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May 2018

Announcing Our 529th Meeting

"Battle of the Ironclads"

Will be Presented by John Quarstein

DATE: Saturday, May 12

Location: Big Spring Country Club

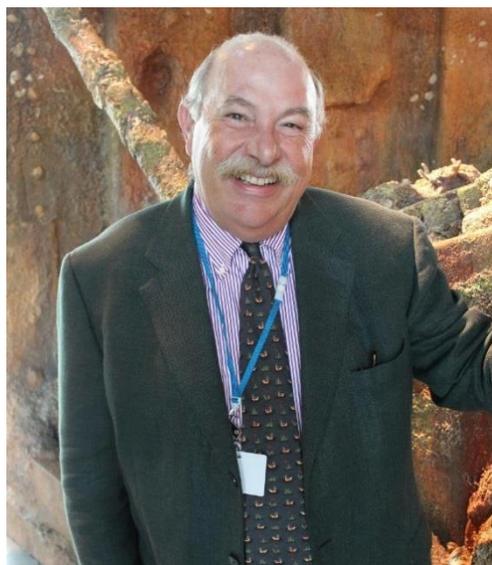
COCKTAILS: 6:00 P.M.

DINNER (\$28.00): 7:00 P.M.

PROGRAM: 8:00 P.M.

Meet Our Speaker - John Quarstein

John V. Quarstein is an award-winning historian, preservationist, and author. He is director emeritus of the



USS Monitor Center at The Mariners' Museum and Park in Newport News, Virginia. The author of 17 books, his titles include HILTON VILLAGE: AMERICA'S FIRST PUBLIC PLANNED COMMUNITY; YORKTOWN'S CIVIL WAR SEIGE; FORT MONROE: KEY TO THE SOUTH; A HISTORY OF IRONCLADS: THE POWER OF IRON OVER WOOD; CSS VIRGINIA: SINK BEFORE SURRENDER; and THE MONITOR BOYS: THE CREW OF THE UNION'S FIRST IRONCLAD, winner of the 2012 Henry Adams Prize for excellence in historical literature. Quarstein has also produced, narrated and written several PBS documentaries including the film series, CIVIL WAR IN HAMPTON ROADS, a Silver Telly Award winner. Quarstein is the recipient of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's President's Award for Historic Preservation, the Civil War Society's Preservation Award, and the Daughters of the American Revolution Gold Historians Medal.

Quarstein lives in the National Register of Historic Places property known as the 1757 Herbert House. This outstanding example of brick Georgian architecture is located near Blackbeard's Point on the Hampton River in Hampton, Virginia.

"BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS!!"

We will have the following books authored by our speaker, John Quarstein, for sale at the meeting. These will be offered at a 45% discount off their published price and yes, cheaper than you can get them on Amazon.

- *A HISTORY OF IRONCLADS
- *CSS VIRGINIA: SINK BEFORE SURRENDER
- *YORKTOWN'S CIVIL WAR SIEGE
- *THE BATTLE OF THE IRONCLADS

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Remember Price Increase at Big Spring

Please remember that the price of the buffet \$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 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. If you do not receive a confirmation from Bryan, please call Doug and make your reservation. Please call or email **no later than Wednesday, May 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 **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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The Seventh Annual Bourbon and BBQ June 23

Reservations are going fast for the seventh annual Bourbon and BBQ that will be held on June 23rd 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.

Spring Mill Civil War Symposium August 16-18

The second Spring Mill Civil War Symposium will be held at the Spring Mill Inn at Spring Mill State Historic Park in Mitchell, Indiana. There will be an all-star faculty of historians, lots of great food including buffet lunches, and accommodations in a resort on historic grounds. For complete information and how to enroll follow this link:

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/c0dfbb37d973fbb091c1e858f/files/11bc3723-a4db-4c03-b42c-dde4fccf3d4d/2018_Spring_Mill_Symposium_AUGUST_2018_2839_.pdf

2019 Spring Field Trip: Jackson's Valley Campaign of 1862

Next year's field trip will be to the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. 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.

2018 Spring Field Trip: Chickamauga and Chattanooga Ten Observations

The forty attendees of our Chickamauga and Chattanooga field trip had a great time and learned a lot about these important campaigns and battles. Here are a few general observations about our experience there.

