

Popular and Award-Winning Civil War Historian William C. "Jack" Davis Announces November 2026 Speaking Tour in Three Kentucky Cities

RICHMOND, KY — August 1, 2026 — William C. "Jack" Davis will speak at 3 Civil War history events across Kentucky in early November, 2026. Davis is one of America's most respected historians and has created a legacy of scholarship and narrative focused primarily on the American Civil War.

Davis is a retired professor of history from Virginia Tech and former executive director of the Virginia Center for Civil War Studies. He is the only four-time winner of the prestigious Jefferson Davis Prize for Confederate History. The speaking tour will focus on the complex human dynamics and leadership crises of the era, presenting insights from his lifetime of research.

Acclaimed Television and Media Contributions

Attendees will recognize Davis from his decades of prominent television and documentary work. His media contributions include:

- **Civil War Journal** – Served as the senior on-camera consultant and commentator for the highly rated 52-episode History Channel and A&E series.
- **C-SPAN Networks** – Featured in numerous lectures and academic panels detailing different aspects of the Civil War (currently part of 19 different recordings available on the C-SPAN site.)
- **Film Consultations** – Worked extensively on historical accuracy and screenplays alongside director Ron Maxwell (*Gettysburg* and *Gods and Generals*).

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10 Best-Selling & Essential Civil War Books

Some of Davis's most sought-after and definitive works among over 60 in print include:

1. ***Jefferson Davis: The Man and His Hour*** – The definitive, critically acclaimed biography of the Confederate president.
2. ***The Cause Lost: Myths and Realities of the Confederacy*** – A piercing analysis of the Lost Cause ideology and military blunders.
3. ***An Honorable Defeat: The Last Days of the Confederate Government*** – A dramatic narrative tracking the final collapse of the Southern cabinet.
4. ***Look Away!: A History of the Confederate States of America*** – A comprehensive, single-volume exploration of Southern wartime society.
5. ***Battle at Bull Run*** – Highly regarded as the definitive operational history of the war's first major campaign.
6. ***Crucible of Command: Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee*** – A dual biography contrasting the strategies and philosophies of the war's two titans.
7. ***A Taste for War: The Culinary History of the Blue and the Gray*** – A unique social history exploring the diet, rationing, and daily life of the common soldier.
8. ***Rebels and Yankees: Commanders of the Civil War*** – A beautifully illustrated, highly popular biographical profile of key battlefield leaders.
9. ***First Blood: Fort Sumter to Bull Run*** – A top-selling chronicle of the war's opening salvos, originally published in cooperation with Time-Life Books.
10. ***The Illustrated Encyclopedia of the Civil War*** – An essential reference guide documenting the soldiers, tactics, and weaponry of the conflict.

Events

Each engagement will include a formal lecture, an interactive audience Q&A session, and a book signing featuring his top titles.

- **Event 1:** Monthly meeting of the Louisville Civil War Round Table at 6 pm on Saturday, November 7, 2026, at Big Spring Country Club. www.LouisvilleCWRT.com/meetings
Topic: The Orphan Brigade
- **Event 2:** 25th Anniversary of Battlefield Preservation Celebration, hosted by the Battle of Richmond Association in Richmond at 5 pm on Sunday, November 8, 2026, at the Lake Buck Lodge on the Blue Grass Army Depot (located on the Richmond Battlefield.)
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Topic: The Orphan Brigade
- **Event 3:** Monthly meeting of the Kentucky Civil War Round Table at 5:30 pm on Monday, November 9, 2026, at The Signature Club at Lansdowne in Lexington.
www.KYCivilWarRoundtable.org/speakers/#folders
Topic: The Making of the Confederate Government

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