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MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

Meeting Date: Monday, March 11th, 2024

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



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

"A Man by Any Other Name: Behind the Many Masks of William Clarke Quantrill,"
by Dr. Joseph M. Beilein, Jr.

Joseph M. Beilein Jr. is an associate professor of history at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, where he teaches courses on the Civil War and military history, and American history more broadly. Dr. Beilein will discuss his findings from his latest book, *A Man by Any Other Name: William Clarke Quantrill and the Search for American Manhood*. In the book, Beilein brings to life a unique vision of William Clarke Quantrill, the notorious guerrilla in Missouri and Kansas who died in Kentucky.

Few men of the Civil War era were as complicated or infamous as William Clarke Quantrill. Before the war, he shifted from being a fastidious, northern-born schoolmaster to rough frontiersman to confidence man, developing certain notions and skills on his way to becoming a proslavery bushwhacker. He is considered the architect of the Confederate raid on Lawrence, Kansas in August 1863 that led to the murder of 180 mostly unarmed men and boys. Beilein will offer a new look at the life of Quantrill, examining him in the context of nineteenth century (white) manhood, so that we might get a better sense of the man behind the iconic, disreputable name, including a brief but bloody and fascinating time bushwhacking in Kentucky in 1865. There, at Wakefield, Kentucky, between Taylorsville and Bloomfield, he was mortally wounded, dying in Louisville twenty days later.

Beilein is also the author of *Bushwhackers: Guerrilla Warfare, Manhood, and the Household in Civil War Missouri* (Kent State, The Civil War Era in the South, 2016) as well as the editor of William Gregg's *Civil War: The Battle to Shape the History of Guerrilla Warfare* (UGA, New Perspectives on the Civil War Era, 2019) and co-editor (with Matthew C. Hulbert) of *The Civil War Guerrilla: Unfolding the Black Flag in History, Memory, and Myth* (UPK, New Directions in Southern History, 2015). ■





TREASURER'S REPORT
DARRYL TERRY



ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
SUSIE MORTON

Commitment is defined as “the state of being dedicated to a cause.” Currently we have around forty members who have not paid dues for this year’s continued membership. This has implications for the budget, speakers, and the ability to attend dinner meetings. Our budget ties back to collected dues and member participation. Please contact Susie and settle delinquent dues or schedule a payment plan so you can attend the March meeting.

We really need “all hands on deck” to keep this great organization on strong financial footing. The 2023 year ended with a deficit of just under \$4,000. We have a current cash balance of around \$39000.00. We will continue to look for other revenue streams and be mindful of expenses for this year. Any suggestions you might have to help add to our coffers or offset our expenses, please feel free to contact me or discuss with me at the meeting. Lack of dues means a possibility of reducing future meetings and the inability of delinquent members to attend our meetings. So, an overall “Charge” is warranted from our dedicated membership base as we start another great speaker series. ■

Hello Members! I hope all of you enjoyed a wonderful Holiday and that the New Year has started off in fine fashion for each and every one of you. Here we are again starting a new season of Speaker Presentations. Time flies for sure....

The most important thing to know is that our meeting date is Monday March 11th! That means you’ll need to RSVP by Wednesday, March 6th at 4 PM. I must turn in our meal count at 5 PM that day. RSVP online, call or text me at 859-221-7199 or email me at kcwrt.susie@gmail.com.

And, as always, your meal must be paid for before the event. You can pay online, with a check or with a credit card. The final item to discuss is outstanding dues payments. At the end of December, I emailed/mailed out Reminder Invoices to those members who still had not paid their dues. If you still wish to be a Member of the KY Civil War Roundtable for 2024, I need you to remit payment for your dues immediately. As always, you can pay online, with a check or with a credit card. Looking forward to seeing you at the Meeting! ■

FUTURE MEETINGS



Mel Stewart Hankla, Ed.D.

Author and raconteur, with a presentation on Cassius Marcellus Clay.



Mack Cox

authority on early Kentucky furniture and culture, will talk about Lexington’s Redd family and their flight from martial law declared in Missouri during the Civil War.



UPCOMING EVENTS

of interest



Kentucky Historical Society: Civil War Tour of the State Arsenal

11:00 AM to 12:00 PM | Kentucky Military History Museum, 125 Main St. Frankfort, KY.
Cost is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members (includes admission to KMHM only).

Learn about the Civil War and its aftermath in Kentucky from the vantage of the State Arsenal. Constructed in 1850, the Arsenal was captured by Confederate forces in 1862 and later played a central role in the Union defense of Frankfort against John Hunt Morgan's final raid in 1864. This tour will showcase some of the notable Civil War-era artifacts and weapons displayed at the Kentucky Military History Museum as well as the stories behind them.



Camp Nelson National Monument 2024 Winter Lecture Series

Saturday, March, 9th, 11:00 AM: "Anatomy of a Duel," by Stuart Sanders

Saturday, March 30th, 11:00 AM: "Advance on the Enemies of Your Country," by Steve T. Phan



Battle of Richmond Association

Sunday, April 7th, 2:30 PM

Mt Zion Christian Church – 830 Battlefield Memorial Highway, Richmond, KY.

Kentucky Chautauqua presenter Ethan Sullivan performs "Johnny Green: An Orphan's Survival."



Kentucky Historical Society: Diane Mutti Burke: "The Civil War and the Civilian Refugee Crisis in the Border South,"

6:30 PM to 7:30 PM | FREE Virtual event via Zoom

The upheaval of the American Civil War forced hundreds of thousands of civilians to flee their homes. The refugee crisis that resulted surpassed anything Americans had previously experienced, with significant military, political, and social consequences that historians are only now beginning to appreciate. Join us as Diane Mutti Burke, professor of history at the University of Missouri - Kansas City, discusses her research on the refugee issue in the Border South during the war.

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