



The Scout's Report

Knoxville Civil War Roundtable

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Tuesday, July, 11, 2017

Buffet at 7:00 PM

Speaker at 8:00 PM

Dinner & Speech

\$15.00 Members

\$17.00 (Non-members)

Speech Only

\$3.00 Members

\$5.00 (Non-members)

**RESERVATIONS FOR
BUFFET ARE REQUIRED
AND MUST BE MADE OR
CANCELED BY 11AM
MONDAY, JULY 10
CALL (865) 671-9001
AND LEAVE MESSAGE**

MENU:

Pork BBQ

Fried Chicken

Garden Salad

Baked Beans

Potato Salad

Rolls

Beverages

Assorted Desserts

LOCATION:

Bearden Banquet Hall

5806 Kingston Pike

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Fredericksburg: The Battlefield and Beyond

During the battle of Gettysburg, as Union troops along Cemetery Ridge repulsed men of Pickett's and Pettigrew's divisions, they were heard to shout, "Remember Fredericksburg" and "Give them Fredericksburg!" Their cries reverberated from a clash that, although fought some six months earlier, clearly loomed large in the minds of soldiers blue and gray.

Fought on December 13, 1862, the battle of Fredericksburg ended in a stunning defeat for the Union. The Army of Northern Virginia suffered roughly 5,000 casualties but inflicted more than twice that many losses--nearly 13,000--on the Army of the Potomac.

Come join us as historian and author George Rable offers a gripping account of the battle of Fredericksburg and places the campaign within its broader political, social, and military context. Blending battlefield and home front history, he not only addresses questions of strategy and tactics but also explores material conditions in camp, the rhythms and disruptions of military life, and the enduring effects of the carnage on survivors--both civilian and military--on both sides.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“Blessed are they who have nothing to say and cannot be persuaded to say it.”

James Russell Lowell (1819-1891), American poet

Ah, irony! As the old saying goes, I have good news and bad news.

The good news is that we continue to have excellent interest and attendance at our monthly meetings. On June 13 there were 116 persons enjoying dinner followed by Eric Wittenberg's entertaining and informative presentation on Brandy Station. Who would have known that Brandy Station was an 1860s product placement ad? We had 81 diners, 71 members and 10 non-members, and 35 more attending the lecture, of whom 28 were members.

The bad news is that we had only 65 reservations for dinner, which meant that two additional tables had to be set up, plus we risked running out of food before everyone was served. Though it may seem a small thing, this does not endear the Roundtable to the Bearden Banquet Hall staff, who are therefore less inclined to bend the rules for us.

The second bit of bad news is that the club had to pay for at least 4 people who did not eat dinner, but sat at one of the round tables. The facility has switched from charging us “by the plate” and now uses a “dinner table head count”. Anyone seated at a round table is assumed to have partaken of comestibles. This is new, and I get to be the bearer of unpleasant news. So....

PLEASE MAKE A RESERVATION FOR DINNER. IF YOU'RE NOT EATING, SIT IN A CHAIR BUT NOT AT A TABLE.

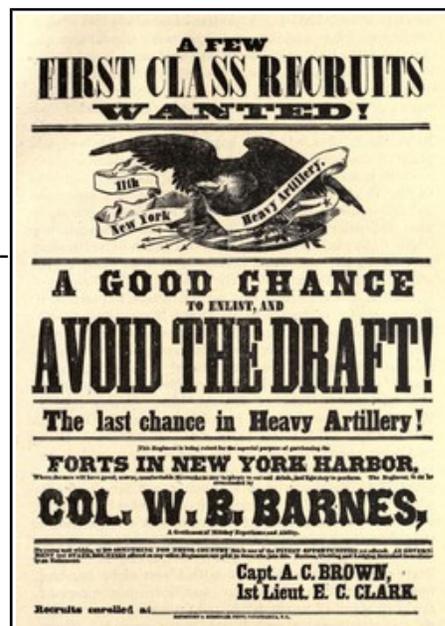
Now back to the good news, which is that on July 11 we will host another outstanding speaker, George Rabel, who will discuss Fredericksburg. Join us for fellowship, dinner, and education.

Your Country Needs You, and variation on that theme, was a popular recruiting slogan during the Civil War. 150-plus years later, Your Roundtable Needs You. For the past two officer cycles the Nominating Committee has been unable to recruit enough members to have a full Board of Directors. Some officers have generously filled two spots, and others have taken on extra duties or delayed their planned rotations off the Board. This exhausts those who serve, and is NOT conducive to long-term success or viability of the club.

In addition to the regular things that are done to keep the organization functioning and the programs beneficial and interesting to our membership, the Roundtable has a few activities that benefit our community and promote preservation of our history. Examples include East Tennessee History Day, Fort Dickerson clean-up in Spring and Fall, and Living History Weekend.

You can help. Most opportunities involve minimal time and little or no physical exertion. Speak to any member of the Board.

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President's Message Cont.

It's time to support the Roundtable financially. Please mail your renewal to Jerry Patterson at our Post Office Box, or give it to Jerry at the July meeting.

