Announcing Our 501st Meeting

“Morgan’s Great Raid: Taking the War to the North”

Will be Presented by David Mowery

DATE: Saturday, April 11
Location: Big Spring Country Club

COCKTAILS: 6:00 P.M.  DINNER ($25.00): 7:00 P.M.  PROGRAM: 8:00 P.M.

Meet Our Speaker David Mowery

David L. Mowery, a native resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, and a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, has lived at various points along the path of Morgan’s Raid for most of his life. The American Civil War piqued his interest at an early age. Since childhood, he has researched and visited over 600 American-history-related battlefields across 50 states and eight countries. In 2001 David joined the all-volunteer Ohio Civil War Trail Commission as its Hamilton County representative, but over the years his role expanded to include the final design and historical validation of the entire length of the John Hunt Morgan Heritage Trail of Ohio. With Lora Cahill, he co-authored Morgan’s Raid Across Ohio: The Civil War Guidebook of the John Hunt Morgan Heritage Trail (Columbus: Ohio Historical Society, 2013), which is now available on Lulu.com. All proceeds from the guidebook go to the Ohio Historical Society for the maintenance of the John Hunt Morgan Heritage Trail in Ohio. David has also authored the book titled Morgan’s Great Raid: The Remarkable Expedition from Kentucky to Ohio (Charleston, SC: History Press, 2013), which hit the shelves in February 2013. Both books evolved over a decade of research. David’s thesis titled “A Study of John Hunt Morgan’s Ohio Raid Route from Reedsville to Creola, Ohio, July 19-22, 1863” (Columbus: Ohio Historical Society, 2011) was the first comprehensive study of Morgan’s whereabouts during the three controversial days following the Battle of Buffington Island. Since 1995 David has been a member of the Cincinnati Civil War Round Table, for which he has written various papers on Civil War subjects. He also serves as Vice President of the Buffington Island Battlefield Preservation Foundation, the grass-roots organization working to preserve Ohio’s only Civil War battlefield.

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Morgan's Great Raid: Taking the War to the North

By June of 1863, the tide of the Civil War in the Western Theater had already begun to turn against the Confederacy. If East Tennessee fell to Union General Ambrose Burnside's reformed Army of the Ohio, General Braxton Bragg's Army of Tennessee, the largest Confederate army defending the vital Middle Tennessee region, would be pressured by Grant from the west, Rosecrans from the north, and Burnside from the east. The result might be catastrophic - the loss of all of Tennessee, including the city of Chattanooga, one the Confederacy's most important military bases. Until Bragg could defeat Rosecrans, something had to be done to delay Burnside's assured movement against Cumberland Gap. Bragg decided to divert Burnside's attention through the use of a cavalry raid into Kentucky. The man Bragg chose for this dangerous undertaking was Brig. Gen. John Hunt Morgan, a daring and colorful Kentuckian whose previous raids had been successful in delaying the flow of supplies and reinforcements to Rosecrans and halting the Union Army of the Cumberland in its tracks.

John Hunt Morgan's famed 2,500-man cavalry division started north from Alexandria, Tennessee, on June 11, 1863, in what would be one of America's most remarkable cavalry operations. Though Bragg had ordered Morgan to stay within the confines of Kentucky, Morgan harbored a different plan. Morgan believed that in order to truly divert the Army of the Ohio away from East Tennessee, he needed to do the unfathomable - invade the Northern states. David Mowery will discuss the Great Raid (or Indiana-Ohio Raid) that would take Morgan and his men through 960 miles of enemy territory in Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio. The resulting mission would be ranked among the top eighteen greatest land-based raids in world history since 1587 -- not for its outcome, but for its execution.

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. Please call or email no later than Wednesday, April 8, 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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Books! Books! Books!

Our speaker will have copies of his book, Morgan's Great Raid, available for purchase at the meeting. The price is $18.

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Sheet Music to be Auctioned!

