

The Scout's Report

Knoxville Civil War Roundtable

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Tuesday, JULY 12, 2016
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 11
CALL (865) 671-9001
AND LEAVE MESSAGE**

MENU:

Pork BBQ

Fried Chicken

Potato Salad

Baked Beans

Garden Salad

Rolls

Beverages

Assorted Desserts

LOCATION:

Bearden Banquet Hall

5806 Kingston Pike

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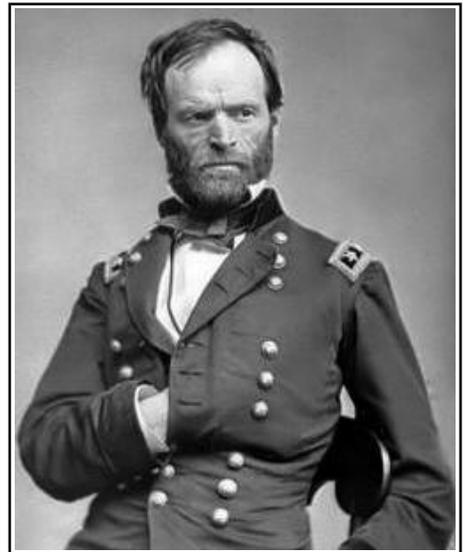
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WILLIAM T. SHERMAN: THE SOUTH'S BEST FRIEND

Many people in the South, whether familiar with the Civil War or not, recoil at the mention of Gen. William T. Sherman. The negative image of the man who wreaked havoc in the Carolinas and made "Georgia howl" persists to this day.

But there is more to this story than first meets the eye.

Sherman had many close relationships with Southerners before, during, and after the war. He spent most of his life after his 1840 graduation from West Point in the South, and just before the war began he was superintendent of the Louisiana Military Seminary, the forerunner of today's Louisiana State University. At the close of the war, this leading practitioner of "hard war" became the strongest advocate for a "soft peace," so much so that he was roundly denounced by Stanton, Halleck and many Northern newspapers for the lenient peace terms he offered Joe Johnston. Following the war when he toured the South, he received a warm welcome; not at all what one might have expected.



Come join us as John Marszalek introduces us to a Sherman that may be a stranger to most of us. Come meet the general who was the South's best friend.

RESERVATIONS FOR DINNER ARE REQUIRED.

President's Message – July 2016

Thank you and Introduction

I would like to say a special thank you to Dennis Urban for his outstanding leadership as the KCWRT President these past three years. He has set a high bar for future presidents to follow.

In way of introduction of myself, my family and I moved to Knoxville from Minnesota 25 years ago. I retired from Y-12 Federal Credit Union last July where I served as their CFO for 21 years. In addition to my accounting background, I have a degree in history. As a result, I've always had a strong interest in the Civil War and other historical topics and events.

Speaker Meeting Attendance

At the June meeting 69 diners, including members and non-members, were served. In addition to the diners, we had many others who attended Brian McKnight's presentation on Champ Ferguson. I thoroughly enjoyed Professor McKnight's presentation on Champ Ferguson and thank him for an outstanding presentation. I plan on learning more by reading his book on Champ titled "*Confederate Outlaw: Champ Ferguson and the Civil War in Appalachia*".

Please be sure to make your reservation for the July 12th meeting by calling in your dinner reservation before 11 a.m. on Monday, July 11th. July's speaker is John Marszalek, Mississippi State Professor/Author. His topic is "Sherman: A Soldier's Passion for Order".

Events

The Knoxville Civil War Roundtable will be participating at the East Tennessee Historical Society, First Families of Tennessee Reunion, on August 19-21, 2016. There are a number of events that are planned during the days of the Reunion. I would encourage you to attend if you are interested. I'm sure it will be an enriching experience.

Mark your calendar for the Fort Dickerson Living History weekend on October 28-30, 2016. The event will be highlighted with re-enactors and artillery pieces on display. Volunteers are needed to help at this event. Please see myself or any of the KCWRT board members if you wish to volunteer. This is a fun and exciting event for everyone so make plans to attend.