- (1) The weather for the trip was excellent. Okay, we got a little chilly on the first couple of mornings but dry and mild temperatures made for ideal conditions for being in the fields and paths of the parks.
- (2) If grading the commanding generals, both Rosecrans and Bragg get F's. Rosecrans for exhausting himself and losing control of his judgment and emotions which led to Union disaster and Bragg for failing to communicate effectively with his commanders and failing to exploit his opportunities for a decisive victory.
- (3) Jim Ogden is a fantastic guide and probably knows more about these battles than anyone who has ever studied them. He is a passionate preservationist and advocate for returning the battlefield to its wartime appearance.
- (4) Our guide for Chattanooga, Anthony Hodges, was a key player in the Civil War Trust's recent purchase of the Brown's Ferry land. We were among the first tour groups to visit this site and it offered a spectacular view of Lookout Mountain and Moccasin Bend.
- (5) Point Park at the top of Lookout Mountain offers some breathtaking views of the surrounding valleys, mountain ranges, and the city of Chattanooga. Go there if you ever get a chance.



The Fab Forty Who Made the Trip at the Kentucky Monument

- (6) Sherman's Reserve at the north end of Missionary Ridge should be called Cleburne's Reserve because it was here that his 4000 man division repulsed repeated attacks by Sherman's 15,000 men forcing them to retire early in the battle.
- (7) All of our group who made the steep and long climb up to Sherman's Reserrve on Missionary Ridge will not soon forget it. Toughest hike of the entire trip and not for the faint of heart.

- (8) Our bus driver, Scott Whitehouse, gets an A+ for the great job he did on the trip. He had to maneuver over countless tight turns and narrow curvy roads. The drive up and down Lookout Mountain was on one of the worst roads I have ever seen. I had to close my eyes a few times.
- (9) Great stories are not always true. Nathan Bedford Forrest though disappointed in the pursuit of the Union army after Chickamauga did not confront Braxton Bragg and threaten to kill him. Nor was Leonidas Polk sitting in a rocking chair eating his breakfast and reading a newspaper when his divisions were supposed to be attacking the Union Army. He was actually trying to find D.H. Hill to find out why he was not attacking.
- (10) Chickamauga is a very difficult and confusing battle to understand. Fought largely in thick woods broken up by a few small farms and hills. It really does help to go there and have a great guide like Jim Ogden explain it to you.

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Filson Club Will Conduct Tour of Morgan's Great Raid

The Filson Club will conduct a 4 day tour of Morgan's Great Raid through Indiana and Ohio July 25-28. The tour will be led by David Mowery. You can find out more details and register on the Filson Club's website: www.filsonhistorical.org.

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Book Sale Fund Raiser Results

The Round Table wishes to thank the family of deceased Life Member Ace Elmore for their generous donation of 80 of Ace's Civil War books to the Round Table. The majority of these books were sold at the the April meeting and the total funds raised was \$1710.00! Thanks to everyone who brought books!

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2017 - 2018 Schedule

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"
Saturday	December 8	TBA	"TBA"

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APRIL 2018 QUIZ:

1. How many African-Americans received the Medal of Honor during the Civil War?
There were 25, with 14 of them at the Battle of Chaffin's Farm outside of Richmond, Virginia on September 29, 1864.
2. Who was the first African-American to be granted the Medal of Honor?
Although he was not awarded the Medal until May 23, 1900, Sergeant William Harvey Carney (1840-1908) is considered the first African-American to receive the honor because his actions preceded those of the other recipients. He was born a slave in Norfolk, Virginia; escaped to Massachusetts; joined the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry; and received his medal for his actions bearing the flag at the July 18, 1863 assault on Fort Wagner in Charleston, S.C., despite taking several severe wounds.
3. Because of his service at the Battle of Gettysburg, Major General George Meade recommended immediate promotion of this officer to brigadier general. The promotion was dated July 3, 1863. Who was the officer to receive this promotion?
Colonel Strong Vincent commanded the 3rd Brigade, 1st Division, V Corps of the Army of the Potomac and was credited with his brigade's defense of Little Round Top on July 2, 1863. He was mortally wounded in the battle. Supposedly his promotion was read to him before he died. Apparently the Senate did not confirm his promotion, but it was approved by President Lincoln.
4. At the beginning of the Civil War, what distinguished Company K, 5th Virginia Regiment in the Stonewall Brigade?
According to Bud Robertson, its uniforms were the exact replicas of George Washington's Revolutionary Army uniforms.
5. Which major Confederate cities became targets of the Union forces?
They were Richmond, New Orleans, Vicksburg, Chattanooga, Atlanta, Nashville, Charleston and Columbia, South Carolina, and Savannah, Georgia.

MAY 2018 QUIZ:

1. What Confederate general was mortally wounded at Falling Waters, Virginia (now West Virginia) during the Confederate retreat from Gettysburg?
2. What famous American female author served briefly as a nurse in a Union hospital during the Civil War?
3. In what Union infantry brigade did each regiment carry a green flag?
4. What and where was Point Lookout?
5. Who was the Union general killed by Indians in 1873?

(The Quiz is prepared by Harriette Weatherbee)

Attest:

John Davis
Adjutant

By Order of:

Art Boerner
President