



# Nashville Civil War Roundtable

**October  
2025  
Newsletter**

## **Upcoming Meetings**

- November 18,  
2025
- January 20,  
2026
- February 17,  
2026

**Tuesday October 21st,  
2025- Our 172nd  
Meeting!! We continue  
our sixteenth year!**



The next meeting of the Nashville Civil War Roundtable will be on **Tuesday, October 21st, 2025**, in the visitor's center of Ft. Negley Park.

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.

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## **This month's program- “The Battle of Munford: History, Archaeology and Our Little Blue Home”**

*This month's speaker: Bob Stewart*

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Students of the Civil War tend to think in terms of large battles or campaigns that would decide the fate of the Confederate States of America and the United States of America. And yet there were dozens upon dozens of much smaller engagements, skirmishes and more that also lent a hand in the ultimate outcome of the war; the defeat of the CSA, the Union restored and slavery destroyed. This month's program will be one of those smaller battles

The Civil War Battle of Munford in Talladega County occurred on April 23, 1865, two weeks after Lee surrendered to Grant. In the brief skirmish between General John T. Croxton's Union cavalry and the outmanned and largely untrained Confederate troops under General Benjamin Jefferson Hill, local soldier Lt. A.J. Buttram was shot from his horse and died. Buttram is considered the last Confederate soldier killed in action east of the Mississippi River. In 2020 archaeologists from the

This month's speaker, Bob Stewart, has paternal roots extending back several generations in Munford. His program will include anecdotes from the family history there, as well as his own origin story—which includes an unusual connection to the Buttram story.

A native of Tuscaloosa, Bob Stewart served as Executive Director of the Alabama Humanities Foundation (now Alabama Humanities Alliance) from 1987 until retirement in 2012. Among the AHF's many accomplishments under his leadership, Bob is especially proud of his collaboration with scholars, archivists, editors, and technical specialists at Auburn University to develop the online Encyclopedia of Alabama. He previously held professional positions at the Birmingham Museum of Art, Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board, and Huntsville Museum of Art, and his resume includes numerous awards, publications, exhibitions, and grants. He

exhumed his remains. The remains were later reinterred in a historical funeral reenactment.

College, an MA in American Studies from Boston University, and an MBA from Emory University. Since 2016 he and his wife, Lida, have lived in Nashville.

We hope you will join us with this month's program for an interesting look at a small battle with modern implications

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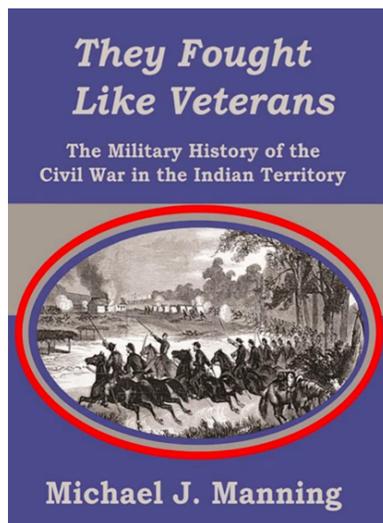
## This Month's Column from President Howard Mann:

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## CIVIL WAR NEWS AND EVENTS

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### **Middle Tennessee Civil War Historian Michael Manning Releases New Book on the Civil War in the Indian Territory (Now Oklahoma)**

NCWRT members will recall that we had Michael Manning speak to us on the Battle of Newtonia in Missouri a few months ago. He also spoke to us on the war in the Indian Territory, on which he wrote a multi-part essay that appeared in Blue & Gray Magazine. He has now released his book on the topic which adds tremendously to our knowledge of the Civil War in the Trans-Mississippi Theater.

Entitled *They Fought Like Veterans: The Military History of the Civil War in the Indian Territory*, the book comes in at a hefty 590 pages which reflects the

While there have been a couple other books on aspects of the war in the region, none are as comprehensive as this new title.

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## September Program

Our own Howard Mann gave us a fine look into the thoughts of Captain William S. Cain of the 12th United States Colored Troops. Initially a soldier in the 8th Kansas Infantry, Cain did what many other white NCOs and officers did seeking further promotion – join the ranks of newly forming USCT regiments. Prohibited from having black officers, the USCT units became steppingstones to career advancement and, as time was spent working daily with men of color, these white officers came to have great confidence in their troops and were always impressed by their sense of duty even when doing menial work in the Union Army. However, it was in battle where these men truly impressed their officers, and Cain was no less one of those due to their actions in the Battle of Nashville where even their Confederate foes gave them plaudits of respect for their bravery.

Howard showed that as more and more of these types of officer journals from those who served in USCT units, we not only gain deeper insight into them as soldiers but also it expands our overall knowledge base of the Civil War. Howard's programs are always well researched and presented and this one was no exception. Thanks, Howard, for the fine program.

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## Future Programs

**November 2025** – Shirley Farris Jones, author/historian – “Martha Ready Morgan: From Wife to Widow in 630 Days”

**January 2026** – Ross Hudgins, historian/author – Maggie Vaulx and

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**February 2026** – Ross Massey, historian/author – “McFadden’s Bend in the Stones River Campaign”

**March 2026** – Cheryl McCauley, historian/author – “Thaddeus Lowe, Civil War Balloonist”

**April 2026** – William Parker, historian/director Fort Defiance Interpretive Center – “Feeding Civil War Armies”

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***MEMBERS AND DUES***

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Membership dues for the Battle of Nashville Trust will be due in December as the new fiscal year is now January 1st through December 31st. Your membership in the Roundtable is included in your membership to the Battle of Nashville Trust:

**\$50 – individuals and families.**

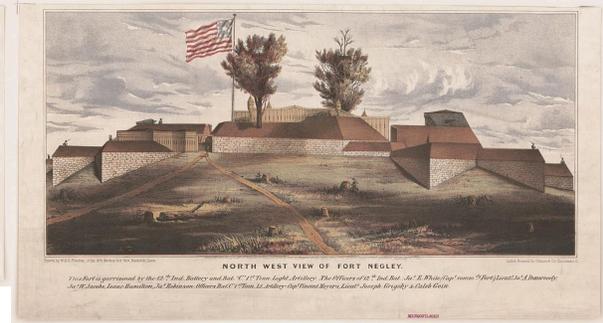
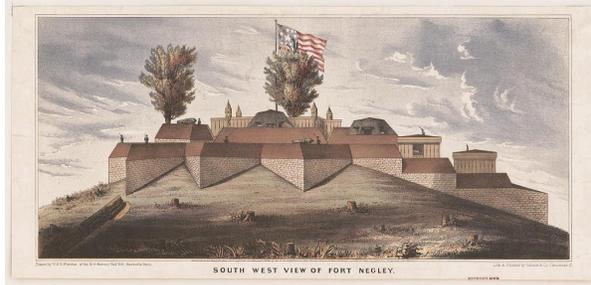
This also gets you some nice perks too like two gifts and some discounts to events!

**\$25 – military** – active duty and veterans

**Students are free.**

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

War, works very well. Thanks very much to all of you who have made such donations!



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