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February 2022

Announcing Our 560th Meeting

**"U.S. Grant and Kentucky"**  
**Will be Presented by Dr. Curt Fields**

**DATE: Saturday, February 12**

**Location: Big Spring Country Club**

**COCKTAILS: 6:00 P.M.**

**DINNER (\$30.00): 7:00 P.M.**

**PROGRAM: 8:00 P.M.**

**Meet Our Speaker - Dr. Curt Fields**

Dr. Fields has portrayed General and President Grant in 22 states as he travels the nation presenting his portrayal of General and President Ulysses S. Grant. As a Living Historian, Dr. Fields portrayed General Grant at the 150th Sesquicentennial observations of: Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Vicksburg, Lee's surrender to Grant at Appomattox Court House, VA. He portrays General Grant in the Visitor Center film that is shown at Appomattox Court House National Historic Park. He was featured as General Grant, and as a Grant authority,



in the Discovery Channel three-part documentary series "How Booze Built America". Dr. Fields portrays General Grant, giving his life story, on the Civil War Trust website in the 1in4 series of biographies and significant places and events the distinguished Civil War Trust has established. Curt is also a frequent contributor to The Civil War News (monthly Civil War newspaper) and was the recipient of the 2015 Grady McWhiney Award of Merit (for significant contributions to the scholarship and preservation of Civil War History. He appeared as General Grant on the National Geographic Television series "Diggers" and was featured as General Grant in the Visitors Center films shown at Appomattox National Historic Park and the Dover Hotel in Fort Donelson National Battlefield. Curt has been featured on four national magazine covers and being the only Living Historian to be featured on two national magazine covers at the same time and for the same event: the Appomattox 150th in 2015 (pictured: "The Banner" and "The Camp Chase Gazette". He has been selected as the official

Grant for the U. S. Grant Boyhood Home Association in Georgetown, Ohio. Dr. Fields portrayed President Grant for the opening and dedication of the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library at Mississippi State University on November 30th, 2017. He portrays President Grant in the film shown at Grant's Tomb in New York City which premiered in December 2021. Dr. Fields served as a Memphis, TN, Police Officer and was an

MPD Hostage negotiator and he received the Life-Saving medal from the City of Memphis for actions in the line of duty. Dr. Fields researches and reads extensively about General Grant to deliver an accurate persona of the General. His presentations are in first person, quoting from General Grant's Memoirs; articles and letters the General wrote, statements he made in interviews or wrote himself, and first-person accounts of people who knew the General or were with him and witnessed him during events. He is the same height and body style as General Grant and, therefore, presents a convincing, true-to-life image of the man as he really looked.

### **"U.S. Grant and Kentucky"**

Kentucky looms large in the story of Ulysses S. Grant, whether History notes it so or not. He went to Paducah in early September 1861 the day after he arrived at Cairo, Illinois, to take command of his new (and vaguely determined) military district/command. This was done on the word of a spy. Grant acted with alacrity to move on Paducah before Leonidas Polk could march on it and take the valuable river port for Southern control. He also was warily watching Polk on the bluffs of Columbus, Kentucky, when he moved on Belmont, Missouri, in the first combat he personally commanded. He won that particular battle ('though some folks say he didn't, but we'll look at it...). Grant left Kentucky behind early on, but his time there and in the area was crucial to his, and the Union, war experience.

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### **Please Note the Price of the Buffet is now \$30!**

Due to a price increase at Big Spring, the Price of the buffet is now \$30. The Round Table is paying a \$2 subsidy for the 2021-2022 season.

### **Reservations**

**RESERVATIONS: Please Note!!!** If you email Bryan Winslow and **do not** receive a confirmation, you need to call Doug Krawczyk (502-592-6864) 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 (502-592-6864)** 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 9**, 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 **six** 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.

## Books! Books! Books!

We will have about 100 Civil War books for sale at the February meeting. These books will be marked down and will be priced to sell! All proceeds will go into the general fund of the Round Table to pay speaker expenses. There will be several classic Civil War books at bargain prices. These books have been donated to the Round Table from member's libraries for the express purpose of raising funds.

