



Circular Memorandum #516

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April 2020

April and May Meetings, Bourbon & BBQ Canceled Due to Coronavirus Outbreak

Due to the unprecedented health crisis caused by the coronavirus, the Board of Directors has decided it is in the best interest of everyone that the remaining meetings of April and May and the Bourbon & BBQ scheduled for June 13, be canceled. Of course, this follows our cancellation of the March meeting when Keith Bohannon was scheduled to be our speaker.

Michael Parrish has been rescheduled for March of 2022 and William C. Davis has been rescheduled for October of next year so we will get another visit from these great speakers and historians.

A Message from Our President - Marc Oca

We are living through some of the most unique times of our lives. In my opinion, the plans for the 2019-2020 LCWRT started with one of the best programs ever, both in recognized accomplished speakers and subjects covered. We also had planned a first-time ever spring field trip to North Carolina with Wade Sokolosky, a retired colonel in the Army and leading expert in the 1865 Carolinas campaign.

We **also** had planned our 9th annual Bourbon and BBQ fundraiser for June 13, with bourbon tasting by Mike Veach. The evening was also to include a historical presentation from University of Indianapolis professor A. James Fuller titled "Chasing a Civil War Serial Killer". Sadly, as in war, the best battle plans and strategies change after the first shot. With the uncertainty surrounding the international pandemic, and from hearing from **all** the Board of Directors, the Round Table will be suspending all remaining activities for the Spring, 2020.

I want to personally thank each member for their participation and support. I would also like to thank the Board of Directors for their leadership and dedication to the LCWRT.

We will **continue** to update you on future 2020 LCWRT programs and events.

Spring Field Trip to North Carolina Canceled

This year's field trip to North Carolina to study the 1865 Carolinas Campaign had to be canceled due to the coronavirus. All fees that had been paid by the 35 people who had signed up were refunded including the "non-refundable \$200 deposit". At present we are undecided on whether this trip will be rescheduled for some future date.

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Spring Field Trip 2021 - Gettysburg!

Here is some good news, we are scheduled to go to Gettysburg next spring **April 21-25, 2021!** Mark your calendars now and start studying and reading. If you are bored and want something to do, there are only about 10,000 or so books on the battle of Gettysburg to choose from. As Gary Gallagher has said in his first book of essays on the Battle of Gettysburg, "the literature on the Battle of Gettysburg dwarfs that devoted to any other military operation in American history." Our guide will be **James Hessler**, a veteran of 20 plus years of giving tours at Gettysburg as a licensed guide. He recently conducted tours at Gettysburg for the Lincoln Forum and has an impressive resume. We will start taking signups this fall.

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Save 57 Acres at Perryville and Stones River!

There is important news for you. Thanks to the American Battlefield Trust, you have the opportunity to help save significant, crucial acres of hallowed ground at two of the most important battlefields of the entire Civil War, Perryville and Stones River. And in each case, we are building on amazing success we had at both battlefields last year. Significant land was saved at Perryville last year and our Round Table contributed \$6000

We now have the opportunity to build on previous progress with two transactions that have a combined total of \$1,235,000, and as of today, we fully expect to receive \$839,000 of that from federal and state matching grants, leaving us with a need of \$277,500. That means the Trust is able to multiply your generosity by a factor of **\$5.82-to-\$1** to save these two tracts, 51 acres at Perryville and 6 acres at Stones River.

If you could [help with a gift of \\$62 or more](#) - helping to save these two crucial 1862 battlefields - you will receive a free book that is part of the "Command Decisions of the Civil War" series published by the University of Tennessee Press. This book, ***Decisions at Stones River: The Sixteen Critical Decisions That Defined the Battle***, is more than just a history of the battle. Author (and American Battlefield Trust member) Matt Spruill focuses on the critical decisions confronting commanders on both sides of the clash. Complete with maps by Tim Kissel (also a fellow Trust member) and a guided tour, *Decisions at Stones River* will give you key insights into the campaign and a deeper understanding of the Civil War itself. You can claim your copy with a gift of \$62 or more.

You can log on to the American Battlefield Trust website, battlefields.org, and make your donation. Or you can mail your donation of \$62 or more to American Battlefield Trust, P.O. Box 79535, Baltimore, MD 21298-0117 and every \$1 of your donation will be multiplied by \$5.82!

We Are Recruiting a New Webmaster!

First and foremost, we all owe a debt of gratitude to Joe Reinhart who has been our webmaster for as long as we have had a website. He developed it and he has maintained it since its inception. Joe is ready to turn the duties over to a younger member. Joe tells me "that right now no one else knows how to update the pages. I would be glad to train them. It is not difficult and does not take more than 30 minutes a month. I will be in Louisville from May 2020 to mid-October 2020 and can train someone to do the job." We need someone to step forward and take on this important job for the Round Table. Please contact our President, Marc Oca, if you would like to step forward and enlist! Marc's email address is Ocamarc2101@gmail.com. His phone number is 502-744-7888.

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9th Annual Bourbon & BBQ Update

Though we have had to cancel this year's Bourbon and BBQ, there is some good news. Doug Krawczyk has confirmed with James Fuller concerning the cancellation of the 9th Annual LCWRT B&BBQ. "I asked Jim if he would be available next year to give his "Man Devil" presentation with the theme still being "Devils & Spirits of Kentuckiana". Jim replied, "Yes, put me down for next June!". So, though we are announcing the cancellation of this year's event, all is not lost! You will have the opportunity to hear the sordid and salacious tale of the Civil War era serial killer, "Man Devil" along with a shot of "Devil's Cut" next June. Forgiveness will be had with a snort of "Angle's Envy".

Cheers,
Doug

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2020 Schedule

Saturday April 18	Michael Parrish	Canceled
Saturday May 9	William C. Davis	Canceled
Friday September 11	Gary Gallagher	"TBA"
Friday October 9	Wayne Motts	"Trust in God and Fear Nothing: Confederate General Lewis A. Armistead"
Sunday November 17	Gary Ecelbarger	"The Battle of Atlanta, July 22, 1864"
Saturday December 7	Eric Wittenberg	"Stuart's Ride in the Gettysburg Campaign"

Visit Our Blog!

In the coming days when we are stuck at home surfing the internet looking for things to relieve the boredom, remember we have a Blog! Holly Evans, from her home all the way up there in Bar Harbor, Maine, maintains and updates our Blog. Please check it out! You will find a lot of interesting stuff!

<http://louisvillecivilwarroundtable.blogspot.com/>

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MARCH 2020 QUIZ:

1. When did the Battle of the Monitor and the Merrimac/Virginia take place?
It took place on Sunday, March 9, 1862.
2. Who won the above battle?
Neither, it was a draw.
3. Where did Union General Irvin McDowell make his headquarters prior to the First Battle of Bull Run/Manassas?
After Mary Lee vacated her family home, Arlington House, McDowell's troops occupied the property, and it became his headquarters.
4. When did General Robert E. Lee become general-in-chief of the Armies of the Confederacy?
It was on February 6, 1865.
5. Who was the second president to be assassinated?
Former Union general President James A. Garfield was shot on July 2, 1881 and died on September 19, 1881.

APRIL 2020 QUIZ:

1. What was known as Black Easter?
2. Who was probably the head pallbearer at President Lincoln's funeral?
3. In what city was John Wilkes Booth eventually buried?
4. Who invented the minie ball?
5. What facial hair was named after a Union general?

The Quiz is prepared by Harriette Weatherbee.

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Attest:
John Davis
Adjutant

By Order of:
Marc Oca
President