

**Next Meeting Date:**

Monday, November 19, 2018  
(NOTE: 3rd full week of November)

**Time:**

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

**Place:**

The Embassy Suites

**SILENT AUCTION OF CIVIL WAR BOOKS:**

At the November meeting, we will conduct a silent auction of donated Civil War books and similar items. All proceeds will help support your Kentucky Civil War Round Table.

## OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



**Kent M. Brown**  
Speaker for November  
19, 2018 meeting

### “George Gordon Meade and the Gettysburg Campaign”

**K**ent was born in Lexington, Kentucky on February 5, 1949. He is a 1971 graduate – and in 2014 named a distinguished graduate - of Centre College and received his juris doctor degree in 1974 from Washington and Lee University School of Law.

Kent has practiced law for forty-four years with offices in Lexington and Washington, DC. Kent has published six books, all on the Civil War, including *Cushing of Gettysburg: The Story of a Union Artillery Commander*, *Retreat from Gettysburg: Lee,*

*Logistics and the Pennsylvania Campaign*, and *One of Morgan’s Men: The Memoirs of Lieutenant John M. Porter of the Ninth Kentucky Cavalry*; they have been selections of the History Book Club and Military Book Club. All of them have received rave reviews and numerous national awards.

He is currently writing *George Gordon Meade and the Gettysburg Campaign*, which will go to press in early 2019. Kent has also written, hosted and produced, through Witnessing History, nine award-win-

ning documentary films for public and cable television, including *“I Remember The Old Home Very Well: The Lincolns in Kentucky* and *Daniel Boone and the Opening of the American West*.

All Kent’s films have been widely broadcast throughout the United States, Canada, and overseas. All have won Telly Awards; one was nominated for an Emmy Award. Kent and the Witnessing History Education Foundation, Inc. are producing a new film, *“In the Declaration all men are created equal.” Abraham Lincoln in Illinois, 1830 to 1860*, to be released in February 2019.

A nationally-known speaker and Civil War battlefield guide, Kent was the first chairman of the Gettysburg National Military Park Advisory Commission and the first chairman of the Perryville (Kentucky) Battlefield Commission, a seat he held for eleven years overseeing the expansion of the Perryville Battlefield.

He served on the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and is now a member of the Kentucky Film Commission. He has also been a director of the Gettysburg Foundation.

Kent is now the President and Content Developer for the Witnessing History Education Foundation, Inc. Kent lives in Lexington with his wife, Genevieve, and their three children, Annie Louise, Philip and Thomas. ■

### PRESIDENT’S REPORT

**O**n Monday morning, October 15, 2018, I received a distressing telephone call; Bud Robertson will not be able to speak to the Roundtable on November 19, 2018; he is seriously ill.

Bud is eighty-six years old. I was with him in June and he was the picture of health. How fortunate our roundtable has been to be blessed with his presence fifty times!

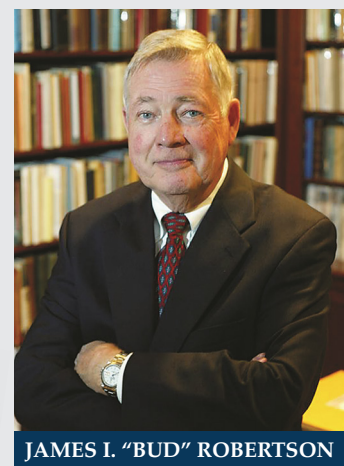
Bud always told me that the Kentucky Civil War Roundtable held a special place in his heart, and he knew the roundtable from what it was in the 1950s until now. I told him that every single member of the roundtable holds a special place for him too. I told him that is why he always drew the largest crowds ever; last year he drew over 300! He was excited about the topic of his speech for our November meeting: “Robert E. Lee as the Superintendent of West Point.”

Bud always spoke to the Louisville Civil War Roundtable on

the Sunday night before our meeting. He was driven from Louisville to Lexington on Monday. To help Bud, and both roundtables, I have agreed to speak to the Louisville Civil War Roundtable on Sunday night and then our Roundtable on Monday. I would do anything for our old friend, Bud Robertson.

