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November 2022

Announcing Our 532nd Meeting

"The Battle of Johnsonville"

Will be Presented by Jerry T. Wooten

DATE: Saturday, November 5

Location: Big Spring Country Club

COCKTAILS: 6:00 P.M.

DINNER (\$32.00): 7:00 P.M.

PROGRAM: 8:00 P.M.

Meet our Speaker Jerry T. Wooten

Jerry T. Wooten, Ph.D., is from Nashville, Tennessee, and serves as Park Manager for Tennessee's Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park in downtown Nashville. *Johnsonville: Union Supply Operations of the Tennessee River and the Battle of Johnsonville, November 4-5, 1864* is his first book published by Savas-Beatie.



Jerry holds a B.S. in American History from Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, TN; an M.A. in American History from Murray State University in Murray, KY; and a Ph.D. in Public History from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, TN. Formerly, he served as Park Manager at Johnsonville State Historic Park, as Director of State Historic Sites for the Tennessee Historical Commission, and as Park Historian at the Pamplin Historical Park and National Museum of the Civil War Soldier in Petersburg, Virginia. Originally from Clarksville, Tennessee, Jerry has researched and written about the Civil War for most of his professional life. He serves on the Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association's Board of

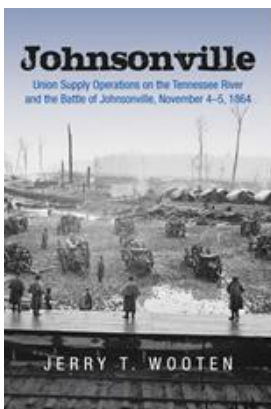
Directors and is a frequent speaker at Civil War roundtables, historical organizations, state and national parks, and museums.

He is currently conducting research for his second book about the Battle of Dover, Tennessee, on February 3, 1863.

"The Battle of Johnsonville"

We invite you to hear Dr. Jerry T. Wooten at the next meeting of the Louisville CWRT on Saturday, November 5, where he will present his new book about the significance of the Union supply depot at

Johnsonville, Tennessee, and illustrate what happened there on November 4, 1864, at the Battle of Johnsonville. His new book, *Johnsonville: Union Supply Operations on the Tennessee River and the Battle of Johnsonville, November 4-5, 1864*, takes important steps toward answering significant questions about the Union's logistical supply line in the Western Theater. The 1864 battle along the Tennessee River at Johnsonville has long needed a comprehensive historical treatment. Past accounts in Tennessee history ranked the smashing Confederate victory as just another feather in the caps of renowned Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest and his cavalry. Even regional and national accounts of the Civil War in the West merely footnoted the battle or ignored it completely. Wooten's new book now explores how federal commanders used both rivers and rails to supply its advancing armies, how they transformed an understanding of how the war in Tennessee was to be fought, and illustrates one of Forrest's most brilliant and audacious campaigns by providing insight on why Johnsonville was such a key target for Confederate command desperate to slow the Federal advance southward.



"BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS!!"

We will have Jerry Wooten's book for sale at the November meeting. The price will be \$30. *Johnsonville: Union Supply Operations of the Tennessee River and the Battle of Johnsonville, November 4-5, 1864* is his first book published by Savas-Beatie.

Please Note the Price of the Buffet is now \$32!

Reservations

RESERVATIONS: Please Note!!! If you email Bryan Winslow and **do not** receive a confirmation, you need to call Doug Krawczyk (502-592-6864) 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 (502-592-6864) 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 2**, 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**, 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.

Webmaster Wanted

The Round Table is in need of a Webmaster. This person is responsible for updating and maintaining our website. The main duties of the Webmaster are to upload the newsletter and put announcements of upcoming events on the website. This is not a time-consuming task but does require skills in handling website maintenance. If you are interested, please contact our President, Doug Krawczyk, either at a meeting or by emailing him at rdklou1@gmail.com. Our current Webmaster, Ken Draut will provide instruction when he hands off the duties to the new person. We want to thank Ken for his service. His expertise was very helpful in setting up our zoom meetings during the worst days of the pandemic and we do appreciate his contribution as Webmaster.

