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APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

Meeting Date: Monday, APRIL 17, 2023 | **Time:** 7:00 PM

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



Peter Cozzens: *“Andrew Jackson, the Creek Indians, and the Epic War for the American South.”*

Peter Cozzens is a former Army captain and Foreign Service Officer for the U.S. Department of State. The members of the Kentucky Civil War Roundtable will be the first to hear from Peter about his findings in this remarkable new book, *A Brutal Reckoning: Andrew Jackson, the Creek Indians, and the Epic War for the American South*, due to be published later this month.

Peter is an international-award winning author of eighteen books on the American Civil War and the American West. Among his books on the Civil War are *This Terrible Sound: The Battle of Chickamauga* and *A Shipwreck of Their Hopes: The Battles of Chattanooga*. Both of those books were Main Selections of the History Book Club and Military Book Club and were chosen by *Civil War Magazine* as two of the 100 greatest works

ever written on the American Civil War. Peter has also authored a series of remarkable books on the Indian Wars. His first, *The Earth is Weeping: The Epic Story of the Indian Wars for the American West*, received the Gilder Lehrman Prize in Military History and the Caroline Bancroft Prize in Western History and was judged the Best Book of 2016 by Amazon, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the *London Times*, the *Seattle Times*, the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, and *Newsday*. In 2021, Peter published his most recent book, *Tecumseh and the Prophet: The Shawnee Brothers Who Defied a Nation*, winner of the George Washington Prize and the Spur Award of the Western Writers of America.

Peter and his wife, Antonia Feldman, live in Kensington, Maryland. ■

PRESIDENT'S REPORT | KENT MASTERSON BROWN

I must say with the March 2023 meeting, the Kentucky Civil War Roundtable is off to a fabulous start! I do not believe I can recall in recent memory such a great turnout of members and such enthusiasm as I witnessed in that meeting. Our speaker, James Hessler's subject matter, the wild life of Major General Daniel E. Sickles, was undoubtedly what drove so many members to attend. And why not? Having been such an unbelievable rake, among other things, Sickles captures the attention of people today just like he did in his lifetime. Jim gave the Roundtable a marvelous lecture. I can state with complete honesty, he had a fabulous time being in Lexington with the Roundtable. He told me as he left, and again by email when he returned home, that he never enjoyed himself more. Like the Kentucky Civil War Roundtable of yesteryear, let's always strive to make the Kentucky Civil War Roundtable the largest and best such organization in America, and we will continue to draw great speakers, with great topics, to Lexington.

A word about our April lecture. We will have one of the most noted Civil War and Indian War scholars in America addressing us about Andrew Jackson, the Creek Indians, and the Indian war for the American South. The Kentucky Civil War Roundtable, on occasion, has had speakers address its members on subjects far removed from the Civil War. This lecture will be a special one about an aspect of American History rarely discussed. Get ready for a most interesting talk by one of America's foremost military history scholars. ■





TREASURER'S REPORT | DARRYL TERRY



I am honored that Chris nominated me for the role of Treasurer of the Kentucky Civil War Roundtable. I am a sixth generation Kentuckian with strong attachments to eastern Kentucky and a love for all things history. I have been in banking for over 42 years in various positions of lending and management. I grew up in Versailles and spent each summer with my four grandparents in Jackson, Kentucky. History – it's like the TikTok of yesterday. To see the decisions, judgments, leadership and the impact on a generation makes for an exciting read. I am also a Lincoln fan and love Gettysburg. I was told on my first visit that after three hours I would see all that there is to be seen there. The person who told me this probably wouldn't make a good member of the Roundtable.

As we move through 2023 new challenges will continue to emerge in the growth of the Kentucky Civil War Roundtable.

I do not take this position lightly. Currently, we have 224 members strong in an organization that has seen more than seventy years of camaraderie and the appreciation of history.

With the coming year, we prepare for a new budget. Once again, we will be looking for ways to increase the funding and maintain costs to provide the highest expectation of this club. One solution is we focus on guests and new members to this organization. We welcome all ideas. Remember, this is **YOUR** club.

So as Chris ended: "To encourage students to attend our meetings and **BECOME** members we are waiving the guest fee and asking members to sponsor them by paying for their meal. If you are interested in being a student sponsor, please let Susie know. We are also waiving the \$25 guest fee for any first-time visitors."

Let's make a plan to grow our membership and bring those smiles to our next encounter. Rock on history buffs! ■

SECRETARY'S REPORT | BILL SWINFORD, JR.



We are having a silent auction at our April 17th meeting. To get things started, Kent and Genevieve Brown have graciously donated Civil War artifacts, paintings, etc. for the event. Be sure to come early (at 5 PM) to peruse the items and enjoy a cocktail with fellow Roundtable members. The items will be set up on tables as they were at the November '22 meeting. If you have an item that you wish to donate, come early and add it to the table. All proceeds will go to the Kentucky Civil War Roundtable. There will be a sign up sheet where each bidder will write their name and their bid. The bidding will conclude immedi-

ately prior to the speaker's presentation and the results will be announced at the conclusion of his presentation. **Checks preferred, but cash accepted.** Our April speaker, Peter Cozzens will have books on hand to purchase at the meeting, including his latest book, which is the subject of his talk (see President Brown's report).

Be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, May 27, 2023. Kent Brown will again conduct his walking tour of the Lexington Cemetery starting at 9:00 a.m. behind the Henry Clay Monument. The cost of the tour is \$20 per person. All proceeds go to the Kentucky Civil War Roundtable. ■

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT | SUSIE MORTON



Hello Members! When I took over administrative duties in 2018, I followed previous protocols until I figured out my own routine and what worked best for me and for the management of the organization. In an effort to save money, we went from mailing newsletters to sending them via email, mailing them only for special requests. When I mail out the newsletters, I include an RSVP card for the member to indicate if they are coming to the next meeting. But of the 40 cards I mail out for each meeting, I'm fortunate to receive 1/3 of the cards back: most members simply call or text me to let me know they're coming because they want to give me their payment information. To me,

this is a bit of a waste of time and resources, so I think it's time to try something new.

Beginning with this newsletter, members who receive it in the mail will notice there is no RSVP card included. Simply RSVP via the website, email, phone, or text. My contact information is listed on the bottom of the page.

Meeting Reminders: RSVP by **Wednesday, April 12th at 4 PM.** I must turn in a meal count at 5 PM that day. Your cooperation with this is appreciated. All meals need to be paid for before the event. You can pay by check, credit card or on the website. ■

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