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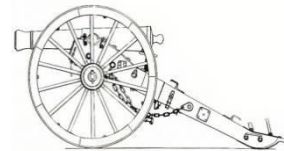
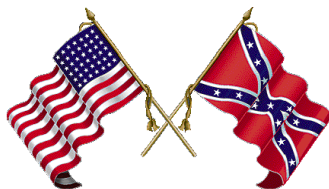
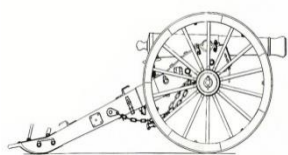
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Bowling Green Civil War Round Table

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

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November 21st, 2013 – Our 24th meeting.

The 24th meeting of the Bowling Green Civil War Roundtable will be on Thursday, November 21st, 2013

Rm. 125, Cherry Hall, on the Campus of Western KY University.

The meeting begins at 7:00 pm and is always open to the public.

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

President's Note

November, 2013

This is my next to last note as president of the BGCWRT and knowing that this is the last meeting for 2013 with the Holiday season fast approaching, I wanted to encourage all members to think ahead, not only about new officers, but also about what you wish for the future of the group. I raise the following items not as problems for “change”, but as “situations” that exist and that will continue to influence our success:

The 150th anniversary of the Civil War obviously ends in 2015. Are we sustainable beyond that time? What we do or attempt next year may well provide that answer. We would not exist without the support of the Western History Department—the original involvement of Dr. LaFantasie, the continued involvement of Dr. Dietle, the dependable core attendance of the Department itself and a place to meet have been vital. And yet . . . following the academic calendar by necessity has made each August and January almost like starting over—would a summer field trip be feasible? Or a picnic where you might bring your favorite artifact or book and have 5 minutes for Q & A's from the group?

We are indebted to Gregg Biggs for serving as program chair and providing talented speakers at minimal cost. Meshing the schedule of the different roundtables with available presentations must be difficult, but I confess I would love to hear programs relevant to events occurring 150 years ago *that month*. Okay, that scenario isn't realistic, but I'm asking you to think about your wishes for an *ideal* BGCWRT and perhaps some of those ideas can be implemented for the benefit of all.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve as your president and particularly the occasion to *think out loud* with these notes. In my opinion our Nation's History will always influence our National Character and a better understanding of the past should insure a better future.

Ron Hatcher

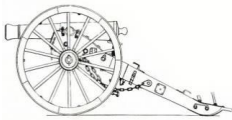
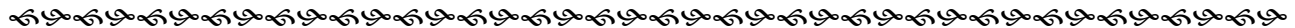
LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Kent Wright, of Huntsville Alabama and the TN Valley CWRT, a former member of the US Navy and nuclear engineer, was our guest speaker for our October meeting. Joining Kent on his trip from Huntsville was his wife Elizabeth, who is a native of Vicksburg, Mississippi, which we discovered when I mentioned our recent history trip to Vicksburg NMP, which was open when we left for New Orleans, but was closed before we visited, due to the government shutdown.

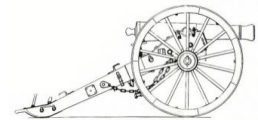
His topic was entitled "Conflicted Friendships: John Bull, Uncle Sam and King Cotton." He explained to us, the vital role of Great Britain in influencing the outcome of the American Civil War and also of the all-important (and unusual) partnering between the Union Army and the Navy to both isolate the South and discourage foreign recognition.

Kent discussed the war goals of the Northern and Southern states and the foreign policies of Lincoln, Davis and Queen Victoria as well as every important maritime policy - from the blockade to combined operations in American coastal and inland waters. His talk included England's ad hoc but critical decisions in response to the American crisis, in virtually every step of the war, from the proclamation of the blockade to the Emancipation Proclamation and the reelection of Abraham Lincoln - and also what each meant for Southern independence and national recognition. He also explained Davis's counter blockade policies: the cotton embargo, encouraging Confederate privateers and commerce raiders and blockade running, where in nearly every case we find a British interest. And, in perhaps the most interesting part of all, he revealed the relatively forgotten near-brush with war between the United States and Great Britain (which could have easily become a world-wide war) over interpretations of the 1856 Treaty of Paris and the Trent Affair.

