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March 2018

Announcing Our 527th Meeting

**"C.S.A. General Ben Hardin Helm and Emilie Todd Helm"**

**Will be Presented by Stuart W. Sanders**

**DATE: Saturday, March 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 - Stuart W. Sanders**

Stuart W. Sanders is the former executive director of the Perryville Battlefield Preservation Association, as director, he worked for nearly 10 years to preserve and interpret Kentucky's largest Civil War battleground



before coming to the Kentucky Historical Society. He oversees community field services and as History Advocate, Stuart brings his experiences as a preservationist, interpreter, outreach specialist, author and speaker to his current duties, communicating the relevance, value and significance of Kentucky's history. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and completed Developing History Leaders @SHA. Stuart W. Sanders is the author of three books, including *Perryville Under Fire: The Aftermath of Kentucky's Largest Civil War Battle*, *The Battle of Mill Springs, Kentucky*, and *Maney's Confederate Brigade at the Battle of Perryville*. He has also contributed essays to the books *Kentuckians in Gray: Confederate Generals and Field Officers of the Bluegrass State*, multiple volumes of *Confederate Generals in the Western Theater*, and multiple volumes of the forthcoming *Confederate Generals in the Trans-Mississippi*. He has written essays and articles for a number of publications, including *Civil War Times Illustrated*, *America's Civil War*, *MHQ: The Quarterly Journal of Military History*, *Hallowed Ground*, *Blue and Gray*, *Kentucky Humanities*, *Kentucky Ancestors*,

*The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, *Encyclopedia Virginia*, and more. He is the former executive director of the Perryville Battlefield Preservation Association and currently works in the public history field.

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### "Ben Hardin Helm and Emilie Todd Helm"

Stuart W. Sanders will speak about the remarkable lives of Confederate General Benjamin Hardin Helm and his wife, Emilie Todd Helm. After General Helm was killed at the Battle of Chickamauga, Emilie—the sister of Mary Todd Lincoln—visited the White House where she grieved the loss of her husband with the Union commander-in-chief. Sanders will discuss these two Kentuckians and the controversy of Emilie—a rebel widow—visiting Washington, DC. Sanders is the author of the e-book, *Lincoln's Confederate Little Sister: Emilie Todd Helm*. He has also written an essay about General Helm that just appeared in volume four of *Confederate Generals in the Western Theater*, published by the University of Tennessee Press.

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### Remember Price Increase at Big Spring

The management at Big Spring Country Club has informed us that they are increasing the price of the buffet from \$25 to \$28. This is the first price increase we have had in nine years. We are still getting a 26% discount on our meals from Big Spring.

### 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: 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 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 Now a Sell-Out!

If you want to go on the Spring Field Trip to Chickamauga and Chattanooga you will need to put your name on the waiting list. We are now at capacity but if someone should have to cancel, we will fill that vacancy. The dates are **April 18 - 22, 2018**. The waiting list sign-up sheet will be available at the next meeting. You can also email John Davis at [johnd.davis@twc.com](mailto:johnd.davis@twc.com) to put your name on the waiting list. The final fee amount of \$65 per person is now due. You can send your payment 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 \$265 per person excluding your room and some meals. If you are going on the trip you should be receiving email with important information about the trip.

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## Book Sale Fund Raiser to be Held at the April Meeting

The Round Table will be conducting a book sale at the April 14 meeting to raise funds for the Round Table. The family of deceased Life Member Ace Elmore has donated 80 of Ace's Civil War books to the Round Table and the Board of Directors has decided that these will be offered to our membership. A committee made up of six Board of Directors members were appointed to access the collection and to value them. It was decided to offer these books at below market value and they are priced accordingly. The sale will begin at 5:30 at the April 14 meeting and will be on a first come first serve basis. Some of the more valuable books will be sold in silent auction. All the books are hardbacks, some are first editions and many are signed. Most are in good to very good condition. Please be prepared to pay for any books you wish to purchase at the meeting. Checks should be made out to LCWRT. Here is a list of the books and their prices.

Sherman: Fighting Prophet by Lloyd Lewis; \$20  
 The Life of Johnny Reb and Billy Yank by Bell Irvin Wiley; Boxed Set \$20  
 General A.P. Hill; Lee's Forgotten General by William Woods Hassler; \$35  
 Fighting for the Confederacy: E. Porter Alexander edited by Gary Gallagher \$10  
 Lee the Last Years by Charles Bracelen Flood; \$10  
 General A.P. Hill Story of a Confederate Warrior by James I. Robertson; \$20  
 P.G.T. Beauregard by T. Harry Williams; \$20  
 Life of General Nathan Bedford Forrest by John Wyeth \$25  
 Soldiers Blue and Gray by James I. Robertson; \$20  
 Chattanooga - A Death Grip on the Confederacy by James L. McDonough; \$20  
 Five Tragic Hours: the Battle of Franklin by James L. McDonough; \$20  
 Divided We Fought: A Pictorial History of the War edited by David Donald; \$5  
 The World of Matthew Brady by Roy Meridith; \$5

