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Award

69 Years of Historical Scholarship, Education & Public Engagement

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Overview

Founded in 1956 with its first meeting held in February 1957, the Cleveland Civil War Roundtable (CCWRT) celebrated its 69th year during the 2024–2025 program year and marked its 600th meeting, a milestone that reflects the Roundtable’s enduring presence and impact in the Civil War community. With a long-standing tradition of presenting high-quality educational programming, the CCWRT offers monthly meetings, special events, and immersive field trips to key Civil War sites, providing members with hands-on learning and unique historical experiences. During the 2024–2025 year, the Roundtable featured presentations by distinguished historians, including speakers affiliated with Emerging Civil War, demonstrating a commitment to presenting cutting-edge scholarship and engaging historical interpretation. Under the leadership of President Gene Claridge (age 31; youngest documented in Roundtable history), the CCWRT achieved record membership growth, unprecedented engagement, and broad community outreach. Its combination of rich history, robust programming, and dedication to education and preservation underscores the Roundtable’s exemplary role in fostering historical understanding and appreciation in Northeast Ohio.



Attendees at CCWRT's 600th meeting.



Meeting Format and Frequency

- **Frequency:** Monthly, September-May (9 Meetings per Year)
- **Typical Agenda:**
 - **Cocktail Hour:** Attendees gather to socialize and foster fellowship and camaraderie. This portion of the evening often includes themed decorations or historical displays tied to the Civil War.
 - **Pledge of Allegiance:** Each meeting opens with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - **Introduction of New Members and Guests:** The President invites each table to introduce new members and guests. Guests are seated with CCWRT ambassadors to encourage engagement and connection.¹
 - **General Business Announcements:** For example, upcoming local and/or annual field trips, preservation contributions, National History Day, clean-up day at Johnson's Island Confederate Prison, etc.
 - **Quiz:** A designated member presents a Civil War–related question connected to the evening's topic. Attendees who answer correctly receive a Civil War book as a prize.
 - **History Brief:** At most meetings, the Roundtable Historian delivers a concise, ten-minute presentation on a focused Civil War topic. The Historian selects the topic for the History Brief, which provides in-depth information about a subject related to the Civil War and serves as an “appetizer” for the evening's main speaker. If the Historian is unavailable or the meeting schedule is particularly full, the History Brief may be omitted. After the meeting, the History Brief is posted on the CCWRT website for public access.
 - **Dinner:** Following the opening program, those in attendance enjoy a sit-down dinner, providing time for fellowship and camaraderie among attendees.
 - **Formal Presentation:** Led by historians, living historians, or scholars, presentations cover major battles, campaigns, historical figures, and Civil War-era topics. Presentations often include visuals, artifacts, or interactive elements to enhance understanding.
 - **Q&A Session:** Participants are encouraged to ask questions, discuss interpretations, and engage in lively conversation with the speaker, deepening their knowledge and connection to Civil War history.

¹ **Ambassador Program:** The CCWRT maintains an Ambassador Program in which experienced members serve as representatives to welcome guests and new members at monthly meetings. Guests are assigned seating at designated tables alongside ambassadors, who facilitate introductions and encourage discussion by inquiring about the guests' backgrounds, areas of Civil War interest, and the circumstances that inspired their engagement with the Civil War. This program fosters engagement and integration into the Roundtable community, often helping to turn guests into new members.



- **Quiz Results:** Answers to the Civil War quiz are announced, and prizes are awarded to the successful participants.
- **Raffle Drawing:** Raffle tickets, sold at the beginning of the meeting for \$5 each, are drawn at this point. Winners may select a Civil War book from a collection generously contributed to the Roundtable. Approximately a dozen books are raffled at each meeting.
- **“Taps”:** Each meeting concludes with the playing of “Taps,” accompanied by a PowerPoint slideshow featuring Union and Confederate cemeteries from notable Civil War sites as well as local Cleveland cemeteries.

Membership and Attendance Highlights (2024–2025)

- **Total Dues-Paying Members:** 136 (26% increase from 2023–2024; 68% increase from 2022–2023)
- **New Members:** 35 (25% increase from prior year)
- **Average Attendance per Meeting:** 71 (15% increase from 2023–2024; 97% increase from 2022–2023)
- **Highest Single-Meeting Attendance:** 119 at May 2025 meeting, surpassing previous modern-era records.

