



The Scout's Report

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KCWRT MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026

****Buffet at 6:30 PM****

****Speaker at 7:30 PM****

Dinner & Presentation

\$30.00

Presentation Only

\$15.00

**DINNER RESERVATIONS
MUST BE MADE OR
CANCELED BY 11 AM,
FRIDAY, JULY 10TH
CALL (865) 671-9001 AND
LEAVE A MESSAGE**

MENU

Pork BBQ
Fried Chicken
Baked Beans
Oven Roasted New Potatoes
Garden Salad
Beverages
Assorted desserts

LOCATION

Bearden Banquet Hall
5806 Kingston Pike

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Knoxville Civil War Roundtable
Presents

CLARA BARTON CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELD NURSE

Tuesday, July 14th, 2026
Bearden Banquet Hall
5806 Kingston Pike, Knoxville

Doors Open at 6:00 pm - Dinner at 6:30 pm

Clara Barton earned fame as the first woman to serve as a nurse on the frontlines of a battlefield. This living-history program brings to life the story of Barton's wartime work, including her decision to provide care for soldiers and her experiences working at battlefield hospitals.

Her stories - funny, poignant, and sometimes heartbreaking - reveal the medical conditions of Civil War soldiers and the courage required for a woman to defy conventions during a national crisis.



*Dr. Leslie Goddard
portrays Clara Barton*

Buffet Dinner Theater Ticket: \$30
Performance Only: \$15

For more information: (865) 671-9001



SCAN

Welcome to Knoxville, Leslie Goddard!

Leslie Goddard is an award-winning actress and scholar who has been presenting history programs for more than twenty years. As a living historian, she has portrayed such celebrated historical figures as Abigail Adams, Clara Barton, Amelia Earhart, Eleanor Roosevelt, Jackie Kennedy, Julia Child, Lucille Ball, and Audrey Hepburn to name but a few. Dr. Goddard holds a Ph.D. from Northwestern University specializing in American studies and U.S. history as well as a master's degree in theater. A former museum director, she is the author of three books on history and currently works full time as an author, public speaker, actress, and living historian.



Due to the nature of this special event and our need to rent the whole banquet hall for it, it is especially important that members register for it via the QR code in advance. We expect a good turnout for Dr. Goddard's performance, and we want to ensure that enough food is prepared to accommodate all of our guests. The only way we can guarantee that is with an accurate count ahead of time.

Thank you for your cooperation, Jim

WE WELCOME MEMBERS AT ALL BOARD MEETINGS.

The next one is scheduled for August 14th at the Farragut Public Library.
The meeting time is from 1:00 - 4:00 pm

June Program Attendance

The June meeting had 75 attendees (62 dinners and 13 lectures only); \$68 in book sales and \$60 in a coin sales. \$1250 in memberships and \$390 in Clara Barton sales.

— Stan Sech, Treasurer



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Timothy D. Vane



This month we continue with our series of live presentations. Over the last five years we've hosted a series of programs that are different, challenging and entertaining. Through Jim Doncaster's efforts over that time we've been treated to Generals Grant and Lee, Mark Twain and two wonderful musical acts. This time around it's drama through Leslie Goddard's interpretation of Clara Barton. She did so much to alleviate the suffering of Union soldiers both on the battlefield and during recovery. We often forget about those stories of intrepid people who saw needs based on the misery the Civil War generated and moved boldly, often over great obstacles, to do the right thing. Clara Barton was one of those people and her story is worth hearing. So, make sure you get your tickets now and you can get them online at kcwrt.org.



Leslie Goddard

Vision 2028 starts in earnest in July. As you'll recall, the ideas generated in the planning stage will be tried out during the course of Fiscal Year 2027 which begins this month. Several board members will be leading this effort to see what ideas will be useful, which aren't and those that may be not ready for prime time but may have merit over the long run. I'll be reporting back to members periodically about how it's going and you'll probably see some of them in this newsletter over the course of the year. As always, your feedback is encouraged.



Sean Chick

And while we're planning for 2028 by experimenting in 2027, our monthly membership meetings are focused on the past. June's speaker, Sean Chick, did an admirable job bringing back to life an important, but obscure, general who had great potential but, for a variety of reasons, never reached it. The story of Don Carlos Buell is an intriguing one and our speaker artfully told his story in an engaging and light-hearted manner.

