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February 13, 2016

Announcing Our 508th Meeting

## **"The Devil's to Pay: John Buford at Gettysburg"**

**Will be Presented by Eric Wittenberg**

**DATE: Saturday, February 13**

**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 - Eric Wittenberg**

Eric J. Wittenberg was born in the Philadelphia suburbs. He was raised in southeastern Pennsylvania, and made his first trip to the Gettysburg battlefield as a third-grader. By the end of that trip, he was fully hooked on the Civil War. Eric is an alumnus of Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and also has two degrees from the University of Pittsburgh, a master's degree in public and international affairs from Pitt's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs as well his Juris Doctor from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. Eric is a full-time practicing attorney in private practice.

Eric J. Wittenberg is an award-winning Civil War historian. His specialty is cavalry operations, with a particular emphasis on the Army of the Potomac's Cavalry Corps. He is the author of sixteen published books. His first book, *Gettysburg's Forgotten Cavalry Actions*, was named the third winner of the Robert E. Lee Civil War Roundtable of Central New Jersey's Bachelder-Coddington Literary Award as the best new work interpreting the Battle of Gettysburg of 1998. Other works of his have been chosen as main selections by the History and Military Book Clubs, and his work uniformly receives good reviews. He is also the author of more than two dozen published articles on Civil War cavalry operations. His articles have appeared in *Gettysburg Magazine*, *North & South*, *Blue & Gray*, *Hallowed Ground*, *America's Civil War*, and *Civil War Times Illustrated*.

Eric regularly travels the country to lecture on the war, and he is frequently asked to lead Civil War battlefield tours. Battlefield preservation work is very important to him. He sits on the boards of advisors of the Trevilian Station Battlefield Foundation and the Friends of the Alligator, and has regularly worked with the Civil War Preservation Trust in helping to save battlefield land. He is an original member of, as well as past president and program chairman of, the Central Ohio Civil War Roundtable. He is the vice president of the Buffington Island Battlefield Preservation Foundation and serves as one of 18 members of the Governor of Ohio's

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Advisory Commission on the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War. He maintains a popular and well-regarded blog, [Rantings of a Civil War Historian](#), and is the owner and moderator of the popular Civil War Discussion Group Online. A native Philadelphian, he is a long-suffering fan of the Phillies, Eagles, and Flyers, and is also an avid supporter of the Columbus Blue Jackets. Eric, his wife Susan, and their two golden retrievers live in Columbus, Ohio. Eric's talk is titled "The Devil's to Pay": John Buford at Gettysburg. It will focus on the actions of Buford's First Cavalry Division on July 1-2, 1863.

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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](mailto:bryanw@macconstruction.com). Please call or email **no later than Wednesday February 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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### **We Still Have Room For You! - Vicksburg Field Trip** (Please read this if you are going on the field trip - cost information)

We have 6 seats still available for our spring field trip to **Vicksburg!** We will leave on Wednesday, April 13th and return on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the field trip is \$390 (taking the bus or driving). We will be staying at the Country Inn & Suites, room reservations must be made by the individuals. The phone number is 601-636-8788, and the rate is \$94/night plus tax/local fees. This does includes breakfast. There will be a pre-trip meeting held approximately. 2 to 3 weeks prior to the trip at Big Spring on a Sunday afternoon. The date to be set by March newsletter. Future information will be forth coming regarding dinner selections for Saturday night (included in trip cost), box lunch options for on 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. If you would like to go, please contact Bryan Winslow at 502-548-3974 or you may send him an email at [bryanw@macconstruction.com](mailto:bryanw@macconstruction.com), or Doug Kremer 502-240-2438. The balance of \$190 can be paid now if you have paid your deposit, or the entire amount of \$390 can also be paid. To pay your deposit or 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](mailto:bryanw@macconstruction.com).

**We Wish to Recognize and Thank the 2015-2016 Patron Members!**

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Harriette Weatherbee  
Gregory & Jessie Weigel  
Bryan & Cindy Doyle Winslow  
Herb Zimmerman

**Save This Date for Spring 2017 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.

**2016 Schedule**

Saturday	February 13	Eric Wittenberg	"The Devils to Pay: John Buford at Gettysburg"
Saturday	March 12	Tim Smith	"Difficult and Broken Ground: The Terrain Factor at Shiloh"
Saturday	April 9	Ron Blair	"Frank Wolford: The Great Kentucky Rivalry"
Saturday	May 14	Joe Reinhart	"Germans 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](mailto: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.

**Round Table is Looking for a Few Good Books**

We are in need of some quality Civil War books for our door prizes. If you have Civil War books you are looking to find a good home for, well, look no further. All you need do is bring them to one of our meetings and give them to either Lowell Griffin or John Davis.

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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.

### JANUARY 2016 QUIZ:

1. As a result of the Sioux uprising in Minnesota (the Dakota War of 1862), 303 Indians were convicted and sentenced to death. President Lincoln reviewed the trial records and ordered how many executed? How many were actually executed?

*President Lincoln ordered 39 executed, but one was granted a reprieve so 38 were eventually executed on December 26, 1862.*

2. Why was the capture of Fort McCallister in Georgia so important to Union General William T. Sherman?

*Sherman's troops were in great need of supplies after his "March to the Sea". He figured if his troops could capture the fort, which they did on December 13, 1864, the supply ships would be able to reach him and he could prepare for the siege and capture of Savannah.*

3. Who was the commander to order a large-scale bombardment of what town during the Civil War?

*Union General Ambrose Burnside ordered the bombardment against Fredericksburg, Virginia and the Confederate sharpshooters stationed in the town. The sharpshooters were trying to prevent the Union engineers from assembling the pontoon bridges across the Rappahannock River. Nearly every house was damaged.*

4. What was the last battle in which Union Generals Grant and Sherman fought together?

*The two fought together last at the Battle of Missionary Ridge on November 25, 1863. Soon afterwards, Grant dispatched Sherman on the Atlantic Campaign and assumed command as general-in-chief in Virginia.*

- 5. After Union General Nathaniel Lyon was killed at the Battle of Wilson's Creek, who took command of the Federal forces for the rest of the battle?

*Upon Lyon's death, Major Samuel D. Sturgis assumed command and ordered a withdrawal---an order which drew criticism but did not prevent Sturgis from receiving a promotion to brigadier general and then major general. He saw action in both the Eastern and Western areas of the war, eventually losing to Nathan Bedford Forrest at the Battle of Brice's Crossroads. After the war he became colonel and commander of the 7th U.S. Cavalry. He was on detached duty when George Armstrong Custer led parts of the 7th Cavalry, along with one of Sturgis's sons, to their destruction at the Battle of the Little Big Horn.*

**FEBRUARY 2016 QUIZ:**

- 1. Besides the Emancipation Proclamation and the Militia Act of 1862, another important piece of legislation went into effect on January 1, 1863. What was it?
- 2. When did Robert E. Lee become General-in-Chief of the Confederate armies?
- 3. What was the name of the house that Jefferson Davis and his family lived in during the Civil War?
- 4. What Federal official supposedly argued against putting captured Confederate officers on trial for treason and said, "If you bring these leaders to trial it will condemn the North, for by the Constitution secession is not rebellion"?
- 5. What postwar diplomatic post was awarded to Confederate partisan ranger John Singleton Mosby?

**(The Quiz is prepared by Harriette Weatherbee)**

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**Attest:**

**John Davis  
Adjutant**

**By Order of:**

**Holly Evans  
President**