Membership

The KCWRT membership drive for 2016-2017 is currently underway. Membership in the KCWRT offers insight into the Civil War at a great value. The presentation last month by Brian McKnight about Champ Ferguson is just an example of the quality of speaker we can offer because of your membership in the KCWRT.

Jerry Patterson, Director of Membership, would like to share the following comments regarding KCWRT membership. "We have been fortunate to have a number of new members sign up so far for this fiscal year (1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017). Most of these new members had been guests in the past and enjoyed our monthly meetings and activities. Please welcome these new members and make them feel at home within the KCWRT as you did when they were guests. Treating guests well is a splendid way to get new members. As

members renew, they might consider adding family members to their membership. This is a good way to help the younger generation (children, grandchildren) learn about the Civil War. (President's Message Continued page 3)

Each family member having an Internet address gets their own Scout's Report, which always has good Civil War information in it. As more and more history gets crammed into school curriculums, the time spent teaching about the Civil War keeps getting less and less. Involving the younger generations in KCWRT activities is a good way to supplement their Civil War knowledge and appreciation of how our country evolved to what it is today."

Thank you Jerry, for all the good work you are doing to help keep our current members and attract new members to the KCWRT. Consider upgrading your membership to a family or sustaining or higher for this coming year.

I am honored to serve as your president for the next year. I hope to see at you at upcoming meetings and events and a special thank you for your continued support of the KCWRT.

John Stegner, President



REUNION

First Families of Tennessee
a 16,000-member heritage project of the
EAST TENNESSEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

AUGUST 19-21, 2016

JUBILEE TIME AT GOVERNOR SEVIER'S
BBQ and the music, dancing, and way of life of our ancestors!
Connect with long-lost cousins and descendants of
those who were neighbors to your ancestors!

HISTORY & GENEALOGY CONFERENCE
Settlement, migration, pioneer research sources,
life on the frontier, and much more!

EAST TENNESSEE HISTORY FAIR
Meet and talk with experts from various county historical and
genealogical societies, exchange information with researchers,
and experience a 250-year living history timeline!

TOURS! GO TO THE PLACE, STAND ON THE SPOT
Watauga, State of Franklin, Jonesborough, and more!

More information, events schedule, and registration
www.eastTNhistory.org/FFTR reunion

**THE KNOXVILLE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE
2016 SPEAKERS SERIES**

July 12---John Marszalek, Miss. State Prof/Autor, “William T. Sherman: The South's Best Friend”

August 9---Richard McMurry, Historian/Autor, “General Johnston and the Atlanta Campaign”

September 13---Gordon Rhea, Autor/Historian, “Cold Harbor”

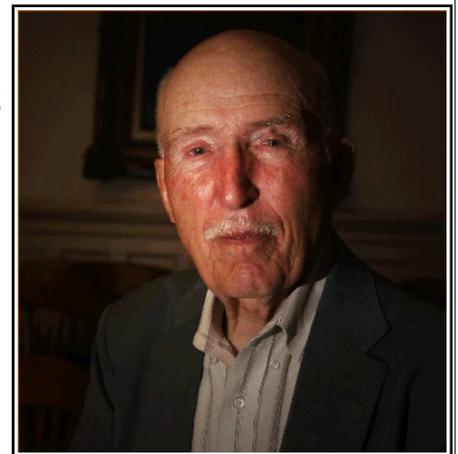
October 11---Frank O’Reilly, NPS Historian/Autor, “Lee after the War”

*****November 15---Ed Bearss, Chief Historian Emeritus/Autor, "Custer at the Little Bighorn"*****

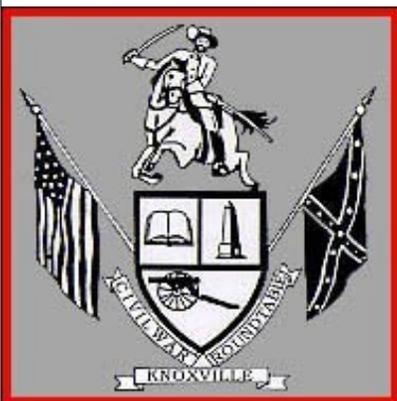
December 13---Jim Ogden, Historian Chickamauga/Chattanooga NMP, “The Great Locomotive Chase”

