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Announcing Our 522nd Meeting

“Grant Invades Tennessee: Forts Henry and Donelson”

Will be Presented by Timothy B. Smith

DATE: Friday, October 13

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 - Timothy B. Smith

Timothy B. Smith, Civil War author and historian, is a native of Mississippi but now resides in Tennessee, where he teaches history at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Smith received both BA and MA degrees in history from the University of Mississippi and a PhD from Mississippi State University in 2001.



Pursuing his love of history, Smith worked for the National Park Service at the Shiloh National Military Park for seven years, where his interest in the Civil War was intensified. His main area of interest and specialty, besides the Civil War, is the history of Civil War battlefield preservation. **Tim Smith** is widely regarded as the leading tour guide of the battle of Shiloh and of the siege and battle of Corinth. He is the author of a number of books including *Mississippi in the Civil War: The Home Front*, *The Untold Story of Shiloh: The Battle and Battlefield*, *Rethinking Shiloh: Myth and Memory*, *Shiloh: Conquer or Perish*, *The Golden Age of Battlefield Preservation: The Decade of the 1890s and the Establishment of America's First Five Military Parks*, and *Corinth 1862: Siege, Battle, Occupation*.

Battle and Battlefield; Rethinking Shiloh: Myth and Memory, Shiloh: Conquer or Perish, The Golden Age of Battlefield Preservation: The Decade of the 1890s and the Establishment of America's First Five Military Parks, and Corinth 1862: Siege, Battle, Occupation.

We welcome back Tim Smith who will speak on his award winning book, *Grant Invades Tennessee: The 1862 Battles for Forts Henry and Donelson*.

"Grant Invades Tennessee: Forts Henry and Donelson"

Forts Henry and Donelson are often described as key events in the Civil War, but they have never before been analyzed to the degree Timothy B. Smith does in his award winning *Grant Invades Tennessee: The 1862 Battles for Forts Henry and Donelson*, upon which this talk will be based. Smith offers a good dose of revisionism in examining tactical details of the fighting, the larger context of the actions, as well as the implications of the campaign. Smith will examine leadership, terrain, and consequences in this reevaluation of one of the most highly touted campaigns of the Civil War.

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Books! Books! Books!

We will have Tim Smith's new book, *Grant Invades Tennessee: The 1862 Battles for Forts Henry and Donelson*, published by the University Press for sale at the meeting at an incredible **40%** discount. The book normally sells for \$35 but we will have it for you for **\$20**. These are hardbacks.

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Price Increase at Big Spring Effective this Meeting

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.

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 **Friday**, October 13

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 Wednesday, Oct. 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.

Life Member Kenny Hafendorfer Passes Away

Dr. Kenny Hafendorfer passed away on Friday, September 15, 2017 at Baptist Health of Louisville. Kenny joined our Round Table in the mid 1960's and quickly became an active member in all aspects of the Round Table. He became involved in the Boy Scout Trail at Perryville that the Round Table sponsored and it was this involvement that led to his interest in the battle of Perryville. When looking for materials on the battle he noticed there



were no books on the subject, so he decided to write one himself. He immersed himself in research and in 1981 published his first book, *Perryville: Battle for Kentucky*. This would be followed by 8 more books on the Civil War most dealing with Kentucky battles, including a second edition on Perryville, and books on Mill Springs, Wildcat Mountain, Richmond, Confederate cavalry in the Kentucky campaign of 1862, N.B. Forrest's raid on Murfreesboro, the letters of William Trask, and completed just before he passed away a third book on Perryville, a 2 volume book entitled *The Kentucky Campaign of 1862 and The Battle of Perryville*. Kenny took an active role in leadership of our organization and served as President, on the Board of Directors, and as field trip chairman for many years. It was as field trip chairman that Kenny made a lasting contribution to the Round Table. Beginning in the 1980's he organized and led our field trips at first in rented vans connected by CB radios. This is

where the famous phrase, "Kenny can you hear me" originated as we were always trying to sync up the CB's! The field trips grew in the number of those going and Kenny labored hard to find the best guides and to keep costs down. Everyone looked up to Kenny and enjoyed being in his presence. He was a great friend to everyone. We will miss him greatly. Kenny was awarded our highest honor for service by being made a Life Member. Kenny was born and raised in Louisville, he graduated from Saint Francis of Assisi Grade School, Saint Xavier High School, the University of Louisville, and the University of Louisville Medical School. Kenny interned at Saint Joseph Hospital in Louisville and served the Medical Corps of the United States Army. He practiced Family Medicine from 1967 until his passing.

