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October 2022

Announcing Our 531th Meeting

"Jeb Stuart: Bold Cavalier?"

Will be Presented by **Gordon C. Rhea**

DATE: **Sunday**, October 9 **Sunday Meeting** **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 Gordon C. Rhea

Gordon C. Rhea received his B.A. in history from Indiana University, his M.A. in history from Harvard University, and his law degree from Stanford University Law School. He served as Special Assistant to the Chief Counsel of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities for two years and as an Assistant United States Attorney in Washington D.C. and the United States Virgin Islands for some seven years. He has been in the private practice of law since 1983.



Mr. Rhea has written seven award-winning books about the American Civil War, including *The Battle of the Wilderness*, *The Battles at Spotsylvania Court House and the Road to Yellow Tavern*, *To the North Anna River*, *Cold Harbor*, *On To Petersburg*, *Carrying the Flag*, and *In the Footsteps of Grant and Lee*. He has lectured across the country at the invitation of numerous historical societies, universities, and historic preservation organizations on topics of military history and the Civil War era and has served on the boards of historical societies, history magazines, and historical preservation organizations, including the Civil War Library and Museum, Philadelphia, the North and South magazine, and the Charleston South Carolina Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission. Mr. Rhea conducts

tours for organizations that raise funds to purchase and preserve historical sites related to the Civil War era, including the Civil War Trust, the Central Virginia Battlefield Trust, the Blue and Gray Education Society, and the Friends of the Wilderness Battlefield. He has also appeared multiple times as a historian and presenter on nationwide television programs, including productions by The History Channel, A&E Channel, Discovery Channel, and C-Span.

"Jeb Stuart: Bold Cavalier?"

The famed cavalry commander Jeb Stuart is celebrated almost as much for his theatrical persona as a "bold cavalier" as he is for his military achievements. Who exactly was this man, what drove him, and what role did his popular image play in his mode of waging warfare? Was his dedication to theatrics a boon or a hindrance to his performance on the battlefield? Join Gordon Rhea in a fresh evaluation of Lee's most famous cavalry chief.

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"BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS!!"

We will have two of Gordon Rhea's Overland Campaign books for sale at the October meeting both will be discounted **55%!!!** We will have "The Battles for Spotsylvania Courthouse" and "On to Petersburg" both in hardback for the incredibly low price of **\$20!!** The retail price on these books is \$45 but we will have them for \$20 each!

Please Note This is a Sunday Meeting!

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 Wednesday, October 5**, 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.

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A Story of Battlefield Preservation – President Doug Krawczyk

Saturday Evening August 7th, 2021:

A voice announces over the meeting room's PA system, *"Those of you attending tomorrow's fieldtrip... we are passing out maps on where to meet...see you at 9:00 am."*

Sunday morning August 8th, 2021:

The drive from the hotel is the proverbial twenty minutes. A few lefts and rights...West on Plank Rd...East on Orange Plank Rd...Turn into the gated community... Follow the other cars heading in the same destination. *Interesting...private property...a planned community...this is where we are rendezvousing?* The attendees gather in small groups. Apparently, many of these individuals know each other from previous conferences. Espying the tour guide the movement is made to introduce myself.

Approaching with a rhetorical question, "Greg Mertz?" "Yes" comes the reply. Giving my name extending my hand and referencing the Louisville Civil War Round Table he remarks, "I really like your group...I have always enjoyed meeting with you guys...In fact, I am going to mention your Round Table at the end of the walk". *Mention the Louisville Civil War Round Table at the conclusion of the tour? Interesting but what is that about?* Greg assembles the group of some 70 individuals. The slight scent of tick and sun spray envelopes in the warm morning breeze. *Line up...head into the woods...going to see and hear the narrative where Gen. James Longstreet was wounded in the Battle of the Wilderness. What about the residential development we are in...are these backyards? Water is grabbed; walking sticks appear ...and at the end of the program the Louisville Civil War Round Table is to be cited? A puzzling thought as we proceed along the path to our ultimate destination.*

A Piece of Land:

Out of the woods returning to the starting point our leader begins a discourse with the attendees. Casting his gaze among his audience he queries, "Where is my Louisville Civil War Round Table guy"? *A bit hesitantly an arm rises. "I would like you all to know", Greg begins to inform the surrounding assemblage, "on how the land you just walked was saved".* Listening intently, he declaims, *"It was largely due to the Louisville Civil War Round Table...Especially by one individual who was on a tour here in the Wilderness several years ago. As you can see from the homes around here it was to be completely built over as part of this residential community. This person greatly appreciated the very significance of this parcel of land.*

It turns out he lived next door to the president of the development company, NTS. When he returned home, he met with his neighbor stating 'you can't build on this acreage'." From this point in the narrative Greg continues to tell how this land eventually was saved through the initial efforts of the late

Dr. Kenneth Hafendorfer of the Louisville Civil War Round Table. *A match struck...a fuse lite.*

One person...a moment in time...a coincidence in life, a piece of historic land was saved for future generations....

Dr. Kenneth A. Hafendorfer



1938 - 2017

Physician/Veteran/Historian/Author/Preservationist - Life Member Louisville Civil War Round Table

2022 - 2023 Schedule

Sunday October 9	Gordon Rhea	"Jeb Stuart: Bold Cavalier?"
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	"TBA"
Saturday February 11	Robert Jenkins	"The Atlanta Campaign and the Battle of Peach Tree Creek"
Saturday March 11	Chris Mackowski	"TBA"
Saturday April 8	Kenneth Noe	"Weather, Climate and the Civil War"
Saturday May 13	Don Frazier	"TBA"

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".



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.

SEPTEMBER 2022 QUIZ:

1. What was the name of the church that figured prominently at the Battle of Antietam?
That was the Dunkard Church.
2. What action did both General George G. Meade and General Robert E. Lee do after the Battle of Gettysburg?
Both sent offers of resignation to their respective presidents. Their offers were rejected, and they served through the end.
3. About how many Union soldiers did General Ulysses S. Grant have under his direct command near Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865?
Grant had roughly 65,000 soldiers to Lee's roughly 30,000.
4. What old friend on the Confederate side did General Grant meet with briefly at the McLean House on April 10, 1865?
Grant ran into Confederate General James Longstreet.
5. What two new states entered the Union during the Civil War?
They were West Virginia on June 20, 1863 and Nevada on October 31, 1864.

OCTOBER 2022 QUIZ:

1. Who was the primary photographer employed by renowned photographer Matthew Brady?
2. Who first commanded the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment?
3. How many future presidents of the United States served as officers in the Union Army and were born in Ohio?
4. What was supposedly the most popular spare-time occupation of Civil War soldiers?
5. What was Union General Joshua L. Chamberlain's occupation before the Civil War?

(The Quiz is prepared by Harriette Weatherbee)

Attest:

**John Davis
Adjutant**

By Order of:

**Doug Krawczyk
President**