



Nashville Civil War Roundtable

Founded April, 2009 – Nashville, Tennessee – Now Part of the Battle of Nashville Trust, April 2025

June 16th, 2026 – Our 179th meeting!! We continue our sixteenth year!

The next meeting of the Nashville (TN) Civil War Roundtable will be on Tuesday, June 16th, 2026 at Historic Belle Meade Mansion, 5025 Harding Pike

This meeting begins at 7 PM! Cocktails at 5:30!

The meeting is always open to the public. Members, please bring a friend or two – new recruits are always welcomed.

This month's program – *“Love, Tragedy and Redemption”*

Martha O'Bryan, a young Nashville lady went to visit a relative in Louisiana. There she met Robert Yates Beall, where they fell in love and they became engaged. Beall was recovering from a wound and as he improved, he left to return to war. Martha kept a lock of his hair until they could be reunited. Beall became involved in a secret plan and after it failed was arrested, tried and hung at the end of the war. Martha never married but did develop programs through her church after the war that exist to this day, helping the unfortunate. This program features three themes of Love, Tragedy and Redemption as part of this fascinating story.

Our speaker this month is our own Howard Mann. He is currently President of the Nashville Civil War Round Table and a board member of the Battle of Nashville Trust. Previously, he has been a member and former President of the Kansas City Civil War Roundtable from 2000 to 2014 and was a member of the Harrisburg, PA Civil War Roundtable in 1992 through 1995.

We thank Howard for jumping in this month as our scheduled speaker had some issues and could not make it. We hope to get him up in the future.

May Program

Scott Anderson presented a wonderful program on the Scott boys, Civil War ancestors who fought for both sides in the Civil War. Coming from divided East Tennessee, the family members seeking to join the Union Army had to make their way through the Appalachian Mountains into eastern Kentucky to form with the Tennessee Union regiments at Camp Dick Robinson. The Confederate family members fought at Vicksburg and in the Atlanta Campaign and members of both sides were captured and spent time in POW camps. The program was laced with anecdotes and personal accounts which form the basis for his novel about these family members. This was a most enjoyable program and we thank Scott for coming to speak to us.

Future Programs:

July 2026 – Steven Currie – Clarksville CWRT - *“Civil War Spies”*

August 2026 – David Stewart, historian/author/Shiloh Battlefield Guide – *“The Controversial Confederate Attack Plan at Shiloh and Its Effect on the First Day's Battle.”*

September 2026 – Kraig McNutt, author/historian – *“Nashville’s Civil War Hospitals”*

October 2026 - Brian McCutchen, Superintendent, Fort Donelson National Battlefield – *“How Modern Technology Helps Map A Civil War Battlefield.”*

November 2026 – Scott Mingus, historian/author

December 2026 – Battle of Nashville Trust Dinner and Speaker

January 2027 – Walter Green, author and historian – Topic TBA based on his new book

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

MEMBERS AND DUES – Our new dues structure is listed below. The new fiscal year is now January 1st through December 31st. Thus, we will begin collecting dues for the 2026 campaign year starting in January 2026. Our new dues schedule is thus:

\$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.

DUES ARE DUE AT THE JANUARY MEETING SO PLEASE PLAN ON PAYING THEM THEN.

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!

Lastly, if you have not been back to the Nashville CWRT in some time please come again. We would love to have you back with us!

CIVIL WAR NEWS AND EVENTS

Battle Of Richmond, Kentucky In Depth Tour – June 26-28, 2026

In August and September 1862, three Confederate armies invaded Kentucky seeking to defeat the Union Army of the Ohio under Don Carlos Buell and bring the state into the Confederacy. Braxton Bragg and his Army of Mississippi left Chattanooga and went into the Commonwealth more or less up the middle and bagged 4000 Union troops at Munfordsville, KY. His command then heads east to perhaps join up with the Army of Kentucky under Edmund Kirby Smith who led the invasion from Knoxville and entered through the rougher terrain in eastern Kentucky. Breaking through the mountains, Smith's troops soon entered the rolling hills of the Blue Grass region. At Big Hill, a skirmish was fought which began the Battle of Richmond, KY. Up ahead in the small town of Richmond was a scratch Union army of about 8000 troops, mostly new recruits under William "Bull" Nelson. Confederate cavalry drove back Union troopers and the rebel infantry closed up and brought battle from August 29-30, 1862.

Confederate infantry drove the Federals through the town while rebel cavalry under John Scott moved west and then north to cut the retreat route of the Federals. The result was a resounding Confederate victory with the bulk of the Union force killed, wounded or captured (over 5300 men) serving as one of the most destructive defeats of an army in the war.

