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Another Exciting Year Approaches!

We are close to the start of our 58th year and it promises to be filled with great speakers and events for our membership. Marc Oca 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 of Directors are dedicated to providing you with the very best experience in learning about the Civil War.

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 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:

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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We Wish to Recognize and Thank the 2018-2019 Patron Members!

Win Ahrens
 Jerry & Sharon Armstrong
 John Bellucci
 John & Faris Bilby
 Stephanie Blair
 Art Boerner
 Bob & Judy Bortner
 Bob & Beverly Braverman
 Les & Janet Brooks
 Wm. Bryant "Rusty" Brown
 Scott & Laura Burgener
 Doug Butler & Jamie Jarboe
 David & Sandra Cheatham
 Kevin Clark
 John & Joy Davis
 Dave & Penny Deatruck, Jr.
 Ken & Melissa Draut
 Bud Durnil
 Monty & Holly Jenkins Evans
 David & Patricia Ezell
 Steve & Pam Fleece
 Rick & Joyce Fletcher
 James & Sherry Forrester
 Otis & Lois Fox
 Paul Fridell & Alex Rohleder
 Sid & Sherry Gamertsfelder
 Dale & Donna Gettelfinger
 Dan Griffith
 Len Gross & Emily Durrett
 Larry & Mary Lou Hall
 James Hill

Dave & Sue Hoffmann
 Jack & Virginia Holt, Jr.
 John & Mary Jefferson
 Al & Janet Jozik
 Janet Klein
 Doug & Margaret Krawczyk
 Doug Kremer
 Tom Lively & Suzanne Givan
 Thomas Mackey & Kelly Kane
 John & Jo Mader
 Bob & Linda Marrett
 Don & Peggy Meyer
 Charlie & Tish Moore, Sr
 Marc & Jill Oca
 Paul & Brenda Posey
 Terry Pyles
 Joe & Virginia Reinhart
 Kerry Short
 Kurtz Wayne Simmons
 Jim & Carol Simpson, III
 Robert Slaton & Mary Bradley
 Clay & Jo Stuckey
 John Thomas
 Charlie Turner
 Noel Walker & Jack Walker
 Harriette Weatherbee
 Gregory & Jessie Weigel
 Bryan & Cindy Doyle Winslow
 Jack & Peggy Wood
 Herb Zimmerman

Eight Annual Bourbon and BBQ a Big Success!

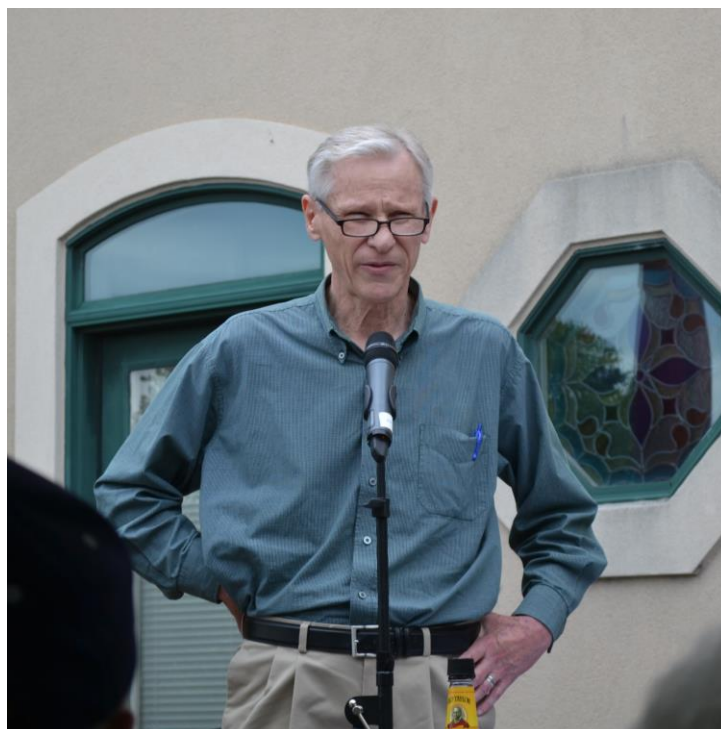
On the beautiful afternoon of Saturday June 22nd, some 48 members and guests gathered at the lovely home of Art Boerner on the Ohio in southern Indiana for a wonderful afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship! We want to thank everyone who attended and donated time and money to this event. Our theme for this year was "All in the Taylor Family". Once again Bourbon historian Mike Veach served as master of ceremonies and conducted the tasting and auction. Michael Parrish of Baylor University gave us a very informative talk on the Taylor Family from Zachery Taylor to his son, Confederate General Richard Taylor. 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! We raised \$1350.00 for the Round Table! Again, thanks to everyone who donated time and resources to make this event a success.



