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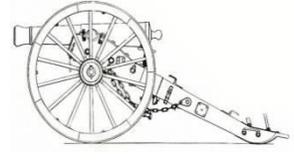
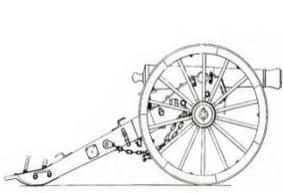
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Founded March 2011 – Bowling Green, Kentucky

# **Bowling Green Civil War Round Table**

President – Tom Carr; Vice President - Jonathan Jeffrey; Secretary – Carol Crowe-Carraco; Treasurer – Robert Dietle;  
Advisors – Glenn LaFantasie and - Greg Biggs (Program Chair and President-Clarksville CWRT)

The Bowling Green, KY Civil War Round Table meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month (except June, July, and December).

Email: [BGCWRT@wku.edu](mailto:BGCWRT@wku.edu)

We meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> in Cherry Hall 125 on the Campus of Western Kentucky University.  
Our meetings are always open to the public.

**Members please bring a friend or two – new recruits are always welcome.**

## **Our Program for October 22nd 2015: Wayne Mott, “The Civil War Through Artifacts”**

The Bowling Green Civil War Roundtable is proud to have Mr. Wayne Motts as our guest speaker this month. Wayne will be giving a presentation discussing the Civil War through the use of artifacts. Below is a brief synopsis from our speaker:

*“Fighting the Civil War: Historical Treasures of the Conflict in the Collection of the National Civil War Museum”*

Opened in 2001, The National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania is the largest museum in the country dedicated to telling the complete story of the war from the viewpoint of both sides. The museum holds more than 4,000 three dimensional artifacts and over 21,000 archival items including manuscripts, diaries, letters, photographic images, newspapers, and correspondence dating from 1861-1865. Join the museum’s new CEO Wayne Motts on a journey of the history of the war illustrated by some of the nations’ rarest surviving Civil War artifacts in the museum’s collection.

Bio: Wayne E. Motts holds two degrees in history and has been a licensed battlefield guide at the Gettysburg National Military Park for twenty-seven years. In 2005 he was named executive director of the Adams County Historical Society located in Gettysburg, a position he held for seven years. He is currently the CEO of The National Civil War Museum ([www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org](http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org)) in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He is the co-author (with James Hessler) of the recently released *Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg: A Guide to the Most Famous Attack in American History*.

## **Points for Consideration**

Before our guest speaker's presentation we will need to discuss the possibility of moving the date and location of our meetings. Last month our President, Tom Carr noted that Greg Biggs suggested we move our meetings to Tuesday nights. This would alleviate any scheduling conflicts for our guest speakers who are traveling to other roundtables. In the event that we choose to move the date of our meetings, we may encounter a problem with reserving room 125 in Cherry Hall. It is with this possibility in mind that we will need to consider moving to another location. Janet Haynes, the WKU History Department Office Associate, has graciously contacted Barnes and Noble about the possibility of holding our meetings there. If we do decide to move this change will not take effect until the November meeting, which means the October meeting will still be held in Cherry Hall Room 125.

If you have any questions, concerns, or other suggestions for our new meeting date and location please bring them up at our upcoming meeting.

### **Our Previous Meeting: September, 2015**

Last month the Bowling Green Civil War Roundtable was privileged to have Mr. Ross Massey as our guest speaker. Ross discussed several key moments in the military career of Confederate General William Bate. From Shiloh, and Chickamauga to Missionary Ridge, Ross provided compelling insight into the battlefield exploits of General Bate. Additionally, Ross provided primary source evidence of how Bates' men viewed him, with the image of a wounded Bate waving a crutch in one hand, and sword in the other being the most memorable. Using both artist renditions of battlefield conditions, as well as modern photos of sites Bate once moved through, Ross brought to life the exploits of one of the Confederacy's least understood generals. The BGCWRT would like to thank Ross for his presentation, and extend an invitation for him to return sometime in the near future.

### **"The Atlanta Campaign" Tour Part II**

Please join Greg Biggs and Robert Jenkins as they take you to the sites connected to the siege and capture of Atlanta, Georgia in 1864. From Johnston's River Line through Jonesboro, the tour will cover several key battles: Peachtree Creek and Moore's Mill, Atlanta, Ezra Church, Jonesboro and Allatoona Pass. If time permits we will do a drive through of the Utoy Creek battlefield. There will be several stops at each of the fields.

