



SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 | **Time:** 7:00 PM

Social Hour: 5:30 PM | **Dinner:** 6:00 PM | **Presentation:** 7:00 PM



SPEAKER

CAMERON SAUERS

TOPIC

F. Scott Fitzgerald & the American Civil War

Cameron Sauers is a summa cum laude graduate in History from Gettysburg College under our friend and frequent speaker Dr. Peter Carmichael and is studying for his master's degree and doctorate in History at the University of Kentucky under one of our executive committee members, Dr. Amy Taylor. This fascinating lecture discusses how and why the American Civil War influenced the work of F. Scott Fitzgerald, author of *The Beautiful and the Damned*, *Tender is the Night*, *This Side of Paradise*, and, of course, *The Great Gatsby*.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I hope that all of you, the loyal members of the Kentucky Civil War Roundtable, have had a wonderful Summer, and that you are ready for a great season of speakers and camaraderie. This year's schedule varies a bit from past years. To begin with, our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 13, 2022. Thereafter, we meet on Mondays, November 21, 2022, March 20, 2023, April 17, 2023, and May 15, 2023. Also note that due to weather concerns, the Executive Committee decided to rearrange the Spring Schedule so that we will meet now in March rather than January.

We have a roster of great speakers lined up, so mark your calendars. In November, we will hear from Dr. Paul Quigley, Dr. Bud Robertson's successor at the Virginia Civil War Institute in Blacksburg, Virginia. He will discuss *Shifting Grounds: Nationalism in the American South, 1848-1865*.



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In March, James A. Hessler, Senior Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg, will speak on his book *Sickles at Gettysburg*.

In April, we will be treated to a lecture by Civil War author and historian Peter Cozzens, who will address his forthcoming book, *Andrew Jackson and the Creek Wars*. Although that is not a Civil War topic, it is a subject of enormous interest, and Mr. Cozzens is a wonderful speaker.

For our final 2023 meeting in May, we will have a surprise guest, a very prominent author and lecturer!

But first, in September, the season will start off with one of the most interesting lectures I have ever heard: “F. Scott Fitzgerald and the American Civil War.” I am sure all of you, like me before I heard this talk, have no idea of how and why the American Civil War influenced F. Scott Fitz-

gerald, author of *The Beautiful and the Damned*, *Tender is the Night*, *This Side of Paradise*, and, of course, *The Great Gatsby*. Our first speaker, Cameron Sauers, will tell us. A summa cum laude graduate in History from Gettysburg College under our friend and frequent speaker Dr. Peter Carmichael, Cameron is studying for his master’s degree and doctorate in History at the University of Kentucky under one of our executive committee members, Dr. Amy Taylor. It will be a fascinating presentation.

Cameron’s lecture will be held at the Embassy Suites on Newtown Pike on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. A cocktail reception will begin the festivities at 5:30 PM, dinner is at 6:00 PM, and the begins at 7:00 PM. I look forward to seeing all our members there! ■

Kent Masterson Brown

August 17, 2022.

TREASURER’S REPORT | CHRIS E. ANDERSON

The Kentucky Civil War Roundtable is 69 years old. Although our membership has declined some during the Pandemic, we currently have 215 members. We welcome new members. Applications are available on our website. Our goal is to get that number back up to 300.

The Board of Directors met in June and August 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. Inflation has impacted us all and the Roundtable is no exception. The Embassy Suites modestly increased our meal price to \$32. Although we strive to keep costs down, we still want to offer a quality product to our members.

Our dues, which have not increased in five years, do not cover our budget and we are dependent upon donations and fund raising to cover expenses. As such the 2023 dues will be \$125 for single and \$150 for couple memberships with an early payment discount of \$15.00. Dues invoices for 2023 were sent out in August. If you do not receive your invoice, please contact Susie at kcwrt.susie@gmail.com. Anyone who has not paid by March 31, 2023 will be

dropped from membership. If you do not intend to renew your membership please let Susie know

We need to raise about \$5,000 through charitable giving and fund raising to break even and are open to any fund-raising ideas you may have. The Board has some fund-raising ideas which will be shared when the details are worked out. As we are a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization, dues are tax deductible as are your contributions. Our members are very generous and their support is greatly appreciated. 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 their guest fee and ask a member to sponsor them by paying for their meal. If you are interested in being a student sponsor please indicate so on our website when you purchase your meeting meals and dues or let Susie know. Also, we are waiving the \$25 guest fee for any first-time visitors so please attend our meetings with your spouse or invite a first-time guest. ■





ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT | SUSIE MORTON

Hello Members! If it's September, it must mean that our first meeting of the 2022-2023 season is upon us. Please remember – the September meeting is **TUESDAY**, September 13th! Tell your friends – or better yet – bring a friend to the meeting.

I sent out the 2023 dues invoices in mid-August. If you did not receive your invoice, please contact me as soon as possible so I can update my records and get your invoice to you. I encourage you to take advantage of the discount and pay your Dues before December 31st. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the September 13th meeting! ■

2022-2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 13, 2022
Cameron Sauers, F. Scott Fitzgerald and the American Civil War

Monday, November 21, 2022:
Dr. Paul Quigley, *Shifting Grounds: Nationalism in the American South, 1848-1865*

Monday, March 20, 2023
James A. Hessler, *Sickles at Gettysburg*

Monday, April 17, 2023
Peter Cozzens, *Andrew Jackson and the Creek Wars*

Monday, May 15, 2023
Special Surprise Guest!

Meeting Timetable:

- Social Hour – 5:30
- Dinner – Service begins at 6:00
- Announcements – 6:45
- Speaker Presentation – 7:00

UPCOMING EVENTS



September 8-10: Hart County Civil War Days, Munfordville, Kentucky

- Battle of Rowlett's Station – Saturday, September 10
- Battle of Munfordville – Sunday September 11



October 8-9: Battle of Perryville Anniversary Commemoration, Perryville State Historic Site