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Announcing Our 525th Meeting

The Twenty-Second Annual Frank G. Rankin Memorial Lecture

"Barren Victory: Who Won the Battle of Chickamauga?"

Will be Presented by David A. Powell

DATE: Saturday, January 20

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 – David A. Powell

Historian and author David A. Powell returns to the Round Table and just in time to speak on the Battle of Chickamauga where we are going on our spring field trip. David Powell is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute (1983) with a BA in history. He has published numerous articles in various magazines, and more than fifteen historical simulations of different battles.



For the past decade, David's focus has been on the epic battle of Chickamauga, and he is nationally recognized for his tours of that important battlefield. 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. He is also a contributor to the Emerging Civil War blog.

David and his wife Anne live and work in the northwest suburbs of Chicago, Illinois. He is Vice President of Airsped, Inc., a specialized delivery firm.

"Barren Victory: Who Won the Battle of Chickamauga?"

As the sun rose over the battlefield of Chickamauga on September 21, 1863, the Confederate Army of Tennessee discovered that it had won a great - if costly - victory. It was the first such clear-cut success ever achieved by that army, after the bitter disappointments of Shiloh, Perryville, and Murfreesboro. But as the days passed, that triumph appeared less and less substantial. And, despite having left the field to their foe, the Union Army of the Cumberland did not feel they had lost. Despite tactical disaster, they still held the objective of the campaign: Chattanooga. So who were the real winners and losers of Chickamauga?

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Books! Books! Books!

Our speaker will be bringing the books he has written on the Campaign and Battle of Chickamauga to the meeting for you to purchase. *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*, published in 2016.

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Big Spring Begins Renovation; 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: 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**. Please call or email **no later than Wednesday, January 16**, 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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Frank Rankin, Our Founder

Without a doubt, the Round Table owes its success to one great individual and leader, Frank G. Rankin, the person that the Round Table honors at each January meeting with the Frank Rankin Memorial Lecture series now in its 17th year. Many other individuals have worked hard and contributed much to this organization, but all who knew him and worked with him agree that Frank Rankin was a great leader and the driving force that inspired others until he passed away January 20, 1994. He was a person who "knew everyone" from famous scholars to the governors, politicians, and business leaders of Kentucky whom he could call on to attend and to speak to the Round Table.



He was born August 13, 1906 in Louisville and grew up hearing first hand Civil War veterans tell their stories of the war. He knew Basil Duke well and met and shook hands with John S. Mosby and walked the battlefields of Virginia with Douglas Southall Freeman. He was a collector of Civil War books and memorabilia long before it became popular and amassed a rare and voluminous library of books and artifacts including a Confederate battle flag of an Arkansas regiment that fought at Perryville. Frank Rankin is remembered for his ability to lead and inspire others to work and give of themselves to further the mission of the Round Table in providing opportunities for people to learn about the Civil War. Mike Mills wrote a touching tribute to Frank in which he said the members of the Round Table "... all live under the shadow of Frank

Rankin. Frank was not perfect or a saint. But he was a man who loved this land, this Kentucky soil and each of us." After graduation from DuPont Manual Training High School in 1922, Rankin entered the grain business with S. Zorn & Co., becoming sales manager in 1938. In 1942, he joined Gold Proof Grain Elevator Co., the second largest grain-marketing cooperative in the United States. He rose to the position of general manager. Rankin was also a leader in many charitable and civic organizations. In 1958, Rankin was elected president of the Kentucky Derby Festival Committee. He was a director of Lincoln Memorial University, in Harrogate, Tennessee, and the Bank of Louisville and was a member of the Harry R. Kendall Masonic Lodge 750, Scottish Rite, Kosair Shrine Temple and the Royal Order of Jesters. Frank Rankin died at his home, in Louisville, Kentucky, on January 20, 1994. He was 87.

2018 Spring Field Trip: Chickamauga and Chattanooga

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 is available at the next meeting and we will be now collecting deposits. You can also email John Davis at 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. We will have a lot more information about this exciting trip in the coming months.

