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### **September Meeting Cancelled**

Due to the continuing Covid-19 pandemic, the September meeting scheduled for September 11 has been cancelled. Big Spring Country Club, our meeting place, has informed us that they will be closed in September. We are hopeful that we will be able to meet in October. If we are able to meet in October, it will probably be with limited numbers and we are uncertain at this time if any food would be served. We are in touch with Big Spring and are awaiting their decision on when we can hold our meetings and under what conditions. The ongoing situation that continues to develop and continues to change with the virus will dictate how soon we can meet. This situation is not just here but is affecting Round Tables and other groups that hold meeting all over the country. Our Board of Directors will be meeting in September to further assess the situation and hopefully we will have more information from Big Spring.

Gary Gallagher, who was to be our featured speaker at the September meeting, has been rescheduled for September 2022. You can hear Gary give a provocative interview about his new book, "The Enduring Civil War" via the Emerging Civil War web site: <https://emergingcivilwar.com/2020/08/31/gary-gallagher-and-the-enduring-civil-war-an-exclusive-interview/>.

### **Please Renew Your Membership!**

As we continue to monitor the current situation of the Covid-19 pandemic and the social unrest that has dominated our thoughts for the last six months, please know that we intend to return to our usual meetings and events as soon as possible. I mention this because it is now more important than ever that those of us who value our history must continue to do so. As stated in our by-laws, "The purpose of the Louisville Civil War Round Table, Inc. is to study all aspects of the American Civil War and to promote the interchange of knowledge about it." By studying, reading, and learning from great historians and speakers about this crucial time in our history, we insure that the sacrifices of those "who gave the last full measure" should not be forgotten or devalued and their memory forgotten. That is why I hope you will renew your membership and stay the course with us. We will come back and provide you with the very best in speakers, field trips, the Bourbon and BBQ, and yes, the fried chicken will return!

## It is Time for Membership Renewals

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### Patron Memberships Are a Major Boost to the Round Table

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The annual membership fees of the Round Table are now due and there is good news! Once again, we are not raising any of our membership fees. And even more good news, 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! Following is a description of four membership options from which you can choose. Please read carefully the following explanations so that you will understand what your choices are. First, you may choose a single membership. Your membership dues will be \$30 and this will allow you to attend all Round Table meetings and events. The second option is a family membership for \$35. Under this option, you may choose to add a spouse, son or daughter as a member. For each family member, the cost will be an additional \$5. For example, the cost for three family members would be \$40. A family is defined as anyone living in the same household. Thus, two brothers who live in the same house can join on a family membership. By choosing this option, the spouse or family member will be recognized as a member of the Round Table, will be eligible to be elected to the Board of Directors, can serve on committees appointed by the President, and will receive a name tag to wear at the meetings. The third option is a special category of membership called **Patron**, which was introduced in 1998 and has been a big success. This option allows members who so desire to make a contribution with their membership dues to the Round Table above the usual cost of membership. This is for members who want to make a financial gift because they believe the Round Table is a worthy organization and they wish to show their appreciation and ensure its ongoing success. **Patron memberships start at \$55** and can include a family membership. Of course, you can contribute more if you wish. Patron memberships provide no additional benefits to members but simply give the individuals the satisfaction of supporting our Round Table with a financial gift. The additional funds raised through this option will allow the Round Table to take a more active role in the Preservation of Civil War battlefields and sites and also help pay the costs of bringing the very best Civil War speakers to our meetings. A fourth option is a **Student membership for \$10**. If you are a student in middle school, high school, college, or graduate school, you qualify for a \$10 student membership. **Note: Please send your renewal check made out to LCWRT directly to Louisville Civil War Round Table, 9462 Brownsboro Road - #142, Louisville, Ky., 40241.**

**To Summarize the Options:**

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| Option One: Regular Membership  | \$30  | Basic membership.  |
| Option Two: Family Membership   | \$35  | A spouse or family member living at the same address can also join +\$5 for each additional family member. |
| Option Three: Patron Membership | \$55+ | Membership with tax-deductible gift to LCWRT.  |
| Option Four: Student Membership | \$10  | Student membership.  |