If I may quote John Payne's Facebook comment following my post on the meeting: "Very thorough research, interesting, and held my attention! Great presentation!" I think all agreed that Kent is very knowledgeable on this subject that is too often overlooked by most, and must be included to better understand the "big picture" of the war. The BGCWRT thanks Kent and Elizabeth Wright for making their 400 mile round trip to share their time, and his knowledge and expertise with us! - Tom -



Our Program for November 2013



Scott Sallee is a native of Greene Co., Ohio who grew up in Pike Co., Missouri. He holds a B.A. in History from Truman (formerly Northeast Missouri) State University (Kirksville) and an M.A. in History from Western Kentucky University (Bowling Green). He has in the past served as assistant editor of "Blue & Gray" magazine. Scott is directly descended from both Union and Confederate veterans of the Civil War. He has published several articles on historical subjects, and "Joe Porter's War" is his first book, which is his topic for our meeting.

"Joe Porter's War - Colonel Joseph C. Porter, C.S.A. - And the Civil War in Northeast Missouri, 1862 - Including the Palmyra Massacre."

In the spring of 1862 Col. Joseph C. Porter was assigned to recruit in Union occupied NE Mo. Through the summer and fall of 1862 Porter stayed on the move in this sector, fighting the Federals and eventually recruiting 5,000 men for the Confederacy's Trans-Mississippi army under Maj. Gen. Thomas C. Hindman. Of especial note is the "Palmyra Massacre," where Union commander Col. John McNeil executed ten Confederate prisoners in retaliation for the kidnapping and supposed murder of a Union man who was serving as an informant against the Southerners, sparking international criticism. Porter died on Feb. 18, 1863 at Batesville, Arkansas, from wounds sustained at Hartville, Mo. on Jan. 11, 1863 while leading a brigade of cavalry in Brig. Gen. John S. Marmaduke's raid into southwest Missouri.



November 1863 in the American Civil War

November 1863 is best remembered for what was to become the most famous speech made during the [American Civil War](#) - the Gettysburg Address by Abraham Lincoln. Again, as in [October 1863](#), the weather dictated what senior commanders could do in the field.

November 2nd: President Lincoln was invited to make a speech at the dedication of the new cemetery at Gettysburg. Jefferson Davis visited Charleston and publicly stated that he believed the city would not fall.

November 3rd: Sherman continued his march to Chattanooga. Unwilling to rely on a single rail line from Decatur to Nashville for his supplies, he ordered that it was rebuilt as double tracked.

November 4th: General Bragg, supported by Jefferson Davis, rid himself of General Longstreet and his 20,000 men who were sent to support Confederate troops at Knoxville.

November 7th: General Meade, commander of the Army of the Potomac, attacked Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. Several Confederate redoubts were captured at Kelly's Ford on the Rappahannock River and 1,629 prisoners were taken. However, the North lost far more men killed – 83 to 6.

November 8th: Meade continued his assault on Confederate positions but by now they are no more than skirmishes as opposed full-scale assaults.

November 9th: Lincoln visited the theatre to see a play called "The Marble Heart" that starred John Wilkes Booth.

November 14th: Sherman arrived at Bridgeport at the head of 17,000 men. His men had covered 675 miles in just fourteen days. At Bridgeport, Sherman was briefed by Grant as to the state of play at Chattanooga. Sherman was told not to expect any help from the Army of the Cumberland, as it would maintain its defensive position rather than an offensive one.

In the South, the Confederate Government ordered the use of force in its efforts to collect taxes. This included the confiscation of property and was primarily directed at farmers in North Carolina who were refusing to pay their taxes.

November 15th: Sherman started his campaign against Chattanooga. Accepting Grant's advice, Sherman viewed the role of the Army of the Cumberland to be solely defensive.

November 16th: Longstreet finally reached Knoxville. However, lacking heavy artillery, Longstreet was unable to besiege the town, which was well defended by Union troops commanded by General Burnside.

November 18th: Lincoln left Washington DC en route to Gettysburg.

November 19th: The dedication of the cemetery at Gettysburg took place. 15,000 people assembled there. The dedication started with a two-hour speech by Edward Everett as to the course of the battle. Lincoln spoke after Everett and for only ten minutes and received polite applause. Some in the gathering were unaware that he had even spoken. 'The Times' in London considered Everett's speech to have been very good while the President's was a disappointment. His speech was carefully prepared and not, as was once thought, put together on the train journey from Washington to Gettysburg. Lincoln himself said "the world will little note, nor long remember what we say here."