These three pieces of rare and original sheet music will be available for you to bid on at our next meeting. Silent bidding started in November and continues till May. The starting bids are $25 for the three pieces. Final bids will be taken at 8 PM at the May meeting. ‘Who'll save the left’ was written in honor of the 19th Illinois at the battle of Stones River.
Bourbon and BBQ Will Return June 13!

Once again the Louisville Civil War Round Table will hold a Bourbon and BBQ fund raiser event. This year’s event will be held at Art Boerner’s lovely home on the Ohio River on Saturday, June 13 beginning at 4:00. Sign-up sheets will be available at the next meeting. Spaces are limited! Special guests include Bourbon historian Michael Veach and Whiskey Professor Bernie Lubbers, Heaven Hill distillery’s whiskey ambassador. Bernie will give us a Bluegrass music history of bourbon! This year we will feature bonded bourbons in our tasting. We will have our usual great food featuring BBQ ribs, brisket and pulled pork with sides, desserts, sauces etc. Cost is $50 per person for members of the Round Table and for non-members the cost will be $60. After May 9, the cost will be $60 for everyone. Don’t delay, sign up as soon as possible and pay your fee. This is the only way to guarantee your reservation. The last three BBQ and Bourbon events sold out and we had to turn people away so act now! Send your check made out to the LCWRT to Doug Kremer, 11024 Indian Legends Dr., Apt 203, Louisville, Ky. 40241.

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We Need a 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!

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Future Schedule

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Antietam Field Trip  
We Have Room For Two More!

We have 2 seats still available for our spring field trip to ANTIETAM! We will leave on Wednesday, April 15 and return on Sunday the 19th. The cost of the field trip is $390 (taking the bus or driving). If you would like to go or have any questions, please contact Bryan Winslow at 502-548-3974 or Doug Kremer 502-240-2438. You can mail your payment to Doug Kremer, 11024 Indian Legends Dr., Apt. 203, Louisville, Ky. 40241-3455.

Winners of the March Door Prizes

Congratulations to our door prize winners at the March meeting.

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LCWRT Logo Apparel Returns!

We will have LCWRT logo apparel at the next meeting that you can order. We will have caps, shirts, jackets and a tote bag all with our unique logo on them. These are of high quality and if you order at the April meeting, you will receive your order at the May meeting. All orders are final and you must pay for the items when you order. Holly Evans will be taking your orders and payments at the April meeting.

April Quiz:

1. What was the purpose of the Bureau for the Relief of Freedmen and Refugees?

2. What was the last major Confederate city to fall to Federal troops?

3. In 1860 which state had the highest percentage of slaves?

4. The Medal of Honor was authorized during the Civil War. Who were its first recipients?

5. What were the measurements of the mine that resulted in the Petersburg Crater?
March Quiz Answers:

1. Which battles are considered to represent some of the largest and costliest cavalry actions of the Civil War?

   When taken together, they are the Battles of Aldie, Middleburg, and Upperville in Virginia on June 1863. There were about 1,500 combined casualties.

2. What member of Confederate General Jeb Stuart’s staff was severely wounded at the Battle of Middleburg?

   Major Heros von Borcke was shot in the throat. Despite the seriousness of his wound, he survived and returned to his native Prussia. This was his last American Civil War battle.

3. What was the largest all-cavalry battle of the Civil War?

   It was the Battle of Trevilian Station fought on June 11 and 12, 1864. The casualty rate was 60% higher than at Brandy Station, and according to the Civil War Trust, Brandy Station had some infantry troops.

4. To what does historian Eric Wittenberg refer to as "Custer’s First Last Stand"?

   At one point during the Battle of Trevilian Station Union Brigadier General George Armstrong Custer and his Michigan troopers found themselves completely surrounded, and it was only through hard fighting and luck that they were able to survive.

5. Who were the opposing commanders at the Battle of Trevilian Station?

   They were Union General Phil Sheridan and Confederate Major General Wade Hampton.

(The Quiz is prepared by Harriette Weatherbee)

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Attest:

John Davis
Adjutant