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February 2018

Announcing Our 526th Meeting

## **"The Battle and Legacy of Missionary Ridge"**

**Will be Presented by Christopher L. Kolakowski**

**DATE: Saturday, February 10**

**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 - Christopher L. Kolakowski**

We welcome back former member and President, Chris Kolakowski to our February meeting. Chris was born and raised in Fredericksburg, Va. He received his BA in History and Mass Communications from Emory & Henry College, and his MA in Public History from the State University of New York at Albany.



Chris has spent his career interpreting and preserving American military history with the National Park Service, New York State government, the Rensselaer County (NY) Historical Society, the Civil War Preservation Trust, Kentucky State Parks, and the U.S. Army. He has written and spoken on various aspects of military history from 1775 to the present. He has published two books with the History Press: *The Civil War at Perryville: Battling For the Bluegrass* and *The Stones River and Tullahoma Campaign: This Army Does Not Retreat*. In September 2016, the U.S. Army published his volume on the 1862 Virginia Campaigns as part of its sesquicentennial series on the Civil War. He is a contributor to the Emerging Civil War Blog, and his study of the 1941-42 Philippine Campaign titled *Last Stand on Bataan* was released by McFarland in late February 2016. He is currently working on a book about the 1944 India-Burma Campaigns scheduled for release in 2020.

Chris came to Norfolk having served as Director of the General George Patton Museum and Center of Leadership in Fort Knox, KY from 2009 to 2013. He became the MacArthur Memorial Director on September 16, 2013 where he currently serves.

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### "The Battle and Legacy of Missionary Ridge"

The capture of Missionary Ridge on November 25, 1863 was a turning point in the Civil War, and capped a series of battles that left the Union in undisputed control of the key city of Chattanooga. The actions of an 18-year-old lieutenant in the 24<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin, Arthur MacArthur, at this battle would reverberate far beyond southeastern Tennessee. In some ways, the foundation of the MacArthur military dynasty occurred on the slopes of Missionary Ridge. Other echoes of the battle can be heard even today. The talk will discuss the battle, its impact on the Civil War, and its enduring legacies.

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### Big Spring Renovation Continues; Entrance and Parking is Changed

Big Spring Country Club has begun a renovation that will last for the next several months. They want us to park in the rear of the building and use those doors to enter the building. The front doors will be closed off during the renovation.

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### Reservations

**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 7**, 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 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](mailto:bryanw@macconstruction.com). They need to have **people** in them not just landscapes

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## 2018 Spring Field Trip: Chickamauga and Chattanooga There is Room for You!

There are still seats available for our Spring Field Trip. You will learn a lot being on the actual ground with a great guide and you will also have a great time meeting and socializing with other folks on the trip! We will be going to North Georgia and Chattanooga, Tennessee to tour the battles connected with the 1863 Chickamauga and Chattanooga campaigns April 18 - 22. We are very fortunate to secure the services of Chickamauga Park Historian Jim Ogden who is without doubt the best guide for the battle of Chickamauga having spent his career studying and interpreting this important campaign. Those of you who have been on field trips with Jim in the past know how great a guide he is. We will spend the final day of the tour covering the Chattanooga portion of the campaign and battles that took place there. Our guide will be Dr. Anthony Hodges who is a resident of Chattanooga and is President of the Friends of Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Military Park and is considered an expert on the Civil War sites in Chattanooga. He is a veteran tour guide of these sites. The dates will be **April 18 - 22, 2018**. The sign-up sheet will be available at the next meeting and we are now collecting deposits. You can also email John Davis at [johnd.davis@twc.com](mailto:johnd.davis@twc.com) to make your reservation. You can send your nonrefundable \$200 deposit made out to LCWRT to Louisville Civil War Round Table, 9462 Brownsboro Road-#142, Louisville, KY., 40241. The total cost of the trip will be approximately \$350 excluding your room and some meals. We will have a lot more information about this exciting trip in the coming months.

