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April 2019

Announcing Our 537th Meeting

"The Battle Never Fought: The Mine Run Campaign"

Will be Presented by Chris Mackowski

DATE: Saturday, April 13

Location: Big Spring Country Club

COCKTAILS: 6:00 P.M.

DINNER (\$28.00): 7:00 P.M.

PROGRAM: 8:00 P.M.

Meet Our Speaker - Chris Mackowski

Chris Mackowski, Ph.D., is the editor-in-chief of Emerging Civil War and managing editor of [the Emerging Civil War Series](#). He is a professor of journalism and mass communication at St. Bonaventure University in Allegany, NY, and historian-in-residence at [Stevenson Ridge](#), a historic property on the Spotsylvania battlefield in central Virginia. He has also worked as a historian for the National Park Service at Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park, where he gives tours at four major Civil War battlefields (Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Wilderness, and Spotsylvania), as well as at the building where Stonewall Jackson died. Chris has authored or co-authored a dozen books on the Civil War, and his articles have appeared in all the major Civil War magazines. Among the books Chris has authored or co-authored are "The Last Days of Stonewall Jackson: The Mortal Wounding of the Confederacy's Greatest Icon-and the Birth of Its Greatest Legend", "Fight Like the Devil: The First Day at Gettysburg July 1, 1863", and "That Furious Struggle: Chancellorsville and the High Tide of the Confederacy, May 1-5, 1863".



He was a 2014 finalist for the Army Historical Foundations' Distinguished Book Award for "Chancellorsville's Forgotten Front: The Battles of Second Fredericksburg and Salem Church". Chris has had six of his plays produced and he serves on the national advisory board for the [Civil War Chaplains Museum](#) in Lynchburg, Virginia. His latest book is 'The Battle Never Fought: The Mine Run Campaign'.

"The Battle Never Fought: The Mine Run Campaign"

The stakes for George Gordon Meade could not have been higher. After his stunning victory at Gettysburg in July of 1863, the Union commander spent the following months trying to bring the Army of Northern Virginia to battle once more and finish the job. The Confederate army, robbed of much of its offensive strength, nevertheless parried Meade's moves time after time. Although the armies remained in constant contact during those long months of cavalry clashes, quick maneuvers, and sudden skirmishes, Lee continued to frustrate Meade's efforts. Meanwhile, in Washington, D.C., Meade's political enemies launched an all-out assault against his reputation and generalship. Even the very credibility of his victory at Gettysburg came under assault. Pressure mounted for the army commander to score a decisive victory and prove himself once more. Smaller victories, like those at Bristoe Station and Rappahannock Station, did little to quell the growing clamor—particularly because out west, in Chattanooga, another Union general, Ulysses S. Grant, was once again reversing Federal misfortunes. Meade needed a comparable victory in the east. And so, on Thanksgiving Day, 1863, the Army of the Potomac rumbled into motion once more, intent on trying again to bring about the great battle that would end the war.

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Books! Books! Books!

Our speaker, Chris Mackowski, will have copies of his books available at the meeting for sale.

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Reservations

RESERVATIONS: Please Note!!! If you email Bryan Winslow and **do not** receive a confirmation, you need to call Doug Krawczyk (502-425-0325) and make your reservation. Not receiving a confirmation via email means you do not have a reservation and this is a problem for Big Spring as they need an accurate count of our reservations so they can prepare enough fried chicken for us!

RESERVATIONS: Call Doug Krawczyk (502-425-0325) to place your reservations. If you are making reservations for more than just yourself, please give the names of the others. If you leave your reservation on his answering machine, please spell out your name so he can correctly identify you. You can also make your reservation by e-mail by sending it to **bryanw@macconstruction.com**. If you do not receive a confirmation from Bryan, please call Doug and make your reservation. Please call or email **no later than Wednesday, April 10**, by noon. If you wish to join us just for the program, please call and make a reservation so that we can provide you with a chair. If you are only coming for the program, you can call Doug anytime up to 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.

Reminder for Table Reservations: We can reserve tables for parties of **eight** only, and we need you to provide us with the names of all the people in your party when you make the reservation. This will enable us to manage our meeting space in a more efficient manner. Thank you.

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2019 Spring Field Trip: Jackson's Valley Campaign of 1862 We Still Have Room for You!