November 20th: Sherman's advance on Chattanooga was delayed by heavy rain.

November 21st: With better weather, Sherman prepared for his attack on Chattanooga.

November 23rd: Unionist troops took Orchard Knob just outside of Chattanooga. The capture of this position gave them a height advantage over Confederate positions around Chattanooga. Such was the strategic advantage of Orchard Knob, Grant made it his headquarters.

November 25th: Sherman started his main assault against Confederate positions around Chattanooga, especially the men based on Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge. By 15.00 the positions held by the Army of Tennessee had fallen. Seven Congressional Medals of Honour were awarded for the Union assault on Missionary Ridge. One went to Lieutenant Arthur MacArthur, the father of Douglas MacArthur.

November 26th: The Army of the Potomac threatened an attack on Richmond.

Bragg withdrew his forces from the Chattanooga area To Dalton, Georgia, having lost 10% of his men – 6,667 out of 64,000. Bragg was not to know that Sherman's army had suffered a similar percentage of casualties – 5,824 out of 56,000 men. By withdrawing, Bragg kept his army as an effective fighting unit. However, Sherman's army was free to advance on Atlanta.

November 27th: The Army of the Potomac meets that Army of Northern Virginia at Mine Run

November 30th: An attack on the Army of Northern Virginia was cancelled at the last minute when Meade decided that Lee's men were too well dug in.



CIVIL WAR AND ASSOCIATED NEWS AND EVENTS

Tennessee installs permanent Civil War exhibits in state Welcome Centers

Permanent Civil War exhibits were recently installed in Tennessee Welcome Centers. The purpose of the Civil War exhibits is to educate visitors and Tennesseans as to the important role Tennessee played in the Civil War. Each Tennessee Civil War Exhibit features an overview of Tennessee's role in the Civil War, as well as the regional impact of the Civil War and will also promote rural tourism development through the Tennessee Civil War Trail and Discover Tennessee Trails & Byways programs.

"Tennesseans are proud of our commitment to tell the whole story of the Civil War through our statewide auto trail system, our many historic sites and national battlefields," said Dr. Carroll Van West, director of the MTSU Center for Historic Preservation and Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area and co-chair of the Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission. "The new Welcome Center exhibits not only introduce our story and approach to any and all visitors; they are also part of the commitment that Tennesseans today make to the future: to tell the whole story of the Civil War and to remind everyone that the Civil War era issues of national unity and citizenship still shape our world."

Permanent exhibits can be found at Tennessee Welcome Centers located at the I-81 Sullivan County Welcome Center, located at the southbound mile marker 75.3 in Bristol; I-40 Shelby County — Memphis; I-65 Robertson County — Mitchellville; I-24 Hamilton County — Tiftonia; I-65 Giles County — Ardmore; I-40 Smith County — Buffalo Valley; I-75 Campbell County — Jellico; I-26 Unicoi County — Erwin; I-40 Cocke County — Hartford; I-75 Hamilton County — Chattanooga; I-24 Montgomery County — Clarksville; and I-155 Dyer County — Dyersburg. This project was made possible through a partnership with Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, Tennessee Department of Tourist Development, MTSU Center for Historic Preservation, Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area, and the Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission and was funded by the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, State Capital Commission.

NOVEMBER 2013

Tennessee Valley CWRT Civil War Symposium – The Civil War In The Tennessee Valley Area, November 2, 2013

Join the Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table and the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library at the Huntsville, Madison County Library in Huntsville, Alabama on November 2, 2013, to explore the strategic importance of the Tennessee Valley, along with other related activities. The event begins at 9 AM and ends at 4: 30 PM. Huntsville is about 2 1/2 hours from Clarksville.

Featured Speakers and Topics: A full range of outstanding historians and authors –

- Greg Biggs – “Nashville – Siren’s Song of the Confederacy”
- Thomas Flagel – “A Landscape Transformed: Union Fortifications and the Alteration of Middle Tennessee”
- Eric Jacobsen – “The Battle of Franklin”
- J.F. (Pete) Sparks – “The Federal Occupation of North Alabama in 1862”
- Peggy Allen Towns – “Duty Driven: The Plight of North Alabama’s African Americans”

There will be other events and displays, including a book dealer, during the day.