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### Chickamauga and Chattanooga Reading Suggestions

For those going on the April field trip to study the Chickamauga and Chattanooga campaign and battles and for those just interested in reading about these battles, here is a brief guide to some of the best books on the subject.

The two books that are considered the definitive studies of these two battles for the last 25 years are the books by Peter Cozzens published in 1994. "This Terrible Sound: The Battle of Chickamauga" and "The Shipwreck of Their Hopes: The Battles for Chattanooga" are the products of exhaustive research and are well written entertaining accounts of these important battles. These are not micro-histories but are detailed accounts of the battles and their larger impact on the outcome of the war.

Recently, our Speaker, David Powell, has written 5 volumes on the Chickamauga campaign and battle. The result of that study are the volumes, "The Maps of Chickamauga" (2009), "Failure in the Saddle" (2010), and the three volumes of a Chickamauga trilogy. "The Chickamauga Campaign: A Mad Irregular Battle" was published in 2014, "The Chickamauga Campaign: Glory or the Grave" appeared in 2015; and the final volume, "The Chickamauga Campaign: Barren Victory", was published in 2016. These are the result of several years of research and will be available to our members at the January meeting.

The Civil War in the Heartland series edited by Steven Woodworth has two books of essays that are very good reading on these battles. "The Chickamauga Campaign" published in 2010 and "The Chattanooga Campaign" published in 2012 both contain essays dealing with various aspects of the campaigns and battles written by several authors.

Another highly acclaimed book of essays is "Gateway to the Confederacy: New Perspectives on the Chickamauga and Chattanooga Campaigns of 1862 - 1863" edited by Evan Jones and Wiley Sword. These essays promise a new perspective on the campaigns and reevaluates the way they have been interpreted in past histories.

Glenn Tucker's "Chickamauga: Bloody Battle in the West" is an older book that has stood the test of time. It was the standard work on Chickamauga until Cozzens came along. Thomas Connelly's "Autumn of Glory: the Army of Tennessee 1862 - 1865" contains chapters on these two campaigns. The Time Life series on the Civil War also contains a book on these battles, "The Fight for Chattanooga: Chickamauga to Missionary Ridge". It is not very long and contains several excellent photographs and maps. A good book to take on the field trip.

Also, if you are lucky enough to have them, are the Blue & Gray magazine issues of 2006-2008 that cover these campaigns and battles. There are five in all and each one contains great color maps of the movements of the armies and the battles. William Glenn Robertson wrote the articles and there are some great modern photographs of landmarks and battle sites.

If you are a member of the Civil War Trust, they have sent out to members over the years some very good detailed color maps. Even if you are not a member you can visit their website [civilwar.org](http://civilwar.org) and view these maps.

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### The Seventh Annual Bourbon and BBQ June 23

We are pleased to announce that the seventh annual Bourbon and BBQ will be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup> on the banks of the Ohio River at the lovely home of our President, Art Boerner. Our theme this year is Irish whiskey. Our tasting will be conducted by whiskey expert Chris Zaborowski. Bourbon historian Mike Veach will once again serve as our master of ceremonies. We will once again feature the fabulous BBQ ribs of Art Boerner and the smoked pull pork of Marc Oca along with many side dishes and desserts!



We will taste a bourbon then compare this with various Irish whiskeys. When the Irish arrived in America, they had no idea what bourbon whiskey was so it was a new experience for them. We will learn about the history of Irish whiskey and about the very large Irish whiskey industry and products that are available today.

Chris Zaborowski, is a 30+ year veteran of the beverage alcohol business and currently owner of Westport Whiskey & Wine, in Louisville, KY. He was one of the first recognized instructors by the Society for Wine Educators and more recently certified an Executive Bourbon Steward by the Stave and Thief Society. He has a firm belief that the best way to learn about beverage alcohol is to taste. No matter if it was a wine course or a whiskey class, he always combines a tasting with the presented material.

