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Our 63rd Year is Almost Here!!!

Greetings! As we toil through the hot and humid days of July and August, we can look forward to another exciting year with the Louisville Civil War Round Table that is fast approaching! We have a lot to look forward to in the coming year. Once again, we have a great lineup of outstanding speakers that includes some of the very best Civil War historians in the country. We have a great Bourbon & BBQ scheduled for October 15 that promises to be our best ever! Great food, fellowship and some Old Forrester bourbons for the tastings and you will help raise funds for our Round Table. We also can look forward to a field trip to tour the battlefields of the Wilderness and Spotsylvania with renown Civil War historian Gordon Rhea. Also, our treasurer and webmaster are working on putting in place the ability to make your reservations and payments online for all events. This will include the capability to pay with your credit card at the meetings.

The Round Table Board of Directors met on July 22 at the lovely home of Doug Butler and Jamie Jarboe. The main focus of this meeting was to address our finances and to take action to ensure that we can continue to be one of the best round tables in the county. I do not need to remind you that inflation has hit all of us very hard in the last few years and the Round Table is no exception. In light of this, the Board has decided we must raise membership fees. We have not increased these fees in over 20 years but facing increasing costs for everything we do; the Board feels that we must take this step now. Our **Patron members** are the main reason we can continue to operate, and our thanks are due to all of them for being willing to give above the basic membership fee because they appreciate what we are doing and want us to continue being one of the best Round Tables in the country. If you are not a **Patron**, please consider becoming one. We had **76 Patron** memberships last year and it would be great if we could push that number to **100!**

These are Your Board of Directors for the coming year: President, Julie Bartlett, President-elect, John Davis, Treasurer, Patrick Wilbourn, Secretary, Doug Butler, Webmaster, Brian Taylor, Art Boerner, Doug Krawczyk, Bryan Winslow, Terry Pyles, Paul Fridell, Harriette Weatherbee, Lowell Griffin, and Chris Morris.

We continue to live in a world that is changing at an ever-increasing rate. The Russian Ukrainian war drags on, 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 as Project 1619 and the tearing down of historical monuments. Given this there is an increasing need to

know and understand our Nation's great history. I can assure you that incoming President, Julie Barlett 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 ensure 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 you great speakers!

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! 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 \$50 and this will allow you to attend all Round Table meetings and events. The second option is a family membership for \$60. 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 \$65. 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 \$75** 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	\$50	Basic membership.
Option Two: Family Membership	\$60	A spouse or family member living at the same address can also join +\$5 for each additional family member.
Option Three: Patron Membership	\$75+	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 2022 - 2023

Nelson and Jill Auge
Edwin "Win" Ahrens
Jerry and Sharon Armstrong
Julie Bartlett and Mike Kurowski
John Bellucci
John and Faris Bilby
Stephanie Blair
Art Boerner
Douglas Butler and Jamie Jarboe
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Yancey Courtney
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Robert and Kay Glass
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Lowell Griffin
Larry and Mary Lou Hall
Bob and Cindy Heleringer
Jim Hill
Dave and Sue Hoffmann
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Janet Klein
Ted and Virginia Kozak
Doug and Margaret Krawczyk
Doug Kremer

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Gary and Ann McGruder
Harris "Hank" Meves
Don and Peggy Meyer
Ted and Nancy Myre
William "Bill" Nixon
Marc and Jill Oca
Jack and Margie Oliver
Russell and Kim Patton
Paul and Brenda Posey
Terry Pyles
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Henry Sadlo
Dan and Carole Shomer
Kerry Short
Kurtz Wanye Simmons
Jim and Carol Simpson III
Clay and Jo Stuckey
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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
Patrick Wilbourn
Bryan and Cindy Winslow
Jack and Peggy Wood
Herb Zimmerman
Kelly, Michelle, and Zach Zimmerman

2023 - 2024 Schedule

Sunday September 10	Thomas Flagel	"Winning the War and Losing the Peace:" Union Forts in the Civil War"
Sunday October 8	Emily Lapisardi	"Rose Greenhow Confederate Spy"
Saturday November 4	Richard McMurray	"Confederate General Joe Johnston"
Saturday December 9	Stuart Sanders	"Anatomy of a Duel: Secession, Civil War, and the Evolution of Kentucky Violence"
Sunday January 14	Kent Masterson Brown	"TBA"
Saturday February 10	Brad Gottfried	"The Wilderness and Spotsylvania"
Saturday March 9	Jim Hessler	"Pickett's Charge"
Saturday April 13	Tim Smith	"TBA"
Saturday May 11	Scott Hartwig	"Antietam"

