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### Our 62<sup>nd</sup> Year is Almost Here!!!

Greetings! As we toil through the hot and humid days of July, we can look forward to another exciting year with the Louisville Civil War Round Table that is fast approaching! Our first meeting will be Saturday, September 10, when historian and author Will Greene will speak on "The Good, the Bad, and the (Very) Ugly: An Assessment of Leadership in the Petersburg Campaign". Will is working on volume 2 of what will be the definitive history of the Petersburg Campaign when all 3 volumes are completed. As we are approaching the start of our 62<sup>th</sup> year, we can look forward again to a slate of great speakers lined up for our meetings.

I will point out that repeatedly I hear from our speakers who travel and speak to round tables across the country, that we have one of the best round tables in existence! That is something all our membership should be proud of. And why do they pay us these compliments? It starts with a membership that is enthusiastic and knowledgeable about our country's history and that wants to hear and learn as much as they can. But that is just one of the reasons. We have been fortunate to have had since our founding in 1961, great leadership starting with our founder, Frank Rankin and continuing to the present. I am talking about those who serve on the Board of Directors who give selflessly of their time and energy because they love the Louisville Civil War Round Table and what we are doing. They consider it an honor to be part of this organization and I can assure you that they are committed to providing you with a great experience and are continually working to make improvements.

These are our Board of Directors for the coming year: Doug Krawczyk, President, Julie Bartlett, President-elect, Paul Fridell, Treasurer, Art Boerner, Marc Oca, Bryan Winslow, Terry Pyles, Jim Forrester, Harriette Weatherbee, Lowell Griffin, and John Davis.

We continue to live in a world that is changing at an ever-increasing rate. We are now in year three of covid, Russia has invaded Ukraine, and we only need to watch the news to know that our nation continues to be torn apart by divisive rhetoric and more violence. As you know, there are those who wish to revise and even rewrite our history with such ridiculous things like Project 1619 and given this, there is an increasing need to know and understand our Nation's great history. I can assure you that incoming President, Doug Krawczyk and your Board of Directors are committed to bring you the very best in speakers and events and serving you is their chief concern.

With all the events that have taken place in the last few years, it is 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. Please consider becoming a Patron member as that will help us to continue to bring in great speakers!

## 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:**

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 Thank our Patron Members for 2021 - 2022

Nelson and Jill Auge  
Edwin "Win" Ahrens  
Jerry and Sharon Armstrong  
John Bellucci  
John and Faris Bilby  
Stephanie Blair  
Art Boerner  
Kenn and Debbi Brann  
Wm. Bryant "Rusty" Brown  
Katie Brophy  
Douglas Butler and Jamie Jarboe  
David and Sandy Cheatham  
Kevin Clark  
Hal and Jean Corwin  
John and Joy Davis  
David and Penny Deatruck  
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Otis and Lois Fox  
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Dane and Danielle Reves  
Kerry Short  
Clay and Jo Stuckey  
John F. Sullivan  
John Thomas  
Brian and Bunny Taylor  
Charlie Turner  
Noel Walker and Jack Walker  
Harriette Weatherbee  
Robert and Dianna Webb  
Greg and Jessie Weigel  
Bob West  
Bryan and Cindy Winslow  
Jack and Peggy Wood  
Herb Zimmerman

\*If I have omitted anyone, please let me know! [Johnd.davis@twc.com](mailto:Johnd.davis@twc.com)

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## 2022 - 2023 Schedule

Saturday September 10	Will Greene	"The Good, the Bad and the '(Very) Ugly', An Assessment of Commanders in the In the Petersburg Campaign"
Sunday October 9	Gordon Rhea	"TBA"
Saturday November 5	Eric Wittenberg	"TBA"
Sunday December 4	James Fuller	"TBA"
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	"TBA"
Saturday May 13	Don Frazier	"TBA"

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## 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 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".





