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Announcing Our 523rd Meeting

"The Day the South Really Lost the Civil War"

Will be Presented by James I. Robertson Jr.

DATE: **Sunday**, November 19

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 - James I. Robertson Jr.

We are once again honored to have our longtime friend and Life Member of our Round Table, James I. 'Bud' Robertson Jr. visit us. He is without question one of the preeminent Civil War scholars and lecturers of our time. So many times in the past he has enlightened our members with informative and entertaining talks. 'Bud' has written and edited over 20 books and countless articles and reviews during his distinguished career. His latest book is "CIVIL WAR ECHOES—Voices From Virginia 1860 - 1891". His magnificent biography of Stonewall Jackson won eight national awards and served as the basis for the movie 'Gods and Generals'.



James I. Robertson Jr. is a native of Danville, Virginia and a great grandson of a Confederate veteran of the Army of Northern Virginia. He received his B.A. and Litt.D. degrees from Randolph-Macon College and M.A. and PhD degrees from Emory University, where he studied under famous Civil War historian Bell Wiley. He served as Executive Director of the U.S. Civil War Centennial Commission working with Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. He has been honored with several major awards including the 1987 Fletcher Pratt Award, the 1988 Jefferson Davis Medal and the Freeman-Nevins Award. Bud continues to speak at seminars and other venues around the country and has finished 'A Rebel War Clerk's Diary: J. B. Jones' that was recently published.

Dr. Robertson recently retired from being the Alumni Distinguished Professor in History at Virginia Tech. Since our founding in 1961, Bud Robertson has been a frequent and favorite speaker and we welcome him back once again for what will be a very special evening.

"The Day the South Really Lost the Civil War"

For 150 years historians and Civil War Round Tables have argued when the Confederacy reached its "high water mark"--when the signal came that the South's attempt at independence was going to fail. A host of critical points has been proposed. Antietam, Vicksburg, and Gettysburg traditionally lead the pack. I plan to examine the possibilities and offer my own nomination as the Civil War's turning point.

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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.

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Big Spring Begins Renovation; 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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Please Note: Our Meeting is on **Sunday**, November 19

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. Please call or email **no later than Thursday, November 16**, 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.

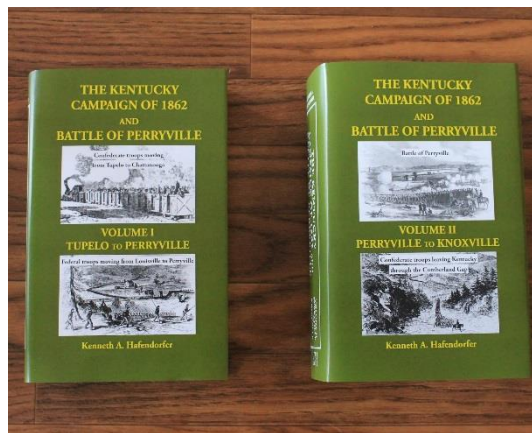
Reminder for Table Reservations: We can reserve tables for parties of **eight** only, and we need you to provide us with the names of all the people in your party when you make the reservation. This will enable us to manage our meeting space in a more efficient manner. Thank you.

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Kenny Hafendorfer Book on Perryville Available to Members

Life member Dr. Kenny Hafendorfer passed away on Friday, September 15, 2017. His last book completed just before he passed away is his third book on Perryville, a 2 volume book entitled *The Kentucky Campaign of 1862 and The Battle of Perryville*. Only 100 copies of this book were printed. This limited edition book is available to Round Table members. The special Round Table pricing is \$170.00 check or \$160.00 cash. You can email Jennifer Hafendorfer if you wish to purchase the book at kenny.hafendorfer@gmail.com. You can also call Jennifer at 502-664-7757.



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2018 Spring Field Trip: Chickamauga and Chattanooga

Due to scheduling difficulties, we have had to change next year's spring field trip from New Orleans to tour the battles connected with the 1863 Chickamauga and Chattanooga campaigns. We are very fortunate to secure the services of Chickamauga Park Historian Jim Ogden who is without doubt the best guide for the battle of Chickamauga having spent his career studying and interpreting this important campaign. Those of you who have been on field trips with Jim in the past know how great a guide he is. We will spend the final day of the tour covering the Chattanooga portion of the campaign and battles that took place there. Our guide will be Dr. Anthony Hodges who is a resident of Chattanooga and is President of the Friends of Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Military Park and is considered an expert on the Civil War sites in Chattanooga. He is a veteran tour guide of these sites. The dates will be **April 18 - 22, 2018**. The sign-up sheet will be available at the next meeting and we will begin collecting deposits. You can also email John Davis at johnd.davis@twc.com to make your reservation. You can send your nonrefundable \$200 deposit made out to LCWRT to Louisville Civil War Round Table, 9462 Brownsboro road- #142, Louisville, KY., 40241. We will have a lot more information about this exciting trip in the coming months.

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The Non-Refundable \$200 Deposit Explained!