Other sites include Shoupade Park and other portions of the River Line; the Chattahoochee River Crossings and Roswell, GA, an industrial center; the site of Johnston's headquarters where he was relieved of command; the site of the Potter House and Atlanta defenses and the site of Atlanta's surrender. Also included will be historic Oakland Cemetery, where John Bell Hood's headquarters stood to watch the Battle of Atlanta. Several notable Georgia generals are also buried there as is Margaret Mitchell, author of "Gone With The Wind." Never forget that the biggest selling Civil War book of all time and the best-selling Civil War movie of all time was about the Atlanta Campaign!

We will also see a few museums on this trip with direct Civil War and Atlanta connections including the Marietta Museum; the Atlanta History Center (with one of the three best Civil War collections in the nation); the Road to Tara Museum (which has only one of two remaining Sherman Neck-ties - the melted and bent rails typical of this campaign) along with some "Gone With The Wind" sites including the museum in Marietta and the Margaret Mitchell House. We had hoped to visit the Atlanta Cyclorama but this site is being moved and is

now closed for the time being. On the way back home on Sunday, October 25th, we will tie the Atlanta campaign to Hood's Tennessee Campaign with a stop at the Allatoona Pass battlefield in north Georgia. This October 1864 battle was the first fight of the Tennessee Campaign. We will end the tour back in Franklin.

In the evening we will have great presentations by Atlanta historians. Scheduled to appear are Steve Davis, noted Atlanta Campaign author and historian and a very entertaining speaker; a representative of the Georgia battlefields Association will also speak to us one evening about their efforts to save battlefields in that state (and we should pass the hat to give them a nice donation!). Lastly, author Brad Butkovich, author of the latest book on the battle of Allatoona Pass, will speak to us on the first battle of Hood's Tennessee Campaign. These evening programs will be for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Steve and Brad will have their books for sale with them so you can get them signed.

This all kicks off like with a 1 PM departure from the Lotz House in Franklin, TN on Wednesday, October 21st, where we will be boarding the coach for the direct run to Marietta. We will be staying at the Hampton Inn - Marietta as last year. We decided to add a day this time to bring more value and fun to the tour which would be impossible to do in three days of touring. There's just a lot to see including some great museums!

About your guides: Greg Biggs has been a student of military history for over 45 years with many interests from ancient Greece to today's wars. He is president of the Clarksville, TN Civil War Roundtable and an officer of the Nashville and Bowling Green, KY CWRTs. He has studied the Atlanta Campaign for over 30 years and lived in Atlanta for several of those years and has lectured CWRTs across the country on the campaign and been published on some aspects of it. He gave his first Atlanta tour in 1993 and also does tours of several other western campaigns. Greg was one of the guides for the first portion of the Lotz House Atlanta tour in March 2014.

Robert Jenkins is an attorney from Dalton, GA whose office is next door to what was once General Joe Johnston's headquarters. He has spent many years studying the Atlanta Campaign and was a major contributor to saving several sites in and around Dalton, Georgia. His first book on the Battle of Peachtree Creek is the definitive study of that battle and his knowledge of that field is unsurpassed. One of his recent books, *To the Gates of Atlanta: From Kennesaw Mountain to Peach Tree Creek, 1-19 July 1864*, is the definitive account of the Peachtree Creek battle - Hood's first attack. His most current is, *To the Gates of Atlanta: From Kennesaw Mountain to Peachtree Creek, 1-19 July 1864*, which covers the Federal movements towards the Chattahoochee River, the turning of the River Line and the river crossings and concludes with the Battle of Moore's Mill. For those that took the tour in March 2014, Robert was a co-guide for the Dalton phase.

Here's the pricing and rules for booking the tour:

**The package is sold as is.** Our tour hosts are Cavalier Tours who did the tour with us in March 2014 and they offer excellent service!

Terms & Conditions must be accepted upon making reservations. Full payment is due within 7 days of reservation. Please call the Lotz House Museum at (615) 790-7190 to book this tour. **They are taking**

**bookings starting on Monday, August 3rd, 2015.** A portion of your tour fee may be tax deductible as the Lotz House is a 501(c) 3 entity. Proceeds benefit the Lotz House Museum of Franklin, TN.

**No refunds unless the tour does not mature or unless you substitute someone in your place.** More detailed itineraries will be emailed approximately 2 weeks before departure. Each participant will also receive a map packet of the various battlefields.

