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November 2018

Announcing Our 532nd Meeting

"George Gordon Meade and the Gettysburg Campaign"

Will be Presented by Kent Masterson Brown

DATE: Sunday, November 18

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 - Kent Masterson Brown

Kent was born in Lexington, Kentucky on February 5, 1949. He is a 1971 graduate - and in 2014 named a distinguished graduate - of Centre College and received his juris doctor degree in 1974 from Washington and Lee University School of Law. Kent has practiced law for forty-four years with offices in Lexington and Washington, DC. Kent has published six books, all on the Civil War, including *Cushing of Gettysburg: The Story of a Union Artillery Commander*, *Retreat from Gettysburg: Lee, Logistics and the Pennsylvania Campaign*, and *One of Morgan's Men: The Memoirs of Lieutenant John M. Porter of the Ninth Kentucky Cavalry*; they have been selections of the History Book Club and Military Book Club. All of them have received rave reviews and numerous national awards. He is currently writing *George Gordon Meade and the Gettysburg Campaign*, which will go to press in early 2019.



Kent has also written, hosted and produced, through Witnessing History, nine award-winning documentary films for public and cable television, including "I Remember The Old Home Very Well: The Lincolns in Kentucky and Daniel Boone and the Opening of the American West. All Kent's films have been widely broadcast throughout the United States, Canada, and overseas. All have won Telly Awards; one was nominated for an Emmy Award. Kent and the Witnessing History Education Foundation, Inc. are producing a new film, "In the Declaration all men are created equal:" Abraham Lincoln in Illinois, 1830 to 1860, to be released in February 2019.

A nationally-known speaker and Civil War battlefield guide, Kent was the first chairman of the Gettysburg National Military Park Advisory Commission and the first chairman of the Perryville (Kentucky) Battlefield Commission, a seat he held for eleven years overseeing the expansion of the Perryville Battlefield. He served on the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and is now a member of the Kentucky Film Commission. He has also been a director of the Gettysburg Foundation. Kent is now the President and Content Developer for the Witnessing History Education Foundation, Inc. Kent lives in Lexington with his wife, Genevieve, and their three children, Annie Louise, Philip and Thomas.

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Please note this is a Sunday meeting!

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 Thursday, November 15**, 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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Please Renew Your Membership

If you have not renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible. If you decide to become a Patron member, any amount you give above the basic or family membership fee is tax-deductible since the Round Table has tax-exempt status as a 501 (c) (3) organization! **Note: Please send your renewal check made out to LCWRT directly to Louisville Civil War Round Table, 9462 Brownsboro Road - #142, Louisville, Ky., 40241.**

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Fall Field Trip to Perryville October 28



On Sunday, October 28, twenty-four members of the Louisville Civil War Round Table and their guests gathered at the visitor's center and museum in Perryville to learn about the battle that occurred there on October 8, 1862. The weather was cool and cloudy as we began the tour under the guidance of Perryville historian Chuck Lott. We walked a short distance from the visitor's center to the place where Confederate brigades from Benjamin Cheatam's division deployed in line of battle around 2:30 in the afternoon searching for the Union left flank which consisted mostly of men from Alexander McCook's 1st Corp. From there, we would walk the battlefield following the action in the order it occurred that October afternoon. Thanks to the efforts of preservationists and especially the Civil War Trust (now the American Battlefield Trust) the park encompasses 1100 acres and about 150 more will soon be added. You cannot really appreciate this battle and how it unfolded unless you come here and walk these rolling hills over which the fighting occurred. Pictures cannot do it justice. Rolling steep hills and narrow hollows separating them made for difficult maneuvering for the armies. When the wind picked up and began gusting and howling just as it did on the day of battle, I could really understand how Don Carlos Buell did not hear the battle that was underway just over two miles from his headquarters. As a result of this 'acoustic shadow', nearly two thirds of the Federal army were never engaged allowing the much smaller Confederate force to drive the Union left flank in before darkness brought a halt to the fight. We followed in the footsteps of the Confederate assault on the Union far left flank up and down one hill after another and through a now famous cornfield where a Wisconsin regiment made a stand before falling back. We passed the sites of where Union Generals William Terrill and James Jackson fell mortally wounded. We halted at noon and returned to the visitor's center for a very good boxed lunch provided by the Great American Deli of Danville (really good sandwiches!). A brief rain shower during lunch was the only moisture of the day and as we begin the second half of our tour, the clouds parted and were replaced by a very brisk wind that stayed with us the rest of the afternoon. We followed the Confederate attacks that took place on the Union center and right flanks by divisions under the leadership of Patton Anderson and Simon Buckner that were finally halted at dark. After walking nearly four miles of hills and valleys, we retreated to the visitor's center tired but filled with a renewed appreciation of this important battle and the land over which it was fought.

