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Another Exciting Year Approaches!

We are close to the start of our 55th year and it promises to be filled with great speakers and events for our membership. Dave Deatrack is our new president and he brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the position. Our Round Table continues to be one of the very best in the country and our Officers and Board members are dedicated to providing you the very best experience in enriching your lives with knowledge about this crucial period of our nation's history and giving you an environment where you can enjoy great fellowship and make new friends. How do we know we are among the best Round Tables in the country? Because that is what people tells us who visit us and who are members of other Round Tables all over the country. Over and over we hear from our speakers that we are doing a great job and how much they enjoy coming to our meetings! And for this, we want to thank you, our members, who make all of this possible. And we are not going to rest on our laurels. We know we can improve and make our Round Table even better and that is our aim.

We Have a New Mailing Address

In order to facilitate communication with our membership, we have a new mailing address which you will need to use when renewing your membership and in all future correspondence with the Round Table. Here it is:

LOUISVILLE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE
9462 Brownsboro Road - #142
Louisville, KY 40241

It is Time for Membership Renewals

Patron Memberships Are a Major Boost to the Round Table

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

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membership fee is tax-deductible since the Round Table has tax-exempt status as a 501 (c) (3) organization! Following is a description of three 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 insure 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. A fourth option is a Student membership for \$10. If you are a student in high School, college, or graduate school, you qualify for a \$10 student membership. 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. **Note: Please send your renewal check made out to LCWRT directly to Louisville Civil War Round Table, 9462 Brownsboro Road - #142, Louisville, Ky., 40241.**

Thanks. 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 financial gift to LCWRT. |
| Option Four: Student Membership | \$10 | Student membership. |

We Need Your Information on the Membership Renewal!

When filling out your membership renewal, **please give us all the information** requested. We need this data so that we can insure that you get all the information about the Round Table including newsletters, meeting updates, notices of meeting cancelations due to inclement weather, event updates and agendas for the field trips and Bourbon and BBQ. We will not share any of your information with any other group or entity. This is needed so that the President and Board of Directors can serve you better! **Also, don't forget to give us any updates on your information that may occur during the year.**

We Wish to Recognize and Thank the 2015-2016 Patron Members!

Win Ahrens
 Jerry & Sharon Armstrong
 John Bellucci
 Kathleen Beyer
 John & Faris Bilby
 Stephanie Blair
 Doug & Barbara Brown
 Bob & Judy Bortner
 Jack & Brenda Brammer
 Bob & Beverly Braverman
 Les & Janet Brooks
 Katie Brophy
 Kevin Clark & Michael Peck
 David & Sandra Cheatham
 John & Joy Davis
 Dave & Penny Deatrck, Jr.
 Ken & Melissa Draut
 Monty & Holly Jenkins Evans
 David & Patricia Ezell
 Steve & Pam Fleece
 James & Sherry Forrester
 Paul Fridell & Alex Rohleder
 Maria Fernandez & Ray Ganong
 Dale & Donna Gettelfinger
 Dan Griffith
 Len Gross & Emily Durrett
 Dave & Sue Hoffmann
 Jack & Virginia Holt, Jr.
 Bixler & Jane Howland
 John & Mary Jefferson
 Maurice Jeffries
 Al & Janet Jozik
 Patricia Kochert
 Charlie Turner

Milt & Lisa Koger
 Doug & Margaret Krawczyk
 Doug Kremer
 Tom Lively & Suzanne Givan
 Thomas Mackey
 John & Jo Mader
 Bob & Linda Marrett
 Joy McDowell
 Don & Peggy Meyer
 Charlie & Tish Moore, Sr
 Sonny & Betty Neurath, Jr.
 Marc & Jill Oca
 Paul & Brenda Posey
 Terry Pyles & Edwin Grosel
 Sheldon Rein
 Joe & Virginia Reinhart
 Tiffany Scofield
 Kerry Short
 Jim & Carol Simpson, III
 Dick Skidmore & Sheila Lenz
 Robert Slaton & Mary Bradley
 Stanley Bruce & Jamie Stamper
 Karl Stelly & Donna Mattingly
 John & Katie Stites
 Clay & Jo Stuckey
 John Thomas
 Noel Walker & Jack Walker
 Norvelle & Cindy Wathen
 Harriette Weatherbee
 Robert & Dianna Webb
 Gregory & Jessie Weigel
 Bryan & Cindy Doyle Winslow
 Herb Zimmerman
 Joe & Lisa Wegber

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Fifth Bourbon and BBQ Fund Raiser a Success!

On a sunny (some might say hot!) June 11 afternoon, some sixty-five members and guests gathered at the lovely home of Art Boerner on the Ohio in southern Indiana for a wonderful afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship! We want to thank everyone who attended and donated time and money to this event. Our special

guests and presenters were bourbon historian Michael Veach and the former food critic of the Courier-Journal Susan Reigler! Each person who attended received a copy of their book entitled "**Bourbon Tasting Notebook**" which was co-authored by our guests. Michael and Susan guided us through a bourbon tasting that included Old Granddad Bottled in Bond, W. L. Weller Wheated Bourbon, and a couple of other fine bourbons. We were given detailed instructions on how to taste and enjoy good bourbon whiskey! This was followed by a BBQ feast with fantastic ribs prepared by Art Boerner and scrumptious pulled pork slow cooked and smoked by Marc Oca with all the side dishes and desserts one could hope for including peach and blackberry cobbler prepared by Cindy Winslow. Everyone had a great time and no one left hungry! Again thanks to everyone who donated time and resources to make this event a success.