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### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Bourbon & BBQ Update

Though we have had to cancel this year's Bourbon and BBQ, there is some good news. Doug Krawczyk has confirmed with James Fuller concerning the cancellation of the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual LCWRT B&BBQ. "I asked Jim if he would be available next year to give his "Man Devil" presentation with the theme still being "Devils & Spirits of Kentuckiana". Jim replied, "Yes, put me down for next June!". So, though we are announcing the cancellation of this year's event, all is not lost! You will have the opportunity to hear the sordid and salacious tale of the Civil War era serial killer, "Man Devil" along with a shot of "Devil's Cut" next June. Forgiveness will be had with a snort of "Angle's Envy". Cheers - Doug

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## 2020 - 2021 Schedule

Friday September 11	Cancelled	Cancelled
Friday October 9	Wayne Motts	"Trust in God and Fear Nothing: Confederate General Lewis A. Armistead"
Sunday November 17	Gary Ecelbarger	"The Battle of Atlanta, July 22, 1864"
Saturday December 7	Eric Wittenberg	"Stuart's Ride in the Gettysburg Campaign"
Saturday January 16	Kent Masterson Brown	"Lee's Retreat From Gettysburg"
Saturday February 13	Robert Lee Hodge	"TBA"
Saturday March 13	Gordon Rhea	"TBA"
Saturday April 10	Tim Smith	"TBA"
Saturday May 8	Thomas Flagel	"War, Memory and the 1913 Gettysburg Reunion"

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### Gordon A. Snyder Roundtable President 1984-85

Gordon A. Snyder who was a long-time member and Past-President of the Roundtable in 1984-85, passed away this June at the age of 98. A celebration of his life will be held on September 12, 11:00 at Christ Church United Methodist. He is survived by two daughters, six grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren. Our condolences go out to Gordon's family.

#### Dr. Henry Spaulding

Dr. Henry Spaulding, longtime member of the Round Table, passed away on August 30 in Bardstown.. He was 93. Dr. Spaulding lived in the former home of Confederate General Ben Hadin Helm who was killed in the battle of Chickamauga. He established and owned the Civil War Museum in Bardstown.

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### Spring Field Trip 2021 - Gettysburg!

Here is some good news, we are scheduled to go to Gettysburg next spring **April 21-25, 2021!** Mark your calendars now and start studying and reading. If you are bored and want something to do, there are only about 10,000 or so books on the battle of Gettysburg to choose from. As Gary Gallagher has said in his first book of essays on the Battle of Gettysburg, "the literature on the Battle of Gettysburg dwarfs that devoted to any other military operation in American history." Our guide will be **James Hessler**, a veteran of 20 plus years of giving tours at Gettysburg as a licensed guide. He recently conducted tours at Gettysburg for the Lincoln Forum and has an impressive resume. We will start taking signups this fall.

## The Great American Outdoors Act

**(From the American Battlefield Trust)** — The future of America's hallowed ground, the battlefields on which its formative conflicts were decided, is more secure today, after the "Great American Outdoors Act" has become law. This legislation to preserve and restore America's public lands received significant bipartisan support in both houses of Congress and from a vast coalition of conservation and stewardship organizations, including the American Battlefield Trust, the nation's leading battlefield preservation organization, en route to its presidential signature.

"The American Battlefield Trust was thrilled that both the House and Senate demonstrated their overwhelming support for our national parks, our open spaces, and our nation's hallowed battlefields by swiftly and resoundingly passing the Great American Outdoors Act, and even more pleased to see this important legislation complete its journey into law through the president's signature," said American Battlefield Trust President Jim Lighthizer. "This measure will benefit our nation's most beautiful and meaningful landscapes for generations to come. Our children and grandchildren now have a better opportunity to visit those sites, preserved in perpetuity, and appreciate the sacrifices made by our forefathers as we continue their work to create a more perfect union."

