

Next Meeting Date:

Monday, November 18, 2019
(NOTE: 3rd full week of September)

Time:

6:00 p.m. (Social Hour: 5:15 p.m.)

Place:

The Embassy Suites

**RSVP by Wednesday,**

November 13th at 4 PM:

No RSVP cards will be sent except to those requesting USPS mailing. The electronic receipt of the Newsletter is your reminder to RSVP online, email, or by phone.

November 2019 NEWSLETTER

“Robert E. Lee: The Forgotten West Point Years”



James I. “Bud” Robertson

Speaker for
November 18, 2019

Robertson is the author or editor of more than 20 books that include such award-winning studies as *Civil War! America Becomes One Nation*, *General A.P. Hill*, and *Soldiers Blue and Gray*. His massive biography of Gen. “Stonewall” Jackson won eight national awards and was used as the base for the Ted Turner mega-movie, *Gods and Generals*. Robertson

was chief historical consultant for the film. In recent years, his historical commentaries on National Public Radio made him something of a rock star in his field.

A professor emeritus at Virginia Tech, Robertson was named by President John F. Kennedy to head up the Civil War Centennial Commission in 1961.

The recipient of every major award given in the Civil War field, and a lecturer of national acclaim, Dr. Robertson is probably more in demand as a speaker before Civil War groups than anyone else in the field. He holds the Ph.D. from Emory University and honorary doctorates from Randolph-Macon College and Shenandoah University. He is presently an Alumni Distinguished Professor, one of ten such honorees among Virginia Tech’s 2,200 faculty members. He is also Executive Director of the Virginia Center for Civil War Studies, created by the University in 1999. Robertson was also a charter member (by Senate appointment) of Virginia’s Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission. ■

Read the full bio at kycivilwarroundtable.org/speakers

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

We are off to a spectacular start for the 2019-2020 year of the Kentucky Civil War Roundtable. Frankly, the speech before the Roundtable in September was one of the most memorable ever. I have received numerous emails and telephone calls from Roundtable members about how marvelous Ron Maxwell’s address was.

The great speeches continue. On November 18 we will hear from our old friend, James I. “Bud” Robertson, for the fifty-first time! It will be particularly great to have Bud back after his serious illness this past year. He is also not only a friend of Ron Maxwell’s, he was the historian-advisor to Maxwell’s film, *Gods and Generals*. The November meeting has every potential of being one of the best ever.

Finally, I want all of you to know that I produce

podcasts for my website, www.WitnessingHistory.org. You can hear an hour-long podcast with Ron Maxwell, as well as podcasts with all our speakers last year. You can also hear a podcast I recorded on the history of the Kentucky Civil War Roundtable! It begins with the recording of William H. Townsend’s great speech on Cassius Marcellus Clay before the Chicago Civil War Roundtable in 1952. Check them out. ■

Kent Masterson Brown
President



Kent M. Brown
President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

As noted in previous meetings, unless you have affirmatively opted out of our new process, you will not be receiving a copy of this Newsletter by U.S. Mail (and, as a result, you will also not be receiving an RSVP card for the November 18, 2019 meeting through the mail). To RSVP for the November 18, 2019 meeting, please either RSVP online through the KYCWRT's website, kycivilwarroundtable.org, or alternatively, by timely contacting Susie Morton, our Administrator, by email at kcwrt.susie@gmail.com or by phone or text at (859) 221-7199.

If you affirmatively request to receive the Newsletter by mail, you will still receive the traditional RSVP card. Please note, however, that even if you receive the RSVP card in the mail, it is still preferred that you RSVP through the KYCWRT website or by contacting Susie at the email address or number above. Doing so will avoid the possibility that your

RSVP card is lost in the mail or not timely received. It will also provide you the comfort of knowing that your RSVP has, in fact, been timely received.

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE NOVEMBER 18, 2019 MEETING, YOU MUST – MUST – GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN BY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019. WE MUST RECEIVE YOUR RSVP BY NOVEMBER 13, 2019 at 4:00 PM.

MEMBERS (AND GUESTS) WILL NOT BE SEATED (OR PRESENTED A MEAL) WITHOUT A TIME-MADE RESERVATION.

Guests: Starting with the September 2018 meeting, the guest fee (in addition to the \$29 meal charge) is \$25 per guest, for a total of \$54 per guest. Payment is due in advance or at the door.

Cancellations: Any RSVP cancellation needs to be received no later than 4:00 pm of the Friday before the meeting (in this case, by November

15, 2019). If you need to cancel, please contact Susie at (859) 221-7199 or by email at kcwrt.susie@gmail.com. If you do NOT timely cancel your reservation or miss the meeting, you will be charged \$29 per person for your reserved meal.

NEW KYCWRT BOARD MEMBERS
At our September 2019 KYCWRT meeting, we elected the following as new KYCWRT Board members: Gary Detraz; Billy Hopkins; Bill Swinford; and Amy Taylor. I look forward to working with these new Board members. In the coming months, the Board hopes to be sharing news about Development and Membership initiatives. As always, we welcome ideas, input, and assistance from the entire membership. ■



A.J. Singleton

TREASURER'S REPORT

The KYCWRT Board of Directors has decided to leave the amount of our membership dues the same for 2020 as 2019, \$85 for single and \$100 for married couples, if paid by December 31 and \$100, \$120 if paid thereafter. In addition, the guest fee remains at \$25.

The 2020 dues invoices were emailed/mailed in August with a reminder billing sent in late October. Please be watching your email and mail. Payment can be made by check or credit card either on our website at www.kycivilwarroundtable.org or by mail to P.O. Box 1862, Lexington KY 40588-1862. Prompt payment is appreciated to avoid any rebilling expense or loss of membership. As our dues alone don't cover all the operating expenses of the Roundtable, we depend upon your contributions and fund-raising

support to break even.

New this year is that all paid members are to receive a free guest pass. One guest pass per membership or couple's membership will be mailed upon the payment of your 2020 dues. The guest pass can be used to cover the guest fee of one guest for one meeting and **MUST BE PRESENTED UPON CHECK-IN AT THE MEETING.**

Our membership to date is 322 with the goal of reaching 400. Please consider bringing a guest to an upcoming meeting or recruiting a member to join to help us achieve the 400. ■



Chris Anderson

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT | Susie Morton

Hello, Members! If it's a November meeting, it must mean that Bud Robertson is due to speak! As you may remember

he was ill last year and so this year I expect we will have a full house to hear him speak. I urge you to RSVP soon to reserve your spot. Please,

please, please reserve early and before Wednesday, November 13th at 4 PM. I would hate for you to miss hearing Bud Robertson speak!

Looking forward to seeing you at the Meeting. ■

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