Finally, we've had a big breakthrough on the business side of the Roundtable. Our own Craig Brown has worked with our treasurer, Stan Sech, and the two of them have figured out how to accept money through electronic payment. That means, as already mentioned, members can pay for their Clara Barton tickets online through our website. The same can be said for monthly meetings, special events and dues. Since July 1st marks the start of the new

year, that means dues need to be paid soon as well. Now you don't need to remember your checkbook to pay at monthly meetings or to mail it in, you can do it all from your computer at home. And, in this regard at least, the Roundtable isn't focused on the events of the 19th Century, but firmly a part of the 21st Century.

ATLAS PRESERVATION SEMINAR AT ODD FELLOWS CEMETERY

By Tim Dake

Several members of the Roundtable had the pleasure of attending John Appell's seminar on cemetery monument cleaning, resetting, and repair on June 10th at the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Knoxville. John heads Atlas Preservation which specializes in cemetery maintenance products. John showed the attendees, which numbered about 15-20 people, how to properly clean without damaging old stones. He also showed how to reset stones which have toppled or about to do so. He finished by showing how to make repairs on broken or cracked stones.



John Appell instructs Roundtable members and other interested workers about the best way to rebuild headstones.

This is the third time that John has been to Odd Fellows Cemetery, one that he says he particularly likes for the history and variety of stones. The seminar was hands on with attendees getting deeply involved in the cleaning and repairs.

John covered the types of products to use and to avoid. He demonstrated techniques that one could use on their own family's monuments. Odd Fellows is just one stop on John's 48 State Tour for cemetery restoration.

The seminar is yet another benefit of the partnership of the U-T Architecture School, the Knoxville Reanimation Coalition, and the Knoxville Civil

War Round Table, working to restore and preserve historic cemeteries relating to the Civil War era. The Odd Fellows Cemetery. Good Samaritan Cemetery, Daughters of Zion Cemetery, and the Potter's Field Cemetery are home to an estimated more than two dozen Civil War soldiers, and a half dozen Civil War nurses.



John Appell lifts a headstone onto its foundation



Students of John Appell mate the headstone to the foundation



John Appell with a reconstructed headstone at Odd Fellows Cemetery

TRAVELOGUE #5

Vicksburg Area Experiences

By Bill Nicolai

It all started some 25 years ago when I took an assignment in northern Virginia but still lived in Cincinnati, Oh. What does one listen to when driving nearly 100,000 miles in a two-year period? The Learning Company college lectures on CD! Started with Lee's commanders; followed by the Civil War (24 hours) and eventually getting to "the 10 must see civil war sites to visit!" We had a challenge...

It does not hurt to have several college buddies who are also interested: a college history professor, a retired Navy Officer, one history nerd and Greg who we have corrupted. We started with an adventure to central Tennessee two years ago and caught "everything" from Fort Donelson to Corinth, and all sites in between. Wilson's Creek, Prairie Grove and Pea Ridge followed late last year. This past March we



ventured to Vicksburg over four days. In my adventures, I found that a licensed guide is worth every penny. Morgan Gates, the person who impersonates Gen. Pemberton, was our guide for two days... He took us to places we did not know even existed, let alone to places we could not have found on our own. We went everywhere... Chickasaw Bayou, Grant's Canal, Grand Gulf, Port Gibson, Raymond, Champion Hill, and of course, Vicksburg, among the many sites. We drove 190 miles the first day! And we were not fighting a battle, carrying 60 pounds of gear, or dealing with 90-degree temps and humidity. We had it so easy!

The historical commission of Vicksburg has done a very nice job of encouraging visitors to visit more than just the battlefield – a 33-plaque walking tour tells the story of the city. Several fabulous museums, one with a very large diorama of the battlefield; the courthouse where so much history was transacted and captured and some fabulous food.

We diverted one day and visited Natchez – just looking at the mighty Mississippi from the different vantage points was awesome. The antebellum homes, the markers, the market for the slave traders, an ancient pre-civil war fort... so much I did not know. I would certainly encourage the on-site visits... the experience is unforgettable.

We are not driving back the same way to get home... Tupelo, Brice's Crossroads and Iuka awaited... as I noted, so many places yet to see... Atlanta awaits in 2027. Already started my research.



GERALD AUGUSTUS HONORARY SCHOLARSHIP



Hailey Klei is the 2026 recipient of the Gerald Augustus Honorary Scholarship. Hailey graduated from Lenoir City High School on May 9th. She is an exemplary student, with glowing recommendations from her teachers and others who know her. She plans to attend East Tennessee State University, with a double major in Criminal Justice and Psychology.

Our scholarship awarded to Hailey was for \$750. She and her father, Ian, attended the June meeting to be able to express her thanks to the Roundtable for our aid in making her college hopes a reality. She is most deserving of our support, and I was pleased to be able to represent the KCWRT at the Awards Night for Lenoir City High School.