*****SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT*****

**DUE TO THE UPCOMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION HELD TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2016, THE KNOXVILLE CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE HAS MOVED THE NOVEMBER MEETING ONE WEEK LATER, TO TUESDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2016. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!
YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS ED BEARSS!!**



**KNOXVILLE CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE
SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2016-2017**

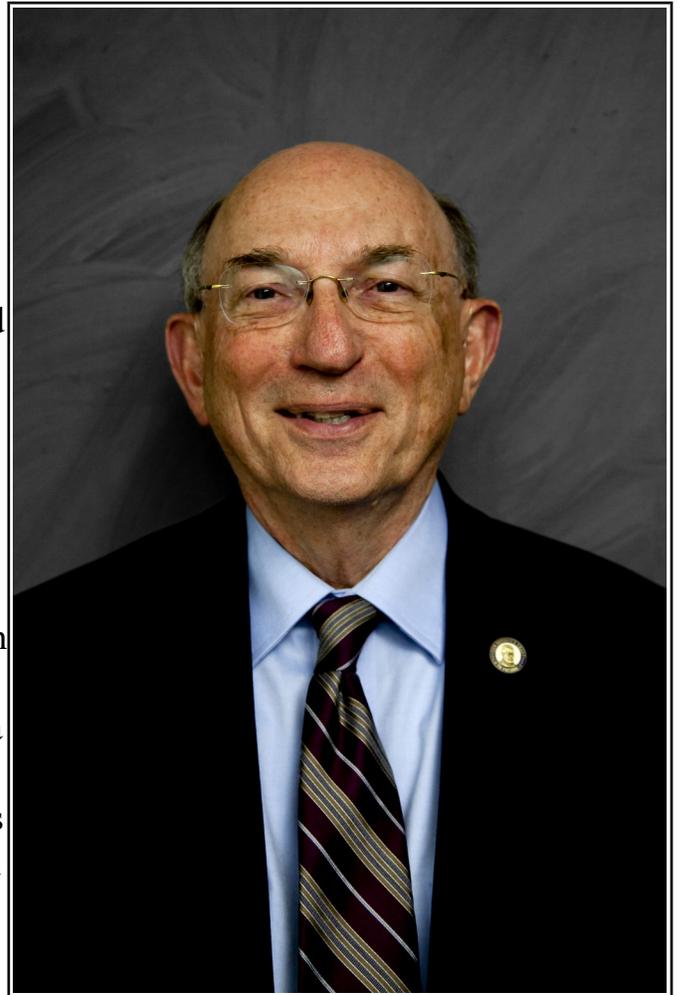


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Welcome Back to Knoxville, John Marszalek!

John F. Marszalek is Giles Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History at Mississippi State University. He began teaching at MSU in 1973 and retired from the History Department in 2002. From 1998 to 2010, he served as director and mentor of MSU's Distinguished Scholar Program. From 2008 to the present, he has served as Executive Director and Managing Editor of the Ulysses S. Grant Association and the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library at MSU.

Beginning with his first book *Assault at West Point*, which was made into a made-for-television motion picture, he has written some 14 books including biographies of Sherman, Halleck, and a book about the best writings of US Grant. He appears regularly on television, both in newscasts and documentaries. In 2015, as part of a Museum of the Confederacy symposium in Richmond, he was asked to nominate William T. Sherman at "Man of the Year" for 1864. The audience voted Sherman that honor.



In September 2000, he last spoke to the Knoxville Civil War Round Table.

VISIT THE NEW KCWRT WEBSITE
www.kcwrtorg.wordpress.com



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ANNUAL DUES NOTICE

To: Members and supporters of Knoxville Civil War Roundtable
From: Membership Chairman
Date: June 2016

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 2015-2016 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, 2016 and ending on June 30, 2017.

1. All members' dues are due and payable starting July 1, 2016.
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 except for November 2016. Since election day falls on the second Tuesday of Nov 2016, the monthly meeting will be on the third Tuesday, Nov 15, 2016.**
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 previously 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'

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(Mail Application to 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 Scout Report and other KCWRT information sent to:

(If you have no email address, check here to get the Scout Report mailed to you, check here)

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 KCWR 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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