Bourbon Historian Mike Veach Leads the Tasting



Event Organizer Doug Krawczyk



Special Guest Speaker Michael Parrish

2019 - 2020 Schedule

Friday September 13	Brian Wills	"Inglorious Passages"
Friday October 11	Eric Wittenberg	"Sherman's Carolinas Campaign of 1865"
Sunday November 17	Bud Robertson	"Robert E. Lee and the Pursuit of Peace"
Saturday December 7	Matthew Borowick	"The Court Martial of Fitz-John Porter"
Saturday January 18	Kent Masterson Brown	"The Civil War: Kentucky's Mercurial Path"
Saturday February 15	Chris Kolakowski	"TBA"
Saturday March 14	Keith Bohannon	"James Longstreet and John Bell Hood"
Saturday April 18	Michael Parrish	"The Importance of Texas in the Civil War"
Saturday May 9	William C. Davis	"TBA"

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2020 Spring Field Trip: 1865 Carolinas Campaign

Next year's field trip will be to North Carolina where we will study the 1865 Carolinas Campaign. This trip is one we have never done before. The dates for the trip are April 1-5, 2020 and our guide will be Wade Sokolosky. Wade is a retired Colonel and a 25-year veteran of the U.S. Army. He is a leading expert on the 1865 Carolinas Campaign and has led many tours of these historic sites. We will be headquartered in Smithfield, N.C. which is about 30 miles south of Raleigh. From our headquarters in Smithfield we will visit all the major battlefield and historic sites of the 1865 campaign including the battlefields of Wise's Forks, Monroe's Crossroads, Avasboro, and Bentonville. We will also visit several other historic sites and museums in the area including a visit to the C.S.S. Neuse at the Ironclad State Historic Site. There the remains of the Neuse are preserved and there is a full scale replica of the Neuse. Our Guide, Wade Sokolosky, in addition to leading battlefield tours, has lectured widely on the Carolinas Campaign at historic organizations and roundtables and has co-authored with Mike Smith "No such Army Since the Days of Julius Caesar: Sherman's Carolinas Campaign". He is the author of "Final Roll Call: Confederate Losses in the 1865 Carolinas Campaign". Wade's latest book, also co-authored with Mike Smith, "to Prepare of Sherman's Coming: The Battle of Wise's Forks, March 1865". We are very fortunate to have Wade as our guide and we are looking forward to another great field trip. Mark your calendars for April 1-5, 2020. We will begin signups at the November meeting.

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Great Opportunity to Save Battlefield Land at Perryville!

The Civil War Trust, now known as the American Battlefield Trust, is working to save one of the last large parcels of land at Perryville and you can help them do this.

In the words of Trust President Jim Lighthizer, we have a chance to do something truly rare, even in our line of work. We have the chance to substantially complete the preservation of one of the most important battlefields of the entire Civil War.

The 128 acres currently at stake at Perryville - scene of the bloodiest Civil War battle ever fought in Kentucky - represent the largest remaining unprotected part of the battlefield. If we and our partners succeed in saving this hallowed ground, it will mean that 90-95 percent of that battlefield is preserved forever!