Kenny is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, the former Nancy Byrne; children, Robert Allan Hafendorfer, James Thomas Hafendorfer (Leanne), Karen Louise McDonald (Tim), and Jennifer Byrne Hafendorfer (Dave Kubler); grandchildren, Katherine and David Hafendorfer, Katie and Michael McDonald, and one grandson on the way; brother, Dr. Daniel Hafendorfer (Patty); and sister-in-law, Claudia Hafendorfer. His funeral Mass was held September 21, 2017 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

2017 Spring Field Trip: New Orleans and Southeast Louisiana

We have confirmed next year's field trip and it will be to New Orleans to tour the battles around New Orleans and Southeast Louisiana with Don Frazier, noted expert on this part of the Civil War. Don has written extensively on this phase of the war and has led many tours of these battlefields. The dates will be **April 4 -8, 2018**. We will have a lot more information about this exciting trip in the coming months.

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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.

2017 - 2018 Schedule

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| Friday | October 13 | Tim Smith | "Grant Invades Tennessee: Forts Henry and Donelson" |
| 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" |

2017 - 2018 Board of Directors Update

The following Board of Directors members were omitted from last month's newsletter.

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SEPTEMBER 2017 QUIZ:

1. What Civil War general has a tree named for him?
The General Sherman, a giant sequoia, was named for General William Tecumseh Sherman in 1879. There is or was an oak tree in Canton, Mississippi that was called the Sherman Oak because General Sherman supposedly camped under it in 1864. There is another giant sequoia named in 1867 for General Ulysses S. Grant. The General Grant has an interesting history as the "Nation's Christmas Tree" and as a "National Shrine to those who died in war".
2. Who was the Rev. Dr. Henry W. Bellows?
He was a founder and the only president of the United States Sanitary Commission.
3. Who was General U.S. Grant's personal military secretary?
Lieutenant Colonel Ely Samuel Parker was a Seneca Indian Chief from New York State. He was also an attorney and engineer. He drafted the copies of the surrender terms that were signed by Generals Grant and Lee at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865. He eventually rose to the rank of brevet brigadier general. In 1869 President Grant appointed him Commissioner of Indian Affairs. He was the first Native American to hold the office.
4. What was so unique about Wilmer McLean's Civil War experience?
The summer of 1861 found McLean and his family living in Manasses, Virginia. His house was on the outskirts of the battlefield and was used as General P.G.T. Beauregard's headquarters. After the battle, McLean moved to Appomattox Court House where he hoped to avoid the war. On April 9, 1865 his house was chosen for the meeting between Generals Grant and Lee because it was the most impressive house in the village. After the war, McLean supposedly said that "the war began in my front yard and ended in my front parlor".
5. What interim cabinet post did General U.S. Grant hold after the war?
Grant served as temporary Secretary of War from August 12, 1867 to January 12, 1868. This came about because President Andrew Johnson, trying to get rid of Secretary of War Edwin Stanton, took advantage of a Senate recess and made the interim appointment. On January 13, 1868 the Senate returned the office to Stanton.

OCTOBER 2017 QUIZ:

1. In the spring of 1864, Major General William T. Sherman took command of what Western forces/armies?
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?
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?
4. How long was the Confederate prison Andersonville in existence?
5. What country furnished the most foreign-born Civil War soldiers?
(The Quiz is prepared by Harriette Weatherbee)

Civil War Trust Seeks to Save 145 Acres at Two Battlefields

Dear Members of the Louisville Civil War Round Table,

When I think back on all you and I have accomplished in the last 30 years, I am in awe. In addition to saving more than 46,000 acres of hallowed ground, we have also taken great strides toward completing the preservation of some of America's most important sites. There is a whole lot more protected battlefield land today than there was in 1987, and you have played a key role in making that a reality. I cannot thank you enough. But our work is far from over.

We are now working to save 145 acres at two battlefields, Second Manassas and Kelly's Ford—both places where you and I have already done tremendous work. With the acquisition of these tracts, we are one step closer to calling these battlefields preserved forever.

At Second Manassas—where Confederate General Robert E. Lee scored a key victory before invading Maryland—we are looking to acquire two tracts that saw significant action on August 29 and 30, 1862. Union troops charged across one of these properties during their assaults on the Unfinished Railroad, and General James Longstreet's Confederates charged across the other during the crushing flank attack on the battle's climactic day. Both properties are adjacent to National Park Service property and near land we have previously saved. Piece by piece, we are reclaiming portions of this battlefield. These two tracts could be the next dominoes to fall.

We are also preserving more land at Kelly's Ford, continuing our efforts to protect Culpeper County's priceless hallowed ground. On March 17, 1863, Union cavalry under General William W. Averell splashed across the Rappahannock River and attacked Confederate horsemen under General Fitzhugh Lee in the war's first all-cavalry battle. We now have the opportunity to add 135 acres to the more than 1,234 you and I have already saved at this battlefield.

Thanks to a \$5.77-to-\$1 match, we can save these 145 acres—valued at more than \$1.2 million—for just \$215,000. More importantly, we can ensure these key pieces of American history are protected for future generations.

Please log on to CivilWar.org to learn more and to make a donation to save these battlefields!

'Til the Battle is Won,



Jim Lighthizer

Attest:

John Davis
Adjutant

By Order of:

Art Boerner
President