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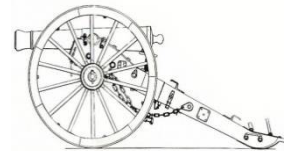
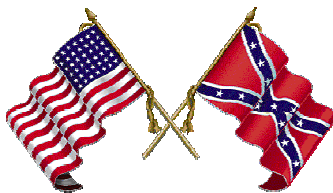
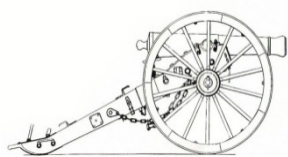
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Founded March 2011 – Bowling Green, Kentucky

Bowling Green Civil War Round Table

President - Dr Ron Hatcher; Vice President – Jonathan Jeffrey; Secretary – Jeff Hayes; Treasurer – Kathy Leath; Advisors – Dr Glenn LaFantasie and Greg Biggs(CCWRT)

ATTENTION: New location at Kentucky Building for April only – next month’s meeting will resume in Cherry Hall.

Location and time change for next meeting on Thursday April 21 is at 6:00 pm at the Kentucky Building. David Lee, Dean of WKU’s Potter College of Arts and Letters, has decided to host a reception for the Bowling Green Civil War Round Table at this meeting. The reception at the Kentucky Building in the Kentucky Room will be held from 6 – 7 pm. The business and program parts of the meeting will begin at 7 pm.

SPEAKER: For April 2010 will be Nancy Baird, Kentucky Museum and WKU, author – *“Bowling Green’s Josie Underwood’s Civil War Diary.”*

PRESIDENT’S NOTES:

I was pleasantly surprised with the turn out for the inaugural meeting and know our programs must be more than good to continue that level of participation. Our group is fortunate to have the mentoring of Dr. LaFantasie and the support of Western Kentucky University.

We actually came to blows 150 years ago on this day of April 12, 1861 and to me that’s the easiest certainty of Civil War history. The roots of the conflict certainly started with regional economic divergence and the ramifications will last as long as our Union. A wise man pointed out to me that before the War, we were “these” United States and only afterward “the” United States – the difference is huge and so is the fascination with this period in American history. I am glad we can share this in south central Kentucky and know it’s up to us to see that the BGCWRT out lives sesquicentennial of the War of the Rebellion or the Civil War or the War of Northern Aggression or whatever you call it at your house. It must be informative and should be fun.

Ron Hatcher

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

May 2011 – Chris Kolakowski, Patton Museum and historian – *“The Perryville Campaign.”*

June 2011 – Ross Massey, Battle of Nashville Preservation Society – *“The Battle of Nashville, 1864”*

August 2011 – Karel Lea Biggs, Clarksville CWRT – *“Shortages and Substitutions on the Confederate Homefront”*

September 2011 – John Walsh, Fort Donaldson Relics, *“Civil War Photography”*

October 2011 – Phil Seyfrit, Richmond, KY Battlefield – *“The Battle of Richmond, Kentucky”*

Coming soon – Noted authors Betty Jane Gorn-Smith on John Hunt Morgan and Joseph Reinhart on Union Kentuckians.

Paymaster's Report:

We have begun the process to satisfy both Federal and State requirement as we formally establish our nonprofit status. To date we have our EIN or Employer Identification Number which is issued to any business or group such as ours for the purpose of banking. We have established a free checking account with PNC Bank. In the coming months, there will be other "chores" necessary. This is not an overnight process but is worth the effort.

March Treasurer's report:

Income: \$950.00

Expenses: \$20.45 (Name Badges)

Balance: \$929.55

A very special thank you to Madison County Civil War Roundtable for their generous donation of \$100 to help establish BGCWRT.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES:

We hope you will support the Bowling Green CWRT by joining our ranks. Those who have already joined, thank you. A very special thank you for your patience as it required three of us to accept dues, write receipts and get your contact information for the membership roster. Our dues help us get great speakers and are also used for historical preservation. Annual dues are as follows:

STUDENT - \$10

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP - \$20

FAMILY - \$30

Name badges will be created for each member after dues are paid. Badges will be available before the meeting and are to be left with the Kathy Leath, Treasurer at the end of the meeting. Please see Kathy at the next meeting to check your information on the Membership Roster. There are some missing phone numbers, addresses and email addresses.

Bowling Green Civil War Round Table Elections:

Congratulations and Thank you to those who were elected in April 2011 to serve us for 1 year. Elected officers are as follows:

PRESIDENT – DR RON HATCHER

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VICE PRESIDENT – JONATHAN JEFFREY

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SECRETARY – JEFF HAYES

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TREASURER – KATHY LEATH

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CIVIL WAR NEWS AND EVENTS:

Cave City, Kentucky Civil War Relic Show and Civil War Reenactment – May 27 – 29, 2011

Cave City, Kentucky, located just east of Exit 53 off I-65 North of Bowling Green, is having a combination Civil War Relic Show and Reenactment on the weekend of May 27 – 29, 2011. This is Memorial Day weekend. The event will be held in

the Cave City Convention Center. The relic show is on Saturday from 9 to 9 and on Sunday from 9 to 5. For more information call Cave City City Hall at 270-773-2188 or visit their website www.cityofcavecity.com .

You can make this an additionally fun weekend by also going up US 31W to Rowlett's Station and Munfordville and see more Civil War history on the walking trails they have developed.

THANK YOU:

Thanks to Glenn LaFantasie, Ron Hatcher, Greg Biggs, and Kathy Leath for their hard work in getting BGCW Roundtable up and running. Of course, a big thank you to all those who enjoy studying the Civil War and are the true reason for our future success with the Bowling Green Civil War Roundtable.

Thank you,
Jeff Hayes
Secretary
April 2011

Thanks to Jeff Hayes for stepping out of his computer comfort zone to create our inaugural newsletter. Those of you who write newsletters such as this one know they don't write themselves but are often a group effort that evolves over time. We hope you enjoy the newsletters and will contribute ideas for things to include in future editions.

Kathy Leath
Treasurer

DIRECTIONS TO THE KENTUCKY BUILDING FOR THE APRIL 21, 2011 MEETING:

The Kentucky Building is located on Western's campus not far from Cherry Hall (our first meeting place). It is located in the 1400 block of Kentucky Street. Visitor parking lots are on the left and right. The Kentucky Building which houses both the Kentucky Library and the Kentucky Museum is located on the right side of the street. There are also brown visitor signs directing you to this location.

Southbound I-65

1. From I-65 South take Exit 28 towards Bowling Green (US-31W)
2. Merge on to KY 446W
3. Take US-31S ramp towards Bowling Green
4. Merge on to US-31W/US-68/KY-80W (Louisville Road)
5. Follow US-68W/KY-80W (Adams Street) into Bowling Green
6. Just past 14th Street, on the left, make a left hand U-turn at the traffic island on Kentucky Street.
7. The Kentucky Building is located to your right and you may park in the adjoining lots.

Northbound I-65

1. From I-65 North take Exit 20 onto the William Natcher Parkway
2. Take Exit 4, Turn right onto US-31W (Nashville Road)
3. Follow US-31W to Bowling Green
4. Turn left onto US-231 (University Blvd) Go thru three lights, you will pass the WKU football and baseball complexes.
5. Follow University Blvd to the Kentucky Building located in the 1400 block of KY street. Visitor parking lots are on the left and right. The Kentucky Building is 4 miles from exit 4.