Over the years the Board has repeatedly considered optimum times for our monthly meetings. In June a decision was reached to shorten the evening. In July and August we will continue to begin dinner at 7 pm, announcements about 7:45, and speaker at 8 pm. In SEPTEMBER we will switch to dinner at 6:30 pm, announcements and business at 7:15, and speaker at 7:30 pm.

John Burkhart

President



THE KNOXVILLE CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE 2017 SPEAKERS SERIES

**JUL 11---GEORGE RABLE, HISTORIAN & AUTHOR,
"FREDERICKSBURG"**

Aug 8---Greg Biggs, Historian, "The Question was one of supplies: The logistics of Sherman's Atlanta Campaign"

Sept 12---Dave Mowery, Historian & Author, "Morgan's Great Raid: Taking the War to the North"

Oct 10---Eric Jacobson, H & A, "For Cause and Country: Spring Hill and Franklin"

Nov 14---Ed Bearss, Chief Historian Emeritus/Author, "Farthest Forward: Pettigrew's Brigade at Gettysburg"

Dec 12---Jim Ogden, Historian Chickamauga/Chattanooga NMP, "Reopening the Tennessee River: Brown's Ferry, Wauhatchie, and the 'Cracker Line'"



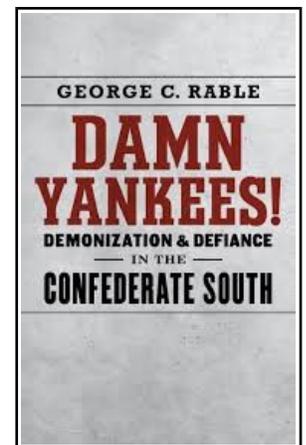
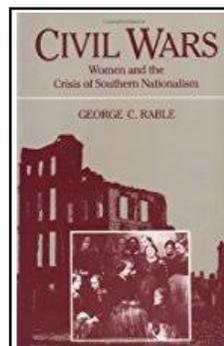
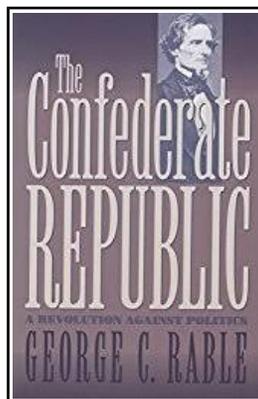
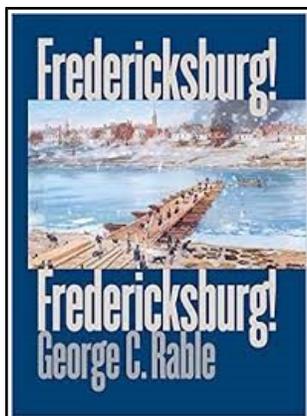
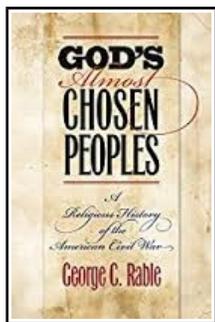
WELCOME TO KNOXVILLE, GEORGE RABLE!

George C. Rable is Professor Emeritus and formerly the Charles G. Summersell Chair in Southern History at the University of Alabama. Born in Lima, Ohio, in 1950, he received his B.A from Bluffton College (1972), his M.A from Louisiana State University (1973), and his Ph.D. from Louisiana State University (1978) where he studied under T. Harry Williams. He taught at Anderson University in Indiana from 1979-1998. From 2004-2008, he served as the President of the Society of Civil War Historians.



His books include: *God's Almost Chosen Peoples: A Religious History of the American Civil War* (University of North Carolina Press, 2010), which has won the 2011 Jefferson Davis Award and was a Choice Outstanding Academic Title; *Fredericksburg! Fredericksburg!* (University of North Carolina Press, 2002), which won the Lincoln Prize, the Society for Military History Distinguished Book Award in American Military History, the Jefferson Davis Award, the Douglas Southall Freeman History Award and was a History Book Club selection; *The Confederate Republic: A Revolution Against Politics* (University of North Carolina Press, 1994), which was a History Book Club selection; *Civil Wars: Women and the Crisis of Southern Nationalism* (University of Illinois Press, 1989), which won the Julia Cherry Spruill Prize and the Jefferson Davis Award; and *But There Was No Peace: The Role of Violence in the Politics of Reconstruction*. (University of Georgia Press, 1984).

His most recent book is *Damn Yankees! Demonization and Defiance in the Confederate South*. He is currently working on a book on the relationship between Abraham Lincoln and George B. McClellan.



KCWRT FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Submitted by Gene Akers

It has been suggested that a brief synopsis of the KCWRT's financial records be provided for the membership. Our financial records are available to any member to examine and/or question as they see fit.

The following figures are from May, 2017, the last month for which we have complete totals: Our bank balance is \$9,401.04. Our revenue for the first five months of 2017 has been \$6,420.00 and our expenditures were \$8,086.09. This may seem like we are spending more than we receive in revenue, but our membership renewals begin to be received in June; this is our major source of revenue.

