

Circular Memorandum #505

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March 2019

Announcing Our 536th Meeting

## **"Earning His Spurs: General John B. Hood in 1864"**

**Will be Presented by Stephen Davis**

**DATE: Saturday, March 9**

**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 - Stephen Davis**

Stephen Davis of Atlanta has been a Civil War buff since the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. He grew up in Atlanta, attending Margaret Mitchell Elementary and Northside High. At Emory University, he studied under the renowned Civil War historian Bell Wiley. After a Master's degree in American history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, he taught high school for a few years, then earned his Ph.D. at Emory, where he concentrated on the theme of the Civil War in Southern literature. He's also taught at Oglethorpe University.



Steve is the author of a new history of the Atlanta Campaign, published by Savas Beatie as two paperbacks:

- *A Long and Bloody Task: The Atlanta Campaign from Dalton through Kennesaw to the Chattahoochee, May 5-July 18, 1864* and
- *All the Fighting They Want: The Atlanta Campaign from Peachtree Creek to the City's Surrender, July 18-September 2, 1864.*

His book, *What the Yankees Did to Us: Sherman's Bombardment and Wrecking of Atlanta*, was published by Mercer University Press in 2012. In a review in *Civil War News*, Ted Savas calls Steve's work "by far the most well-researched, thorough, and detailed account ever written about the 'wrecking' of Atlanta."

He is also author of *Atlanta Will Fall: Sherman, Joe Johnston and the Heavy Yankee Battalions* (2001). He served as Book Review Editor for *Blue & Gray Magazine* from 1984 to 2005, and is the author of more than a hundred

articles in such scholarly and popular publications as *Civil War Times Illustrated* and the *Georgia Historical Quarterly*.

Now retired, Steve serves as Book Review Editor for *Civil War News*, the monthly national newspaper for buffs, for which he contributes a regular column, "Critic's Corner."

Steve is also a popular speaker at Civil War Round Tables and historical societies around the country. He has spoken on "What the Yankees Did to Us" to the Round Tables of Buffalo, New York and Providence, Rhode Island (and got away with it!). He has given talks at the annual meeting of the American Civil War Round Table (UK) in London. His favorite event was a few years ago when he addressed President and Mrs. Carter and family on the role of Copenhill (the Carter Center) in the battle of Atlanta.

Next year Mercer University Press will publish Steve's next book, tentatively titled *Flawed Image: A Study of John B. Hood's Generalship in 1864*.

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**Books! Books! Books!**

We will have copies of Steven Davis's books including "A Long and Bloody Task" and "All the Fighting They Want" available at the meeting for sale.

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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, March 6**, 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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## 2019 Spring Field Trip: Jackson's Valley Campaign of 1862 We Still Have Room for You!

This year's field trip will be to the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia where we will study the famous 1862 Valley Campaign of Stonewall Jackson. The dates for the trip are April 24-28, 2019 and our guide will be Will Greene. Will is one of the best guides we have ever had, and we are looking forward to having him interpret Stonewall Jackson's epic valley campaign of 1862. We will be headquartered in Harrisonburg from which we will traverse up and down the Valley visiting all the major sites of the campaign. It has been 25 years since the Round Table took a field trip to study this important operation. We have a few spots still open and we are now taking signups and collecting the **\$200 non-refundable deposits**. The first 40 people to pay the \$200 non-refundable deposit will have guaranteed reservations. You can sign-up by emailing John Davis at [john.davis@twc.com](mailto:john.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.

### Jackson's Valley Campaign of 1862 Suggested Reading

If you are planning on going on the Valley Campaign field trip, I strongly urge you to begin your reading now. There are several good books on the 1862 Valley Campaign. Here is a list of some of the best.

A good place to start is Robert Tanner's "**Stonewall in the Valley**" (**revised edition**) which is a detailed study of the entire campaign. As the title implies, it is written from the Southern army's point of view, but it is a very objective work. Thoroughly researched and well written, if you can read only one book on the Valley Campaign, you can't go wrong with this one.

Gary Ecelbarger has written two books on the 1862 Shenandoah campaign. The first "**We Are in For It! The First Battle of Kernstown**" is a thorough analysis and study of Stonewall Jackson's first independent battle and his only defeat. Exhaustively researched and accompanied by great maps this is the definitive study of this battle and we will visit it on our trip.

Ecelbarger's second book on the Valley campaign is "**Three Days in the Shenandoah: Stonewall Jackson at Front Royal and Winchester**". This study is an attempt to revise the traditional interpretations of this phase of the campaign. He offers a new view regarding Lincoln's military meddling as commander in chief and gives Jeff Davis more credit than previous writers. This is a very engaging and thought-provoking book.

Peter Cozzens's "**Shenandoah 1862**" presents the campaign from both the Northern and Southern point of view and is also a comprehensive study of the entire valley campaign. Cozzens offers new interpretations of the campaign and the reasons for Stonewall Jackson's success.

