

Nashville Civil War Roundtable

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April 19th, 2022 – Our 139th meeting!! We continue our twelfth year.

The next meeting of the Nashville (TN) Civil War Roundtable will be on Tuesday, April 19th, 2022, in the visitor's center of Ft. Negley Park, a unit of Metro Parks, Nashville, TN. This is located off I-65 just south of downtown between 4th Avenue South and 8th Avenue South on Edgehill Avenue/Chestnut Avenue. Take Exit 81, Wedgewood Avenue, off I-65 and follow the signs to the Science Museum.

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.

IMPORTANT – Due to the uptick of Covid D currently, all city managed buildings require that people within them wear masks. So please be sure to mask up for this meeting!

Our Speaker and Topic – *“Fortress Rosecrans”*

Following the Battle of Stones River, the Army of the Cumberland began massive construction project that resulted in the creation of a series of earthworks that loomed over the town of Murfreesboro. Fortress Rosecrans proved to be one of the most important results of the Battle of Stones River; securing middle Tennessee as a base of operations for Union campaigns into the heart of the Confederacy and shaping the lives of local residents as the hub of military occupation and the early stages of reconstruction.

Covering some 200 acres and manned by over 50 pieces of heavy artillery, Fortress Rosecrans was the largest earthen fort ever built in North America and, along with Nashville's Fort Negley and related defenses, helped make possible Union victory in the Western Theater.

Our speaker this month is the ever popular Jim Lewis, Chief Ranger at Stones River National Battlefield. Jim Lewis has been a Park Ranger with the National Park Service since 1991. Since 1997, he has been fixture at Stones River National Battlefield, serving as a park ranger, curator and de-facto historian there. He became the Chief of Interpretation & Cultural Resource Management in 2016.

Jim has researched and presented dozens of interpretive programs at Stones River National Battlefield and across the country on a variety of Civil War topics. He has also produced numerous interpretive publications and exhibits for the National Park Service. The September 2012 Blue and Gray Magazine featured “Lincoln's Hard Earned Victory,” a full issue article written by Ranger Lewis that provides a concise analysis of the Stones River Campaign and its military, political, and social consequences.

Born in Burlington, Vermont and raised in New Jersey, Jim is a graduate of Cornell University (BA in History) and has been a student of Civil War history since his late teens. He lives in Murfreesboro with his wife Beth and son James. He serves on the advisory board of the Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association.

We hope you join us for this fascinating program!

Last Month's meeting

Last month Greg Biggs covered in detail the extent of logistics preparations made by Union General William T. Sherman for the 1864 Atlanta Campaign. Probably the pinnacle of logistics for any campaign in the Civil War, Sherman was relentless in his planning and execution of the supply of his army group in Georgia. The supply depots in Nashville and Louisville were critical for the storing and transportation of supplies gleaned from northern sources and sent to Nashville by rail and rivers. While the planning was top notch, there were errors and issues during the campaign that caused some problems but Sherman's establishment of depots in the towns he captured along the way helped get his troops through them.

Thanks Greg for the program.

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

May 2022 – Rhea Cole, historian – *“The Battle Of Stones River: A Reappraisal”*

June 2022 – Myers Brown, author/historian – *“John Wilder's Lightning Brigade”*

July 2022 – John Banks, author/historian – *“Antietam”*

September 2022 – Andy Blair, Traveler's Rest/historian – topic TBA

October 2022 – David Mowery, author/historian – *“Cincinnati in the Civil War”* (based on his recent book)

2022 – Eric Jacobson, historian/author/Battle of Franklin Trust

2022 - John Cashon, historian/author – *“Paducah, KY in the Civil War”*

Some of our speakers are authors and bring books to sell at our meetings. Please support them by buying their books.

MEMBERS AND DUES – Due to Covid our fiscal year needed to change to the month when we first started back to regular meetings – so now it will be July. Please plan on taking care of your membership renewals at this meeting. The annual dues structure for the Nashville CWRT is as follows:

Single membership - \$20

Family - \$30

Military – Active duty and Veterans - \$15

Military Family – Active duty and Veterans - \$25

Student - \$10

Senior (age 60 plus) - \$15

Senior couple - \$20

Your dues for the 2019-2020 fiscal year will be due at this meeting if you have not paid as yet! Please plan on paying them at that month's meeting if you have not already.

PLEASE PLAN ON PAYING YOUR DUES THIS MONTH SO WE CAN KEEP BRINGING IN GREAT SPEAKERS AND HELP SAVE CIVIL WAR SITES. If you cannot make a meeting then please drop off your check at Fort Negley.

When your dues are paid you will be issued a new name badge with the fiscal year on it. If you do not have a name badge then you are not current.

Our dues go to paying for speakers as well as donations for Civil War preservation causes especially those of a local nature. Please be sure to pay your dues so we can offer the best programs possible for you! We also utilize donated items for sales each month to help add to the treasury. If you have something you would like to donate for these auctions, please bring them to the meetings. Books, art, or anything Civil War, works very well. Thanks very much to all of you who have made such donations!

CIVIL WAR NEWS AND EVENTS

American Battlefield Trust – New Videos for their Chickamauga/Chattanooga and Atlanta Campaign Now On Youtube

This wonderful land preservation organization has completed another Western Theater swing and have been posting the videos for each stop online at Youtube and the ABT web site (<https://www.battlefields.org/>).

Guest historians include Will Greene, Jim Ogden, Anthony Hodges and numerous stops and videos have been featured. For a listing of the videos from this tour see –

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZrhqv_T1O1tsLJEJ-WUPnp8Q6uBCvOC3

Fifth Annual Baton Rouge Civil War Symposium – May 14-15, 2022

Time again for the annual Baton Rouge, LA Civil War Symposium. This year's theme is - *"The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of the Trans-Mississippi"*

The dates are May 14, 15, 2022 and the event is held at the River Center Branch library 4th floor 250 North Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA

Speakers and topics:

Mark F. Bielski Ph.D.: Ben Butler; Beauty and the Beast

Duffy Neubauer: Museum Curator: Ordnance; From Tredegar to the Grave

Richard Holloway: Historian: The Sham Castle

Stephen Hood: Author/Historian: Patriots Twice; Former Confederates

Rebuilding the United States

Sean Chick: Author/Historian: Creole General - P.G.T. Beauregard

Danny Sessums Ph.D.: "You Can Tell a Texan, But You can't tell him much"

Old State Capitol Tour with The 4D Ghost of the Castle Experience

2 Meals

Interactive Historic Displays

Sunday: May 15 - 9am to 11:00am

Rural Life Museum Tour

Dutch Treat Lunch (optional)

*****Discounted Hotel Rooms*****

Register Online <https://www.brcwrt.com/online-registration.html>

Download a Mail in Form <https://www.brcwrt.com/mail-in-registration-form.html>

Make Check to BRCWRT - Mail to: John Edwards, 10322 Overton Ford Road, Ethel, LA 70737

Questions? John Potts (225) 937- 2782

Details: <https://www.brcwrt.com/2022-symposium.html>

BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS!!!! A Large Selection of Books Still Available at the Nashville CWRT This Month!

We appreciate those of you who bought from this great book selection last month! The CWRT needs funds to keep getting in speakers and the book sales go towards that so thank you! The prices for these great books are 50 per cent off or more off retail prices so there's some great deals here for your library! Please keep buying and supporting your CWRT!

We sold a good number of books last month - thank you to those that supported our CWRT!

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