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March 2020

Announcing Our 550th Meeting

"James Longstreet and John Bell Hood"

Will be Presented by Keith Bohannon

DATE: Saturday, March 14

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 - Keith Bohannon

Keith Bohannon is a professor of history at the University of West Georgia where he teaches courses in Civil War and Reconstruction, antebellum South, and Jacksonian America. He is the author of numerous scholarly articles and essays and is a regular contributor to *Civil War Times*. He lives in Carrollton, Ga. Keith received both his B.A. and M.A. degrees in history at the University of Georgia and his Ph.D. in history from Penn State.



He co-edited with Randall Allen, *Campaigning with Old Stonewall in Virginia: The Letters of Ujanirtus Allen, Company F, 21st Regiment, Georgia Volunteer Infantry and co-authored *Hallowed Banners: Historic Flags in the Georgia Capitol.** Keith has served as a historian at Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, and at Kennesaw Mountain National Military Park. He has served as a historian and preservation planner for the American Battlefield Trust. He has also conducted historical research on Southern women, children, free and enslaved African-Americans for museum exhibits at the visitor center.

In addition to writing numerous essays and articles for historical publications, Keith has been a presenter at various seminars and symposiums as well as a tour guide for battlefield interpretations. This is Keith's first visit with us and we are looking forward to his presentation on the relationship between James Longstreet and John B. Hood.

James Longstreet and John Bell Hood

At least through late 1862, Confederate general James Longstreet and John B. Hood had a relationship of mutual respect. Both men were West Point graduates and professional soldiers, dedicated to the Confederate cause, and loyal to Robert E. Lee. The relationship likely began to deteriorate after the Fredericksburg Campaign in December 1862. This talk will trace the relationship between Longstreet and his division commander John B. Hood through the campaigns of Fredericksburg, Suffolk, Gettysburg, and Chickamauga. While recovering in Richmond from his wounding at Gettysburg, Hood was critical of Longstreet's actions at Gettysburg on July 2, 1863. After losing a leg at Chickamauga, Hood never returned to Longstreet's First Corps or the Army of Northern Virginia, but instead served as a corps and army commander in the Army of Tennessee. The last portion of the talk will speculate on the two men's relationship after the war. Both ex-generals lived in New Orleans during the contentious Reconstruction Era in the 1870s. Their political allegiances differed dramatically with Longstreet joining the Republican Party and Hood the Democratic Party.

Book Sale to be Featured at the March Meeting

We will be having a book sale at the March meeting. All proceeds will go into the Round Table's general fund to be used for speaker expenses, preservation, and other expenses of our organization. We want to express our thanks to Tiffany Schofield for donating books from her deceased husband Life Member Wolfe's library. All books will be priced at \$10 or \$5.

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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. 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 11**, 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 Still Have Room for You! 2020 Spring Field Trip: 1865 Carolinas Campaign

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, Avera'sboro, 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 \$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 or you can talk to him at the March meeting.
6. **The signup sheet will be at the March meeting.** You can sign-up by emailing John Davis at 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 March meeting.

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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 cdoylewins@frontier.com. They need to have **people** in them not just landscapes.

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William and Rose Mary Hambleton

It is with great sadness that we must report that long time members of the Round Table, William and Rose Mary Hambleton have passed away recently. Rose Mary passed away on September 16, 2019 and William on February 22, 2020. They were regular attendees of our meetings. They had been married for 63 years and are survived by their 3 children, 5 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. Rose Mary is the sister of Round Table member John Bellucci. We wish to express our deepest sympathies to their family and friends. They will be missed.

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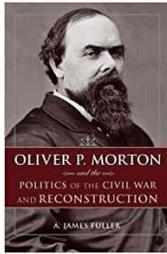
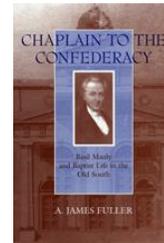
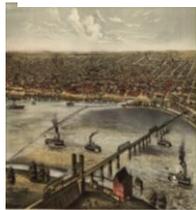
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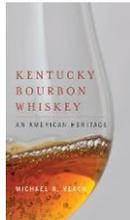
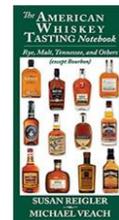
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2020 Schedule

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"

FEBRUARY 2020 QUIZ:

1. What was Confederate General Nathan F. Evan's nickname?
He was called Shanks.
2. What was the name of the play President Lincoln attended the night of his assassination?
The play was "Our American Cousin".
3. Who were the three Union commanders who met with President Lincoln at City Point, Virginia, in March 1865?
They were Generals Grant and Sherman and Admiral David Porter.
4. What was Confederate General Robert E. Lee's General Order No. 61?
It announced the death of General T. J. "Stonewall" Jackson.
5. What was the date of President Lincoln's assassination?
It was April 14, 1865, which also happened to be Good Friday.

MARCH 2020 QUIZ:

1. When did the Battle of the Monitor and the Merrimac/Virginia take place?
2. Who won the above battle?
3. Where did Union General Irvin McDowell make his headquarters prior to the First Battle of Bull Run/Manassas?
4. When did General Robert E. Lee become general-in-chief of the Armies of the Confederacy?
5. Who was the second president to be assassinated?

The Quiz is prepared by Harriette Weatherbee.

Attest:
John Davis
Adjutant

By Order of:
Marc Oca
President