- Lincoln's Lieutenants by Stephen Sears; \$20  
George B. McClellan: the Young Napoleon by Stephen Sears; \$5  
Lee of Virginia by Douglas Southall Freeman: \$5  
The Lees of Virginia by Paul C. Nagel; \$5  
The Long Surrender by Burke Davis; \$5  
Jefferson Davis by Clement Eaton: \$20  
Historical Times III Encyclopedia of the Civil War edited by Patricia L. Faust; \$5  
Battles and Leaders of the Civil War edited by Ned Bradford: \$5  
A Diary From Dixie: Mary Boykin Chestnut edited by Ben Williams; \$20  
High Tide at Gettysburg by Glenn Tucker; \$5  
First Blood: The Story of Fort Sumter by W.A. Swanberg; \$15  
The Decisive Battle of Nashville by Stanley Horn; \$50  
Shiloh: Bloody April by Wiley Sword; \$35  
Faces on the Wall by Woodford B. Hackley; \$10  
Richmond Volunteers by Louis Manarin and Lee Wallace: \$20  
The Coming Fury by Bruce Catton; \$15  
Terrible Swift Sword by Bruce Catton; \$20  
Never Call Retreat by Bruce Catton; \$15  
Lee's Last Campaign by Clifford Dowdey: \$25  
Experiment in Rebellion by Clifford Dowdey: \$25  
Lee by Clifford Dowdey; \$10  
Perryville: Battle for Kentucky by Kenneth Hafendorfer; \$50  
War Talks of Confederate Veterans by George S. Bernard; \$20  
Campaign of Jackson in the Shenandoah Valley by William Allan and Jed Hotchkiss: \$10  
I Rode With Stonewall by Kyd Douglas; \$10  
Stonewall in the Valley by Robert G. Tanner; \$5  
Chickamauga by Glenn Tucker: \$15  
The Civil War: A Narrative Volume I by Shelby Foote; \$10  
House Undivided: The Story of Free Masonry and the Civil War by Allen Roberts; \$20  
Jeb Stuart: The Last Cavalier by Burke Davis; \$5  
The Final Fortress: Vicksburg 1862 - 1863 by Samuel Carter III: \$10  
Turbulent Partnership by William E. Parrish: \$25  
The Army of the Potomac by Bruce Catton; \$5  
A Stillness at Appomattox by Bruce Catton; \$5  
The Civil War Day by Day by E.B. Long; \$15
- William Mahone of Virginia by Nelson Morehead Blake; silent auction starting bid \$75  
Battles of the Civil War: a Pictorial Presentation with the Complete Kurz and Allison Prints  
Oversized; silent auction starting bid \$100  
Parker's Virginia Battery by Robert K. Krick; silent auction starting bid \$50  
Reminiscences of the Civil War by John B. Gordon; silent auction starting bid \$100  
From Manassas to Appomattox by James Longstreet: silent auction starting bid \$300  
General George H. Thomas by Donn Platt; silent auction starting bid \$75  
Lee's Lieutenants 3 volume set by Douglas Southall Freeman; silent auction bid starting at \$200  
R.E. Lee 4 Volume biography by Douglas Southall Freeman; silent auction starting bid \$75  
The Stonewall Brigade by James I. Robetson; silent auction starting bid \$30  
They Died by Twos and Tens by Kenneth Hafendorfer; silent auction starting bid \$200

### 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.

This event always sells out and you need to get your paid reservation in early. The cost is \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members. After May 12, all tickets are \$60. The only way to reserve your place is to mail your check made out to the LCWRT to Louisville Civil War Round Table, 9462 Brownsboro Road- #142, Louisville, KY., 40241 or you can pay at the meetings.

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### 2017 - 2018 Schedule

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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**FEBRUARY 2018 QUIZ ANSWERS:**

1. How old was Scarlett O'Hara at the beginning of *Gone With the Wind*?

*She was 16 years old.*

2. What Union general was said to have a policy of allowing "camp followers" into soldiers' bivouacs?

*General Joseph Hooker supposedly had this policy.*

3. Which one of Stonewall Jackson's arms was amputated?

*His left arm was amputated.*

4. What United States military service assaulted and captured John Brown at Harper's Ferry?

*This was the United States Marines---90 Marines led by Colonel Robert E. Lee, who was assisted by Captain J.E.B. Stuart.*

5. Who was supposed to have said that the Civil War was "the last great war fought by gentlemen"?

*This quote is attributed to Sr. Winston Churchill.*

**MARCH 2018 QUIZ:**

1. Who was Thornsbury Bailey Brown?

2. Who is known as the "Thunderbolt of the Confederacy"?

3. Who commanded Union General Wiliam T. Sherman's XIV Corps in his March to the Sea?

4. Who is considered to be the last Civil War veteran to die as a result of wounds received during the war?

5. What famous Civil War poem was later set to the tune of *O'Tannenbaum*?

**(The Quiz is prepared by Harriette Weatherbee)**

**Attest:**

**John Davis  
Adjutant**

**By Order of:**

**Art Boerner  
President**