Tammie McCarroll-Burroughs

Past President

Former History Teacher for Lenoir City Schools

I am writing to thank you for the generous KCWRT Gerald Augustus Scholarship. I am excited and appreciative to be selected as the recipient.

It is an honor to be chosen for this award. The scholarship will help me pay for my tuition as I pursue a psychology and criminal justice degree at East Tennessee State University. With my degree I am planning to build a future where I can give back to my community in the criminal justice world, advocating for victims and their families to the best of my abilities.

Your help in easing the financial burden of higher education will help me focus on giving my full attention to my studies, and your generosity has inspired me to continue giving back to the community as you have given to me.

Thank you again for your kindness.

Hailey Klei

THE KNOXVILLE CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE 2026-2027 SPEAKERS SERIES



September 2026 Speaker:
Lesley Gordon

August 11, 2026 — Steve Nash, "Between Slavery and the Want of Railroads: Reconstruction in Western North Carolina."

September 15, 2026 — Lesley Gordon, Historian & Author, "Cowardice and Combat in the American Civil War"

October 13, 2026 — Gene Salecker, Historian & Author, "The sinking of the Sultana."

November 10, 2026 — Brian Wills, Historian & Author, "George Thomas: The Rock of Chickamauga"

December 15, 2026 — Jim Ogden, Chief Historian, Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP, "'Fighting Joe' Hooker and the Battle Above the Clouds"



December 2026 Speaker:
Jim Ogden



January 2027 Speaker:
Jim Stovall

January 12, 2027 — Jim Stovall, Historian & Author, "The Dissenting South"

February 9, 2027 — TBD

March 9, 2027 — David Powell, Historian & Author, "The Atlanta Campaign"

April 13, 2027 — Brian Kowell, Historian, "The Magnificent Seven: Pook's Turtles in the Civil War"

May 11, 2027 — Robert Girardi, Historian & Author, TBD

June 15, 2027 — Gil Hahn, Historian & Author, "Campaigns for the Confederate Coast"

July 13, 2027 — TBD

August 10, 2027 — Kevin Donovan, Historian, "The Court Martial of Fitz John Porter: Fair or Fixed?"

September 14, 2027 — Juanita Leisch Jensen, Historian, "The War Through Women's Eyes"

October 12, 2027 — Ed Gantt, Historian



June 2027 Speaker:
Gil Hahn

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(Mail Application to the above address or turn in at Monthly Meeting – 2nd Tuesday each month at Bearden Banquet Hall, 5806 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN; 6:30 pm Buffet, 7:15 Business Meeting, 7:30 pm Speaker)
(Knoxville Civil War Roundtable Website: <https://kcwrtorg.wordpress.com/>)
Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/Knoxville-Civil-War-Roundtable-117118935033706/>
Membership year is by fiscal year (1 July – 30 June)

Membership Application

Name _____ Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Mailing Address _____

E-mail addresses you want monthly Scout's Report and other KCWRT information sent to:

Name you want to be called on nametag (i.e., first name, middle name, or nickname) _____

Type Membership: Individual (\$25) ☐; Family (\$40) ☐ (List additional family members at bottom)
Sustaining (\$50) ☐; Supporting (\$100) ☐; Sponsoring (\$500) ☐;
Any additional donation is welcome and will help with KCWR Programs: \$ _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Year Joined _____ Where did you first hear of KCWRT? _____

Do you have ancestors who served in the Civil War? (Yes, No, Unknown) _____

Major Civil War interests (to be used in the Roster to network with members with similar interests.
Indicate specifically, if possible, a particular battle, person, unit or other interest).

Hobbies/Clubs other than the Civil War: _____

Field Trips: I am _____, am not _____ interested in field trips. If you are, for how many days?
1 day _____, 2 days _____, 4 to 7 days _____. Suggestions for field trip sites: _____

Area(s) of expertise I would be willing to share with KCWRT _____

Volunteers always needed! I would be willing to volunteer in the following areas:

Suggestions or comments to improve the KCWRT _____

Additional Information for Family Membership. List the following below (use back if necessary):

Names, additional mailing addresses, additional email addresses, and names for nametag.

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KCWRT is a non-partisan, non-profit, educational forum for promotion of knowledge, commemoration, and preservation of our American Civil War heritage. Meetings are always open and visitors are always welcome.

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The Knoxville Civil War Roundtable welcomes any person who has an interest in the American Civil War.

New Members are always welcome.

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