There will be moderate walking, mostly at the various battlefields we visit and, of course, the museums.

**Tour Package Includes:**

- \* Round trip luxury Motor coach transportation from Franklin, Tn.
- \* Escort Services of Cavalier Tours
- \* Onboard Civil War Guides – Greg Biggs and Robert Jenkins
- \* Evening speakers - as mentioned above
- \* 4 nights' Accommodations
- \* Baggage handling
- \* 4 Breakfasts
- \* 2 Lunches
- \* Admission to Atlanta History Center (One of the three best Civil War museums in the nation. They have a surviving Union Army transport wagon with travel honors painted on it from the campaigns in which it served amongst many other artifacts.)
- \* Admission to Margaret Mitchell House
- \* Admission to Marietta Museum
- \* Admission to Gone With the Wind Museum
- \* Admission to Road To Tara Museum (They hold one of the exceedingly few Sherman neckties - the bent railroad track that often represents this campaign - in the country).

**Rates are per person:**

Single - \$685      Double (2 people) - \$555 per person      Triple - \$510 per person

Splitting of rooms will be incumbent on tour participants but let Greg Biggs know at: [Biggs@charter.net](mailto:Biggs@charter.net)- and he will be happy to connect you with others seeking to share a room.

If you wish to fly into Atlanta and meet the tour that is fine - the rates are the same.

### **Terms and Conditions - the really important stuff!**

We have 52 sellable seats, and need a minimum of 30 to make the tour happen. The deadline for full payment is September 15, 2015. Refunds are only given if you get a substitution or if the tour does not mature

Cavalier Travel & Tours LLC, Lotz House, their guides and agents act only as an agent of the tour participant in making arrangements for hotels, transportation and/or other services and does not assume any liability for injury, damage, death, loss, accident, or delay to person or property due to act of negligence or default of any hotel, carrier, restaurant, company, or persons rendering any of the services included in the tour, or by act of God. Further, no responsibilities are accepted for any damage and/or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather or any cause beyond their control. The right is reserved to decline, to accept, or retain any person as a member of any tour, or to cancel, or alter any tour if circumstances require it. Meals, gratuities, entertainment, tax and transfers are not included unless specifically stated.

We will have details about parking your vehicles in Franklin while we are down in Georgia. We are trying to set it up as last year and will let you know.

Hotels for staying in Franklin, TN on Tuesday night, October 20th and Sunday night, October 25th, are on your own so you can get the best deals online.

We will keep you posted as before with any updates and if you have any questions please let me know. Thanks for coming last year - see you in late October for the fall of Atlanta tour.

Don't forget - last year's tour sold out pretty quickly so if you would like to come along with us please call the Lotz House starting on August 3rd, 2015.

### **This Month in Civil War History**

#### **1861**

- October 4<sup>th</sup>- Confederate government signs a peace treaty with the Shawnee and Seneca Indian tribes. A separate treaty would be signed with the Cherokee on October 7<sup>th</sup>.
- October 5<sup>th</sup>- Major papers in London reflect the division over the American Civil War in Britain. In an editorial, the London Post backs an independent Southern Nation. Previously, the London Times had backed the Union.
- October 21<sup>st</sup>- General Nathan Evans [CS] defeats General Charles Stone [US]. Oregon Senator Edward Baker, field commander, becomes the first (and only) sitting senator to die in battle.

- October 31<sup>st</sup>- General Winfield Scott is removed from supreme command of the Union war effort, and is replaced by General George B. McClellan.

### 1862

- October 1<sup>st</sup>- President Abraham Lincoln visits Harper's Ferry before his trip to the Antietam battlefield.
- October 2<sup>nd</sup>- Lincoln meets McClellan at his Sharpsburg headquarters and questions him on his failure to pursue the Army of Northern Virginia as they retreated.
- October 3<sup>rd</sup>- Battle of Corinth occurs: Union General William Rosecrans is pushed back to his reinforced lines by CSA forces under Sterling Price and Earl Van Dorn. Despite this early setback, Rosecrans successfully defends the city.
- October 17<sup>th</sup>- John Hunt Morgan and his raiders capture a Union garrison at Lexington, Kentucky.