The Great American Outdoors Act benefits battlefield preservation in two parallel ways. First, it fully and permanently funds the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) at the \$900 million level annually via revenues from on-shore and off-shore energy development — both fossil and renewable energy operations — that are not already allocated by law to other programs. This large pool in turn funds the Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant Program, a matching grant program that has successfully saved more than 32,000 acres of America's hallowed Revolutionary War, War of 1812 and Civil War battlefields. The Trust and its partner organizations leverage these targeted federal grants against individual donations to create public-private partnerships to protect key portions of battlefields outside National Park Service boundaries.

Further, the bill allocates \$9 billion over five years to address the deferred maintenance backlog experienced by federal agencies, including the National Park Service, the National Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Battlefield parks are included in this critical maintenance backlog, with millions of dollars' worth of projects at dozens of battlefield parks, such as Antietam, Gettysburg, Shiloh, Vicksburg, Yorktown. Completion of these projects will materially enhance these outdoor classrooms and ensure they are accessible to the public.

The American Battlefield Trust is dedicated to preserving America's hallowed battlegrounds and educating the public about what happened there and why it matters today. The nonprofit, nonpartisan organization has protected more than 50,000 acres associated with the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War. Learn more at [www.battlefields.org](http://www.battlefields.org).

### Update on Removal of Confederate Monuments from National Parks

In the summer newsletter we reprinted from the Emerging Civil War the following proposed legislation that appeared in the following: [the proposed 2021 appropriation for the Department of the Interior](#), which includes the National Park Service, and this was the item that caught our attention on pg. 160 of the appropriation:

*REMOVAL OF CONFEDERATE COMMEMORATIVE WORKS 7 SEC. 442.  
Notwithstanding any other provision of law*

*or policy to the contrary, within 180 days of enactment of this Act, the National Park Service shall remove from display all physical Confederate commemorative works, such as statues, monuments, sculptures, memorials, and plaques, as defined by NPS, Management Policies 2006,*

I am happy to report that this language has now been removed! However, we should not rest too easy because the people behind this proposal will not give up easily. Look for this to be an ongoing issue for years to come. For an inciteful article that argues forcefully for keeping Confederate Monuments in National Parks, please read Gary Gallagher's recent essay that will appear in the October issue of the Civil War Times magazine: "Leave Them Standing: Confederate Monuments must remain at Gettysburg to help interpret the Civil War's causes and consequences". You find the article at: <https://www.historynet.com/leave-them-standing-confederate-monuments-must-remain-at-gettysburg-to-help-interpret-the-civil-wars-causes-and-consequences.htm>.

SUMMER 2020 QUIZ:

1. Who was the youngest man to be appointed a full general in the Confederate Army?  
*John Bell Hood was only 33 years old when he was promoted to the rank of full general and took over command of the Army of the Tennessee. He was actually the youngest man on either side to command an entire army.*
2. When General Robert E. Lee retreated toward Appomattox in April 1865, whose army was he trying to reach?  
*General Lee was trying to join up with General Joseph Johnston's army in North Carolina.*
3. Who preceded Abraham Lincoln as United States president?  
*James Buchanan preceded Lincoln as the 15<sup>th</sup> President.*
4. Who were the Copperheads?  
*They were Northerners who sympathized and supported the South.*
5. Which side won the Seven Days Campaign?  
*The campaign, fought from June 25 to July 1, 1862, is considered a Confederate victory since General Robert E. Lee and the Army of Northern Virginia were able to drive General George McClellan and the Army of the Potomac away from Richmond and into a retreat down the Virginia Peninsula.*

SEPTEMBER 2020 QUIZ:

1. Who was Stonewall Jackson's chief mapmaker?
2. Where was the last temporary Confederate capital?
3. What Union general, because of his temper, was nicknamed Old Snapping Turtle?
4. Who led the Union party that stole a southern locomotive in Georgia?
5. Ulysses S. Grant held the highest rank in the U.S. Army since George Washington. What was that rank?

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**Attest:**

**John Davis  
Adjutant**

**By Order of:**

**Dave Hoffmann  
President**