The non-refundable \$200 field trip deposit is necessary in order to begin paying the bills for the trip. These include reserving our bus and other pre-payment deposits that are required. We also need to get an accurate count of who is actually going on the trip so we can price the trip fairly. We will refund the deposit up until the January 20, 2018 meeting. After that date, we will refund only the portion of the trip fee above the non-refundable \$200 deposit. We will be taking 45 reservations for the tour on this field trip.

Book Reviewers Wanted!

We would like to start putting book reviews in the newsletter and you are invited to be the reviewers! Pick one of your favorite Civil War books (or least favorite) and write a review and submit it for publication in the Adjutant's Call. Your review should be a page or less and must be submitted in electronic form. Submitting a review does not guarantee publication and all reviews will be subject to editing. Please send your review to John Davis at johnd.davis@twc.com.

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2017 - 2018 Schedule

Sunday	November 19	Bud Robertson	"The Day the South Really Lost the Civil War"
Saturday	December 9	James Klotter	"The Spirit of Henry Clay and Kentucky in the Civil War"
Saturday	January 20	Don Frazier	"Southeast Louisiana in the Civil War"
Saturday	February 10	Chris Kolakowski	"The Battle of Missionary Ridge"
Saturday	March 10	TBA	"TBA"
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"

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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. They need to have **people** in them not just landscapes!

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OCTOBER 2017 QUIZ:

1. In the spring of 1864, Major General William T. Sherman took command of what Western forces/armies?

His 100,000 troops were divided into three forces: Major General George H. Thomas's Army of the Cumberland, Major General James B. McPherson's Army of the Tennessee, and Major General John M. Schofield's Army of the Ohio.

2. When Major General James McPherson was killed in the Atlanta Campaign, who took temporary command of his army and who did Sherman appoint as McPherson's replacement?

During the battle Major General John A. Logan took charge and secured a Union victory. Sherman then named Major General Oliver Otis Howard commander of the Army of the Tennessee.

3. The Confederate Army also experienced changes during the Atlanta Campaign with the death of Lt. General Leonidas Polk and with President Jefferson Davis replacing General Joseph E. Johnston with Lt. General John Bell Hood as commander of the Confederate Army. Who became commanders of Polk's Army of Mississippi and of Hood's Corps?

Major General William W. Loring took over temporarily when Polk was killed. Less than a month later he was replaced by Lt. General Alexander P. Stewart as commander of the Army of Mississippi. Lt. General Stephen D. Lee replaced Hood.

4. How long was the Confederate prison Andersonville in existence?

It was open for 15 months, opening in late February 1864 and closing in early May 1865.

5. What country furnished the most foreign-born Civil War soldiers?

Historians believe that was Germany.

NOVEMBER 2017 QUIZ:

1. Who was Thomas Corbett?
2. What was Virginia known as before its re-admission to the Union?
3. What was the main provision of the first national income tax?
4. What was the Swamp Angel?
5. Who were the Copperheads?

(The Quiz is prepared by Harriette Weatherbee)

Washington and Lee's Church Gives Them the Boot!

In an astonishing story in which political correctness has reached a new low, Christ Church in Alexandria, Virginia, of which George Washington was one of the founders and Robert E. Lee was a long time member, has officially kicked them out!

George Washington was one of the founding members of Christ Church in Alexandria, buying pew No. 5 when the church first opened in 1773, and attending for more than two decades. Last week the church announced it was pulling down a memorial to its one-time vestryman and the country's first president, saying he and another famous parishioner, Robert E. Lee, have become too controversial and are chasing away would-be parishioners.

While acknowledging "friction" over the decision, the church's leadership said the twin memorials, which are attached to the wall on either side of the altar, are relics of another era and have no business in a church that proclaims its motto as "All are welcome — no exceptions." "The plaques in our sanctuary make some in our presence feel unsafe or unwelcome. According to the church, "Some visitors and guests who worship with us choose not to return because they receive an unintended message from the prominent presence of the plaques," the church leaders said. This is the height of hypocrisy of a church doing this in the name of "all are welcome - no exceptions." Obviously George Washington and Robert E. Lee are not welcome and neither are a host of other people who believe this is an outrage.

As an original benefactor, Washington bought pew No. 5 when the church opened in 1773. He was a vestryman and contributed to the church throughout his life, according to the Washington Papers project. His family considered the church important enough to him that it donated one of his Bibles after his death. Robert E. Lee attended Christ Church beginning at age 3, when he moved from Stratford to Alexandria. The church was so integral to his family that Mary Custis Lee, his daughter, left the church \$10,000 in her will upon her death in 1918. That money was used to begin the church's endowment.

I bring this to your attention because it must be of vital concern to all of us who value our nation's history. Not only are monuments and statues at risk of being removed, but this movement to cleanse our nation's history of all that is controversial has great momentum with cowardly leaders and politicians seeking to take every advantage of it and they will stop at nothing to make themselves look "progressive". We have to ask, where will end or even, does it have an end? What can be done to bring people back to their senses? We have to stay informed. These type of events will become more commonplace as this hysteria sweeps the country. At some point, we will have to take a stand and say enough is enough. That day of reckoning is not too far in the future as this news warns us.

(parts of this article were taken from The American Conservative Web site - author Rod Dreher, "Washington's Church Ashamed of Washington")

Attest:

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By Order of:

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President