### 1863

- October 3<sup>rd</sup>- President Lincoln calls for a national day of Thanksgiving to occur in the last week of November.
- October 9<sup>th</sup>- Lee's Army of Northern Virginia crosses the Rapidan in an effort to outflank George Gordon Meade's Army of the Potomac. As a result several clashes occur between the two famed armies, between the Rappahannock and Rapidan Rivers.
- October 14<sup>th</sup>- A.P. Hill strikes at Meade's Army of the Potomac as he withdraws across the Rappahannock River. However, Meade had previously fortified his lines, ensuring the attack was a failure.
- October 27<sup>th</sup>- Fort Sumter is once again bombarded as Union forces lay siege to Charleston, South Carolina for three days.

### 1864

- Moving north along the Western and Atlantic Railroad in an attempt to sever Sherman's supply line, John Bell Hood attacks blockhouses and encampments at Acworth and Moon's Station.
- Roger Taney, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, dies. Originally appointed in 1836 by President Andrew Jackson, Taney succeeded John Marshall as Chief Justice, and presided over the infamous *Dred Scott* decision in 1857.
- October 19<sup>th</sup>- the last major engagement in the Shenandoah Valley begins with the battle of Cedar Creek. Jubal Early is initially successful in repulsing General Phillip Sheridan's' forces, but is eventually defeated in the second engagement at the same location.
- October 31<sup>st</sup>- Nevada becomes the 36<sup>th</sup> state in the Union.

## Civil War Quotes

*"As a kid, I was growing up in an era of celebration of the Civil War centennial, with a lot of 'Lost Cause' emphasis on the Confederacy. I used to play Civil War soldiers with my brothers as a child, and my older brother always insisted that he got to be Lee, and I got to be Grant. I never knew that Grant won until quite some time had passed."* - Drew Gilpin Faust

*"Stand with anybody that stands RIGHT. Stand with him while he is right and PART with him when he goes wrong."* - Abraham Lincoln

*"The withdrawal of a State from a league has no revolutionary or insurrectionary characteristic. The government of the State remains unchanged as to all internal affairs. It is only its external or confederate relations that are altered. To term this action of a Sovereign a 'rebellion' is a gross abuse of language."* - Jefferson Davis

*"I make up my opinions from facts and reasoning, and not to suit anybody but myself. If people don't like my opinions, it makes little difference as I don't solicit their opinions or votes."*- William T. Sherman

*"If the general government should persist in the measures now threatened, there must be war. It is painful enough to discover with what unconcern they speak of war and threaten it. They do not know its horrors. I have seen enough of it to make me look upon it as the sum of all evils."*- Thomas 'Stonewall' Jackson

*"For four long years the civilized world was engaged in killing men. Christian against Christian, barbarian uniting with Christians to kill Christians; anything to kill. It was taught in every school, aye in the Sunday schools. The little children played at war. The toddling children on the street. Do you suppose this world has ever been the same since? How long, your Honor, will it take for the world to get back the humane emotions that were slowly growing before the war? How long will it take the calloused hearts of men before the scars of hatred and cruelty shall be removed?"*- Clarence Darrow

*"They knew that love snatched in the face of danger and death was doubly sweet for the strange excitement that went with it."*- Margaret Mitchell, *Gone With the Wind*

*"If men were equal in America, all these Poles and English and Czechs and blacks, then they were equal everywhere, and there was really no such thing as foreigner; there were only free men and slaves."*- Michael Shaara, *The Killer Angels*

*"The will of God prevails. In great contests each party claims to act in accordance with the will of God. Both \*may\* be, and one \*must\* be, wrong. God cannot be \*for\* and \*against\* the same thing at the same time. In the present civil war it is quite possible that God's purpose is something different from the purpose of either party - and yet the human instrumentalities, working just as they do, are of the best adaption to effect His purpose. I am almost ready to say that this is probably true - that God wills this contest, and wills that it shall not end yet. - Abraham Lincoln*

*"At least 600,000 men died in the Civil War. Major battles numbered the dead in the thousands; even minor skirmishes killed hundreds...Then why study the death of thirteen men? Mass death numbs the mind and heart as it numbers its vast toll. Relief from the horror is less possible when we watch old Joe Woods and thirteen-year-old David Shelton pleads for life - and then dies."*- Phillip Shaw Pauadan

*"There is no great sport in having bullets flying about one in every direction, but I find they have less horror when among them than when in anticipation."*- Ulysses S. Grant

*"The idea of aerial military surveillance dates back to the Civil War, when both the Union and the Confederacy used hot-air balloons to spy on the other side, tracking troop movements and helping to direct artillery fire."*- Michael Hastings