Join tour guides Derrick Lindow and Darryl Smith, hosts of the *Western Theater in the Civil War Facebook* page for an in-depth tour of this campaign. The tour begins on June 26, 2026, 4:00 PM EDT at the Battle of Richmond Visitor Center, 101 Battlefield Memorial Hwy, Richmond, KY 40475. It concludes on Sunday, June 28 at noon.

Here's the planned itinerary:

June 26 (Friday)

5:00 pm – Depart from the the [Battle of Richmond Visitor's Center](#). Arrive early if you want to tour the Visitors Center as we will leave around 5:00 pm. We will carpool south to the Jackson County Welcome Center where we will cover the fighting at Big Hill & set the stage for the campaign. Then it is on to the Cowbell Creek fight, followed by the

fighting at Joe Lick Knob. We will wrap up with the skirmish at Rogersville at the Visitors Center.

June 27 (Saturday)

8:30 am - Meet at the [Battlefield Park](#) before carpooling to Hays Fork Church to set the stage for the early morning fighting of August 30th. We will return to Battlefield Park where we will cover Churchill's flank attack and Federal movements in the area. Then we will walk to Mount Zion Church, near the site of the Federal First Phase Line to discuss the Federal movements onto and on the battlefield. Returning to our cars we will head to Duncannon Lane for the Second Phase action before breaking for lunch (attendee choice). After lunch we will spend time at Richmond Cemetery for the Third Phase and the collapse of the Federal forces. Evening gathering at the Paddy Wagon Irish Pub in downtown Richmond at 7:00 pm.

June 28 (Sunday)

9:00 am - Meet at the Cracker Barrel parking lot on the north side of Richmond. Here we will talk about John Scott's cavalry and their movement around Richmond that led to the capture most of the Federal force. Then we will carpool to a few of the Kentucky River crossings to talk about the Confederate movements towards Lexington and the Federal response.

The goal is to bring more light to one of the most complete Confederate victories of the war. We ask that you consider buddying up with a friend or two to keep the number of cars reasonable for the carpooling portions.

Lodging, travel, and dining costs are the responsibility of each attendee. Donations are strongly encouraged to benefit the [Battle of Richmond Association](#).

RSVP here - https://www.westerntheatercivilwar.com/event-details/tour-on-to-richmond-ky-3/form?fbclid=IwY2xjawSPQf9leHRuA2FlbQIxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjIwMzIxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEeAHG2M8psSIZ2kKkl63rOUjbM0uJhrUEDY6JpWPorw_R7C-ZJr6YvAMDYDXQ_aem_iMTNOdaP2pF9rg-6suLCOA

or go to the Western Theater Facebook page here and look for the posts about this tour - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/westerntheatercivilwar>

