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April 9, 2016

Announcing Our 510th Meeting

"Wild Wolf: The Great Civil War Rivalry"

Will be Presented by Ronald Wolford Blair

DATE: Saturday, April 9

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 - Ronald Wolford Blair

Ronald Wolford Blair is the great-great nephew of Colonel Frank Wolford. He spent his childhood in Norwood, Ohio, has strong ties to Kentucky and is proud to be a Kentucky Colonel. He lived much of his life with his family in the Cincinnati uptown community, Clifton Gas Light District, and is a graduate of Xavier University of Cincinnati. Ronald has authored stories for several publications such as the Cincinnati Enquirer and the Lexington Herald. He was a contributing author of the book, *Kentucky's Civil War: 1861-1865*, which won a Governor's Award, as well as the book, *Kentucky Rising*, written by his friends, Dr. James A. Ramage and Dr. Andrea Watkins. Ronald's book is the very first biography of Col. Frank Wolford and has been a lifetime work in the making, and reveals United States history never told in its entirety.

Ronald is an avid fly fisherman and is a member of the Bluegrass Chapter of Trout Unlimited, which promotes clean water and streams. A member of the Civil War Trust for the preservation of Civil War Battlefields, he is also a member of several Civil War roundtable organizations, the Kentucky Historical Society, Friends of Henry Clay, and a member of the Morgan's Men Association and other organizations. He has lectured on the subject of Wolford and the Civil War in various cities and states, and has discussed the controversial subject with a panel of top constitutional attorneys on the nationally broadcasted Diane Rehm show. Ronald and Kathleen currently reside in the bluegrass horse country of Lexington, Kentucky

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Wild Wolf: The Great Civil War Rivalry

Colonel Frank Wolford was the commander of the First Kentucky Union Cavalry. Frank Wolford fought in over 300 battles and skirmishes and was wounded seven times and had eight horses shot from under him during the war. Wolford chased his nemesis, Confederate raider John Hunt Morgan over 1,000 miles on horseback for 24 days during Morgan's great raid into Indiana and Ohio in the summer of 1863. But it was Wolford's disagreements with the Lincoln administration over the enlistment of black soldiers and perceived civil rights violations that nearly swayed Kentucky to join the Confederacy in March of 1864. Wolford was arrested by direct order of President Lincoln and was brought to Washington to meet with him at the Executive Mansion. Ron's talk will explain how Lincoln handled this Kentucky crisis and Frank Wolford's dissent.

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Books, Books, Books!!!

Ronald Blair's biography of Colonel Frank Wolford, *Wild Wolf: The Great Civil War Rivalry*, will be available for purchase at the meeting.

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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 6**, 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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Vicksburg Field Trip - April 13-17!

(Please read this if you are going on the field trip - cost information)

If you are going on the Vicksburg field trip, please pay any remaining balance you may have. The cost of the field trip is \$390 (taking the bus or driving). We will be staying at **Comfort Suites**. There will be a **pre-trip meeting** held on Sunday afternoon April 3, at 2:00 at Big Spring. Future information will be forthcoming regarding dinner selections for Saturday night (included in trip cost), box lunch options for one tour stop (included in trip price), recommended reading from our guide, and a day by day agenda. Our guide will be former Vicksburg park historian **Terry Winschel**. The tour will include the entire Vicksburg campaign. To pay your balance by mail, send your check made out to the LCWRT to **Louisville Civil War Round Table, 11024 Indian Legends Drive - Apt-203, Louisville, Ky., 40241-3455**. Our treasurer would greatly appreciate receiving your check by mail if possible.

Need Pictures for the Field Trip Quiz

Please send any field trip photos you have that would be appropriate for our field trip quiz that we do on the last night of the field trip. The pictures should have people in them to be used in the quiz. You can send them to Bryan Winslow at bryanw@macconstruction.com.

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Save This Date for 2017 Spring Field Trip The Seven Days Battles

We have confirmed next year's field trip to Richmond, Virginia to tour the Seven Days Battles with Bobby Krick the former park historian for the Richmond National Battlefield Park. The dates will be April 19 -23 2017.

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2016 Schedule

Saturday	April 9	Ron Blair	"Frank Wolford: The Great Civil War Rivalry"
Saturday	May 14	Joe Reinhart	"Louisville's German Immigrants in the Civil War"
Saturday	September 10	Dennis Frye	"George B. McClellan: A Re-evaluation"
Saturday	October 8	Ethan Rafuse	"TBA"
Sunday	November 20	Bud Robertson	"The Four Legged Soldiers"

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Request for Updated Membership Information

We are in the process of updating our membership information and we would like for all members to help us with this project. We need your address, phone number(s), and email address for our records. We need this information so that we may insure that you receive your newsletter and also so that we may contact you in case we have inclement weather that may necessitate canceling our meeting and to send you other timely updates. Even if you do not receive the newsletter by email, we would like to have your email address in case we need to update you about our meetings or some other important item of information. You can email this information to our secretary, Harriette Weatherbee, at harriettew@att.net. We will also have forms distributed at the next meeting that you can fill out with this information.

Thanks for your assistance! This will help us serve you better - The Board of Directors LCWRT.

New Patron Members!

We wish to recognize the following new patron members into our fellowship.

Stanley Bruce and Jamie Stamper

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The Fifth Annual Bourbon and BBQ Set for June 11!

