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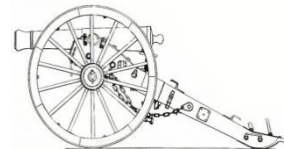
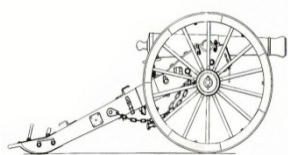
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# Bowling Green Civil War Round Table

## AUGUST 2011 NEWSLETTER

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

**ATTENTION:** Our next meeting is this Thursday, August 18, at 7:00 pm at Cherry Hall in room 125. This is the location of our first meeting, and will be our regular meeting room. Please arrive about 15 minutes early to ensure that the meeting begins on time.

I hope everyone has had a great summer. I am excited about the speaker line up for the fall and spring as well as the many events associated with the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War. I hope you can join us as we learn more about these events that changed our country. *Secretary-Jeff Hayes*

**SPEAKER:** For August 2011, our speaker will be Ross Massey. The presentation title will be “The Battle of Nashville.”

### About the Speaker:

Ross Massey has been interested in the Battle of Nashville since a 1964, 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary reenactment of the battle. Learning that fighting took place near his home, he set out to determine if it overflowed into his neighborhood. He consequently learned where actions took place across the city. In 1987 he located long forgotten earthworks at Bell’s Bend on the Cumberland River, and Granbury’s Lunette. The river site is now a Metro Parks greenway. Massey’s Sons of Confederate Veterans (S.C.V) camp (#28) preserved the lunette remains, and they are also open to the public. In 1991 Massey was a founding member of the Battle of Nashville Preservation Society. This nonprofit group raised money to buy the remains of Redoubt One, and land on Shy’s Hill. It has also been recognized for its role in Metro Parks reopening Fort Negley. In 1993 Massey organized the S.C.V’s first Mount Olivet Cemetery walking tours. It is the burial place for nearly all of the Confederate dead from the Battle of Nashville, as well as several generals that survived it. Noteworthy women who risked their lives in the battle are also buried there, and all are covered in this battlefield guide. Proceeds from fifteen annual tours have enabled the S.C.V. to make repairs and improvements. The restoration of an old holding vault into Mount Olivet Confederate Memorial Hall led to a Metro Historical Commission award. In 2003 Nashville’s mayor presented it to Massey. In 1994 Massey appeared on the popular program “Civil War Journal.” The episode, which covered the Battle of Nashville, has been seen by over 10,000,000 viewers on A&E and the History Channel. He has advocated historical preservation as a guest on local radio shows and made numerous local television appearances. Massey resides in Nashville with his wife Lynda. They have enjoyed organizing historical symposiums, conducting tours, and public speaking. Massey has also created numerous historical markers in the area, including the first Confederate markers on the Murfreesborough battlefield. He hopes this guidebook generates further interest in preserving area sites.

### PRESIDENT’S NOTES:

#### August, 2011

Now that summer vacation is drawing to an end, perhaps it’s fitting that we pause from considering unsettling current events and spend an enjoyable evening learning more about the greatest crisis our National union ever faced. We all know that credit and capitol are essential national ingredients for both war and peace and have heard about the mistaken notion of “King Cotton” and its ability to bring international recognition (perhaps rescue?) to the Confederacy. It may be historic to undergo a downgrade by S&P, but we have survived national economic peril before.

Certainly part of the “draw” of history is to appreciate the problems of the past and admire and learn from both the solutions and failures of those who came before us and made an effort to deal with the problems of their day. Our

program this month is on the Battle of Nashville. Gen. Thomas exemplified “preparedness” in all he did, just as Gen. Hood demonstrated “inflexibility” to the nth degree. Let’s hear it for leaders who are prepared to change with conditions and lead with resolute calmness. Such an attitude can be contagious, uplifting and most importantly successful—history tells us so.

