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Another Exciting Year Approaches!

We are close to the start of our 56th year and it promises to be filled with great speakers and events for our membership. Art Boerner is our new president and he brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the position. Our Round Table continues to be one of the very best in the country and our Officers and Board members are dedicated to providing you the very best experience in learning about the Civil War.

It is Time for Membership Renewals

Patron Memberships Are a Major Boost to the Round Table

The annual membership fees of the Round Table are now due and there is good news! Once again we are not raising any of our membership fees. And even more good news, any amount you give above the basic or family membership fee is tax-deductible since the Round Table has tax-exempt status as a 501 (c) (3) organization! Following is a description of three membership options from which you can choose. Please read carefully the following explanations so that you will understand what your choices are. First, you may choose a single membership. Your membership dues will be \$30 and this will allow you to attend all Round Table meetings and events. The second option is a family membership for \$35. Under this option, you may choose to add a spouse, son or daughter as a member. For each family member, the cost will be an additional \$5. For example, the cost for three family members would be \$40. A family is defined as anyone living in the same household. Thus, two brothers who live in the same house can join on a family membership. By choosing this option, the spouse or family member will be recognized as a member of the Round Table, will be eligible to be elected to the Board of Directors, can serve on committees appointed by the President, and will receive a name tag to wear at the meetings. The third option is a special category of membership called **Patron**, which was introduced in 1998 and has been a big success. This option allows members who so desire to make a contribution with their membership dues to the Round Table above the usual cost of membership. This is for members who want to make a financial gift because they believe the Round Table is a worthy organization and they wish to show their appreciation and insure its ongoing success. **Patron memberships start at \$55** and can include a family membership. Of course you can contribute more if you wish. Patron memberships provide

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no additional benefits to members but simply give the individuals the satisfaction of supporting our Round Table with a financial gift. A fourth option is a Student membership for \$10. If you are a student in high school, college, or graduate school, you qualify for a \$10 student membership. The additional funds raised through this option will allow the Round Table to take a more active role in the Preservation of Civil War battlefields and sites and also help pay the costs of bringing the very best Civil War speakers to our meetings. **Note: Please send your renewal check made out to LCWRT directly to Louisville Civil War Round Table, 9462 Brownsboro Road - #142, Louisville, Ky., 40241.**

Thanks. To Summarize the Options:

- Option One: Regular Membership \$30 Basic membership.
- Option Two: Family Membership \$35 A spouse or family member living at the same address can also join +\$5 for each additional family member.
- Option Three: Patron Membership \$55+ Membership with tax-deductible financial gift to LCWRT.
- Option Four: Student Membership \$10 Student membership.

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Round Table Member Sheldon Rein Passes Away

Sadly we have to say goodbye to long time Round Table member Sheldon Rein who passed away on July 27. Sheldon was 86 years old and had been an active member for several years attending nearly every meeting and up until this year, every field trip. He was a special person and a true gentleman. We will all miss him. He is survived by his wife Edith of 63 years and two daughters. Sheldon was a retired engineer, champion chess player, member of the Louisville Rose Society, and rose show judge. He enjoyed playing tennis at the Louisville Indoor Racket Club. Sheldon was a founding member of the Louisville Alliance for the Mentally Ill. He willed himself to medical research. Our sympathies go out to his wife and family,

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Round Table Extends Sympathy to Don and Peggy Meyer

We were all saddened by the news that Don and Peggy Meyer's son Christopher passed away July 15. Chris was a graduate of St. Martha Catholic School, St. Xavier High School, and Bellarmine University. Above all things he loved his family and friends, history, UK, movies, music, fishing, eating crabs and spending time at his beloved Bethany Beach. The members of the Round Table wish to extend our heartfelt sympathies to Don and Peggy and the Meyer family.

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Round Table Member Ed Grosel Passes Away

Round Table member Ed Grosel passed away on May 14. Ed was the husband of member Terry Pyles. Ed was 87 years old. He was the father of six children and had numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. We wish to extend our deepest sympathies to Terry and her family.

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We Wish to Recognize and Thank the 2016-2017 Patron Members!

