's Peach Orchard*, was co-authored with Britt Isenberg and released in 2019. Jim has been a guest on NPR, Travel Channel, PCN-TV, Breitbart News, and Civil War Radio. He is a popular author and speaker at Civil War Round Tables and has taught courses for the Gettysburg Foundation and Harrisburg (PA) Area Community College. He lives in Gettysburg with his wife and children.

2021 Schedule

Saturday April 10	Will Greene	"We Have Done All That is Possible and Must Be Resigned: The First Offensive At Petersburg"
Saturday May 8	Thomas Flagel	"War, Memory and the 1913 Gettysburg Reunion"
Saturday September 11	Keith Bohannon	"TBA"
Saturday October 9	William C. Davis	"TBA"
Saturday November 6	David Dixon	"TBA"
Saturday December 4	Wayne Mott	"TBA"

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Otis Fox Would Like to Hear from You!

If someone in the Round Table has an interest in the Orphan Brigade or has served in the Kentucky National Guard, please contact Otis Fox by email or phone. His email address is otislois@twc.com and his phone number is 502 682-6143. Otis Fox is a Round Table member who is a retired Colonel U.S. Army who has a special interest in the Orphan Brigade.

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MARCH 2021 QUIZ:

1. Who was the last Civil War veteran to serve as President of the United States?
That was William McKinley who enlisted in the Union Army at the outbreak of the war and eventually earned the rank of brevet major of volunteers.
2. Actually five United States Presidents served in the Civil War. What did they all have in common besides this service?
All five were born in Ohio.
3. What was the first significant Union victory of the Civil War?
The Battle of Mill Springs, also known as the Battle of Logan's Cross Roads or the Battle of Fishing Creek, was fought on January 19, 1862. This Union victory reinvigorated Northern morale and paved the way for the effort to keep Kentucky in the Union.
4. Who was second-in-command of Confederate forces at the Battle of Shiloh?
General P.G.T. Beauregard was second-in-command.
5. What was the Swamp Angel?
It was a mammoth Union Parrott cannon positioned on Morris Island, South Carolina and used to bombard Charleston in August 1863.

APRIL 2021 QUIZ:

1. Who was the Confederate general and former brother-in-law that Union General George Meade run into at Appomattox Court House?
2. Who served as U.S. Army Quartermaster General during the Civil War?
3. What was the first state capital to be captured by Union forces during the Civil War?
4. On the day President Lincoln was assassinated, what time did the fatal shooting take place?
5. Who was the first full admiral in American history?

The Quiz is prepared by Harriette Weatherbee

Attest:
John Davis
Adjutant

By Order of:
Dave Hoffmann
President