

October 2026 Newsletter

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President's Message

The Elk's Lodge, which has been very good to our Round Table for a quarter century, has found itself needing to change and that has affected us—a little bit.

We have been offered the option of moving our meetings to Tuesdays and the Board, after looking at all possibilities, has voted to accept this offer. There was going to be change no matter what and this is the one that offered us the best deal.

As this newsletter is being prepared, we have notified the Lodge of our acceptance and are waiting for them to confirm. As of January, the Big Round Table will meet on the 3rd TUESDAY of each month, the Little Round Table on the 1st Tuesday. I should be able to report a done deal at our next speaker presentation on 8th October.

Change is seldom completely happy and I hope that this one will not affect your ability to continue attending. As always, I am open to talking with anyone who wishes to call me. My number is 703-909-2826.

Your Obedient Servant,

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"The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew and act anew. We must disenthrall ourselves and then we will save our country."

Abe Lincoln, December 2, 1862 Conclusion of the State of the Union Address

Who We Are

The Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table (TVCWRT), was founded in 1993 by Jerry Peddycoat, Doug Cubbison, and Mark Hubbs as a not-for-profit organization to provide a forum for non-partisan study, education, and discussions concerning the American Civil War, and to support the preservation of Civil War battlefields, and related activities.

The organization is certified as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and membership dues are used for preservation and educational efforts throughout the Tennessee Valley region.

Meetings (known as the Big Round Table (BRT)) are held on the second Thursday of every month starting at 6:30 PM at the Huntsville Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin St. SE, Huntsville, AL. The general public, seekers and anyone interested in American history are welcome to attend. The BRT does not meet in December.

Each round table program is unique and features a presentation by a nationally or regionally known speaker covering a wide variety of Civil War topics.

A second round table, known as The Little Round Table (LRT) Discussion Group has a monthly forum where a smaller group of interested members and guests enjoy an in-depth discussion of a chosen Civil War topic. The LRT meets at the Elks Lodge at 6:30 PM on the fourth Thursday of every month through October. It meets on the second Thursday in December. It does not meet in November.

Annual membership dues are $30 per household, which includes up to two members per household. Free memberships are offered to full-time students (elementary through undergraduate).

Contact Information or questions about the TVCWRT

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Facebook link: **https://www.facebook.com/tvcwrt/**

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TVCWRT YouTube page: **www.youtube.com/@TVCWRoundTable**

08 October Big Round Table

Presentation: Ghosts in the Civil War presented by Jacque Reeves



Get ready for a presentation that explores the eerie stories, battlefield legends, and unexplained encounters that linger from America's bloodiest conflict with Jacque Reeves' speech, "Ghosts in the Civil War." Discover how soldiers, civilians, and later visitors reported mysterious sights and sounds amid the ruins of war. This presentation blends historical context with chilling firsthand tales, separating documented experiences from enduring folklore. Jacque will talk about the ghost of Abraham Lincoln, as well as the ghost of Huntsville's Captain John J. Ward, who was killed at the Battle of Atlanta. Whether you are a Civil War enthusiast, a history lover, or simply intrigued by the supernatural, this program offers a memorable journey into the past. Join us for an evening where history's voices may still be heard.



About the Presenter: Jacque Procter Reeves has long been a contributor to the historic research of Madison and Limestone County. She has authored several books about local history: *Hidden History of North Alabama, Wicked North Alabama, and Murder in the Heart of Dixie*, among others.

She has been a tour guide at the Historic Huntsville Depot, Maple Hill Cemetery, and historic homes of downtown Huntsville. As a tour guide though, Jacque is best known for her haunted tours of downtown with the very popular Huntsville Ghost Walk.

She and her husband, Robert Reeves, are members of the Tennessee Valley Civil War Roundtable. Jacque will be giving a program on Civil War ghosts – a timely program for October!

Upcoming Big Round Table Presentations for 2026

November 12:

Cease Firing: Life and Death at the Swope Manor presented by Kelly Gormly

22 October Little Round Table

Discussion Topic: The Chancellorsville Campaign Part 2, led by Emil Posey



The battles of Fredericksburg (December 11-15, 1862) and Chancellorsville (April 30 – May 6, 1863), occurring less than five months apart, were fought for the same reason: the Union desire to cross the Rappahannock River, defeat the Army of Northern Virginia or force it to retreat, and take Richmond. One battle flowed from the other, with the “Mud March” in between (undertaken for the same reason).