There is a single admission fee for the Featured Speaker presentations – \$15 for general audience; \$10 for Active Duty military personnel (ID required); \$5 for students up through and including college (ID required for college students)

For more information please email - tvalleycivilwarrt@gmail.com

Johnsonville, TN State Historic Park Announces 149th Anniversary Events – Saturday through Monday, November 2-4, 2013

Johnsonville State Historic Park, located in New Johnsonville, Tennessee, is having their 149th Anniversary celebrations for the battle of Johnsonville which took place on November 4, 1864. Confederate cavalry commander Nathan Bedford Forrest struck the massive Union supply base on the Tennessee River on that date after capturing gunboats and transports, and ultimately destroyed millions of dollars in supplies earmarked for Gen. William T. Sherman’s army in Georgia. While a huge dent in the Union supply efforts, the raid failed to stop Sherman and his March to the Sea which began not long afterward.

Events include cannon firings, infantry encampments and guided tours of the earthworks and more inside the park by Jerry Wooten. All events are free. The new park visitors center has a wonderful museum and film telling the story of Johnsonville from Union supply base through Forrest’s raid. There is also a gift shop within the center.

For more details please visit their web site at - <http://www.tn.gov/environment/parks/Johnsonville/>. Johnsonville State Historic Park is located right off US Highway 70. You can get there from Interstate 40 from Exit 143/Tennessee Hwy 13. Go north until US Hwy 70 and turn left/west. The park is about an hour from Clarksville and can be reached by taking TN Hwy 13 south from Clarksville to Waverly and then take US Hwy 70 west to the park.

- **Civil War Reenactment In Franklin, Tennessee – November 8-9, 2013**

Civil War reenactors - sign up now for a **November 8 and 9 Reenactment**: Franklin’s Blue-Gray days will be held at Historic Carnton Plantation on November 8 and 9, 2013.

The annual battle re-enactment to commemorate the 149th Battle Anniversary will be on Saturday, November 9 at 1:00 pm. Register with an email to bthargrove123@aol.com or rghuff123@aol.com. There is no registration fee. Cavalry and Artillery are limited so register now for a reserved spot.

- **Knoxville, Tennessee Civil War 150th Events Announced**

Key events for the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War in Knoxville are coming starting this month.

1. On **November 8-10th**, events will be held at Fort Dickerson, which is right across the river from Neyland Stadium. The Knoxville CWRT has contributed greatly to its preservation and interpretation.
2. Lastly, in **late November** events will take place at Fort Higley. Head on over to East Tennessee and take part in these terrific events.

For more details please visit – www.knoxcivilwar.org. The web site also offers a downloadable map for a Civil War walking tour of downtown Knoxville and much more. Other events being held in the area are also listed.

Further information can also be obtained by calling (865) 227-6398.

150th Anniversary of Gettysburg Address: Fort Negley, Saturday

November 23, 10 am to 3 pm

A celebration of the **150th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address** will be held at Fort Negley on **Saturday, November 23rd**. The celebration will feature Dennis Boggs as President Lincoln. Mr. Boggs is a much sought after Lincoln re-enactor and always gives a convincing portrayal. The 13th United States Colored Troops Living History Association will be on hand to handle the military aspects of the program. This group is very much in demand and participates in Civil War events around the mid-south. They have been at Fort Negley many times and always manage to delight visitors. A representative of the National Cemetery system and will give a presentation about the history and future of the system. The event is free and open to the public.

Lotz House in Franklin, TN has two events

1.

The Lotz House Museum, 1111 Columbia Avenue, across the road from the Carter House in Franklin, TN. is having two events. On **Saturday, November 30th**, they are having a blood drive in conjunction with American Red Cross. This will be held from 10 AM until 3 PM. To make an appointment please call (615) 790-7190. Please support this worthy event.