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The Non-Refundable Field Trip \$200 Deposit is Due!

The non-refundable \$200 field trip deposit is necessary in order to begin paying the bills for the trip. These include reserving our bus and other pre-payment deposits that are required. We also need to get an accurate count of who is actually going on the trip so we can price the trip fairly. We will refund the deposit up to and including the January 20, 2018 meeting. After that date, we will refund only the portion of the trip fee above the non-refundable \$200 deposit. We will be taking 45 reservations for the tour on this field trip.

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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.

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Meet Our Guide for Chattanooga – Dr. Anthony Hodges

Dr. Anthony Hodges attended the University of Alabama, graduated from UT Chattanooga and the University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences in Memphis with a D.D.S. (Doctor of Dental Surgery) degree in 1981. He is married to a dental school classmate, Dr. Jill Prichard Hodges, an orthodontist, and they have three grown children. They reside on Elder Mountain, just outside of Chattanooga. Anthony recently retired from dentistry after 35 years of practice.

He became interested in early American and Civil War history as a young child due to oral family history passed down to him by elderly relatives in North Alabama. He began to collect Civil War artifacts as a young boy and items from his collection have been displayed in national parks and museums across the South. He served as a National Park Service living history interpreter for over thirty years.

Anthony began to study Civil War medicine in dental school and has lectured on the topic for nearly forty years. He assisted Dr. James I. "Bud" Robertson of Virginia Tech and Broadfoot Publishing in the re-printing of the U.S. Army's official twelve volume medical account of the Civil War, *The Medical and Surgical History of the Civil War*. He has written numerous Civil War historical articles for the Chattanooga *Times-Free Press* during the war's 150th anniversary and recently completed a series of "Civil War Trails" historical markers in the Chattanooga area at the request of the Convention and Visitors Bureau and State of Tennessee.

Anthony is currently serving his fourth term as President of the Friends of Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Military Park and also serves as President of the board of the Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association. Additionally he is Vice President of the East Tennessee Historical Society and Museum of East Tennessee History in Knoxville; and serves on the Board of the Charles H. Coolidge Medal of Honor Heritage Center in Chattanooga. He is a past Commander of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, as well as the Order of the Southern Cross. Anthony is a "Color Bearer" in the Civil War Trust, a member of the Sons of the Revolution, the Society of Civil War Surgeons, and the Company of Military Historians.

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2017 - 2018 Schedule

Saturday	January 20	David Powell	"Barren Victory: Who Won the Battle of Chickamauga?"
Saturday	February 10	Chris Kolakowski	"The Battle of Missionary Ridge"
Saturday	March 10	TBA	"TBA"
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"

DECEMBER 2017 QUIZ:

1. How did Union General George McClellan take Yorktown, Virginia during the Peninsula Campaign of 1862?

McClellan was preparing for a siege when it was discovered that the Confederates had withdrawn, so he took Yorktown without a fight.

2. What Confederate city had the largest population at the beginning of the war?

According to the 1860 United States Census, New Orleans, Louisiana had the largest population with 168,675. Charleston, South Carolina was next with 40,522.

3. What Union ship was referred to as a "tin can on a shingle"?

That would be the U.S.S. Monitor.

4. Why was night signaling by the U.S. Army Signal Corpsmen considered perilous?

Wigwagging with flaming torches made the men easy sharpshooter targets.

5. What two states maintained governments in exile in the Confederacy?

They were Kentucky and Missouri.

JANUARY 2018 QUIZ:

1. It has been estimated that the South had some 4 billion dollars invested in slaves. What would that be worth today?
2. Three future members of the U.S. Supreme Court fought for the Confederacy. Who were they?
3. Four future members of the U.S. Supreme Court fought for the Union. Who were they?
4. Who was the youngest general officer in the Civil War?
5. What was unique about the Union's First Regiment, Louisiana Native Guards?

(The Quiz is prepared by Harriette Weatherbee)

Attest:

**John Davis
Adjutant**

By Order of:

**Art Boerner
President**