By April 1863, the Army of the Potomac, under Major General Joseph Hooker since January 26 of that year, had recovered from the disaster at Fredericksburg. Hooker had some 130,000 men — more than twice Lee's 60,000 — and had devised a sound plan: pin General Lee’s at Fredericksburg with a large holding force under Major General John Sedgwick while swinging the bulk of the army around Lee's left flank to strike from the rear near the crossroads hamlet of Chancellorsville.

Hooker thought he had the perfect plan. How close did it come to working?

We’ll explore this question in “The Chancellorsville Campaign,” the topic of the next two Little Round Tables, with Part 1 (held on September 24) and Part 2 on October 22. Emil will be the facilitator for both sessions.

About the Presenter: Emil L. Posey is a longtime member of the TVCWRT. He has held various board and committee positions throughout his membership. His professional work history spans almost 45 years of military and civilian service to our country. He retired from NASA/George C. Marshall Space Flight Center on December 27, 2013. He has a baccalaureate in political science from Hood College, Frederick, Maryland, and is a life member of both the Special Forces Association (currently hanging with Chapter 92, Madison, Alabama) and the 175th Infantry Association. He is also a member in good standing of Elks Lodge 1648 (Huntsville, AL), the National Infantry Association, and the 29th Division

Association. He is married to the love of his life, Rhodora, and has three children and three grandchildren. He is a dedicated bibliophile and a (very) armchair political analyst and military enthusiast.

The Little Round Table meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at the ELKs Club at 6:30 p.m. Discussions often explore topics in greater depth, sometimes expanding upon Big Round Table presentations.

Upcoming Little Round Table Meetings in 2026

December 2026:

Thaddeus Stevens, led by Emil Posey (meets 2nd Thursday in December)

Previous Little Round Table Meetings in 2026

September 2026:

The September Little Round Table discussion, led by Emil Posey, set the stage for the actual battle of Chancellorsville. The attendees evaluated General (Fighting) Joe Hooker's efforts to re-build the Army of the Potomac after Fredericksburg and the "Mud March." His policies enhanced troop welfare through improved sanitation, better rations, medical support by way of establishing a medical department, increased intelligence capabilities, streamlining logistical support, reasonable leave, and liberty policies, which, in turn, significantly boosted morale and reduced desertion. He gave his troops an identity by implementing Corps badges. Tactically, he prepared what he felt was a prefect plan for defeating Lee-a double envelopment across the Rappahannock River and attacking Lee in the rear while General Sedgewick would engage Lee and hold his army in place at Fredericksburg. The group discussed and critiqued many aspects of the plan and Lee's disposition of forces prior to the battle. The discussion was attended by 15 members. The upcoming Part 2 will discuss the actual battle.

At one point the discussion centered around troop movements and the distances they marched which generated some interesting dialogue about the condition of the troops' shoes. After the LRT Emil researched the matter further and has provided an article that is included below called "Anatomical vs Symmetrical footwear.pdf."



Anatomical vs
symetrical footwear.

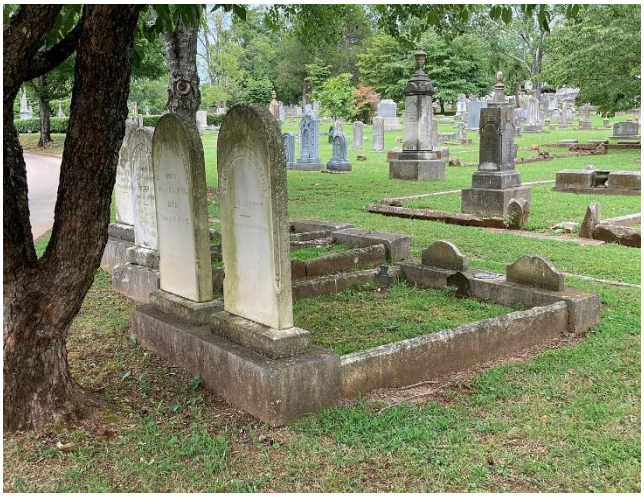
August 2026:

The August Little Round Table was led by John H. Allen and Jeff Ewing and discussed how two Southern women, Virginia Clay and Vinnie Ream, navigated politics, art, and celebrity to shape the nation's public life in the mid-19th century. Virginia Clay was a politically connected Alabama belle who witnessed Washington and Confederate high society from the inside. Vinnie Ream was a teenage sculptor who won a groundbreaking federal commission to memorialize Abraham Lincoln in the U.S. Capitol. Each woman turned charisma, talent, and controversy into unexpected influence at a time when women were expected to remain in the background. Both Clay and Ream challenged gender norms, mastered the press of their day, and left cultural and political legacies that still echo in stone, in print, and in memory. This study was a great reminder that the Civil War era's most compelling stories are not only about generals and presidents but also include compelling women who broke the cultural norm of the day for women. Virginia Clay is buried in Maple Hill Cemetery near her first husband. Vinnie

Ream and her husband are buried in section three of Arlington National Cemetery, marked by her statue *Sappho*. Fourteen attendees supported the presentation.