2. Secondly, on the same date, the Lotz House is sponsoring a **149th Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin tour with Thomas Cartwright and John Marler**. Both are experienced guides and this tour will focus not only on the battle but also stories of the men that fought on both sides. The tour is limited to 50 people and costs \$75 per person. The tour starts at 10:30 AM and ends at 2:30 PM. To secure your spot call (615) 790-7190 or email – battlefieldtours@lotzhouse.com

Civil War Roundtable News – Cleveland, Ohio CWRT and the Las Vegas, NV CWRT

On **November 13th, 2013**, the **Cleveland CWRT celebrates its 500th meeting** with a program on Civil War Zouaves by Patrick Schroeder. This venerable CWRT has had a “who’s who” of Civil War speakers over the years and continues to serve the northeast Ohio area with fine scholarship and fellowship. Their excellent web site offers numerous essays by members and guests. You can visit this site at - www.clevelandcivilwarroundtable.com – be prepared to spend quite a bit of time here reading all that they offer. The Cleveland CWRT is one of about 30 CWRTs in the Buckeye State, which is more than any other state in the nation. The Bowling Green CWRT congratulates our fellow CWRT on 500 meetings. May there be many, many more!

It has been said that what happens in Las Vegas stays in Las Vegas. Well, on your next rip to Vegas you might drop in on the Las Vegas CWRT. They were organized in 2002 and meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Best Western located at Main and Washington Streets. In 2014 they will host the Western States Roundtable annual convention. Their 40-plus members include Civil War reenactors, teachers, retirees, college professors and a couple of students. Their oldest member, who gave the June 2013 program on Gen. Forrest, is 84 and a WWII veteran. For the past three years all of their monthly programs were given by Roundtable members. They have a monthly book raffle and all donations are sent to Civil War Trust. After meetings, members and guests gather downstairs at the Pallazio Restaurant, which is open twenty-four hours so they can sit around and chat as long as they want. If BGCWRT members are in the area during the time of their meeting they are invited to attend and even to give a program. By doing so this makes the trip tax-deductible as the Las Vegas CWRT is a 501(c) 3 organization. We thank Las Vegas CWRT president Pete Carnes for the information. Pete’s email is - secesh@lvscv.com.

DECEMBER 2013

- **Dinner at Travellers Rest with speaker Ed Bearss Friday, December 6, 2013: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.; \$100 per person (\$175 per couple)**

The Battle of Nashville Preservation Society and Historic Travellers Rest Plantation & Museum will host a Friday evening dinner from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on December 6, 2013. Ed Bearss, expert on the Civil War and WWII eras, will be the guest speaker. Cost of the Bearss dinner at Travellers Rest is \$100 per person. (\$175 per couple) For reservations email Cryssa Hulsey at rentals@travellersrestplantation.org or call 615-8328197. Mr. Bearss is the former Historian for the National Park Service and has authored several battlefield guidebooks and works on Civil War subjects. At age 90, Mr. Bearss shows no signs of slowing down.

- **Battle Of Nashville Bus Tour - Saturday, December 7, 2013; 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; \$70 per seat (SOLD OUT)**

Historic Travelers Rest and the Battle of Nashville Preservation Society will sponsor a bus tour beginning at Travelers Rest at 10 am, Saturday, December 7. The tour will visit seven major Battle of Nashville sites with narration by Ed Bearss and Nashville Preservation Society board members Jim Kay and John Ally. Stops include Granbury’s Lunette, Redoubt #1, Redoubt #3, John Trotwood Moore Middle School, Fort Negley, Nashville City Cemetery and Shy’s Hill. Cost of the tour is \$70 per seat. A box lunch will be provided. For reservations email Carissa Hulsey at rentals@travellersrestplantation.org or call 615-8328197.

- **Nashville Civil War Show, Williamson County Ag Expo Park, December 7-8, 2013 – America’s Largest!**

The Nashville Civil War Show will be at the Williamson County Ag Expo Park on December 7, 8, 2013. This remains the largest Civil War show in the nation! Saturday hours will be 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday hours 9 am to 3 pm. Admission is \$8 for adults, children under 12, free. The Ag Expo Park is located at 4215 Long Lane, Franklin, TN 37064. Take I-65 south of Franklin and get off at Exit 61. If you wish to participate in the show as a vendor, table cost is \$85. For more information email: Mike@MKShows.com, or phone: 770-630-7296

- **149th Battle of Nashville Event, Belle Meade Plantation, December 14, 2013, 10 am – 4 pm**