*"Before the Civil War, there were no national cemeteries, no processes for identifying the dead in the battle. There weren't any dog tags, and there was no next-of-kin notification. You didn't necessarily even hear what the fate of your loved ones had been. It was up to their comrades to write and inform you."*- Drew Gilpin Faust

*"And we love to dance, especially that new one called the Civil War Twist. The Northern part of you stands still while the Southern part tries to secede."*- Dick Gregory

*"With one terrible exception, the Civil War, law and the Constitution have kept America whole and free."*- Anthony Lewis

## A View of Civil War Artifacts



Top Left: A Union soldier's belt buckle from the "Chancellorsville 3<sup>rd</sup> Corps," (courtesy of [virginiarelics.com](http://virginiarelics.com))

Top Right: Confederate Richmond Laboratory Merrill Carbine Bullet (Also from [virginiarelics.com](http://virginiarelics.com))

Bottom Left: Replicas of Civil War era pistols (courtesy of [history.com](http://history.com))

Bottom Right: Replicas of Civil War era rifles (also courtesy of [history.com](http://history.com))

## **UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE BGCWRT**

- October-Wayne Motts - CEO, National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg, PA, author/historian- "The Civil War Through Artifacts"
- November- Greg Biggs, "The Question Was One of Supplies: William T. Sherman's Logistics in the Atlanta Campaign"
- January- Matthew Hulbert: Kentucky Historical Society, Historian/Author, "William Clark Quantrill in Kentucky and his Civil War Guerillas," (from his recent book)
- February- Dr. Glenn LaFantasie, Western Kentucky University Department of History, Historian/Author: topic to be announced
- March- Greg Wade, Franklin Tennessee Civil War Roundtable, Historian/Author: "The Civil War in the Sequatchie Valley of Tennessee"
- April- Tom Parson, Corinth National Battlefield, Historian/Author: "Work for Giants: The Battle for Tupelo/Harrisburg Mississippi" (based on his recent book)
- May- Brian McKnight, University of Virginia/Wise, Historian/Author: "Champ Ferguson, (based on his book)"

## **The Civil War in Bowling Green II**

Special thanks to Greg Biggs for making both the documents and background information available to us.

Nathaniel R. Chambliss was a West Point graduate in 1860, ranking ninth in his class. A Virginia native, he joined the Tennessee State Army that began forming before the state's secession on June 8, 1861 and continued as an ordnance officer for that force until Tennessee's troops were tendered to the Confederacy later that summer.

Chambliss was posted to Bowling Green, KY later in 1861 and was in charge of ordnance for the Confederate Army of Central Kentucky which defended the city. Chambliss has a series of documents that can be found in his personal file at the National Archives in Washington, DC (Confederate Staff Officers, Microcopy M 331) that pertain to his time there. He will later serve at the Selma, AL and Grenada, MS ordnance depots during the war as an ordnance officer responsible for weapons, powder and other related accouterments being shipped to units in the field. The newsletter will publish a series of these documents as space permits which will give an insight into the workings of the Confederate defenses in Bowling Green. These documents were taken from the subscription web site Fold3.com which has scanned the microfilm from the National Archives.

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 to Capt M. H. Wright

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Ord office Bowling Green Ky  
Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> 1861.

Capt. M. H. Wright  
Nashville  
Tenn.

Sir

I am notified to night by Gen. Johnston that my estimate of Ordnance Stores needed for this Post will have to be increased so as to include Gen. Floyd's Brigade (number of men not given) and six thousand men from Columbus. It is perhaps proper for me to state that the Gen. entertains no doubt that we will certainly be attacked here at no distant day. It is the General's wish therefore that the Requisitions from other points shall when necessary give place to the demands of this Post.

Enclosed I send you some Requisitions and the Gen. again reminds you that in all such cases you are authorized to modify and supply what you may deem for the best interests of the service.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully

Wm. H. Hunt

Wm. H. Hunt  
Hats & cord

### Membership Information

Come join us! If you have friends interested in the Civil War, please bring them along. *January is our fiscal year when dues for the current campaign are due.* If you haven't paid your dues for this season yet please do so. Our dues help us obtain great speakers. With enough members we may also assist with historical preservation in the future.

#### Annual dues are as follows:

- **Student - \$10**
- **Single - \$20**
- **Family - \$30**
- **Military (active duty and veterans) - \$15 Military family (active duty and veterans)-\$25**