Vinnie Ream's and husband's grave marked with her statue "Sappho"



Virginia Clay-Clopton's and husband's graves, Maple Hill Cemetery, Huntsville, AL

July 2026:

The July LRT was led by John Scales and discussed the life and legacy of Confederate General Albert Sidney Johnston, his strategy, leadership in battle, and how the previous events in the Civil War shaped his destiny where ultimately, he was killed at Shiloh. It was attended by 12-14 members who gave their opinions to various questions presented by John about his appointment by Davis, limitations on his command and the strategic placement of his command headquarters. Maps and list of questions were provided to augment the discussion.

June 2026:

The June LRT was led by Jeff Ewing and featured a series of discussions based upon questions and answers from the Quora Digest. Participants gave their own opinions and perspectives on topics ranging from assessing Gen John Buford's decision to occupy and hold the high ground of Cemetery Ridge while awaiting the arrival of Union infantry; significance of Union and Confederate headstone markers; evaluating General R.E. Lee's performance during the war; the credibility of naming a

significant U.S. Army base after General Braxton Bragg; was it strategically beneficial for General W.T. Sherman to march through the South's bread basket to Atlanta and Savannah or would it have been better to directly support Grant instead; was General Winfield Scott's criticism deserved; did General McClellan's ego get in the way of his battlefield performance; and more. Seventeen members and guests attended and could have continued longer than the time that was allotted.

May 2026:

The May LRT was led by Bernie Biederman to discuss Part 2 of the Battle of Perryville. Having covered the lead up to the battle in Part One, Part Two covered the actual battle and aftermath, along with the consequences for both sides. Union Major General Don Carlos Buell gained the advantage in the battle to cause Confederate General Braxton Bragg to make a night-time withdrawal through the Cumberland Gap and into Eastern Tennessee thus giving the Union control of Kentucky throughout the war.

April 2026:

The April LRT subject was the Battle of Perryville – Part I, The Prelude led by Bernie Biederman. It was well received with 12-14 attendees who provided pertinent information that added value to the presentation. The presentation covered the lead-up to the October 8 Battle of Perryville, KY, from the initial troop movements up until just before the actual battle began. The discussion lead to four pages of notes and one page of questions. The May meeting will deal with the actual battle.

March 2026:

The March LRT involved a rehearsal for the play "Coroner's Inquest of the Death of Capt. Freeman."

February 2026:

Kent Wright led the February LRT discussion about the hard luck ironclad *U.S.S. Cairo*. Sixteen members and spouses dove into the history of this City Class Ironclad, covering her 1862 construction and brief career before being sunk by an electronically detonated mine on the Yazoo River just north of Vicksburg in December 1862.

January 2026:

Jeff Ewing led the January LRT discussion about Emily Dickinson's Civil War period lyric poetry, her most productive period. Eleven members braved the polar vortex to attend.

Round Table Focus Items

- **Battlefield Bucket Preservation:** The donations from the Battlefield Bucket will go the Civil War section of the Veterans Military Museum for 2026. Arley McCormick summarized the path to this decision, eloquently:

  - **2026 Battlefield Bucket Donation Decision**
    On 5 March, 2026, the Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table Board of Directors met at the Veterans Museum in south Huntsville to decide where our collections from the battlefield bucket this year would be allocated. It was a unanimous decision. The funds will go to the Veterans museum and specifically to the refurbishment of Civil War era weapons and artifacts designated for the Civil War display.

  - The September donations to the Bucket amounted to $112 for a total of $864.00. Thanks to all who contributed.

- **SAVE THE DATE! The U.S. Veterans Memorial Museum 25th Anniversary Celebration will be held on November 7, 2026. The TVCWRT is among 22 other organizations who have enthusiastically agreed to attend. Please review the flyer on page 18 for details. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. with events starting at 10:00 a.m and concludes at 2:00 p.m. (See the flyer on page 18).**

  Our Round Table's relationship with the Veterans Museum continues to mature for the benefit of both organizations. Representatives of the museum explained the progress on the construction of the new building (footers are in place) and a concept of what the new Civil War display could become. The Board toured the current display and retired to the museum war room for discussion.