The 149th Battle of Nashville event will be held on **Saturday December 14, 2013**. Speakers will include Dan Woodard, Greg Biggs, Cornelia McDonald, and Dr. Brian Wills. The 7th Tennessee Cavalry will be encamped and will lead cavalry demonstrations throughout the day. All events will take place on the grounds of Belle Meade Plantation from 10:00am-4:00pm. Admission to the event is free. Mansion tour tickets will be available for sale for all interested. For more information contact us at 615-356-0501 ext 148 or info@bellemeadeplantation.com

- **SHY’S HILL MEMORIAL WREATH CEREMONY**

Sunday, December 15, 2013: Program, Wreath Placement on Shy’s Summit. For details, click [Here](#).

- **151st Anniversary Programs, Stones River Battlefield Park, December 26, 2013 – January 2, 2014**

Park Rangers and volunteers will conduct a variety of tours and presentations telling the story of the bitter struggle at Stones River. In addition to these presentations, living history demonstrations will help to show conditions under which soldiers on both sides had to deal. For more information call the park’s visitor information line at (615) 893-9501.



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FEBRUARY 2014

Please see information below regarding the 151st events at Fort Donelson.



[Commemoration of Surrender at Fort Donelson](#)
[February 16](#) at 11:00am
[Fort Donelson National Battlefield](#) in **[Dover, Tennessee](#)**

MARCH 2014

- **Annual Battle of Chickamauga Seminar In The Woods – March 7-8, 2014**

Noted Chickamauga historian **Dave Powell** and Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park historian **Jim Ogden** hold another of their annual Seminars in the Woods, a tactical tour and study of different aspects of the three day Battle of Chickamauga. The purpose of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park Study Group is to create a forum to bring students of the American Civil War together to study and explore those events in the fall of 1863 that led ultimately to the creation of the **Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park** ... “for the purpose of preserving and suitably marking for historical and professional military study the fields of some of the most remarkable maneuvers and most brilliant fighting in the war of the rebellion.”

The tours begin on Friday, March 7, and Saturday, March 8, 2014. Friday’s tours will involve a tour bus. We will be charging a small fee for use of the bus. The tours are:

Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 – George Thomas and the XIV Corps advance to Chickamauga.

In the morning, we will explore the XIV Corps crossing of the Tennessee, visiting Shellmound, Jasper, and Trenton between roughly August 30th and September 9th; much of this exploration will also include following Rosecrans and army headquarters since Rosecrans and Thomas spent much time together during these movements

Park at the Visitor’s Center. The bus will depart and return from there. On Friday afternoon we will cross Lookout Mountain, and follow Thomas’s corps into McLemore’s Cove and then on to Crawfish Spring, in the town of Chickamauga.

For Saturday morning: 8:30 a.m. to Noon - The tour covers where Union Gens. Baird and Brannan Engage, September 19th . This tour will be part walking and part car caravan. The tour will return to the vicinity of Jay’s Mill and Winfrey Field, to explore the developing fight on September 19th. The primary focus will be on Brannan’s engagement with Wilson’s and Ector’s Brigades of Walker’s Confederate corps, Baird’s entry into the fight, and Liddell’s counter-attack. We will meet at the visitor’s center, and then car-caravan to Jay’s Mill Road.

Saturday Afternoon: 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m - Gordon Granger and the defense of Horseshoe Ridge. The tours finish on Horseshoe Ridge, following the Union Reserve Corps onto the battlefield and describing the ensuing action. It will focus primarily on that part of Horseshoe Ridge beyond Hill 3, out to the end of the Union line. Meet at the visitor’s center, and then car-caravan to Snodgrass Hill.

Cost: Beyond the fee for Friday’s Bus, there is no cost for tour participation. Meals lodging, transportation, and incidentals, however, are the individual’s responsibility.

Tour Departures: All tours will meet at the Chickamauga Visitor’s Center at the designated start time, and will depart from there after some brief overview discussion. We will board the bus or car caravan to the designated parking area, and from there, we will be on foot. We will be on foot for up to three hours, so dress and prepare accordingly. Tours will depart rain or shine. Participants are responsible for their own transportation, and should plan accordingly. All tours are designed to be self-contained, so participants who cannot attend the full schedule are still welcome to join us for any portion of the weekend.