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2016 - 2017 Schedule

Saturday	September 10	Dennis Frye	"Did McClellan Outthink Lee in the First Invasion?"
Saturday	October 8	Ethan Rafuse	"A Sucking Dove, the Snapping Turtle, and a Deep Game: George Gordon Meade and the Fall 1863 Campaigns in Virginia"
Sunday	November 20	Bud Robertson	"The Four Legged Soldiers"
Saturday	December 10	Chris Mackowski	"The Battle of Resaca"
Sunday	January 15	"TBA"	"TBA"
Saturday	February 11	Brian Steele Wills	"General George Thomas"
Friday	March 17	William C. Davis	"TBA"
Saturday	April 8	Lee White	"TBA"
Saturday	May 13	"TBA"	"TBA"

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2017 Spring Field Trip: The Seven Days Battles

We have confirmed next year's field trip and it is to Richmond, Virginia to tour the Seven Days Battles with Bobby Krick, the former park historian for the Richmond National Battlefield Park. Bobby Krick did this field trip for us back in 1996 and did a superb job. Once again, we were able to obtain the services of the best possible guide for the battlefields we will be visiting. The dates will be **April 19 -23, 2017**. We will have a lot more information about this exciting trip in the coming months.

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MAY 2016 QUIZ:

1. Which two future American presidents took part in the Third Battle of Winchester during the 1864 Shenandoah Valley Campaign?

They were Rutherford B. Hayes and William McKinley.

2. Who was the last surviving member of the Confederate government?

Postmaster General John H. Reagan died on March 6, 1905 at 86 years old. He also served from April 27 to May 10, 1865 as Secretary of the Treasury and was captured with President Jefferson Davis.

3. Who was supposedly Confederate General Jeb Stuart's favorite musician?

He was banjo player Sampson "Sam" Sweeney, who died at age 32 on January 13, 1864, supposedly of smallpox.

4. What was the Civil War soldier's most important item of equipment?

According to historian Bell Wiley, it was his gun.

5. At what battle did Union General U. S. Grant break Confederate General R. E. Lee's line to capture Petersburg?

This happened at the Battle of Five Forks, Virginia on April 1, 1865.

SUMMER 2016 QUIZ:

1. Who was in charge of planning President Abraham Lincoln's funeral?

2. What did President Lincoln call his "greatest and most enduring contribution to the history of the war"?

3. What was the largest and costliest battle fought in the Shenandoah Valley?

4. Who made the official announcement to a joint session of Congress that Abraham Lincoln and Hannibal Hamlin had been elected president and vice-president of the United States?

5. While on detachment in North Carolina early in 1864, Confederate General George E. Pickett ordered the hanging of how many prisoners of war and why were they hanged?

The Civil War Trust Thanks Us!

Our Round Table received a very nice letter of thanks from The Civil War Trust and Trust President Jim Lighthizer for the \$2000 donation we made to help save land at the Perryville Battlefield. The letter read in part, "I never cease to be amazed by the generosity of our members. Thanks you! This is one of the most important efforts ever undertaken by the Civil War Trust - our most successful Western Theater project ever. Without you, we could not have ensured that visitors 200, or 300 years from now can go to Perryville and understand what happened there." President Lighthizer ended the letter with a personal hand written note, "My thanks to all at the Louisville C.W.R.T.! You guys really stepped up." The land at Perryville is one of the last major pieces of unprotected land at the battlefield, the largest and bloodiest battle fought in Kentucky. Preservation of this land is essential to the interpretation of the closing, climatic stages of the Battle of Perryville's northern flank. This land contains 70 acres of the most important land at Perryville, where the day's battle was brought to conclusion with the repulse of the last Confederate charge.

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Another Opportunity to Preserve a Western Battlefield!

On July 28, 1864, Confederate General John Bell Hood again hurled his army against the Union troops outside Atlanta, Georgia. Instead of catching the Yankees off guard, his troops ran headlong into a well-entrenched Union army. The ensuing Battle of Ezra Church yielded predictable results. Hood lost as many as 3,000 irreplaceable soldiers while the Yankees lost fewer than 700. Hood's assault—the third Confederate offensive in eight days—was a dismal failure. The Battle of Ezra Church was a pivotal moment for Hood and the Confederate army. His lopsided reversal forced the Rebel general to reconsider his strategy outside Atlanta. Combining his losses at Ezra Church with those sustained at the Battle of Peach Tree Creek on July 20 and the Battle of Atlanta on July 22, Hood had lost more men in eight days than his army had lost in the entire Atlanta campaign up to that point. Hood could no longer afford to wage the sort of aggressive defense he wanted to—a fact he knew all too well as the sun set on July 28, 1864.

Ezra Church shows us an example of what can happen to our hallowed ground if it is not protected. Like the other battlefields surrounding Atlanta, it has been swallowed up by residential and commercial development. An old wayside tells the story of the battle, but people who wish to reflect on the events that took place 152 years ago today can see nothing of what the soldiers saw in 1864. The fact that it's a Western Theater battle only underscores the need for us to save all of the battlefield land we can, especially in the West. The Civil War Trust is currently working to save 503 acres at four Western Theater battlefields: Shiloh, Stones River, Rocky Face Ridge, and Bentonville. Many of the same men who fought at Ezra Church fought at these four battlefields. We may have lost Ezra Church forever, but we owe it to our ancestors to save these 503 acres while there's still time.

Take advantage of an incredible \$15.71-to-\$1 match and save [Four Western Battlefields!](http://www.civilwar.org) www.civilwar.org.

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Attest:
John Davis
Adjutant

By Order of:
David Deatrick
President