



MEMBER NEWS

KCWRT Member Wins Best in Show at Ohio Civil War Show

Congratulations to KCWRT Member Phil McCoy. This past May, Phil's display of "Photographs and Relics of John Hunt Morgan and His Men" won Best of Show at the 44 th Annual Ohio Civil War and World War II Show in Mansfield, Ohio.

This is the largest quality show of its kind in the United States, with over 800 tables of military items, relics, and memorabilia. This year's show featured nearly 400 exhibitors from thirty-six states, and Phil's collection of Morgan memorabilia was judged as the best!

Phil has been a member of the Roundtable for about five years. His exhibit was previously recognized as the "Most Historic Display" at the Middle Tennessee Civil War Show held in Franklin. ■



IMPORTANT DATES

2022-2023 MEETING SCHEDULE


- Tuesday, September 13, 2022
- Monday, November 21, 2022
- Monday, March 20, 2023
- Monday, April 17, 2023
- Monday, May 22, 2023

Social Hour: 5:30 PM

Dinner: 6:00 PM

Presentation: 7:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

 **August 27-28: Battle of Richmond Reenactment, Battlefield Park at Pleasant View** (south of Richmond on US 421).

Open from 10 am to 4 pm, with battles at 2 pm each day. Also, the Cincinnati Red Stockings and the Cincinnati Buckeyes will play a period baseball game on Saturday at 10:30 am.

 **October 8-9: Anniversary of the Battle of Perryville, Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site.**

For details visit parks.ky.gov/perryville/events/events/160th-anniversary-battle-perryville-reenactment.



FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Remembering Dr. G. Hambleton Tapp

Dr. G. Hambleton Tapp was a founder and first Secretary of the Kentucky Civil War Roundtable, elected at its first meeting on November 18, 1953. He served as Secretary until 1984, the longest tenure of any officer in the history of the organization.

A native of Washington County, Kentucky, he graduated from Centre College in 1922. He once related how followed the famous Centre-Harvard 1921 football game – and future roundtable executive committee member Norris Armstrong – by reading the teletype at the Western Union office in Danville. Tapp and Armstrong became lifelong friends.

Dr. Tapp received his Master of Arts degree from Peabody College in 1929 and his Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky in 1950. He began his teaching career at Male High School in Louisville, but soon became an assistant professor of history and assistant to the president at the University of Kentucky.

Two notable Kentuckians fascinated Dr. Tapp – George Rogers Clark and Daniel Boone. It was Dr. Tapp who organized a committee that sought to change the name of Cumberland National Forest to the Daniel Boone National Forest in 1966.

Dr. Tapp was also the founder and chairman of the Daniel Boone National Forest Association and vice chairman of the Fort Boonesboro State Park Development Association, two organizations that continue to honor the life of Daniel Boone.

Dr. Tapp served as chairman of the Kentucky Civil War Centennial Commission and as chairman of the Kentucky

Heritage Commission. He was the vice chairman of the Kentucky Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission and president of the George Rogers Clark Memorial Foundation. He was also the founder, developer, and director of the Kentucky Life Museum at Waveland on Higbee Mill Road in Lexington.

Dr. Tapp retired from the University in 1971. He then joined the staff of the Kentucky Historical Society as assistant director and editor, soon becoming the Kentucky State Historian.

Dr. Tapp authored two books – *George Rogers Clark: A Brief Biographical Sketch*, and *Union, the Civil War, and John W. Tuttle: A Kentucky Captain's Account*. He also co-authored two others – *Valley of the Ohio*, with G. Glen Clift, and *Kentucky: Decades of Discord, 1865-1900*, with James C. Klotter. He also contributed to many scholarly journals and was a noted lecturer.

For his lifetime of service to historical preservation, Dr. Tapp received the American Association of State and Local History's Award of Merit in 1979.

Dr. Tapp passed away on October 14, 1992. He was one of a group of extraordinary individuals who founded and guided the Kentucky Civil War Roundtable to become the nation's foremost such organization. ■



Dr. G. Hambleton Tapp



CHRIS E. ANDERSON

Treasurer's Report



The Kentucky Civil War Roundtable turns 69 years old this year. Although our membership has declined some during the Pandemic, we currently have 215 members. Our goal is to get that number back up to three hundred. We welcome new members. Applications are available on our website.

The Board of Directors met in early June and approved a budget of \$30,000 for 2023. The budget consists of approximately \$19,000 of meeting expenses for five in-person meetings and \$11,000 of administrative expenses.

Our dues have not increased in five years, but inflation has impacted us all and the Roundtable is no exception. Although we strive to keep costs down, we still want to offer a quality product to our members. As such, the 2023 dues will be \$125 for single and \$150 for couple memberships with an early-payment discount of \$15.00. We will send out dues invoices for 2023 in August. If you do not receive your invoice, please contact Susie at kcwrt.susie@gmail.com. Any member who has

not paid their dues by March 31, 2023, will have their membership cancelled. If you do not intend to renew your membership, please let Susie know at your earliest convenience.

Even with the dues increase, we will still need to raise about \$5,000 through charitable giving and fundraising to break even. We are open to any fundraising ideas you may have. As we are a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization, membership dues, as well as donations, are tax deductible. Our members are very generous and we appreciate their support. Please consider the Roundtable in your charitable giving and estate planning throughout the year. Anyone wishing to see our financial statements can request them from me.

To encourage students to attend our meetings and become members we are waiving the guest fee and ask a member to sponsor them by paying for their meal. If you are interested in being a student sponsor, please let

Susie know. Also, we are waiving the \$25 guest fee for any first-time visitors. ■

WANTED:

Sponsors for Students

Would you be willing to sponsor a local college student to attend a Roundtable Meeting? By paying for a student's meal, you can provide an aspiring scholar the opportunity to meet and hear a nationally-known historian and published author, perhaps inspiring them to chart their own scholarly path. If you are interested, please contact one of the Roundtable's officers listed in the newsletter.

SUSIE MORTON

Administrator's Report



Hello Members! There's big news regarding our meeting dates. Our January meeting is our least attended meeting due to potential weather issues and many members travelling south for the winter.

So, at the recent Board meeting it was decided to switch the January meeting to April. Therefore we'll be meeting in September, November, March, April and May. This change will be effective for 2023. ■

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