Note: CCWRT members include individuals with nearly 50 years of active participation, spanning a wide age range from the youngest to the oldest active participants, demonstrating continuity and growth. As evidence of the robustness of the organization and the commitment of its members to the Roundtable, no person has ever been President more than once in the entire 69-year history of the Roundtable. (See the list of Roundtable Presidents in the Appendix.) Since the Program Schedule is developed annually by the sitting President, it reflects a diverse and varied selection of offerings, including the speakers featured at the meetings and the topic for the annual debate.

2024–2025 Program Year (Special Speakers & Topics)

The Cleveland Civil War Roundtable hosted an exceptional series of presentations during the 2024–2025 program year, featuring distinguished historians and living historians, including several connected with Emerging Civil War. These speakers offered members insightful perspectives on significant Civil War events, figures, and campaigns.

- November 13, 2024 – Dr. Brian Matthew Jordan: Dr. Jordan presented “A Thousand May Fall: An Immigrant Regiment’s Civil War,” exploring the experiences, sacrifices, and contributions of immigrant soldiers and highlighting their critical yet often overlooked role in the Union war effort.
- February 12, 2025 – Dr. Chris Mackowski: Co-founder and Editor-in-Chief of Emerging Civil War, Dr. Mackowski delivered “Stonewall Jackson at Gettysburg,” examining the enduring “what-if” scenario of Jackson’s presence at Gettysburg and its potential impact



on the battle. This meeting also marked the 600th official gathering of the Cleveland Civil War Roundtable, celebrating the organization's long-standing history.

- May 14, 2025 – Dr. Curt Fields: Dr. Fields, the preeminent Ulysses S. Grant living historian, presented “After Lee’s Surrender: A Country in Turmoil,” focusing on the tumultuous period following the surrender of Robert E. Lee’s Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox and emphasizing Grant’s leadership in guiding a nation through reconstruction and uncertainty.



Dr. Chris Mackowski, the speaker at CCWRT's 600th meeting.

These presentations reinforced the Roundtable's commitment to providing individuals with both historical depth and engaging discussion, creating opportunities to learn directly from leading historians and living history interpreters.



Special Events:

- **Holiday Dinner & Prime Rib Buffet (December 11, 2024):** Attendees celebrated the season with festive decorations, music, and culinary delights, including a Prime Rib Buffet. The evening featured Barbara Toncheff's engaging presentation on women spies during the Civil War, and attendees enjoyed the Ugly Christmas Sweater/Holiday Tie Contest.
- **Annual Dick Crews Memorial Debate (January 8, 2025):** The 29th Annual Debate featured participants who made a case for which Civil War figure they would most like to dine with, and they included an appropriate beverage to fit with their dining companion ([The Great Debate of 2025](#)). Each debater presented a compelling case in support of their choice as a dinner companion, highlighting each figure's personality, accomplishments, and potential conversation topics. The debaters chose a varied array of individuals: Ulysses S. Grant, Robert E. Lee, Thomas Francis Meagher, Patrick Cleburne, and Daniel Sickles. Audience members then voted for the "best Civil War dining companion," with Emily Dickinson's choice of Grant earning top honors. The debate was expertly moderated by Judge William Vodrey, marking his 21st year in this role. It should be noted that the debate is held each year, generally at the January meeting, and is a meeting format that adds variety to our Roundtable's Program Schedule by including a meeting that differs from the usual format of a speaker. This format also allows members of the Roundtable to be the focus of a meeting. The debate topic for 2025 exemplifies the practice of choosing debate topics that are out of the ordinary rather than run-of-the-mill, since unusual topics lead to more lively debates.





Debaters at the 2025 Annual Dick Crews Memorial Debate holding photographs of their chosen Civil War dinner companions, joined by moderator Judge William F.B. Vodrey.

- 600th Meeting & Lincoln Birthday Celebration (February 12, 2025):** This milestone meeting commemorated the 68th anniversary of the first meeting of the Cleveland Civil War Roundtable. The momentous meeting coincided with President Abraham Lincoln's birthday, and attendees celebrated Lincoln's 216th birthday by signing a special card that was later sent to the Lincoln Home National Historic Site and other national locations. The evening included a Cocktail Hour, Dinner, a special custom cake served after dinner, and a slideshow highlighting Roundtable history. A group photo taken by Jose "Brady" Esparza (located on Page 1) was added to the Roundtable Time Capsule, with members signing the photo along with reflections on the significance of the organization.

Note: The full Program Schedule is included in the Appendix.