We still have room for a few more who would like to join us! This year's field trip will be to the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia where we will study the famous 1862 Valley Campaign of Stonewall Jackson. The dates for the trip are April 24-28, 2019 and our guide will be Will Greene. Will is one of the best guides we have ever had, and we are looking forward to having him interpret Stonewall Jackson's epic valley campaign of 1862. We will be headquartered in Harrisonburg from which we will traverse up and down the Valley visiting all the major sites of the campaign. We have a few spots still open and if you would like to join us, you can email John Davis at johnd.davis@twc.com and let him know and send your check of \$380 (\$200 of which is non-refundable) made out to LCWRT directly to Louisville Civil War Round Table, 9462 Brownsboro Road - #142, Louisville, Ky., 40241. You can also signup at the meetings.

2019 Spring Field Trip: Final Fees Are Due!

If you are on going on the Valley Campaign field trip, The final fee amount of \$180 is now due and must be paid by the April 13 meeting. Please send your check of \$180 made out to LCWRT directly to Louisville Civil War Round Table, 9462 Brownsboro Road - #142, Louisville, Ky., 40241.

Jackson's Valley Campaign of 1862 Suggested Reading

A good place to start is Robert Tanner's "**Stonewall in the Valley**" (revised edition) which is a detailed study of the entire campaign. As the title implies, it is written from the Southern army's point of view, but it is a very objective work. Thoroughly researched and well written, if you can read only one book on the Valley Campaign, you can't go wrong with this one.

Gary Ecelbarger has written two books on the 1862 Shenandoah campaign. The first "**We Are in For It!: The First Battle of Kernstown**" is a thorough analysis and study of Stonewall Jackson's first independent battle and his only defeat. Exhaustively researched and accompanied by great maps this is the definitive study of this battle and we will visit it on our trip.

Peter Cozzens's "**Shenandoah 1862**" presents the campaign from both the Northern and Southern point of view and is also a comprehensive study of the entire valley campaign. Cozzens offers new interpretations of the campaign and the reasons for Stonewall Jackson's success.

We Need Your Field Trip Pictures!!

If you have pictures of field trips past that might be useful in our picture quiz, please send those to Bryan Winslow at bryanw@macconstruction.com. They need to have **people** in them not just landscapes.

Work Day for Bourbon and BBQ - Free Ribs!!

This is not a misprint! If you come to Art Boerner's house (2200 $\frac{1}{2}$ Utica Pike, Jeffersonville, IN 47130) on Saturday, April 20 at 9:00 and help clear driftwood, you will be treated to a lunch of BBQ ribs prepared by the master of BBQ himself, Art Boerner! Also, some delicious sides too! This is hard work but well worth the reward. Wear work clothes and bring your work gloves. Depending on how many volunteers we get, this job will take between 3 and 4 hours. We need to know if you plan on coming. Email John Davis at johnd.davis@twc.com or call him at 502-759-1152 if you want to help. If you have a **chainsaw**, please bring it!

8TH ANNUAL BOURBON & BBQ

22 JUNE 2019

ALL IN THE "TAYLOR" FAMILY

4:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

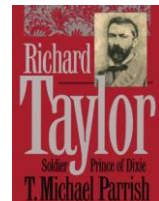
HISTORICAL PRESENTATION

LT. GEN. RICHARD TAYLOR, CSA

Michael Parrish, PhD



LT. GEN. RICHARD SCOTT TAYLOR, CSA
1826-1879



The Linden G. Bowers Professor of American History, Baylor University

BOURBON TASTING PRESENTATION

E.H. TAYLOR

Michael Veach



COL. EDMUND HAYNES TAYLOR, JR.
1830-1923



Kentucky Bourbon Hall of Fame Historian

BBQ RIBS & PULLED PORK SLOW COOKED BY CHEFS

ART BOERNER & MARC OCA

PLUS!

FIXIN'S, SAUCES, SIDES & DESSERTS

EARLY BIRD MEMBER PRICE:

\$75 per Person thru 5/11/2019 (*non-refundable*)

Non Members \$80.00 (*non-refundable*)



LIMITED SEATING
TO 50 TICKETS

Reservations Required

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Mary Elmore, Long Time Member Passes Away



Longtime member of the Round Table, Mary Elmore passed away on March 10 in Columbia, Missouri at the home of her son Stuart Elmore. Mary was the wife of Round Table Life Member Fletcher "Ace" Elmore. Both were members since 1975 and made major contributions to the life of our organization.

