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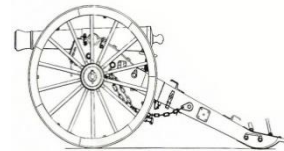
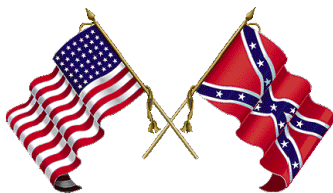
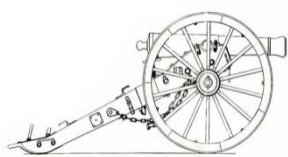


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Founded March 2011 – Bowling Green, Kentucky

Bowling Green Civil War Round Table

NOVEMBER 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, November 17th, 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. Remember there is no meeting in December. Have a Merry Christmas!

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

As we close out our first year of the BGCWRT and the beginning of the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War, it's interesting to note that the first Battle of Bull Run was the only battle to be considered a "big" one for 1861. Men often fought and died in places unremembered in numbers that would warrant cable news coverage today. Unquestionably the casualty figures of 1861-1865 as a percentage of the population would not be tolerated today or would they, if the cause or causes were so great and dear?

"If" questions are not the reason I'm fascinated by the Civil War and I suspect you share my interest in those who did the fighting and those who struggled at home and in Washington and Richmond. "On to Richmond" was the mantra of the Union to win the war and to do it, Gen. Grant had to destroy the Army of Northern Virginia and go through Petersburg and herein lies our month's program—hope you can join us.

Ron Hatcher

SECRETARY'S NOTE:

This past month my family and I visited the battlefields Corinth and Shiloh. The battle of Corinth was fought because two railroads intersected at this town and is known as the crossroads of the Confederacy. Corinth, Mississippi has a small interpretive center. Shiloh on the other hand, has over four thousand acres of battlefield preserved. They have one of the largest, if not the largest collection of civil war cannons in the nation. These two battlefields are only seventeen miles apart and should be included together when you visit that area. The drive takes approximately four hours from Bowling Green. Both areas have museums to visit and I hope that you can find time to make the trip there. If you know of any other events to include in the next or future newsletters, please email me at hayesshoes@insightbb.com

Thank you, Jeff Hayes Secretary

SPEAKER: John Marler

About the Speaker:

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Franklin, Tennessee

JOB TITLE & EMPLOYER: Operations Assistant for "The Battle of Franklin Trust", Franklin, TN

EDUCATION: Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Illinois / Major - Speech Communication, Minor - Museum Studies

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE: Park Ranger at Petersburg National Battlefield from [May 1999](#) to [September 2001](#).
Owner/operator of "The Appomattox Touring Company", 2004-2009.

Originally born in Southern Illinois and began study of Lincoln and The Civil War at an early age. Focus in younger years on the "Western Theatre of Operations; Cairo, Ft Donelson, Shiloh, Vicksburg, etc. Extensive research of the "Eastern Theatre" beginning in 1999.

Specific tours given while at Petersburg include the Federal effort to capture the city in 1864, (15JUNE-18JUNE), The charge of the 1st Maine Heavy Arty, The Battle of the Crater, Weldon Railroad, (aka Globe Tavern), 2nd Reams Station, Assault on Ft Stedman, The Battle of Five Forks, The Battle of Ft Gregg, the fall of Petersburg.

When operating the Appomattox Touring Company, I became the first "privately licensed" tour guide for that NPS site. Basically serving in a role much like the private guides at Gettysburg, PA.

Petersburg is *the* longest siege in American history. (292 days) With that lengthy time frame in mind, I attempt to cover entire siege in just over an hour. In other words, "the highlights". My presentation covers 15JUNE1864 to 03APRIL1865. Also, very little mention will be made of Grant's efforts north of the James River. Primary armies discussed are the Federal Army of the James and more so, The Army of the Potomac. The Confederate Army of Northern Virginia is the only Southern Army mentioned in my presentations.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW, (includes PowerPoint)

- ❖ Intro to Pburg; before the war and efforts to protect the city from attack
- ❖ Grant's decision to capture P'burg
- ❖ Smith, (XVIII Corps AoJ), and Hancock, (II Corps AoP), initial attempt to capture city(15JUNE1864)
- ❖ Assault at Hare's Hill (18JUNE1864)
- ❖ Battle of the Crater; the plan, its execution, and the result (25JUNE-30JULY1864)
- ❖ Weldon Railroad; Warren, (V Corps AoP), (AUG1864)
- ❖ Lee's last offensive (25MAR1865)
- ❖ Battle of Five Forks; Sheridan vs. Pickett (01APR65)
- ❖ Federal forces enter P'burg (03APR1865)

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

November 2011 - John Marler, Battle of Franklin Trust - "Petersburg"

December 2011 – NO MEETING: **Have a Merry Christmas**

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"

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.

October Treasurer's report:

Income: \$950.00

Expenses: \$20.45 (Name Badges)

Balance: \$929.55

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. 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 Officers:

PRESIDENT – DR RON HATCHER: rhatcher2@gmail.com TREASURER – KATHY LEATH: LeathGenealogy@bellsouth.net
VICE PRESIDENT – JONATHAN JEFFREY: jonathan.jeffrey@wku.edu SECRETARY – JEFF HAYES hayesshoes@insightbb.com

BAKER HILL PROPERTY:

Baker Hill is currently for sale. From this location, the city of Bowling Green was fired upon by Union forces in February of 1862 as Confederate forces retreated. This site would make a great Park to commemorate the Civil War in Bowling Green. Please help us lobby the city to purchase this property, before it becomes a factory or a warehouse.

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 .

Fort Negley

This was the largest inland stone fortification built during the Civil War.

Fort Negley has a wonderful visitor’s center operated by the city of Nashville. The Center offers two twenty minute films. Both films are enjoyable and enlightening. Of course, any Civil War buff should enjoy walking the stone fortifications. The Fort is easy to reach, only a couple of miles from Vanderbilt Hospital and located next door to the Nashville Sounds baseball park. Fort Negley visitor’s center also serves as the home of the Nashville Civil War Round Table. Winter Hours are Tuesday thru Friday: Noon to 4:00 P.M. & Saturday: 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Fort Negley is definitely worth the trip to Nashville.

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 150th anniversary of the war, please see 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.

Sincerely,

Stuart Sanders

Kentucky Historical Society

CIVIL WAR RELIC SHOWS:

The Franklin Civil War Show is December 3rd – 4th, 2011. This is one of the largest Civil War shows in the country. The show will be held at the Williamson City Ag. Expo Park, Franklin, TN. Located just off I-65 at exit 61. For more info email mikshows@yahoo.com

CLARKSVILLE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE:

The Clarksville (TN) Civil War Roundtable meets on the third Wednesday of each month at the *Bone & Joint Center*, 980 Professional Park Drive, right across the street from Gateway Hospital. This is just off Dunlop Lane and Holiday Drive and only a few minutes east of Governor's Square mall. The meeting begins at 7:00 pm and is always open to the public.

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 15th 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 14th 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 14th Ave. (14th Ave is just past E 14th Ave)
6. Take the first right onto College St.
7. Go to the top of the hill, the parking lot is on the left.