Win Ahrens
 Jerry & Sharon Armstrong
 John Bellucci
 Kathleen Beyer
 John & Faris Bilby
 Stephanie Blair
 Art Boerner
 Bob & Judy Bortner
 Jack & Brenda Brammer
 Bob & Beverly Braverman
 Les & Janet Brooks
 Katie Brophy
 Doug & Barbara Brown
 Wm. Bryant "Rusty" Brown
 David & Sandra Cheatham
 Kevin Clark & Michaeleen Peck
 John & Joy Davis
 Dave & Penny Deatrck, Jr.
 Ken & Melissa Draut
 John D. Eckerle
 Monty & Holly Jenkins Evans
 David & Patricia Ezell
 Steve & Pam Fleece
 James & Sherry Forrester
 Otis & Lois Fox
 Paul Fridell & Alex Rohleder
 Dale & Donna Gettelfinger
 Dan Griffith
 Len Gross & Emily Durrett
 Larry & Mary Lou Hall
 Ruth & David Heideman
 Bob & Cindy Heleringer
 David & Gail Henderson
 Dave & Sue Hoffmann
 Jack & Virginia Holt, Jr.
 Bixler & Jane Howland
 John & Mary Jefferson

Al & Janet Jozik
 Janet Klein
 Patricia Kochert
 Milt & Lisa Koger
 Doug & Margaret Krawczyk
 Doug Kremer
 Tom Lively & Suzanne Givan
 Jane Lollis
 Thomas Mackey
 John & Jo Mader
 Bob & Linda Marrett
 Don & Peggy Meyer
 Charlie & Tish Moore, Sr.
 Sonny & Betty Neurath, Jr.
 Marc & Jill Oca
 Paul & Brenda Posey
 Terry Pyles & Edwin Grosel
 Sheldon Rein
 Joe & Virginia Reinhart
 Kerry Short
 Jim & Carol Simpson, III
 Robert Slaton & Mary Bradley
 Karl Stelly & Donna Mattingly
 Clay & Jo Stuckey
 John Thomas
 Charlie Turner
 Noel Walker & Jack Walker
 Harriette Weatherbee
 Robert & Dianna Webb
 Gregory & Jessie Weigel
 Bryan & Cindy Doyle Winslow
 Herb Zimmerman

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Sixth Annual Bourbon and BBQ a Big Success!

On the sunny afternoon of Saturday of June 24th, some sixty-five members and guests gathered at the lovely home of Art Boerner on the Ohio in southern Indiana for a wonderful afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship! We want to thank everyone who attended and donated time and money to this event. Our theme for this year was Tennessee Whiskey and the Civil War in Tennessee. Civil War historian and story teller Tom Cartwright delighted the attendees with a humorist talk on the role whiskey played in the war both in Tennessee and elsewhere. Then we were led in a tasting of six George Dickel Tennessee whiskeys by George Dickel Ambassador Brian Downing. This was followed by a BBQ feast with fantastic ribs prepared by Art Boerner and scrumptious pulled pork slow cooked and smoked by Marc Oca with all the side dishes and desserts one could hope for including peach cobbler prepared by Cindy Winslow. Everyone had a great time and no one left hungry! We raised \$2056.00 for the Round Table! Again thanks to everyone who donated time and resources to make this event a success.

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2017 - 2018 Schedule

Friday	September 8	Richard McMurry	"Jeff, Bobby, and Joe: The Making of Confederate Strategy"
Friday	October 13	Tim Smith	"Forts Henry and Donelson"
Sunday	November 19	Bud Robertson	"The Day the South Really Lost the Civil War"
Saturday	December 10	James Klotter	"TBA"
Sunday	January 15	Don Frazier	"Southeast Louisiana in the Civil War"
Saturday	February 11	Chris Kolakowski	"The Battle of Missionary Ridge"
Friday	March 17	TBA	"TBA"
Saturday	April 8	Greg Mertz	"TBA"
Saturday	May 13	John Quarstein	"Battle of the Ironclads"

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2017 Spring Field Trip: New Orleans and Southeast Louisiana

We have confirmed next year's field trip and it will be to New Orleans to tour the battles around New Orleans and Southeast Louisiana with Don Frazier, noted expert on this part of the Civil War. Don has written extensively on this phase of the war and has led many tours of these battlefields. The dates will be **April 4 - 8, 2018**. We will have a lot more information about this exciting trip in the coming months.

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May 2017 Quiz:

1. When did the last Confederate army surrender?
On June 2, 1865, Confederate General Edmund Kirby Smith signed the terms of surrender of his troops of the Trans-Mississippi Department to Union General Edward R. S. Canby at Galveston, Texas, thus disbanding the last Confederate army in the field.
2. What two prominent Southern statesmen died on July 26, 1863?
Former Texas president and governor Sam Houston died in Huntsville, Texas, and former Kentucky governor, senator, and congressman John Crittenden, whose Crittenden Compromise had failed to avert war in 1860, died in Frankfort, Kentucky. Both men had opposed secession.
3. Who was the only woman reporter at Abraham Lincoln's nomination in 1860?
Mary Ashton Rice Livermore was the only woman reporter assigned a location for work in the Chicago Wigwam among over hundreds of male reporters. She had moved with her husband to Chicago in 1857, was a member of the Republican Party, and had campaigned for Lincoln. She was a journalist, an abolitionist, and worked with the temperance movement. During the war she was a leader in the Chicago branch of the United States Sanitary Commission and also worked as a nurse. After the war she promoted the women's suffrage and temperance movements. A World War II Liberty ship was named for her.
4. What Union general had the honor of receiving the surrender of the infantry of Lee's army?
That honor was given to Brigadier (brevetted Major) General Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain.
5. What rank did President Lincoln's son, Robert, hold in the army in 1865?
On February 11, 1865, Robert Todd Lincoln was commissioned an assistant adjutant with the rank of captain on General Ulysses S. Grant's staff. He was present at Appomattox when Lee surrendered. He resigned his commission on June 12, 1865, after serving four months.