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

Next 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. There will be more information on the trip and readings in the coming issues of the Adjutant's Call. We expect this trip to sell out, so you will want to make your reservations early. We will begin taking signups at the November meeting. We will begin collecting the **\$200 non-refundable deposits** at the November meeting. This is the only way to guarantee your reservation.

The \$200 Non-refundable Deposit Explained

To guarantee your reservation for the April 2019 Field Trip, you will need to make a \$200 non-refundable deposit. We expect this trip to be a sellout. Please understand that once you make this payment it is **non-refundable** for any reason after the January 19th meeting. If you need to cancel after January 19, only the amount of the trip fee above \$200 will be refunded. This policy is necessary because we must make several payments in February and March for the bus, insurance, and other items in advance of the trip. We also need a guaranteed count on the number of people going so we can keep the price of the trip as low as possible.

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.

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.

A very good shorter book is the Time-Life book, "**Decoying the Yanks: Jackson's Valley Campaign**". This volume is filled with interesting photos and illustrations and some very good maps. A nicely written narrative by Champ Clark ties everything together.

Robert K. Krick's "**Conquering the Valley**" is a very detailed study of the battles of Cross Keys and Port Republic. One of the best researched campaign and comprehensive battle studies ever undertaken, this fascinating work takes you minute by minute through these two battles. Krick used every available eyewitness account, private diaries, and letters in his research.

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THE LOUISVILLE CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE
2019 SPECIAL WINTER FUND RAISING EVENT

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR WITH BIRTHDAY AND INTERNATIONAL BOURBON LIBATIONS
REFLECTING ON THE PAST IN AN HISTORIC VENUE

Date: Sunday, January 6th 2019
Time: 4:00 pm-6:30 pm
Location: Midlane Farm
2834 Hikes Lane
Louisville, Ky.
Cost: \$75 per person
Includes Tax; Tasting; Presentations; Hors d'oeuvres

LIMITED TO 24 SEATS
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

This Event is Sold Out!



MIDLANE FARM
ESTABLISHED 1820

Presentations:
"Louisville in the Civil War"-Tom Owen, Ph.D.
Recognized City of Louisville Historian
"The Hikes Family Home"-Chaz. Stephens
(6th Generation Hikes family member)
Bourbon Tasting:
Conducted by Mike Veach
Bourbon: -Old Forrester Birthday bourbon
versus
-Old Forrester Single Barrel
and
-Blanton Domestic Release
versus
-Blanton Japanese Release



Tom Owen



Chaz Stephens



Mike Veach

The Midland Fund-Raising Event is Sold Out!

2018 - 2019 Schedule

Sunday November 18	Kent Masterson Brown	"George Gordon Meade and the Gettysburg Campaign"
Saturday December 8	Clay Stuckey	"The Trials and Tribulations of the Corpse of Abraham Lincoln"
Saturday January 19	Brian Steele Wills	"The River Was Dyed with Blood: Forrest and Fort Pillow"
Saturday February 9	Michael Murphy	"The Kimberlins Go to War"
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"

OCTOBER 2018 QUIZ:

1. What were the first five original Civil War battlefield parks?

The first five, determined by the veterans, were Vicksburg, Gettysburg, Antietam, Shiloh, and Chickamauga/Chattanooga.

2. What was Union General Ulysses S. Grant's birth name?

His parents named him Hiram Ulysses Grant.

3. Who succeeded Confederate General Joseph Johnston when he was wounded at the Battle of Seven Pines?

Major General Gustavus Woodson (G.W.) Smith commanded the Army of Northern Virginia from May 31 until June 1, 1862, following Johnston's wounding and before being replaced by General Robert E. Lee.

4. Which constitutional amendment freed the slaves?

The Thirteenth Amendment freed the slaves.

5. What Confederate official served successively as Confederate attorney general, secretary of war, and secretary of state?

Judah P. Benjamin holds that distinction.

NOVEMBER 2018 QUIZ:

1. How long did the siege of Petersburg, Virginia last?

2. At what battle did Union General U. S. Grant break Confederate General R. E. Lee's line to capture Petersburg?

3. What general was known as Beast?

4. What was General Grant's first major battle against General Lee?

5. What Confederate general's name was supposedly on the lips of both Generals Lee and Jackson as they lay dying?

(The Quiz is prepared by Harriette Weatherbee)

Attest:

**John Davis
Adjutant**

By Order of:

**Bryan Winslow
President**