April 17-21, 2024, Field Trip to the Wilderness and Spotsylvania Battle of Giants: Lee vs Grant with Gordon Rhea

We are going to Virginia to cover the beginning of the Overland Campaign, the battles of the Wilderness and Spotsylvania. The dates are April 17-21, 2024. Our guide will be renowned Civil War historian and author Gordon



Rhea. He 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 conducted numerous tours of these battlefields and has been involved in their preservation. These two battles which occurred over May 5 - May 12, 1864 marked the beginning of the titanic confrontation of the war's two greatest generals, Robert E. Lee and U.S. Grant and would to a large extent determine the outcome of the Civil War. When the Army of the Potomac numbering some 120,000 men crossed the Rapidan River on May 4 and entered the tangled undergrowth of the Wilderness, Robert E. Lee responded by having his 55,000

Army of Northern Virginia break camp and march directly towards Grant's army. What followed was some of the war's most savage and dramatic fighting resulting in enormous casualties on each side. We will walk this hallowed ground and cover in detail what unfolded. You can sign up now by emailing John Davis at johnd.davis@twc.com or you can sign up at the meetings beginning in September.

LOUISVILLE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

11TH ANNUAL BOURBON & BBQ FUND RAISER

A Taste of the Civil War:

Dr. William Forrester

&

Old Forester Bourbon

Location:

Farmington
3033 Bardstown Rd.
Louisville, Ky.



Date:

Sunday

Oct. 15th 2023

Time: 3:00 pm - 7:00pm



TASTING & HISTORICAL PRESENTATION

Chris Morris



J. Garvin Brown



Master Distiller-Emeritus



Tasting Expressions:

1870, 1897, 1910 & 1920

BBQ RIBS & PULLED PORK

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\$75.00 Patron Member/**\$85.00** Member

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Betty Jane Gorin-Smith Awarded Life Membership at May Meeting

Betty Jane Gorin-Smith, a longtime member of our Round Table was presented with our highest honor, the Life Membership Award at our May meeting for her outstanding contributions as a preservationist and author. As a



historical preservationist, she worked to establish the Heartland Civil War Trails project and she has been the primary leader of the preservation effort at the Battle of Tebbs Bend in Taylor and Adair counties. Without her tireless efforts, this battlefield would never have been saved. She is the author of the *Green River Bridge Battlefield Driving Tour*, and is best known for her book *Morgan Is Coming!: Confederate Raiders in the Heartland of Kentucky*, a 452-page study of Confederate General John Hunt Morgan's raids in 1863. The book contains a detailed account of the July 1863 battle at Tebb's Bend in which a small contingent of Union troops defeated and forced John Hunt Morgan to alter his plans. Many of Morgan's best men and officers were lost in this battle. In 2004, then U.S. Representative Ron Lewis honored Gorin-Smith on the House floor and proclaimed her the "historian laureate" for the Kentucky Heartland. A native of Campbellsville, Kentucky, Betty Jane has spent her life dedicated to teaching and preserving the history of Taylor and Adair counties. We have been privileged to have her as a member of our Round Table.

MAY 2023 QUIZ:

1. In which state experienced the largest number of Civil War engagements?
That would be Virginia.
2. How were Union Corps numbered?
They were numbered consecutively in Roman numerals.
3. How long was the typical bayonet?
It was typically 18 inches long.
4. What was the average marching speed?
The marching speed averaged two and a half miles per hour.
5. What was the original name of West Virginia after seceding from Virginia?
It was originally called Kanawha.

SUMMER 2023 QUIZ:

1. Who was the last Confederate general to die during the Civil War?
2. What Confederate commerce raider (ship) was still attacking U.S. whaling ships during the summer of 1865?
3. Although U. S. Grant died in 1885 and R. E. Lee died in 1870, they were the same age when they died. How old were they?
4. How many stars were on United States flags in April, 1865?
5. What famous World War II general's father served with the 24th Wisconsin Division in the Civil War?

(The Quiz is prepared by Harriette Weatherbee)

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Attest:

John Davis
Adjutant

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By Order of:

Julie Bartlett
President