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## 2017 - 2018 Schedule

Saturday	February 10	Chris Kolakowski	"The Battle and Legacy of Missionary Ridge"
Saturday	March 10	Stuart Sanders	"Confederate General Ben Hardin Helm and Emilie Todd"
Saturday	April 14	Greg Mertz	"Gordon's Flank Attack in the Wilderness: One of Many Lost Opportunities"
Saturday	May 12	John Quarstein	"Battle of the Ironclads"
Friday	September 7	Will Greene	"Jackson's Valley Campaign"
Friday	October 12	Jeffrey Wert	"TBA"
Sunday	November 18	Bud Robertson	"Robert E. Lee and the Pursuit of Peace"

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### Update on the John B. Castleman Monument

Most of you are familiar with the magnificent equestrian monument of John B. Castleman that is in the Cherokee Triangle and some of the controversy that unfolded last year with some misinformed members of our city calling for its removal. It was also vandalized and tax payers had to pay for its restoration and cleaning. Round Table member James M. Prichard has spent a lot of his time researching the actual history of this monument and we are grateful that he has uncovered some interesting facts relevant to this controversy that he wishes to share with you. The following is a summary of his findings.

"An original document at the Filson Historical Society clearly proves that the civic leaders who raised funds for the statue did so to honor Castleman's service as commander of the Louisville Legion State Guard, Kentucky Adjutant General and Brigadier General in the United States Army."

"The Louisville *Courier Journal* has repeatedly published articles stating that Castleman was responsible for segregating the city parks. However, Park Board Minutes as well as articles from the on-line *Courier-Journal* historical database reveal that Castleman actually thwarted repeated attempts to ban African-Americans from the parks. The parks were not segregated until 1924 - six years after Castleman's death."

"The *Courier-Journal* has been provided with this historical evidence but has so far failed to correct these false impressions. As it stands many people continue to sign removal petitions because Castleman "segregated the parks."

"The John B. Castleman monument was dedicated to honor his post-war service to the city, state and nation. I urge Round Table members to contact the Mayor's office and the Public Arts Commission and speak out against removal. I also urge members to contact the editorial staff of the Louisville *Courier-Journal* and request that the "segregation" falsehoods be retracted."

James M. Prichard

**JANUARY 2018 QUIZ:**

1. It's been estimated that the South had some 4 billion dollars invested in slaves. What would that be worth today?

*Today it would probably be worth about \$110 billion.*

2. Three future members of the U.S. Supreme Court fought for the Confederacy. Who were they?

*They were Edward D. White, Jr., Horace H. Lurton, and Lucius Q. C. Lamar.*

3. Four future members of the U.S. Supreme Court fought for the Union. Who were they?

*They were Oliver Wendell Holmes, John M. Harlan, William B. Woods, and Stanley Matthews.*

4. Who was the youngest general officer in the Civil War?

*He was Union Brevet Major General Galusha Pennypacker.*

5. What was unique about the Union's First Regiment, Louisiana Native Guards?

*It was one of the first all-black regiment to fight in the Union Army. This regiment was predated by the Confederate Louisiana militia of the same name and made up of free persons of color. When the Confederacy ordered the unit disbanded, about 10% of the men joined the Union regiment. Later it became the 73rd Regiment Infantry U.S. Colored Troops.*

**FEBRUARY 2018 QUIZ:**

1. How old was Scarlett O'Hara at the beginning of *Gone With the Wind*?
2. What Union general was said to have a policy of allowing "camp followers" into soldiers' bivouacs?
3. Which one of Stonewall Jackson's arms was amputated?
4. What United States military service assaulted and captured John Brown at Harper's Ferry?
5. Who was supposed to have said that the Civil War was "the last great war fought by gentlemen"?

(The Quiz is prepared by Harriette Weatherbee)

**Attest:**

**John Davis  
Adjutant**

**By Order of:**

**Art Boerner  
President**