2022 - 2023 Schedule

Saturday November 5	Jerry Wooten	"Battle of Johnsonville"
Sunday December 4	James Fuller	"Fatal Affray at Louisville: The Killing of Bull Nelson by Jefferson C. Davis At the Galt House"
Sunday January 15	Kent Masterson Brown	"Moving an Army: Logistics and Armies in the Civil War"
Saturday February 11	Robert Jenkins	"The Atlanta Campaign and the Battle of Peach Tree Creek"
Saturday March 11	Chris Mackowski	"A Season of Slaughter: The Battle of Spotsylvania Court House"
Saturday April 8	Kenneth Noe	"Weather, Climate, and the Civil War"
Saturday May 13	Don Frazier	"The Civil War in the Texas Hill Country"

Our Field Trip in 2023, The Atlanta Campaign

We are going to cover the last half of the 1864 Atlanta Campaign in our next field trip. The dates are April 19-23, 2023. Our guide will be Robert Jenkins who has been studying, researching, and giving tours of the Atlanta campaign for several years. Robert will be our speaker in February when he will speak on "The Atlanta Campaign and the Battle of Peach Tree Creek". We are going to concentrate on the last half of the campaign from Kennesaw and Pickett's Mill through the battles in Atlanta. The tour will also include New Hope Church, Dallas, Pine Mountain, Gilgal Church, Kolb Farm, Peach Tree Creek, and Ezra Church. We will also visit the Atlanta History Center and view the newly restored



Battle of Atlanta Cyclorama. And yes, there is plenty to see on these battlefields. The Atlanta campaign was arguably the most important and decisive event in the Civil War. Filled with high drama, interesting personalities and hard fought battles, its outcome would decide the Presidential election of 1864 and the fate of the Confederacy. Please mark your calendars for April 19-23, 2023 and join us for what will be a great field trip. We will be staying at the Fairfield Inn in Marietta. If you would like to get a head start on reading, there is no better one volume history than Albert Castel's wonderful, "Decision in the West: the Atlanta Campaign". For a briefer but no less brilliant outline, I recommend Richard McMurry's "Atlanta Campaign of 1864".

Atlanta Field Trip Books Available

Thanks to Kevin Clark's generosity, we have several good books on the Atlanta campaign available for sale. These books are in excellent condition and are priced to sell at bargain prices. Get a head start on your field trip reading with these great books. Just let John Davis know that you want one or more of these books and he will bring it to you at the November or December meeting. You can email him at johnd.davis@twc.com.

- (1) Decision in the West: The Atlanta Campaign of 1864 by Albert Castel \$10 Hardback
- (2) Atlanta 1864 Richard McMurry signed, \$5 paperback
- (3) The Atlanta Papers edited by Kerksis, Bearss, and Wallace, \$10 Hardback
- (4) John Bell Hood by Stephen Hood, signed \$10 Hardback
- (5) Sherman's Horsemen by David Evans, \$10 Hardback
- (6) The March to the Sea and Beyond by Joseph Glatthar, \$10 Hardback

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Giant Booksale Planned for the December Meeting!

Kevin Clark has donated his deceased wife, Mickey Peck's Civil War books to the Round Table to use to raise money for our organization. We will have these books for sale at the December meeting. These books are in excellent condition, and many are signed first editions. They will be priced to sell at bargain below market value prices. Hardbacks will be \$10, paperbacks \$5 and there are some miscellaneous books for \$2. All of these books are in like new condition and there are many classic studies of battles and leaders of the Civil War. There will be approximately 150 books for sale. Titles include: A.P. Hill by James I. Robertson signed; Crucible of Command: Lee and Grant by William C. Davis signed; John Bell Hood by Richard McMurry signed; Gettysburg Day Three by Jeffrey Wert signed; Shiloh by Timothy Smith signed; Boxed set The Civil War 3 vols. by Shelby Foote; Jeff Davis in Blue by Nathaniel Hughes signed; Antietam by Scott Hartwig signed; Pickett in Life and Legend by Leslie Gordon; A History of Ironclads by John Quarstein; Kentuckians in Gray edited by Bruce Allardice and Lawrence Lee Hewitt; Jeb Stuart The Last Cavalier by Burke Davis; Fighting for the Confederacy by Porter Alexander; The Devil's to Pay; John Buford at Gettysburg by Eric Wittenberg, signed; Lee's Lieutenants by Douglas Southall Freeman; First edition of R.E. Lee 4 vols by Douglas Southall Freeman; First edition of R.E. Lee 4 vols Pulitzer Prize edition by Douglas Southall Freeman, Leather bound, or and many, many others!