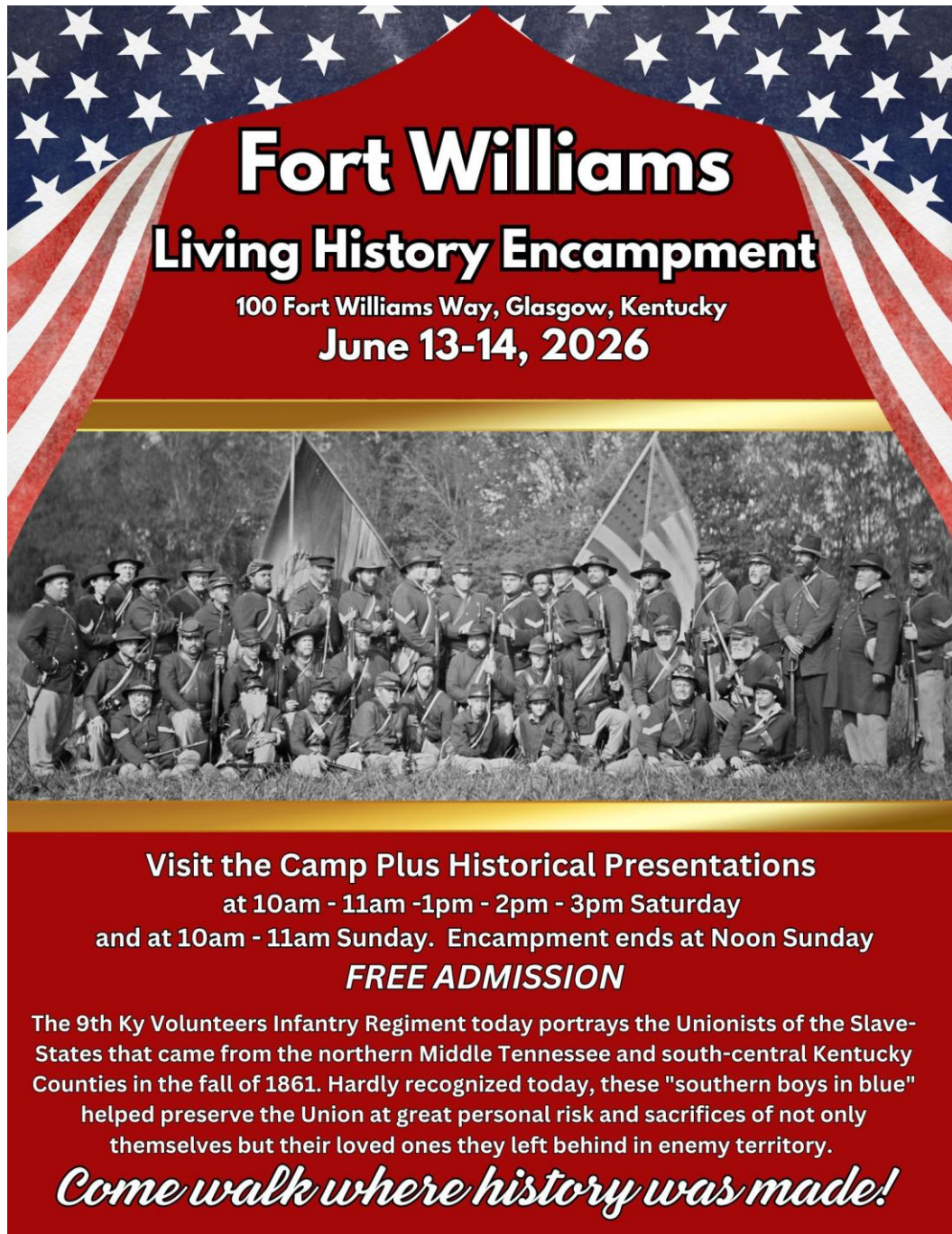
These tours usually draw 30 to 40 attendees. Guide Derrick Lindow spoke to the Nashville CWRT a couple years ago on his book about Col. Adam Rankin Johnson and his 10th Kentucky Partisan Rangers.

CIVIL WAR EVENT IN GLASGOW, KENTUCKY – JUNE 13-14, 2026

Head north on I-65 into Kentucky and about 20 miles north of Bowling Green (not far from the Buc-ee's at Smiths Grove!!!) take a right on the Louie B. Nunn Parkway to Glasgow. Get off at US Highway 31E and turn left. The fort and park will be on the

right side before the railroad. This fort was built by the Union in 1863 to protect the railroad from John Hunt Morgan. The earthworks are very well preserved. In the cemetery next to the park is the grave of Gen. Joseph Lewis, commander of the famous KY Orphan Brigade, original colonel of the 6th Kentucky Infantry (CS)

This is about a 2-hour trip to Glasgow from the Nashville area.



Fort Williams
Living History Encampment
100 Fort Williams Way, Glasgow, Kentucky
June 13-14, 2026

Visit the Camp Plus Historical Presentations
at 10am - 11am - 1pm - 2pm - 3pm Saturday
and at 10am - 11am Sunday. Encampment ends at Noon Sunday
FREE ADMISSION

The 9th Ky Volunteers Infantry Regiment today portrays the Unionists of the Slave-States that came from the northern Middle Tennessee and south-central Kentucky Counties in the fall of 1861. Hardly recognized today, these "southern boys in blue" helped preserve the Union at great personal risk and sacrifices of not only themselves but their loved ones they left behind in enemy territory.

Come walk where history was made!

Nashville CWRT 2026 Meeting Dates and Locations – Pay attention to these folks!!!

The Nashville CWRT will be meeting at several new and old Locations in 2026. Please note each location below and the starting times. Here's the details with dates, locations and speakers:

July 14th – Belle Meade, 7 PM (cocktails at 5:30) – David Stewart

August 18th – Belle Meade, 7 PM (cocktails at 5:30) – Steven Currie

September 15th – Longview, 6 PM – Kraig McNutt

October 20th – Longview, 6 PM – Brian McCutchen, Fort Donelson National Battlefield

November 17th – Longview, 6 PM – Scott Mingus

December – Traveler's Rest – time TBA – Battle of Nashville Trust dinner and speaker

January 12th, 2027 – probably Fort Negley – Walter Green, historian/author

Please make note of these locations and dates. The February 2026 meeting is the second Tuesday of that month due to a holiday where Fort Negley is closed. Each newsletter starting in January will have the details for each location.

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