Once again the Louisville Civil War Round Table will hold a Bourbon and BBQ fund raiser event. This our fifth event will be held at Art Boerner's lovely home on the Ohio River on Saturday, June 11 beginning at 4:00. Sign-up sheets will be available at the next meeting. Spaces are limited to the first 55! Special guests include Bourbon historian Michael Veach and former food critic of the Courier-Journal Susan Reigler! They have co-authored a book entitled "**Bourbon Tasting Notebook**". This year we will feature several different bourbons in our tasting and we will receive special instructions on how to taste great bourbons. We will have our usual great food featuring BBQ ribs and pulled pork (we promise not to run out this year) 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 14, 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 four 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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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 23 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! 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 4 and 5 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 out. If we get rained out on the 23rd, we will meet on the 30th.

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APRIL 2016 QUIZ:

1. Who were the last known Civil War veterans and when did they die?
2. How long did Mary Lincoln remain in the White House following her husband's assassination?
3. Two officers who fought at the Battle of Perryville were fathers of significant World War II generals. Who were the fathers and sons?

4. Soldiers from how many states were present at the Battle of Perryville?
5. What American tradition was established by the United States government on April 22, 1864?

MARCH 2016 QUIZ ANSWERS:

1. What happened to Confederate General John C. Pemberton after he surrendered Vicksburg to Union forces?

After a brief period as a prisoner of war, he was exchanged. Unable to get a new command, he resigned his commission as lieutenant general and served the remainder of the war as a lieutenant colonel of artillery. He commanded the Richmond Defense Battalion and then was made inspector general of ordnance.

2. Following the Battle of Champion Hill, what did Union General Alvin P. Hovey call the hill?

He called it the "Hill of Death". It was the largest, bloodiest, and the pivotal battle of the Vicksburg Campaign.

3. What were the five "Grant's Bayou Operations" that Union General U. S. Grant initiated in the winter of 1863 in order to approach and capture Vicksburg?

They were Grant's Canal, the Lake Providence Expedition, the Yazoo Pass Expedition, Steele's Bayou Expedition, and Duckport Canal. The Chickasaw Bayou was conducted in December 1862. In his memories Grant claimed these operations were undertaken to keep his troops busy and didn't expect them to succeed.

4. The Union victory at Vicksburg helped the Union in what two ways?

The Mississippi River was under Union control and the Confederacy was divided in half. Also, and perhaps more important, Grant's success boosted his reputation and eventually led to his appointment as General-in-Chief of the Union armies.

5. The word "siege" is often misapplied. Why can Vicksburg be called a true siege?

The Union army and navy totally blocked all entrances to and exits from the city thus preventing troops and supplies from reaching the city and troops from escaping the city.

(The Quiz is prepared by Harriette Weatherbee)

Doris Kearns Goodwin Coming to Farmington July 23

DORIS KEARNS GOODWIN AT FARMINGTON...JULY 23rd. An Evening In the Garden with Doris Kearns Goodwin. This event features a presentation by noted historian, Presidential biographer (TEAM of RIVALS: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln), and Pulitzer Prize winning author on the ties of Lincoln and Farmington. Emceed by Dr. Thomas Mackey of the University of Louisville's Department of History and Kentucky's State Historian, James C. Klotter. A full seated dinner with open bar. \$225 per person. Ticket events at: www.farmingtonhistoricplantation.org. Sponsorship opportunities available (see website). Dick Clements(LCWRT) @ 502-905-9835.

Civil War Seminar to Be Held in Huntsville, Alabama - April, 30th, 2016

The Tennessee Valley CWRT is again putting on a Civil War symposium down in wonderful Huntsville, Alabama - less than five hours from Louisville. The date is Saturday, April 30, 2016. The day long events begin at 9 AM and conclude at 4:30 PM. The seminar will be held at the Marriott's Springhill Suites, 745 Constellation Place Drive SW, Huntsville, Alabama. Speakers include:

- Kent Wright (*Civil War Navies on River and Sea*, Tennessee Valley CWRT)
- Keynote speaker - Steve Woodworth (*Conspiracy to Assassinate President Lincoln* - noted Civil War author and professor of history at Texas Christian University)
- Peggy Allen Townes (*From Slavery, to Soldering, to Self-Sufficiency* - local historian and author)
- John Scales (*Did Forrest Make a Difference?* - retired Brigadier General U.S. Army, historian and author)
- Greg Biggs (*Laying the Blueprint: Sherman's Logistics in the Atlanta Campaign* - historian and author)

The day will conclude with an Interactive Panel Discussion (Q&A-based discussion open to all aspects of the ACW with a panel comprising Kent Wright, Peggy Allen Townes, John Scales, Greg Biggs, David Lady, and Jacque Reeves; and moderated by John Allen)

Registration fee: \$30 for members, \$40 for non-members. (Note that the member price extends to members of neighboring Round Tables - so this is good for members of the Nashville CWRT!). Lunch is on your own with many places nearby. You will need to inquire if this applies to the Louisville Civil War Round Table. Advance registration required. Registration cut-off is April 15, 2016. Please contact Kent Wright for more details at - kdwrt@netzero.co. Go ahead and get your spaces early.

Attest:
John Davis
Adjutant

By Order of:
Holly Evans
President