  The Veteran's Museum representatives are currently working on the assumption that all the displays will be ready for a grand opening in the fall of 2027. That timeline, at first glance, appears far into the future but in terms of deciding the content of the Civil War display, acquiring the necessary fixtures, completing any interior construction, integrating technology, creating marketing material, all suggest a few sleepless nights for those involved in the design, fund raising, and construction of the display.

  There are significant benefits to the relationship we are developing with the Veterans Museum. It is the first time in the history of the Round Table that we will have a physical location to educate the public regarding the Civil War in Huntsville, Alabama, and include the entire scope of the war. Members of the public can visit at their leisure rather than being constrained to a specific time and location. The Alabama Veterans Museum over the last few years has consistently rated 2 or 3 in terms of visitor numbers. The Space and Rocket Center is number 1. Thus, we will reach a greater number of residents that could be enticed to join us.

  Several of our members also volunteer at the Veterans Museum and act as curators, guides, and representatives of our organization. They also mop floors occasionally.

  Your suggestions are encouraged and you can provide your thoughts and concepts directly to Arley McCormick: arleymccormick061@gmail.com.

- **Membership Dues:** The renewal period for membership dues is from January through March. Payment options include online at https://tvcwrt.org/membership/, Zelle bank transfer to "TVCWRTtreasurer@gmail.com" or by check mailed to *PO Box 2872 Huntsville, AL 35804*. TVCWRT membership stands at 134 members for September.

- **Annual Field Trip:** A one-day event to Thompson's Station to see Forrest use initiative and see a Union officer abandon his post taking half the force with him. It will include a short stop at the Spring Hill Battlefield to watch the Union Army march past Confederate line within easy earshot. What? Why? How? Come along and find out (see **EventFlyer.pdf** file on page 17).

  Tickets are only **$110** per person if you buy them at our monthly meeting. Members can follow this link to buy their tickets online: https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/8bkg6rx/lp/6a0bfeb5-042c-4ce2-9448-7a69729c83d6. Tickets bought using this link are **$114** to cover handling fees. We sold 18 seats so far and need 2 more to break even. The trip is now open to the public.

  With the surging cost of fuel we need 3 more seats are needed to break even. Sign up now and Invite a friend.

- **Book Reviews:** Members are encouraged to submit reviews of books on the American Civil War or the Antebellum Age. Submit your review and rating to a Board Member or visit Book Reviews – Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table and follow the guidelines for submitting your review.

- **Wargaming:** Muster your troops for the next wargame skirmish. Our previous sessions have been entertaining and educational with everyone having a great time.

  Paul Lindgren is considering forming a 501(c)(3) Wargaming Club that would expand to all genres of wargaming, including the Civil War. When the Civil War era games occur the TVCWRT would sponsor them. In this manner sessions could potentially lead interested gamers to join the TVCWRT as members.

  The next wargame sessions have not been scheduled for October or November pending finding a suitable location that can maintain a gaming setup for 3-4 weeks. Please send a text to Dave Benjamin at 630.885.2217 or email at Dave.benjamin@comcast.net if you are interested or know of a suitable location that can sustain this wargaming activity.

  President's Note: Wargaming isn't just for kids. The rules emulate the actual capabilities of the units being portrayed. Lethality, movement, weapon's reach, rates of fire, and more approximate the real thing. The result is, players have to make tactical decisions and those will help you understand why the battle unfolded as it did. Wargaming is an educational opportunity that can take you beyond the books and into the minds of those who fought.

Nooks and Crannies

Nooks and Crannies features interesting information from member research, including documents and photos. Content can be archived on the TVCWRT webpage under the Nooks and Crannies tab at https://tvcwrt.org/nooks-crannies/.

Nooks & Crannies was started by Emil Posey, with the support of then-president John Allen, to capture and explore various aspects of the Civil War. Over the years, several RT members have posted articles here, among them Ed Kennedy, John Mason, Marjorie Reeves, John Scales, Kent Wright, and others on various topics. As Emil put it, “The more contributions we have, the fuller the story.” This has been a wonderful contribution to the TVCWRT.

This month we have three articles inclusion. They are all intriguing and worth sharing- thank you Arley and Emil:

- Arley McCormick, TVCWRT member and contributor for the Huntsville Historical Review, will feature an article by a local author, Patrick Howard Graves, for the December edition of the Review. Patrick’s article describes the Union occupations of Huntsville and the establishment of Camp Taylor. Read this interesting article in the following pdf file, Fort Taylor.pdf.