These 128 acres truly are the "hole in the donut" needed to connect the various parts of the preserved battlefield. This land, located in the eastern section of the battlefield, offers a tremendous opportunity for historical and recreational tourism, while preserving a unique historical resource that will benefit the citizens of the local community, state and nation.

Perryville was the largest and bloodiest battle fought in Kentucky. It saw more casualties (7,600) than many other well-known battles including Champion Hill (6,700), Resaca (5,600), or Kennesaw Mountain (4,000) and more than all the casualties in Jackson's famous Valley Campaign combined.

[Perryville Battlefield](#) is already - thanks in large part to generous supporters like you - one of the best-preserved battlefields in America, with more than a thousand acres under protection. However, if we cannot save this land, the tracts may be lost to development, preventing future public access and compromising the rest of the preserved battlefield.

The reality is that while there are still unprotected areas that would fall on our wish list of ground to save, if we preserve these 128 acres, we'll leave a proud legacy of preserving nearly all of a major Civil War battlefield in the western theatre.

Best of all, thanks to generous matching grants, we only need to raise \$177,761 to achieve this remarkable feat. While the purchase price and closing costs for the land total \$1,040,523, if we can raise 17% of that amount, or \$177,761, we can match a \$462,762 from the federal American Battlefield Protection Program. A grant from the generous HTR Foundation for another \$400,000 will get us to the finish line to save this critical history forever. This means that every dollar you give to save this land will be turned into \$5.85!

If you can help save this land with a gift of \$64 or more, you will receive a free book that has just been released as part of the "Command Decisions of the Civil War" series published by the University of Tennessee Press. The book, *Decisions of the 1862 Kentucky Campaign: The Twenty-Seven Decisions That Defined the Operation, is more than just a history of the Kentucky Campaign.* Author Larry Peterson focuses on the critical decisions confronting commanders on both sides of the clash to provide a blueprint of the campaign at its tactical core. The book comes with maps and a guided tour and will give you a deeper understanding of the important Kentucky Campaign of 1862.

You can donate by visiting the American Battlefield Trust website at www.battlefields.org and clicking on the Perryville donation page. You can also donate by mail by sending your check made out to the American Battlefield Trust: American Battlefield Trust, 1140 Professional Court, Hagerstown, MD. 21740.

MAY 2019 QUIZ:

1. How is Drewry's Bluff connected to the Lee family?
After the May 15, 1862 Battle of Drewry's Bluff, Captain Sydney Smith Lee, who was a naval officer, the older brother of Robert E. Lee, and the father of Confederate General Fitzhugh Lee, took command of the site and supervised its expansion and strengthening into a more permanent fort.
2. How long was the Petersburg Campaign?
It lasted 292 days from June 15, 1864 till April 2, 1865.
3. Through how many states did President Lincoln's funeral train travel before reaching its destination?
It traveled 1,654 miles through seven states.
4. What was the largest and costliest battle fought in the Shenandoah Valley?
The Third Battle of Winchester, a Union victory, was fought on September 19, 1864, and involved more than 54,000 men, of which over 8,600 became casualties.
5. Who was the senior Confederate general at the beginning of the Civil War?
That would be General Samuel Cooper, who served as both the Confederate Adjutant General and its Inspector General throughout the war. He also preserved the official records of the Confederate Army and turned them over to the United States government, where they became part of the Official Records. On a personal side, he and Sydney Smith Lee were brothers-in-law, having married sisters.

SUMMER 2019 QUIZ:

1. Who were the three commanders who conferred with President Lincoln at City Point, Virginia, in March 1865?
2. Who was with General Lee at the McLean house in Appomattox Court House, Virginia, when he surrendered on April 9, 1865?
3. Who was the Confederate commander at the December 1864 Battle of Nashville?
4. Who commanded the United States Sharpshooters?
5. What famous World War II general's father served with the 24th Wisconsin Division during the Civil War?

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Attest:

**John Davis
Adjutant**

By Order of:

**Marc Oca
President**