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Wanted: Treasurer

After several years of service, Paul Fridell is retiring from our Treasurer's position at the end of this season, in May of 2023. We want to thank Paul for doing an amazing job as the Round Table's Treasurer. He brought a level of professionalism and dedication to the job that allowed our organization to have probably the best Treasurer of any Round Table in the Country! Paul, you have done a fantastic job for us, and we owe you a debt of gratitude for your service.

Skills and Qualifications Needed for the Treasurer Office

The Treasurer's job is probably the most important job in the Round Table and requires a lot of time and skill. The Treasurer is one of the principal members of the Board of Directors of the LCWRT and is authorized to make deposits, write checks, and produce all of the Round Table's financial documents and reports. A prospective Treasurer should possess moderate computer skills and have access to a newer computer running Microsoft Windows 10 or 11 along with a laser or inkjet printer. Familiarity with bookkeeping or basic accounting principals is also desirable.

Familiarity with QuickBooks is desirable as this is the bookkeeping software used to maintain the LCWRT financial accounts and records. The person should also have some familiarity with and experience using Microsoft Excel and Word. It is the responsibility of the Treasurer to set up and maintain the LCWRT Chart of Accounts. Previous experience is desirable but not necessary as long as the prospective Treasurer is willing to be trained by Paul and has computer skills.

Principal Duties of the LCWRT Treasurer:

1. The Treasurer will record and deposit payments for services rendered, membership dues, dinners, raffle tickets, special events, and the annual battlefield field trips.
2. Write and enter checks to suppliers, vendors, members for goods and services rendered.
3. Receive monthly bank and debit card statements and reconcile to recorded balances.
4. Form 990-N: File IRS Form 990-n(e-postcard) annual electronic notice for Tax-exempt Organizations.
5. Renew LCWRT UPS post office box annually and check at least weekly.
6. Produce all Treasurer reports and financial statements.
7. The Treasurer is responsible for collecting, posting, and depositing all annual renewals of membership dues. The Treasurer is also responsible of maintaining membership rosters.
8. Monthly Dinner Meetings: The Treasurer and at least one other person are responsible for manning the meeting check-in table which entails collecting meal payments, compiling total dinner receipts, and paying Big Spring, and writing checks for speaker expenses and honorariums.
9. Field Trips: Prepare sign-up sheets and collect and record all deposits and payments made by trip participants and pay trip expenses including transportation, guides, contracted meals, entry fees, gratuities, and special trip events.

As you can see, the Treasurer's job is very important to the Round Table. It requires a lot of work and dedication. The good news is that Paul will train you and show you everything you need to know to perform this job. Please contact Paul or President Doug Krawczyk if you are interested or want more information.

Paul Fridell - pfridell@twc.com Doug Krawczyk - rdklou1@gmail.com.

OCTOBER 2022 QUIZ:

1. Who was the primary photographer employed by renowned photographer Matthew Brady?
That was Alexander Gardner.
2. Who first commanded the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment?
That would be Colonel Robert Gould Shaw.
3. How many future presidents of the United States served as officers in the Union Army and were born in Ohio?
There were 5: Grant, Hayes, Garfield, B. Harrison, and McKinley.
4. What was supposedly the most popular spare-time occupation of Civil War soldiers?
Letter-writing occupied much of their free time.
5. What was Union General Joshua L. Chamberlain's occupation before the Civil War?
He was Professor of Theology at Bowdoin College in Maine.

NOVEMBER 2022 QUIZ:

1. Which two border slave states had abolished slavery by state constitutional means before the end of the Civil War and the ratification of the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution?
2. In what year did Robert E. Lee graduate from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point?
3. Who commanded the Army of the Shenandoah in the late summer and fall of 1864?
4. What famous nurse was at the Battle of Antietam?
5. Why did the Confederacy not have a Supreme Court?

(The Quiz is prepared by Harriette Weatherbee)

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Attest:

**John Davis
Adjutant**

By Order of:

**Doug Krawczyk
President**