

Circular Memorandum #514

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February 2020

Announcing Our 549th Meeting

## **"Civil War to World War: The MacArthurs and the Buckners"**

**Will be Presented by Chris Kolakowski**

**DATE: Saturday, February 15**

**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 - Chris Kolakowski**

Christopher L. Kolakowski 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 in late February 2016. He is currently working on a book about

the 1944 India-Burma battles.

On January 6, 2020, Chris became Director of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum, after serving as MacArthur Memorial Director from September 16, 2013, to December 6, 2019. Chris is a past member of our Round Table and a past president. He has also led 3 field trips for our group.

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**Books! Books! Books!**

Chris will have copies of his books *The Civil War at Perryville: Battling For the Bluegrass* and *The Stones River and Tullahoma Campaign: This Army Does Not Retreat* and *Last Stand on Bataan* at the meeting.

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**Reservations**

**RESERVATIONS: Please Note!!!** If you email Bryan Winslow and **do not** receive a confirmation, you need to call Doug Krawczyk (502-425-0325) and make your reservation. Not receiving a confirmation via email means you do not have a reservation, and this is a problem for Big Spring as they need an accurate count of our reservations so they can prepare enough fried chicken for us!

**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). If you do not receive a confirmation from Bryan, please call Doug and make your reservation. Please call or email **no later than Wednesday, February 12**, 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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**Edward Cole Bearss**

Edward Cole Bearss, a frequent visitor to this Round Table and legendary historian turns 97 this June. Unfortunately, Ed's health is starting to fail. Tom Broadfoot of Broadfoot Publishing recently released this information about Ed. "Ed Bearss is a decorated Marine, wounded at Guadalcanal, author of numerous Civil War books, leader of thousands of Civil War battlefield tours, sought after speaker, and former Chief Historian of the National Park Service. If you have interest in the Civil War, then Ed has undoubtedly contributed greatly to that interest. Ed is now 96 and is confined to his apartment. He is quite hard of hearing, so phone calls or visits are not beneficial. He much enjoys and appreciates letters as his caretaker daughter says, 'letters make his day'. So, consider taking a few minutes to write to Ed. Ideas: write about the books he has authored, or recall a tour or speech he gave, thank him for his service as a Marine or Park Historian."

Tom Broadfoot

Letters may be mailed to:  
Ed Bearss  
1126 17<sup>th</sup> Street S.  
Arlington, VA 22202

**We Still Have Room for You!**  
**2020 Spring Field Trip: 1865 Carolinas Campaign**  
**\$200 Non-refundable Deposit is Due!**

There are still a few places left before we have a full roster so if you would like to go with us now is the time to sign-up. This year's field trip will be to North Carolina where we will study the 1865 Carolinas Campaign. This trip is one we have never done before. The dates for the trip are April 1-5, 2020 and our guide will be Wade Sokolosky. Wade is a retired Colonel and a 25-year veteran of the U.S. Army. He is a leading expert on the 1865 Carolinas Campaign and has led many tours of these historic sites. We will be headquartered in Smithfield, N.C. which is about 30 miles south of Raleigh. From our headquarters in Smithfield we will visit all the major battlefield and historic sites of the 1865 campaign including the battlefields of Wise's Forks, Monroe's Crossroads, Avasboro, and Bentonville. We will also visit several other historic sites and museums in the area including a visit to the C.S.S. Neuse at the Ironclad State Historic Site.

1. The cost of the trip will be approximately \$350 - \$375 per person which includes the \$200 non-refundable deposit. This includes the use of the bus to and from North Carolina and the three days we will be touring, the fee for our guide, some meals including the Friday night pizza and the Saturday night wrap up dinner as well as a boxed lunch. This does not include your hotel room.
2. We will be staying at the Country Inn and Suites in Smithfield, N. C. which is about 20 miles south of Raleigh. We are getting a special group rate of \$115 per night.
3. Our bus will leave the Free Enterprise parking lot in Jeffersonville, at 6:00 A.M. on Wednesday, April 1 and we will stop for breakfast and lunch on our way before arriving around 5:00 in the afternoon at our hotel. Free Enterprise has a secure parking lot where you can park your car. We will arrive back Sunday afternoon at approximately 5:00.
4. These field trips are always informative and great fun. We learn Civil War history where it occurred and we have a great time of fellowship and some really good food (an army travels on its stomach!). There is a lot more detailed information about the trip for those that sign-up including a compete itinerary of what we will be doing each day.
5. If you have interest but need more information or have any questions please contact John Davis by emailing him at [johnd.davis@twc.com](mailto:johnd.davis@twc.com) or you can talk to him at the February meeting.
6. **The signup sheet will be at the February meeting.** We are now taking signups and collecting the **\$200 non-refundable deposits**. You can sign-up by emailing John Davis at [johnd.davis@twc.com](mailto:johnd.davis@twc.com) and mailing your \$200 non-refundable deposit check made out to LCWRT directly to Louisville Civil War Round Table, 9462 Brownsboro Road - #142, Louisville, Ky., 40241. You can also signup at the meetings.

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### The \$200 Non-refundable Deposit Explained

To guarantee your reservation for the April 2020 Field Trip, you will need to make a \$200 non-refundable deposit. We expect this trip to be a sellout. Please understand that once you make this payment it is **non-refundable** for any reason after the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you need to cancel after January 18, only the amount of the trip fee above \$200 will be refunded. This policy is necessary because we must make several payments in February and March for the bus, insurance, and other items in advance of the trip. We also need a guaranteed count on the number of people going so we can keep the price of the trip as low as possible.