Summer Quiz:

1. Of the five Confederate Secretaries of War, who served the longest?
2. What was the Bohemian Brigade?
3. Under whose administration did Jefferson Davis serve as secretary of war?
4. What did West Point graduates George Pickett and George Armstrong Custer have in common?
5. At the Battle of Gettysburg, what Union general was wounded by a tenpenny nail?

2017 Louisville Civil War Round Table Preservation Grant Announced

The Louisville Civil War Round Table presented two Preservation Grants this spring in the amount of \$1,250.00 each. The first was to the Camp Wildcat Preservation Foundation in London, Kentucky to pay for two new interpretive signs on their Hoosier Knob Trail. The second award was to the Civil War Trust and their Fort Donelson/Parker's Crossroads fund drive. This grant was matched by the Civil War Trust at the rate of seven dollars of their money to each dollar of ours.

The Spring Mill Civil War Symposium

August 17-19, 2017

at the Spring Mill Inn at Spring Mill State Historic Park in Mitchell, Indiana, with Stephen Lee Ritchie, Thomas Y. Cartwright, Stephen Davis, David L. Mowery, Michael B. Murphy, Dale K. Phillips, James I. "Bud" Robertson, Darryl Smith, Craig L. Symonds, Jeffry D. Wert and Brian Steel Wills
 The Civil War Education Association has decided to start a Midwest version of the popular January Sarasota Civil War Symposium. The first one will be held August 17-19 at Spring Mill State Park in Mitchell, Indiana.

Here is the complete schedule and agenda.

7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Welcome Reception – Cash Bar - and Civil War Book Display and Sale Thursday, August 17
7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Welcome Reception - Cash Bar - and Civil War Book Display and Sale - Owens & Ramsey Booksellers and the Indiana Historical Society Friday, August 18
8:30 AM-9:00 AM	Symposium Overview, Faculty Introductions and Meet our Book Vendors
9:00 AM-10:00 AM	<i>Lincoln and His Admirals</i> – Craig L. Symonds
10:15 AM-11:15 AM	<i>The Battles of Cynthiana, 1862 & 1864</i> – Darryl Smith
11:30 AM-12:30 PM	<i>Lee and Longstreet and the Gettysburg Controversy</i> – Jeffry D. Wert
12:30 PM- 1:30 PM	Buffet Lunch
1:30 PM-2:30 PM	<i>The Northwest Conspiracy, Southern Indiana during the War</i> – M. Murphy
2:45 PM- 3:45 PM	<i>Neither Great Nor Genius: Gen. John Bell Hood in 1864</i> – Stephen Davis
3:45 PM	Free Time to Visit the historic mill, walk the park grounds, cave rides, etc.
6:00 PM	Cash Bar
6:30 PM	Buffet Dinner
7:30 PM	<i>At What Point Did the South Lose the War?</i> – James I. "Bud" Robertson Saturday, August 19
8:30 AM-9:30 AM	<i>The Capture of New Orleans in 1862</i> – Dale K. Phillips
9:45 AM-10:45 AM	<i>The Christian Faith of Lee and Jackson</i> – Stephen Lee Ritchie
11:00 AM-12:00 N	<i>The Rock that Failed to Roll: George Thomas and Kennesaw Mountain</i> – Brian Steel Wills
12:00 N-1:00 PM	Buffet Lunch
1:15 PM-2:15 PM	<i>John Hunt Morgan's Great Raid:</i> – David L. Mowery
2:30 PM-3:30 PM	<i>Patrick Cleburne and His Gallant Division</i> – Thomas Y. Cartwright
5:00 PM-8:00 PM	Cash Bar and Dinner Cookout

Registration Fee: **\$395** – includes Thursday PM reception, Friday and Saturday lunches, Friday dinner, Saturday PM cookout.

We will be based at the **Spring Mill Inn**, 3333 State Road 60-E, Mitchell, IN 47446 where we have reserved rooms at the discounted nightly rates of **\$80.99+ tax - Single or Double**. Call 812-849-4508 and identify yourself as a registrant for the **CWEA conference**. Enroll Online at WWW.CWEA.NET, or 800-298-1861.

Attest:

John Davis
Adjutant

By Order of:

Art Boerner
President