## After Action Report on Our Field Trip to Gettysburg

The April field trip that the lucky 40 of us took to Gettysburg will not be forgotten for a lot of reasons. It was a great experience but one that had a few unexpected surprises along the way. Our guide was absolutely great. Jim Hessler's knowledge of the battle and his entertaining presentation and humorous anecdotes made the battle come alive. He not only explained the battle expertly but could bring to life the thought process of the generals as they tried to make the best decisions possible under the stress of battle. We all came away with a better understanding of why Lee chose to attack on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> day and why Longstreet was against it. The struggle between Meade and Sickles on how best to defend Cemetery Ridge becomes a lot more real when you see what Dan Sickles saw when he decided to move his Corps to the high ground of the Peach Orchard. We were also blessed with great weather, clear skies and cool temps made for ideal walking about on the battlefields. But what about surprises? Well, there were a couple. First, we left early Wednesday morning without Carl Kuhl who the day before had called me telling me how excited he was to be going on the trip and couldn't wait to get on the bus. To my surprise he was no where to be seen and we could not reach him to find out what was going on. Was he on his way? Was he sick? All attempts to reach him failed so we left without him. Ironically, he would get to Gettysburg long before the rest of us on the bus would. Our bus ride went smoothly and as we traveled down the Pennsylvania turnpike suddenly the bus stalled and our driver, Scott Whitehouse, pulled the bus off the road. It was 3:30 and we were 100 miles from Gettysburg and the bus was dead. Free Enterprise, our bus company, had to get another bus company to take us to the nearest hotel for the night and they sent another bus overnight to get us in the morning. We did not arrive in Gettysburg until noon and there waiting for us in the hotel lobby was Carl Kuhl! The previous morning, he had overslept because he did not have his alarm turned on and his phone was dead, and we could not reach him. He had taken a plane to Chicago and then to Baltimore where his son picked him up and brought him to Gettysburg 18 hours before we arrived! Though we began our tour of Gettysburg some six hours late, we did not get shortchanged as Jim Hessler did a great job of condensing the first day's action and we added two hours to the end of the day. The other unfortunate surprise was four or five of our group came down with a stomach virus but only one of them missed any of the battlefield tours. Even with these unfortunate happenings, the field trip was a great success, and everyone had a great time. I am already looking forward to next year's trip.



**Above are Pictures of the Kentucky Monument in the National Cemetery at Gettysburg**

The Kentucky monument is there in large part because of our Round Table. Our founder, Frank Rankin, knowing that the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Gettysburg address was coming up in November of 1963, persuaded

the governor of Kentucky to allow him to raise funds for a Kentucky monument at Gettysburg to commemorate Lincoln's famous speech. The monument was dedicated on November 19, 1963. Frank Rankin and Lowell Griffin were present. The monument reads, "KENTUCKY HONORS HER SON, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, WHO DELIVERED HIS IMMORTAL ADDRESS AT THE SITE NOW MARKED BY THE SOLDERS' MONUMENT". Our monument is the only state monument in the National Cemetery.

**MAY 2022 QUIZ:**

1. After the Union defeat at the First Battle of Manassas, a ring of defenses was constructed around Washington, D.C. By 1865, what did this ring consist of?  
**By war's end the defenses consisted of 68 major forts including 93 batteries of over 900 cannons. This network of forts was connected by 30 miles of roads to supply and allow for troop movement between forts.**
2. In addition to President Abraham Lincoln, who else was targeted for assassination on the evening of April 14, 1865?  
**They were Vice President Andrew Johnson, Secretary of State William Seward, and, if possible, General Ulysses S. Grant. Seward was attacked and survived.**
3. Who led the Confederate attack on Fort Stedman outside Petersburg, Virginia on March 25, 1865?  
**The attack was planned and led by Major General John B. Gordon, commanding the 2nd Corps of the Army of Northern Virginia.**
4. Who was the only United States Senator from a seceded state to remain loyal to the United States during the Civil War?  
**That was Senator Andrew Johnson of Tennessee.**
5. Where is Confederate General A. P. Hill buried?  
**Currently he is buried under his statue in a traffic circle in Richmond, Virginia. Negotiations are going on with his descendants to rebury his body, possibly back in Hollywood Cemetery, when his statue is removed.**

**SUMMER 2022 QUIZ:**

1. Approximately how many men were in the U.S. Army in 1861?
2. What event caused the U.S. Congress to form the Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War?
3. Who was Heros Von Brocke?
4. What famous Black leader had two sons enlist in the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment?
5. Which Confederate general, because of his physical appearance, was sometimes mistaken for General Robert E. Lee?

(The Quiz is prepared by Harriette Weatherbee)

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**Attest:**

**John Davis  
Adjutant**

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**By Order of:**

**Doug Krawczyk  
President**