*Ron Hatcher*

**FUTURE PROGRAMS:**

- September 2011 - Joe Reinhart, author/historian - "The 6th Kentucky Infantry U.S."
- October 2011 - Professor Michael Vorenberg - "Citizenship and the Civil War"
- November 2011 - John Marler, Battle of Franklin Trust - "Petersburg"
- January 2012 - Chris Kolakowski, Patton Museum - "The Perryville Campaign"
- February 2012 Betty Jane Gorin Smith - author/historian - "The Battle of Tebbs Bend and John Hunt Morgan"
- March 2012 - Jim Lewis, Stones River National Battlefield - "My Poor Orphans - The Orphan Brigade at Stones River"
- April 2012 - Mark Christ, Arkansas Historic Commission, author/historian - "Arkansas in 1863"
- May 2012 - Michael Bradley, author/ historian - "The Staff and Escort of Nathan Bedford Forrest"

**CIVIL WAR NEWS AND EVENTS:**

From [www.bgdailynews.com](http://www.bgdailynews.com)

Bowling Green's Civil War Sesquicentennial Commemoration	
<b>Event Date:</b>	September 17th, 2011
<b>Event Time:</b>	8:00am - 8:00pm
<b>Location:</b>	Historic Railpark, Kentucky Museum, Riverview at Hobson Grove, Lost River Cave
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Marissa Butler <a href="mailto:marissa@visitbgky.com">marissa@visitbgky.com</a> 270-782-0800
<b>Event Details:</b>	At 8 am, September 16, 1861, 5000 Confederate troops disembarked in Bowling Green, KY, from the 10 locomotives and 200 box cars confiscated in Nashville, TN by General Simon Bolivar Buckner. The town of 3000 people found themselves suddenly thrown into the burgeoning conflict and the center of Kentucky's Confederate Government.  Join us on Saturday, September 17, 2011 as Bowling Green commemorates the Civil War's 150th Anniversary with a reenactment of the Confederate invasion on our town in 1861.  View special exhibits and displays, participate in smoke-writing and 'spirit' tours, learn Civil War dances, hear from historical experts and much more.  Events begin at 8 a.m. at the Historic Railpark& Train Museum and continue at Riverview at Hobson Grove, the Kentucky Museum, Lost River Cave and the downtown square throughout the day and evening.
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://visitbgky.com/micro/civilwar/sesquicentennial-events/">http://visitbgky.com/micro/civilwar/sesquicentennial-events/</a>

**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.

Previous Balance: \$1147.93 Income: \$90.00 Expenses: \$0 Current Balance: \$1237.93

*Treasurer- Kathy Leath*

## MEMBERSHIP AND DUES:

We hope you will support the Bowling Green CWRT by joining our ranks. Those who have already joined, thank you. 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 Officers:

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## FIELD TRIP:

### THE ROAD TO KENNESAW – SHERMAN AND JOHNSTON IN NORTH GEORGIA, MAY-JUNE, 1864

Relive the Atlanta Campaign! Hosted by the Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table of Huntsville, AL. Tour Guide: Greg Biggs, Well-known Civil War Expert. Oct. 21 – 23, 2011 (Friday – Sunday, 2 nights) Tour Package includes: Roundtrip luxury motor coach transportation from pickup points in Madison, AL & Chattanooga; TN Escort Services of Cavalier Tours. 2 Nights Accommodations; Baggage Handling; 2 Breakfasts; Onboard Civil War Guide; Admission to Pickett's Mill and the Kennesaw Mountain Shuttle.

Rates are PER PERSON:

Single \$385    Double (2 beds) \$295    Triple (2 beds) \$270

Reservations are available to the public on a first-come-first-serve basis. Full payment is required within 7 days of reservation. Please make checks payable to Cavalier Tours. For reservations contact Kent Wright, 256-890-0890, e-mail [kdwrt@netzero.net](mailto:kdwrt@netzero.net). Refunds only if tour does not mature or a substitute is made. A minimum number of participants required for this tour.