Let us all remember Bud in our prayers, and that if it is God’s will, he will be back for the 51st time next year. ■

**Kent Masterson Brown**  
President



**JAMES I. “BUD” ROBERTSON**

## SECRETARY'S REPORT | NEW AND IMPORTANT RSVP INFORMATION

**O**ur RSVP Card System has proved too unreliable for many years, causing the KYCWRT officers and staff far too much unnecessary hassle. Though we are not replacing the Card System, we are taking steps to slowly move away from it.

Members (and guests) will still need advance reservations, which can be made by phone or email (reliable) or by return of the mailed RSVP Card (not reliable).

Members can also make reservations (and pay for the meals in advance) on-line on the KYCWRT's new website.

**RSVPs:** Why is a phone or email RSVP reliable but the mailed RSVP Card not? It's simple: there is an unpredictable lag time between when you mail the RSVP Card and when we receive it – and if we do not receive your RSVP Card by the Wednesday before the meeting, you (and your guests) are not guaranteed a spot (or a meal).

Members (and guests) will not be seated (or presented a meal) without a timely-made reservation. We must provide the

Embassy Suites with our RSVP numbers by Close of Business the Wednesday before the meeting – i.e., 5:00 pm on November 14, 2018. Therefore, let me again encourage you to RSVP by this deadline via phone or email or via the KYCWRT website. These are the only ways to guarantee that we will timely receive your reservation. And if you RSVP by phone, email, or website, please do not also send in your card. Once is enough.

For phone or email reservations, Members can contact Susie Morton, our Administrator, at ((859) 221-7199) or by email (kcwrt.susie@gmail.com). You can also call or email me, A.J. Singleton, KYCWRT Secretary, at (859) 231-3692 or by email (aj.singleton@skofirm.com).

**PLEASE NOTE:** EMAIL to Susie or to me is preferred as it is much easier for us to track and forward to the other of us. This is especially true for this meeting as Susie will be out of the country for the week before the meeting and will only have access to her email account.

**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 cancellations need to be received no later than 4:00 pm of the Friday before the meeting (in this case, November 16, 2018). If you need to cancel, please contact me by phone at (859) 231-3692 or by email (kcwrt.susie@gmail.com). If you do not timely cancel your reservation, you will be charged \$29 per person for your reserved meal.

**Email Addresses:** If you have a new or different email address and/or your physical address has changed, please remember to share that information with Susie Morton (kcwrt.susie@gmail.com) and/or me (aj.singleton@skofirm.com) so that we can update our records accordingly. ■



**A.J. Singleton**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**S**usie and I met this week to discuss the financial status of the Organization. Thank you to all who have mailed in their 2019 Dues payments. We greatly appreciate it. We have uncollected dues of nearly \$14,000 that we would like to get settled up before the end of the year. "Reminder" invoices will be emailed out in the next couple of weeks so please return your payment of \$85.00 for Individ-

ual dues or \$100 for Couple dues. Better yet, go to our website <https://kycivilwarroundtable.org> and pay via credit card. Remember you'll pay more for dues not paid by year end!

We've invested a lot of time and money in our updated website to provide better information and service to our members so please take advantage of the upgrade by paying your dues or making meeting reservations/meals. This saves us time and administrative costs. Paying your dues and

meals via our website also speeds up check in process at meetings as we expect a larger than average crowd for the November 19th meeting. We will be conducting a Civil War book collection silent auction at the November meeting. ■



**Chris Anderson**

## ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT | Susie Morton

**H**ello Members. I want to thank all of you who have welcomed me into this wonderful Organization. I appreciate it so much and, as our time together goes forward, I look forward to getting to know each of you by name!

We are looking for attendance to be on the high side in November. To try to get you checked in faster we are going to have additional assistants on hand.

The sooner we get you checked in, the sooner you can be socializing with your fellow Members! To speed up the process I recommend that you reserve and pay for your meal online or send your check in the mail to me before the meeting.

I have a very special request for you regarding our November meeting. Prior to me taking over for Miss Ollie as Administrator I scheduled a special vacation for the week before Thanksgiving. And

when I took this job I realized that I'll be returning to the States two days before our November 2018 meeting! So, here's my request to each of you: RSVP ASAP!!

### **Best way to RSVP ASAP:**

- Email me: [kcwrt.susie@gmail.com](mailto:kcwrt.susie@gmail.com)
- Visit the Website: <http://kycivilwar-roundtable.org>
- Call/text me: 859-221-7199

Thanks and see you at the meeting. ■

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