Mary was born Oct. 27, 1924 in Ashland, Ky, the daughter of H.H. and Rilda Wright Wheeler. She grew up in a household predominated by women in Redbush, KY, headed by her grandmother Lydia Skaggs Wright with her mother, aunts America Wright Holbrook and Lexie Wright, uncle Orville Wright and sister Olive Ruth. Mary and her sister were raised as virtual twins and both were graduates of Centre College in Danville, KY. She married Fletcher "Ace" Elmore Jr. in June 1948 who preceded her in death in 2009.

Her beloved sister, Ollie, passed away in 2018. Mary and Ace had four sons who survive: F. Leigh Elmore III (Lorraine) of Kansas City, MO, Stuart H. Elmore (Barbara) of Columbia, MO, Jeffrey P. Elmore of Decatur, AL and William H. Elmore of Louisville. She leaves two grandsons, Andrew L. Elmore of Denver, CO and Patrick H. Elmore of Columbia, MO. She also leaves four half-siblings: Charles Wheeler (Marilyn) of Fairfax Va., William Wheeler (Deanie), David Wheeler (Dottie) and Betty Simpson (Jack), all of Lexington. Mary and Ace were residents of Louisville from 1975 to 2017 and active members of Christ Church United Methodist and its Pathfinders Class. A remembrance service Was held at Christ Church, 4614 Brownsboro Rd. March 30.

The Round Table wishes to express our deepest sympathies to Mary's family and friends. Mary and Ace will always hold a special place in our hearts and memories.

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2018 - 2019 Schedule

Saturday April 13	Chris Mackowski	"The Battle Never Fought: The Mine Run Campaign"
Saturday May 11	Greg Biggs	"How Johnny Got His Gun: Confederate Supply System"
Friday September 13	Brian Wills	"Inglorious Passages"
Friday October 11	Eric Wittenberg	"TBA"

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May 4-5, Mansfield, Ohio Civil War Show

The 42nd annual Ohio Civil War Show and Artillery Show will be held at the Richland County Fairgrounds, Mansfield, Ohio May 4 & 5. \$7 admission gets you into Living history demos, cannon firing, music, memorabilia, and books, lots of books! There will be 7 buildings filled with all things Civil War. Visit the website at www.ohiocivilwarshow.com.

MARCH 2019 QUIZ:

1. What event caused the Confederate government to cease to exist?
Although President Jefferson Davis had dissolved the Confederate government on May 5, 1865 in Washington, Georgia when he met with what was left of his cabinet, the government officially ceased to exist with his capture on May 10, 1865.
2. Whose granddaughter unfurled the First Confederate flag at Montgomery, Alabama on March 4, 1861?
That task went to former President John Tyler's granddaughter, Letita Tyler, on March 4, 1861.
3. What Union regiment was attacked by a Baltimore, Maryland mob while on their way to Washington, D.C.?
This regiment was the 6th Massachusetts Regiment, also known as the 6th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Militia. This happened on April 19, 1861, and resulted in 4 soldiers being killed and 36 wounded. 12 civilians were also killed.
4. How many VMI cadets participated in the Battle of New Market?
The battle took place on May 15, 1864, with 257 (or 258 depending on which source is used) cadets participating, with 10 killed and 45 wounded.
5. After whom is Howard University in Washington, D.C. named?
It was named for former Union General Oliver Otis Howard, and was established on March 2, 1876. Howard was Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau and one of its founders. He later served as President of the University from 1869-1874.

APRIL 2019 QUIZ:

1. Who were the five Civil War veterans later elected President of the United States?
2. On what date did Richmond, Virginia fall to Union troops?
3. Who was the first Confederate officer killed in the Civil War?
4. Why did Union General Oliver O. Howard supposedly say to Union General Philip Kearny, "We can buy our gloves together"?
5. Where was Fort Darling?

(The Quiz is prepared by Harriette Weatherbee)

Attest:

**John Davis
Adjutant**

By Order of:

**Bryan Winslow
President**