### Filson Historical Society Fall Civil War Tour - November 3-5, 2011

The Filson Historical Society of Louisville, Kentucky, announces its Fall Civil War Institute Field Trip. On **November 3-5, 2011**, the society will tour the Tullahoma Campaign. The tour will visit the fields of the little known but vitally important war of maneuver waged by Union General William S. Rosecrans. Beginning in late **June 1863** and ending on July 4, the campaign, at the cost of only 1100 men, drove the Confederate army under Braxton Bragg from Tennessee. This directly led to the capture of Chattanooga and the Confederate counter-attack at Chickamauga in mid-**September 1863**. Rosecrans' campaign was dwarfed by events at Vicksburg and Gettysburg, and also by the Battle of Helena, Arkansas, which occurred at the same time. All of them had far greater casualties and thus headlines. Yet Rosecrans' campaign was worthy of Napoleon or Frederick the Great and his ultimate goal of smashing Bragg's army was only way-laid by the constant rain that turned Middle Tennessee into seas of mud. It also brought the rise of the Union cavalry in the Western Theater who shattered the Confederate cavalry in the Battle of Shelbyville. The tour will base out of Murfreesboro, Tennessee and venture to Hoover's Gap, Liberty Gap, Fairfield, Shelbyville, Guy's Gap, Tullahoma, Decherd, Bell Buckle, Wartrace, Cowan and end on Sewanee Mountain. This is one of the most beautiful parts of Tennessee.

Tour guides will be our own Greg Biggs and Michael Bradley, a future BG CWRT speaker and author of the only book so far on the campaign. Biggs and Bradley also collaborated on the Tullahoma campaign issue for *Blue & Gray* magazine that was issued in the Summer of 2010.

The tour is open to everyone. For more information please contact Scott Sarboro of the Filson Historical Society at [sscarboro@filsonhistorical.org](mailto:sscarboro@filsonhistorical.org). Filson members get a price discount so joining them will save you some money. They offer a number of tours and lecture programs.

## MUSEUMS:

The Southern Museum- In Association with the Smithsonian Institution

Home of "The General" locomotive. This is the same train involved in 'The Great Locomotive chase'. The bravery of Andrews' Raiders led to the granting of the first medals of honor. The Southern Museum also has a great display of original relics and uniforms. The museum is located in Kennesaw, Georgia just off I-75. For more information go to [www.southernmuseum.org](http://www.southernmuseum.org).

**WEB SITES:**

For information about the Kentucky Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission and some of the state wide events that will take place in Kentucky during the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the war, please see [www.history.ky.gov/civilwar](http://www.history.ky.gov/civilwar). Click on "News and Events" for the event listing. If you have any questions or need more information please feel free to email me at [stuart.sanders@Ky.gov](mailto:stuart.sanders@Ky.gov).

Sincerely,

Stuart Sanders

Kentucky Historical Society

Greg Biggs

**DIRECTIONS TO CHERRY HALL FOR THE BGCWRT MEETING:**

Cherry Hall is located at the top of Western's Campus. Parking is provided directly across the street at the corner of 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. and College St.

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. Turn left onto E 13th Ave. .2 miles.
7. Turn right onto Center St. .7 miles.
8. Left onto 14<sup>th</sup> Ave.
9. Take the first right onto College St.
10. The parking lot will be on the left at the top of the hill.

Northbound I-65

1. From I-65 North take Exit 20 onto the William Natcher Parkway
2. Take Exit 5 onto Russellville Road and turn right.
3. Follow Russellville Rd/US 68 and 80 to University Blvd.
4. Turn left onto University Blvd.
5. Turn right onto 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. (14<sup>th</sup> Ave is just past E 14<sup>th</sup> Ave)
6. Take the first right onto College St.
7. Go to the top of the hill, the parking lot is on the left.

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