Fort Taylor.pdf

An Item of Interest

Emil Posey found an article in the May 1935 issue of *Proceedings* titled “Visit of Russian Squadrons in 1863”. The article discusses events that started in 1863 and eventually leads to what will become our 49th state!



Russian visit 1863.pdf

Civil War Rarities

In March 2026, Michael Acosta and Bill Goss, a former TVCWRT president, launched their podcast, "Civil War Rarities". The podcast covers unique aspects of the US Civil War and is delivered in monthly episodes lasting no more than 15 minutes each. The podcast started on YouTube and is now published on Spotify, Apple Podcast, Amazon Music, or pretty much wherever you download your podcasts. In order to grow the audience and the reach of the podcast, Michael and Bill are humbly asking for those interested to share, subscribe, like, and comment on the episodes as they are released. It is free to subscribe and we are just a few short of having 100 subscribers on YouTube. Help us get there!

The podcast is "non-partisan" and seeks to impart a balanced approach. You can follow them here at the link: Civil War Rarities.

Last month Season 1, Episode 5 of Civil War Rarities included an article titled **The Father of the Ride**, the story about the revolutionary engineering of the Rosecrans ambulance and how its

redesign and corresponding ambulance organization radically changed the way injured were evacuated from the battlefield.

This month an Episode 5 EXTRA adds to that information as **The Father of the Ride, Part II**, presented by the living historian Mr. Chris Leighton as he added further detail about the Rosecrans ambulance using the replica he created.

In addition, this month also includes **Season 1, Episode 6, The Bridge over the River Pea**. Shot onsite, Michael and Bill recount the story about Hobdy's Bridge in Alabama and the last skirmish of the Civil War. It explores how Corporal John Skinner became the actual last death of the Civil War.

After you view these episodes, please leave a comment and tell us what you think. As always, it is appreciated for everyone to Like, Subscribe, and Comment/engage on the post. Activity such as that feeds into the YouTube algorithm and helps promote the channel in order to gain a larger audience.

All episodes are hyperlinked to YouTube at:
https://www.youtube.com/@CivilWarRarities.

Thank you for your support and your viewership, Michael and Bill.

For topic ideas, discussions, etc. they can be reached at the link: civilwarraritiespublic@gmail.com. Look for this logo:

October Book Review

Book reviews are available at: https://tvcwrt.org/Book Reviews/. To submit a review follow the guidelines described at the link.

No book reviews were submitted for the October 2026 newsletter.

Events of the Civil War during October[1]

October 1861

October 3 - The Battle of Greenbrier River (Camp Bartow), Virginia (now West Virginia)
October 9 - Engagement on Santa Rosa Island, Florida
October 12 - First ironclad in the U.S. Navy, USS *St. Louis*, launched at Carondelet Missouri
October 21 - Battle of Ball's Bluff (Leesburg), Virginia
October 24 - Western Union completes the first trans-continental telegraph line
October 25 - Union Major Charles Zagonyi's "famous" charge into Springfield, Missouri
October 31 - Secessionist Missouri legislators meet at Neosho and vote to leave the Union

October 1862

October 1 - Skirmish near Sharpsburg, Maryland
October 3 - Battle of Corinth, Mississippi
October 8 - Battle of Perryville (Chaplin Hills), Kentucky
October 10 - Fighting at Harrodsburg and Danville Cross Roads, Kentucky
October 10 - Jefferson Davis asks Virginia to draft 4,500 blacks to complete fortifications at Richmond
October 11 - Skirmish near Helena, Arkansas
October 15 - Skirmish at Neely's Bend on the Cumberland River in Tennessee
October 18 - Garrison captured at Lexington, Kentucky in Morgan's Raid
October 22 - Skirmish at Fort Wayne, Indian Territory (now Oklahoma)
October 24 - Union Major General William Rosecrans replaces Major General Don Carlos Buell as commander of the Army of the Ohio
October 29 - Skirmish at Island Mound, Missouri, the first time in the Civil War that African American soldiers fight as part an organized unit