### 2018 - 2019 Schedule

Saturday March 9	Stephen Davis	"Earning His Spurs: General John B. Hood in 1864"
Saturday April 13	Chris Mackowski	"The Mine Run Campaign"
Saturday May 11	TBA	"TBA"

# 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BOURBON & BBQ

## 22 JUNE 2019

### ALL IN THE "TAYLOR" FAMILY

### 4:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

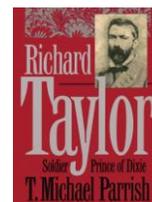
#### HISTORICAL PRESENTATION

#### LT. GEN. RICHARD TAYLOR, CSA

*Michael Parrish, PhD*



LT. GEN. RICHARD SCOTT TAYLOR, CSA  
1826-1879



*The Linden G. Bowers Professor of American History, Baylor University*

#### BOURBON TASTING PRESENTATION

#### E.H. TAYLOR

*Michael Veach*



COL. EDMUND HAYNES TAYLOR, JR.  
1830-1923



*Kentucky Bourbon Hall of Fame Historian*

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

**ART BOERNER & MARC OCA**

PLUS!

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

#### EARLY BIRD MEMBER PRICE:

\$75 per Person thru 5/11/2019 (*non-refundable*)

Non Members \$80.00 (*non-refundable*)



LIMITED SEATING  
TO 50 TICKETS

*Reservations Required*

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### Provision Designating Mill Springs Battlefield, Camp Nelson as National Monuments Passes Senate

The U.S. Senate has approved the National Resources Management Act, which includes a provision by Senator Mitch McConnell to designate two Kentucky Civil War sites as National Monuments.

Designating Camp Nelson and the Mill Springs Battlefield as National Monuments ensures their rich history will be preserved for the education of future generations. Representatives Andy Barr and Hal Rogers are leading these efforts in the House of Representatives and have introduced legislation in that chamber.

On January 19, 1862, the Battle of Mill Springs spilled across Pulaski and Wayne Counties in southeastern Kentucky. It was the second-largest battle to take place in the state and involved over 10,000 soldiers. More importantly, it was the first significant Union victory in the western theater of the Civil War. The Union's victory meant that the main Confederate defensive line that had been anchored in eastern Kentucky was broken, freeing Union soldiers to move through Kentucky and into Tennessee. One hundred fifty years later, this battle is still a vital story in our nation's history.

Camp Nelson was established in 1863 in Jessamine County. It would become Kentucky's top recruiting station and training facility for the Union's African-American soldiers. In later years, those seeking freedom from slavery fled to the camp. "I want to thank my colleagues in the U.S. Senate for passing this bill to give these treasured lands the recognition and protection they deserve," said McConnell. "The measure preserves and protects, for present and future generations, Camp Nelson and highlights its important role in the Civil War, Reconstruction, and African American history and civil rights. I was proud to work with Congressman Barr and applaud his leadership in the House to ensure that Camp Nelson gets the recognition it deserves."

"The Mill Springs Battlefield Association has worked hard to preserve hundreds of acres of battlefield property and to educate the public about the history of the American Civil War and the Battle of Mill Springs," Senator McConnell added. "Thanks to this legislation, we are now one step closer to protecting and preserving this historic battlefield, which is important to the history of the Commonwealth and our Nation, and I want to thank Congressman Rogers for his leadership on this issue."

Jim Simpson, owner of Dunagan's Store in Wayne County, Kentucky said, "Senator McConnell is to be applauded for his tireless efforts in designating the Mill Springs Battlefield as a National Monument. As the Senate Majority Leader, Mitch McConnell has been focused on allowing the rest of the nation to learn of the Battle of Mill Springs and its role as the first death rattle of slavery, which this nation so desperately needed. As a small business owner in this community, I am especially proud that Southeastern Kentucky is receiving the recognition it deserves." Dunagan's Store is a family owned and operated store in existence since 1890. It resides near the Brown-Lanier House in Mill Springs, which was the headquarters for Brigadier General George Thomas, and was where he wrote his battle report following the battle. Simpson's family has lived in Wayne County since the early 1700s.

The House of Representatives must now consider the Natural Resources Management Act. (This article is from the Wayne County Outlook of February 19, 2019)

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## Joe Reinhart is Writing a New Book and He Needs Your Help!

Round Table member Joe Reinhart is writing a new book on the Union's 5<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Regiment and he is looking for letters, diaries, journals or memoirs written by soldiers who fought in the Union's 5th Kentucky Volunteer Infantry Regiment. If you know of any of these items, please contact Joe at [jrein8@yahoo.com](mailto:jrein8@yahoo.com).

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### FEBRUARY 2019 QUIZ:

1. Who was the last full-ranked Civil War general to die?  
*Union General Adelbert Ames died in 1933 at the age of ninety-seven. He was outlived only by Aaron Daggett, who died in 1938 at the age of one hundred. However, because Daggett was a brigadier general by brevet rank only, Ames was the last full-ranked Civil War general to die.*
2. Who headed the Confederate Department of Agriculture?  
*No one headed it because there was no such department.*
3. In his farewell address to the Stonewall Brigade, how did Stonewall Jackson refer to the Civil War?  
*According to Bud Robertson, he called it "Our second War of Independence".*
4. Which side—North or South--had more trouble with desertions?  
*According to Bruce Catton, the North had more trouble.*
5. How many graduates were in the West Point class of 1846?  
*There were 59 graduates in that famous class.*

### MARCH 2019:

1. What event caused the Confederate government to cease to exist?
2. Whose granddaughter unfurled the First Confederate flag at Montgomery, Alabama on March 4, 1861?
3. What Union regiment was attacked by a Baltimore, Maryland mob while on their way to Washington, D.C.?
4. How many VMI cadets participated in the Battle of New Market?
5. After whom is Howard University in Washington, D.C. named?

(The Quiz is prepared by Harriette Weatherbee)

**Attest:**

**John Davis  
Adjutant**

**By Order of:**

**Bryan Winslow  
President**