Here is a sampling of the books we will have for sale: *Shiloh: In Hell Before Night* by James McDonough; *To the Gates of Richmond: The Peninsula Campaign* by Stephen Sears; *Pickett's Charge* by George Stewart; *Conquering the Valley* by Robert K. Krick; *Robert E. Lee* by Emory Thomas; *Grant and Lee: The Virginia Campaigns of 1864* by William Frassanito; *Leadership in Turbulent Times* by Doris Kearns Goodwin; *R.E. Lee* 4 volume biography by Douglas Southall Freeman. And many, many more!

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## Field Trip to Gettysburg Is Set for April 27 - May 1, 2022

We now have 40 reservations for our field trip to Gettysburg and have reached maximum capacity. We will be going to Gettysburg April 27 - May 1, 2022! Those of you who have made your reservation will be



receiving detailed information about the trip including hotel information, our itinerary, final cost per person, and details about lunch and dinner plans. Our guide will be James Hessler. James is a Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg National Military Park. His 2009 book, *Sickles at Gettysburg*, was awarded the R.E. Lee Civil War Round Table's Bachelder Coddington Award and the Gettysburg Civil War Round Table's Distinguished Book Award as the most outstanding work on the Gettysburg Campaign. Another of his books is *Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg*, which was co-authored with Wayne Motts and released in 2015. His most recent book, *Gettysburg's Peach Orchard*, was co-authored with Britt Isenberg and released in 2019. Jim has been a guest on NPR, Travel

Channel, PCN-TV, Breitbart News, and Civil War Radio. He is a popular author and speaker at Civil War Round Tables and has taught courses for the Gettysburg Foundation and Harrisburg (PA) Area Community College. He lives in Gettysburg with his wife and children.

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## 2021 - 2022 Schedule

Saturday February 12	Dr. Curtis Fields	"U.S. Grant and Kentucky"
Saturday March 12	Michael Parrish	"The Importance of Texas in the Civil War"
Saturday April 9	Tim Smith	"Confederate Failures in the Vicksburg Campaign: Could Vicksburg Have Been Saved?"
Saturday May 14	Thomas Flagel	"TBA"

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## Round Table Member Bruce Loveall Passes Away

**Bruce Allen Loveall** was born March 29, 1957, in Taylor County, Kentucky to the late Vaughn Wesley Loveall, JR and Florence Montgomery Loveall. He was formerly of Green County. He departed this life Friday, December 31, 2021, at his home in West Point, Kentucky, having attained the age of sixty-four years, nine months and two days.

He had made a profession of faith in Christ and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Sulphur Well, Kentucky. He was a Computer Software Technologist. Besides being a member of our Round Table, Bruce was affiliated and participated with the Fort Duffield Park and Historic Site: Commander Fort Duffield Camp 1, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Kentucky, Fort Duffield Heritage Committee, West Point, Kentucky, Historian and Webmaster. Friends of Fort Duffield: Tebbs Bend Battlefield Association, Campbellsville, Kentucky. Long standing member and Webmaster. Former President. Kentucky Military History Preservation Alliance, formerly known as Kentucky Civil War Sites Association. Bruce represented Tebbs Bend Battlefield Association and Fort Duffield. Bruce was a member: former President of the Green County Historical Society, Louisville Genealogical Society Ancestral Trails Historical Society, Elizabethtown, Kentucky, Meade County History Museum, Brandenburg, Kentucky, Painted Stone Settlers, Shelbyville, Kentucky. Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter SAR, Middletown, KY. Sons of the American Revolution (active participant). Member and Webmaster Weimaraner Club of Greater Louisville.

He is survived by two brothers and one sister: Barry Loveall of Orem, Utah, Byron Loveall and his wife Jill of Sandy, Utah and Brenda Underwood and her husband Melvin of Greensburg, his domestic partner: Constance D. Morris of West Point, Kentucky, 14 nieces and nephews: Jessica Davis and her husband Jacob, Lane Booth, Brenton Booth, Nikki Booth and Austin Booth, Sydney Carlberg, Maddie Underwood, Ryan Loveall, Jones Loveall, Maggie Loveall and Cairo Loveall, Auston Mead, Tonya Underwood and her significant other Brandon Cox, Kim Dziabula and her husband Tomasz, several great nieces and nephews, plus a host of other relatives and friends.