October 1863

October 5 - Torpedo attack on USS *New Ironsides* outside Charleston Harbor, South Carolina
October 9 - Bristoe Station Campaign begins in Virginia
October 14 - Battle of Bristoe Station, Virginia
October 16 - U.S. Grant named to command Union Military Division of the Mississippi
October 17 - Lincoln calls for 300,000 additional volunteers to join the army
October 19 - Cavalry engagement known as the Buckland Races, Virginia
October 20 - Skirmish at Warm Springs, North Carolina
October 26 - Fight at King's House near Waynesville, Missouri
October 28 - Engagement at Wauhatchie, Tennessee
October 29 - Fighting at Warsaw and Ozark Missouri

October 1864

October 2 - Engagement at Saltville, Virginia
October 5 - Battle of Allatoona Pass, Georgia
October 6 - Cavalry engagement at Brock's Gap, Virginia
October 7 - Capture of CSS *Florida* by USS *Wachusett* at Bahia, Brazil
October 7 - Battle of Darbytown Road, Virginia

[1] Civil War Timeline, American Battlefield Trust (15 October 2025), Civil War Timeline | American Battlefield Trust

October 9 - Engagement at Tom's Brook, Virginia
October 12 - Chief Justice Roger Brooke Taney dies in Washington, D.C.
October 13 - Confederate Colonel John S. Mosby robs train near Harpers Ferry, West Virginia
October 19 - Raid on St. Albans, Vermont
October 19 - Battle of Cedar Creek (Belle Grove), Virginia
October 22 - Battle of Byram's Ford, Missouri
October 23 - Battle of Westport (Kansas City), Missouri
October 25 - Battle of Mine Creek (Marais Des Cygnes), Kansas
October 27 - Battle of Boydton Plank Road (Burgess' Mill), Virginia
October 27 - Engagement at Fair Oaks and on Darbytown Road, Virginia
October 27 - Union navy uses "torpedo" to sink Confederate ironclad Albermarle at Plymouth, North Carolina
October 30 - Skirmish at Muscle Shoals, Alabama

October 1865

October 1865 was a quiet month in terms of combat, but it was part of the critical postwar period when the United States was reorganizing its government, implementing Reconstruction, demobilizing, and finalizing the abolition of slavery.

While no battlefield events are recorded for October 1865, the month fell within the **Reconstruction era.** These activities characterize this period:

- **Military occupation**: Union troops remained in the South to enforce Reconstruction policies and maintain order.
- **Political work**: The U.S. government was finalizing Reconstruction plans, including the creation of military districts in the South and the passage of the Reconstruction Acts.
- **Legal and administrative actions**: The federal government was preparing for the ratification of the 13th Amendment (abolishing slavery and personal servitude) and addressing the status of formerly enslaved people, including the establishment of the Freedmen’s Bureau.

Activities Outside Our Round Table

Numerous activities take place beyond TVCWRT. Members are encouraged to participate in or attend these events. If you get word of one, let me know and I will get it approved for inclusion to the newsletter.

- Thanks to Michael Acosta, TVCWRT member and President of the Stone Bridge Guard, SCV Camp #357, Alan Ruzicka, Arley McCormick, Steve Sheldon, and Jason Bruening for their contribution of flyers for upcoming events and reenactments. See the file, **EventFlyers.pdf**, for dates and information for these interesting upcoming events. *(I can email a copy directly to you if you have trouble opening the file.)*

EventFlyers.pdf

- Jason Bruening and Arley McCormick submitted information on the Blue and Gray Education Society. The mission of the Blue and Gray Education Society is dedicated to the objective study of the origins and impact of the American Civil War and related events. Their mantra is “Every Battlefield Has a Story to Tell.” They are involved in many facets that encourage learning about this American conflict to include tours-both Civil War and Revolutionary, preservation and interpretive signage, a bookstore, and to provide reviews of places and events. In May it hosted a symposium “Inside the Civil War’s Western Theater” featuring David Powell, James Ogden, and others as speakers. Attendance is free with no prior registration required. On your computer, search for “Blue & Gray Education Society” and select the website icon for an abundance of information.



- U.S. Veterans Memorial Museum 25th Anniversary Celebration:



📣 SAVE THE DATE! us

The Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table is excited to be part of the U.S. Veterans Memorial Museum 25th Anniversary Celebration!

🗓️ Saturday, November 7, 2026
📍 Jaycee Community Building
⏰ 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Join us for this FREE event honoring military history with a guest speaker, dedication ceremony, and community organizations.

Stay tuned—more details will be shared as we approach America's 250th birthday celebration! 🎉

Come celebrate with us in Huntsville!

#USVMM #USVMM25Years #History #Celebrate #Huntsville #Community

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Enjoy the weather. Bring a guest and enjoy the presentation.
Terry, Newsletter Editor