## 1865 Carolinas Campaign Suggested Reading

Time to start your study for the upcoming field trip. Here is a suggested reading list. All these books are available on Amazon and used versions are available on Abebooks.com

A good place to start is our guide's book "**No Such Army Since the Days of Julius Ceasar**" which is a detailed study of the entire campaign. Gen. William T. Sherman's 1865 Carolinas Campaign receives scant attention from most Civil War historians. Career military officers Mark A. Smith and Wade Sokolosky rectify this oversight with this book a careful and impartial examination of Sherman's army and its many accomplishments. The authors focus on the overlooked run-up to the seminal Battle of Bentonville. They begin on March 11, 1865, with the capture of Fayetteville and the demolition of the arsenal there, before chronicling the two-day Battle of Averasboro in more detail than any other study. At Averasboro, Lt. Gen. William J. Hardee's Confederates conducted a well-planned and brilliantly executed defense-in-depth that held Sherman's juggernaut in check for two days.

Another good book on the campaign is also by our guide and Mark Smith, "**To Prepare for Sherman's Coming: The Battle of Wise' Fork, March 1865**". In March of 1865 Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman was operating with nearly complete freedom in North Carolina on his way north to form a junction with Union forces in Virginia. This book is about how the Confederates stood for four days and successfully halted Union forces at Wise's Forks. This delay provided Johnston with the precious time he needed to concentrate his forces and fight the large and important Battle of Bentonville.

Eric Wittenberg's "**The Battle of Monroe's Crossroads**" is another good read. This book is the definitive account of this crucial and fascinating cavalry battle between Judson Kilpatrick's and Wade Hampton's troopers fought on March 10, 1865. This battle played a key role in the campaign. If all goes as planned, we will get to tour this battlefield on our field trip. It is located on the property of Fort Bragg and access is very limited.

Mark Bradley's "**The Battle of Bentonville: Last Stand in the Carolinas**" presents the campaign from both the Northern and Southern point of view and is also a comprehensive study of the entire campaign. This is a very good study that is well-written.

There is also an issue of the *Blue and Gray* magazine on the battle of Bentonville. As usual with this publication, there are excellent maps and contemporary photographs. Ironically, this was the last publication of the Blue and Gray before they ceased operations. You can purchase this issue by visiting their website at <https://blueandgraymagazine.com/2017/03/23/the-battle-of-bentonville-volume-32-6/>

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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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# THE LOUISVILLE CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

## 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BOURBON & BBQ FUND RAISER

### 13 JUNE 2020

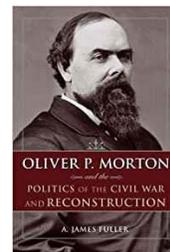
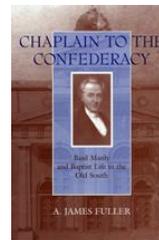
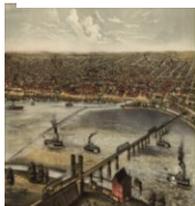
### "DEVILS & SPIRITS OF KENTUCKIANA"

### 3:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

### HISTORICAL PRESENTATION

### "CHASING A CIVIL WAR SERIAL KILLER"

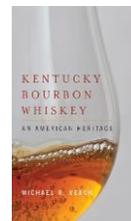
*A. James Fuller, PhD*



*University of Indianapolis*

## HOOSIER WHISKEY TASTING PRESENTATION

*Michael Veach*



*Kentucky Bourbon Hall of Fame Historian*

### BBQ RIBS & PULLED PORK SLOW COOKED BY CHEFS

### *ART BOERNER & MARC OCA*

### PLUS!

### FIXIN'S, SAUCES, SIDES & DESSERTS

### \$60.00 \* Member/\$70.00 \* Non-Member \* *non-refundable*

### COVERS FOOD, HISTORICAL &

### INDIANA WHISKEY TASTING PRESENTATIONS



### LIMITED SEATING\*\*

### Reservations Required\*\*\*

Phone: (502) 425-0325

*\*\*limited to 60 guest seats*

*\*\*\*payment guarantees seating*

*After LCWRT May Meeting*

*\$65.00 Member*

*\$75.00 Non-Member*

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#142,

Louisville, KY. 40241

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**2020 Schedule**

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| Saturday February 15 | Chris Kolakowski | "Civil War to World War: The MacArthurs<br>And the Buckners" |
| Saturday March 14    | Keith Bohannon   | "James Longstreet and John Bell Hood"                        |
| Saturday April 18    | Michael Parrish  | "The Importance of Texas in the Civil War"                   |
| Saturday May 9       | William C. Davis | "Davis and Lincoln as Presidents, A Comparison"              |

**JANUARY 2020 QUIZ:**

1. What was a "red badge of courage"?  
*According to Bud Robertson, it's a battle wound.*
2. In Washington, D.C., what building stands on the site where the commandant of Andersonville was hanged?  
*The U.S. Supreme Court Building was built on that site.*
3. Before battle, what was the usual allotment of ammunition per man?  
*Each man was usually issued sixty (60) rounds.*
4. What was the salary of a Union chaplain?  
*Union chaplains usually received \$100 a month.*
5. What did the soldier do when he "foraged"?  
*That means he stole from nearby farms.*

**FEBRUARY 2020 QUIZ:**

1. What was Confederate General Nathan F. Evan's nickname?
2. What was the name of the play President Lincoln attended the night of his assassination?
3. Who were the three Union commanders who met with President Lincoln at City Point, Virginia, in March 1865?
4. What was Confederate General Robert E. Lee's General Order No. 61?
5. What was the date of President Lincoln's assassination?

The Quiz is prepared by Harriette Weatherbee.

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**Attest:**  
**John Davis**  
**Adjutant**

**By Order of:**  
**Marc Oca**  
**President**