With membership fees of \$25 for an individual and \$40 for a family, your membership is an extraordinary value. Efforts have been made to purposely keep our fees as low as possible. We are also extremely grateful for those members who are able to contribute monies in excess of the base rates. Those generous gifts enable us to support more projects than we would ordinarily be able to foster.

Bearden Banquet Hall charges us \$13.00 for each dinner provided at the meetings, so you can see that we do not make very much on meals.

The only other source of income we have is from the sale of books. Our members donate their used magazines and books and we resell them for modest prices. We appreciate those gifts and can provide letters to donors detailing these charitable contributions, if you find them deductible.

We do not pay honoraria to speakers, but we do pay their travel, meal and hotel expenses; these constitute the majority of our expenses, but we are also a major supporter of Fort Dickerson, the Dot Kelly Preservation Award and other Civil War-related concerns.

I believe all members of the Knoxville Civil War Roundtable can be proud of the manner in which your Board of Directors handles your funds.



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ANNUAL DUES NOTICE

To: Members and supporters of Knoxville Civil War Roundtable
From: Membership Chairman
Date: June 2017

Thanks to each one of you for being a member and supporter of our Roundtable. We had a good year with tremendous programs plus good fellowship at our monthly meetings. Everyone should always feel free to share with a Board Member any suggestions to improve KCWRT.

During the 2016-2017 fiscal year, our Roundtable membership reached over 200 persons with numerous guests attending our meetings. Thanks to each of you for your support and attendance at our meetings. Thanks also to all our officers and volunteers for their service during the year.

The Roundtable encourages your continued support for our new fiscal year, starting July 1, 2017 and ending on June 30, 2018.

1. All members' dues are due and payable starting July 1, 2017.
2. We operate on a "bare-bones" or "shoe string" budget. Our monthly speakers speak free, but the Roundtable reimburses them for their expenses (travel, meals, motel). If you feel that you can, please step-up to a higher level of dues to help us with all our many activities undertaken throughout the year. Any donations will be very helpful to support all of our many programs.
- 3. Please make your dues payments by a check separate from the monthly dinner expenses. Please mail your check to the address at the top of the page or bring it to one of our monthly meetings. Monthly meetings are always the second Tuesday of each month.**
4. Enclosed find a Membership Application with a personal interest section. Please complete this form to update your current interests, address, and contact info. We use this information to keep our roster current and to develop programs to benefit our members. **If there is no change from information preciously provided, write "no change" and your name on the form.**
5. Thank you for helping to recruit new members and guests. Please continue this help. We welcome guests at our monthly meetings and at all our activities.
6. We hope you will consider helping one of the officers or committees for the new fiscal year. Contact any Board Member for info if you would like to help.
7. Please note: Paid Members receive the "Scout's Report" and the \$2.00 discount for our monthly meetings (both the lecture only and the buffet plus lecture).

Thanks again for your support of KCWRT for the coming fiscal year. Please return the Membership Application along with your dues at your earliest convenience.

Individual Dues \$25; Family \$40; Sustaining \$50; Supporting \$100; Sponsoring \$500

Make checks payable to: 'Knoxville Civil War Roundtable' or 'KCWRT'

Director of Membership

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(Mail Application to the above address or turn in at Monthly Meeting – 2nd Tuesday each month at Bearden Banquet Hall, 5806 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN; 7 pm Buffet, 7:45 Business Meeting, 8 pm Speaker begins)

(Knoxville Civil War Roundtable Website: kcwrt.org)

Membership year is by fiscal year (1 July – 30 June)

Membership Application

Name _____ Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Mailing Address _____

E-mail addresses you want monthly Scout's Report and other KCWRT information sent to:

Name you want to be called on nametag (i.e., first name, middle name, or nickname) _____

Type Membership: Individual (\$25) ; Family (\$40) (List additional family members at bottom)

Sustaining (\$50) ; Supporting (\$100) ; Sponsoring (\$500) ;

Any additional donation is welcome and will help with KCWRT Programs: \$ _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Year Joined _____ Where did you first hear of KCWRT? _____

Do you have ancestors who served in the Civil War? (Yes, No, Unknown) _____

Major Civil War interests (to be used in the Roster to network with members with similar interests.

Indicate specifically, if possible, a particular battle, person, unit or other interest).

Hobbies/Clubs other than the Civil War: _____

Field Trips: I am _____, am not _____ interested in field trips. If you are, for how many days?

1 day _____, 2 days _____, 4 to 7 days _____. Suggestions for field trip sites: _____

Area(s) of expertise I would be willing to share with KCWRT _____

Volunteers always needed! I would be willing to volunteer in the following areas:

Suggestions or comments to improve the KCWRT _____

Additional Information for Family Membership. List the following below (use back if necessary):

Names, additional mailing addresses, additional email addresses, and names for nametag.

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The Knoxville Civil War Roundtable welcomes any person who has an interest in the American Civil War. New members are always welcome. For more information please call 865-671-9001 or visit our website at www.kcwr.org.wordpress.com



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