Field Trips & Offsite Programs

- **Annual Field Trip: Gettysburg (September 2024)**
 - Largest-ever CCWRT field trip with 67 participants: 54 CCWRT members and guests traveled from Northeast Ohio to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, joined by participants from other organizations, including 8 from the Cape Fear Civil War Round Table (NC), 1 from the Bucks County Civil War Roundtable (PA), and 4 from the Northeast Ohio Civil War Round Table.
 - Four-day immersive experience exploring Gettysburg National Military Park, including key battle sites, historic buildings, and museums.
 - Hands-on learning opportunities included after-hours access to Gettysburg National Military Park Visitor Center, Gettysburg Cyclorama, and the George Spangler Farm & Field Hospital.
 - Historical immersion and engagement: Participants retraced troop movements, analyzed tactical decisions, and experienced battlefield medicine demonstrations, enhancing understanding of Civil War history and leadership.
 - Outcome: The trip provided both first-time and veteran participants with new insights into the Battle of Gettysburg, deepened historical knowledge, and fostered inter-round table collaboration.



Participants in the 2024 CCWRT field trip to Gettysburg standing on Little Round Top, joined by members of fellow Civil War Round Tables who accepted CCWRT's invitation to participate.



- **Annual Field Trip: Vicksburg (September 2025)**
 - 35 CCWRT members and guests traveled to Vicksburg, Mississippi for an immersive four-day exploration of the Vicksburg Campaign, one of the most strategically significant campaigns of the Civil War Western Theater.
 - Expert guidance provided by retired Chief Ranger Rick Martin included battlefield analysis, site interpretation, and detailed discussions of troop movements, fortifications, and key engagements.
 - Hands-on learning opportunities included visits to Grand Gulf State Park, Port Gibson, Windsor Ruins, Bruinsburg, Willow Springs, Hankinson's Ferry, Rocky Springs, Reganton Crossroads, Cayuga, Auburn, Dillon's Plantation, Raymond, Champion Hill, the siege lines and fortifications at Vicksburg National Military Park, and the USS *Cairo*. We also visited sites in historic downtown Vicksburg such as the Old Court House, Pemberton's Headquarters, and the Balfour House.
 - Historical immersion and engagement: Participants analyzed tactical decisions, observed terrain challenges, explored siege fortifications, and reflected on the experiences of Union, Confederate, and African-American troops.
 - Outcome: The trip provided participants with a deeper understanding of Grant's Vicksburg Campaign, enhanced knowledge of Civil War military strategy and the Western Theater, and strengthened camaraderie among CCWRT members.

Note: CCWRT maintains a rich history of field trips spanning seven decades. Please see the Appendix for a full list. Detailed reports for recent trips are available on our website, including the [Gettysburg Field Trip - September 2024](#) and [Vicksburg Field Trip - September 2025](#). In addition to these annual multi-day excursions, the Roundtable organizes shorter, impromptu trips to nearby Civil War-related sites. Recent examples include a July 2024 visit to the Buffington Island battlefield, where John Hunt Morgan's raid into Ohio was brought to an end, and an October 2025 trip to Oberlin, Ohio, a historic center of abolitionism.





Participants in the 2025 CCWRT field trip to Vicksburg gathered in front of the Wisconsin Monument.



Educational Outreach & Special Projects

2025 Ulysses S. Grant Cleveland Campaign

- CCWRT served as the primary sponsor and organizer of this weeklong living history initiative, commemorating the 160th anniversary of the end of the U.S. Civil War.
- Partnered with local organizations, including: Westlake/Bay Village Rotary, Oberlin History Center, Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center, schools, and libraries, to maximize community outreach and educational impact.
- Hosted 10 programs across schools, libraries, and historical sites, featuring Dr. Curt Fields portraying Ulysses S. Grant in interactive presentations.
- Directly engaged over 1,300 students at six schools as well as over 450 community members at five evening venues, exposing a wide audience to Civil War history and Grant's legacy.
- Programs included:
 - School Programs: "Meet U.S. Grant" presentations for students in local schools.
 - Evening Programs: Focused on Grant's military campaigns, presidency, and post-war challenges, allowing for Q&A and interactive discussion. One of the evening programs was a presentation at [CCWRT's May 2025 Meeting](#), and this distinctive, extraordinary, and unforgettable meeting is memorialized on CCWRT's website.
- Extensive coordination by CCWRT volunteers ensured seamless logistics, escorts, and event execution, highlighting the Roundtable's professionalism and dedication.
- Media coverage amplified the campaign's impact, including:
 - Fox 8 New Day Cleveland Segment: ([NDC/Fox 8 News at Noon: Civil War Roundtable](#))
 - *The Villager* Newspaper: *The Cleveland Civil War Roundtable Hosts U.S. Grant in 160th Anniversary Celebration of Civil War's End* ([The Villager Newspaper](#))





CCWRT President Gene Claridge presenting appreciation gifts to Dr. Curt Fields as Ulysses S. Grant at the May 2025 meeting, marking the conclusion of a five-day outreach campaign that brought Grant to ten locations across Northeast Ohio.