Lodging and Meals: Everyone is responsible for their own lodging and meals. There are many hotels in the greater Chattanooga area, to fit most any price range. The closest are in Fort Olgethorpe, Georgia, with the least expensive in Ringgold. Each tour on Saturday is designed to leave at least 90 minutes for lunch, and there are several family and fast food restaurants within minutes of the battlefield. There are designated picnic areas near the Visitor’s Center, for those who wish to bring a lunch and eat on the field.

What to bring: Each tour will involve extensive walking. Proper clothing and especially footwear is essential. Dress in layers, wear sturdy, broken-in walking shoes or boots, and be prepared for some rain, as spring can be quite wet in North Georgia. We will be walking on dirt and gravel trails, uncut fields, and through stretches of woods. The ground will be wet and muddy in places. Bring your own water and snacks. For more details go to - <http://chickamaugablog.wordpress.com/>

- **Save the date – Atlanta Campaign Tour – March 27-30, 2014. Sponsored by the Battle of Franklin Trust**

Tour guides **Greg Biggs** and **Thomas Cartwright**, in a fund raiser for **the Battle of Franklin Trust**, are conducting a tour of the Atlanta Campaign. The tour will cover Ringgold Gap through Kennesaw Mountain including such sites as Dalton, Snake Creek Gap, Resaca, Calhoun, Cassville, Dallas/New Hope Church and Pickett’s Mill and the first and second Kennesaw Lines. Some sites have several stops. The tour will be by bus and leave from Franklin, TN on Thursday, March 27th and return on Sunday, March 30th. Cost details are forthcoming with proceeds going to the Battle of Franklin Trust and will cover any museum fees, hotel rooms, guides and map sets for the tour. Keep your eyes here for more details as they develop.

(Please see details for this tour in a follow-on email!)

Tennessee Historical Society Releases Two More Volumes in the “Tennessee in the Civil War” Series

The Tennessee Historical Society is releasing a series of books over the sesquicentennial of the Civil War. The series consists of collections of articles from the Tennessee Historical Quarterly about the Civil War and its impact on Tennessee. Volume Six, “*Emancipation and the Fight for Freedom: Tennessee African Americans*”, 1860-1900” and Volume Seven, “*The Battles for*

Chattanooga" have been released. The volumes in this series sell for \$25 each and can be purchased from the THS website (<http://www.tennesseehistory.org/research.htm>) or you can pick one up at the Fort Negley Gift Shop at the next Roundtable.

Titles for the preceding five volumes are, "*Tennessee in the Civil War*", "*The Civil War in Appalachia*", "*The Battle of Shiloh*", "*The Battle of Stones River*" and "*Forrest and the West Tennessee Cavalry Campaigns*." These are really nicely done and are great assets to Tennessee's Civil War History.

New Book On The Tullahoma Campaign

Tennessee's Backroads Heritage has published a new book of essays on the Tullahoma Campaign. Offering full color photos and maps, plus other illustrations, the coffee table style book contains six essays by **James Lewis** (Stones River NBF), **Dr. Michael Bradley**, **Dr. Robert E. Hunt** (MTSU), **Vince Armstrong** (MTSU) and our own **Greg Biggs**. The book was edited by David Currey and Dr. Hunt and has been in the works for many years. In addition to the essays there is a driving tour with maps of the campaign.

For copies please contact Dianne Murray at – tbackroads@bellsouth.net.

~ UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS TO THE BGCWRT ~

- **December** – **No meeting**
- **January 2014** - Rhea Cole, Middle TN CWRT - "Rosecran's Secret Weapon: The US Signal Corps." William Rosecrans Signal Corps in the Army of the Cumberland
- **February** - Glenn Lafantasia - "Abraham Lincoln and Ann Rutledge: Oh, No, Not that Again."
- **March** - Greg Biggs - The Atlanta Campaign part 1
- **April** - Jerry Wooten, Johnsonville State Park (TN) - Johnsonville and Forrest's Raid November 1864 (tentative)
- **May** - Michael Bradley - Raiding Winter: Confederate Cavalry Operations of KY and TN 1862/1863 (based on his new book)
- **August** - Greg Biggs - Atlanta Campaign Part 2

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