Bruce was buried at the Montgomery Cemetery on January 10. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the family and friends of Bruce. He will be missed.

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## Webmaster Wanted

The Round Table is in need of a Webmaster. This person is responsible for updating and maintaining our website. The main duties of the Webmaster are to upload the newsletter and put announcements of upcoming events on the website. This is not a time-consuming task but does require skills in handling website maintenance. If you are interested, please contact our President, Art Boerner, either at a meeting or by emailing him at [abob1407@yahoo.com](mailto:abob1407@yahoo.com). Our current Webmaster, Ken Draut will provide instruction when he hands off the duties to the new person. We want to thank Ken for his service. His expertise was very helpful in setting up our zoom meetings during the worst days of the pandemic and we do appreciate his contribution as Webmaster.

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Bourbon & BBQ Plans are Underway!

We are happy to report that plans are underway for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Bourbon & BBQ! This year's event will be held at historic Farmington and will feature Dr. Curt Fields as General U.S. Grant and bourbon historian Mike Veach conducting our bourbon tasting. The date we are looking at right now is Sunday, June 26. General Grant is going to set the record straight on his drinking habits giving us the real story about what went down during the Civil War. There will be BBQ and ribs and other delicious dishes, and we will have some great bourbons to sample. More details will be forthcoming in future newsletters.

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## "When Their Country Called"

From the Emerging Civil War Website by Kevin Pawlak

West Point's Class of 1846 is its most famous of the pre-Civil War era. Perhaps a close second could be the Class of 1854, which included 46 graduates. Of those 46, 37 fought in the Civil War: 23 for the United States



and 14 for the Confederacy. Some of the better-known members of the class include Benjamin F. Davis, George Washington Custis Lee, Stephen D. Lee, John Pegram, William Dorsey Pender, J.E.B. Stuart, and Stephen Weed. No other prewar West Point class lost more members in the Civil War than the 1854 class—12 were killed or mortally wounded.

Ironical then that the class graduates selected as their motto, "When Our Country Calls." The phrase adorned their class rings alongside a hand wielding a sword. At the time of their graduation, fractures were visible between the northern and southern sections of the country, but a civil war was not yet a foregone conclusion. Less than seven years after their graduation and commission into the United States Army, the graduates of the Class of 1854 had to decide which country was calling. Many found one

another on opposite sides of many Civil War battlefields.

The above picture has three notables from the class of 1854. On the left is G.W. Custis Lee and on the right is Stephen D. Lee. The person standing in the center is one of the most famous of all Civil War soldiers. Do you recognize him without his beard? The reveal will be in next month's newsletter.

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**JANUARY 2022 QUIZ:**

1. How is Ulysses S. Grant connected to Christmas?

*According to the Library of Congress, on June 28, 1870, President Grant signed legislation making Christmas a federal holiday, as well as New Year's Day, Independence Day, and Thanksgiving. He hoped Christmas and the other holidays would help bring people in the North and the South together through shared celebrations.*

2. How tall was the "average" soldier during the Civil War?

*According to Union records, the "average" soldier during the Civil War was 5 feet 8½ inches tall, weighed about 143 pounds and was in his mid 20's.*

3. Who commanded the Cavalry Corps of the Army of Northern Virginia during the Appomattox Campaign?

*The commander was Major General Fitzhugh Lee, the 29 year old nephew of General Robert E. Lee.*

4. What was the name given to Civil War soldiers who adopted a flashy, distinctive, French inspired uniform?

*They were known as Zouaves and were found on both sides at the beginning of the war.*

5. How old was Ulysses S. Grant in 1861?

*Born on April 27, 1822, he was 39 years old.*

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**FEBRUARY 2022 QUIZ:**

1. What were the height and weight of General Lee and General Grant during the Civil War?
2. Roughly how many miles of earthworks was the Army of Northern Virginia defending along the Petersburg-Richmond front by late March 1865?
3. When was the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, which established citizenship for African Americans, ratified?
4. What was the name of the Confederate military hospital complex in Richmond, Virginia?
5. What was the biggest Civil War battle west of the Mississippi River?

The Quiz is prepared by Harriette Weatherbee

**Attest:**

**John Davis  
Adjutant**

**By Order of:**

**Art Boerner  
President**