National History Day – Region 3 (51st Annual)

- CCWRT members served as judges and mentors, guiding students through research, project development, and presentation, fostering historical inquiry, critical thinking, and engagement with Civil War-era history.
- Sponsored Civil War-specific awards for student projects under the theme “Rights and Responsibilities.”
 - Awards included medals, U.S. flags, and personalized letters from the Roundtable President.
 - The awards were presented at a final assembly attended by over 500 students, teachers, and guests, highlighting the Roundtable’s educational impact and community outreach.
- Supported students with pre-competition “spring training” sessions at local schools to prepare projects, ensuring both quality and accessibility.



Preservation & Philanthropy

- **Total Donations (2024–2025):** Over \$1,300 contributed to:
 - Buffington Island Battlefield Preservation Foundation
 - Friends & Descendants of Johnson’s Island Civil War Prison
 - Cuyahoga County Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Monument (Cleveland)
 - American Battlefield Trust (including “Save 15 Acres at Willoughby’s Run, Gettysburg Campaign” and “Save Virginia Battlefields – Stop the Data Centers Campaign”)
- The Roundtable actively promotes battlefield preservation and supports educational initiatives both locally and nationally.
- Hands-on participation in Park Day cleanups at Johnson’s Island Prison and Cemetery in Sandusky, Ohio.

Historical Significance & Public Impact

- **Longevity:** Celebrating 69 years of uninterrupted operation and more than 600 meetings, the Cleveland Civil War Roundtable stands as one of the nation’s longest-running and most active Civil War organizations.
- **Multigenerational Participation:** The Roundtable includes members across a wide age range, from their 20s to its oldest member at 97, fostering active participation and mentorship across generations.
- **Monthly Meetings:** Each meeting includes a cocktail hour, a sit-down dinner, a Civil War quiz, and a History Brief presented by the Roundtable historian, fostering camaraderie, fellowship, and lifelong learning.
- **Special Programs:** Engaging programs include events such as the Holiday Dinner and Prime Rib Buffet, the Annual Dick Crews Memorial Debate, and immersive field trips to significant Civil War sites, providing members with interactive and memorable experiences.
- **Distinguished Speakers:** The CCWRT hosts distinguished historians who provide cutting-edge scholarship, interactive interpretation, and opportunities for public engagement to deepen understanding of the Civil War era.
- **Public Engagement:** Initiatives such as debates, media coverage, and the Roundtable’s newsletter, *The Charger*, further promote Civil War awareness among students, general audiences, and other Round Tables.
- **Online Archives:** The CCWRT maintains a robust online presence with archives dating back to 1957, frequently accessed internationally, including inquiries from historians in Italy.
- **Governance:** The Cleveland Civil War Roundtable operates under formally adopted bylaws that outline organizational structure, define officer responsibilities, and ensure transparency, accountability, and consistent stewardship. The Executive Committee is elected at the May meeting and includes the President, Vice President, Treasurer,



Secretary, Historian, the two most recent Past Presidents serving *ex officio* as Directors, and four additional Directors. Officer positions follow a structured sequence, with advancement to the next role occurring when approved by a vote of the membership. This process promotes leadership continuity while providing regular opportunities for new individuals to enter the officer group. These bylaws and governance practices ensure long-term organizational stability and sustain the Roundtable's effectiveness for future generations.

- **Commitment to Preservation:** Demonstrated commitment to preserving Civil War history and mentoring young historians.



At the conclusion of each President's term, a ceremonial sword is presented to the outgoing President during the May meeting as an expression of gratitude and to symbolize the passing of the torch.



External Education Initiatives

- **CCWRT Speakers Bureau:** The CCWRT maintains a Speakers Bureau composed of individuals who make themselves available as presenters for interested organizations. The [Speakers Bureau](#) can be accessed via a dedicated page on the CCWRT website, which lists participating speakers and the topics of their presentations. Established 20 years ago, the Bureau has provided speakers for other Round Tables, libraries, and community centers throughout Northeast Ohio and beyond. Over the past two years, four CCWRT representatives have presented at the Northeast Ohio Civil War Round Table. Additional presenters have delivered programs at the Quincy Gillmore Civil War Round Table, the Mahoning Valley Civil War Round Table, and the Monroe County (Michigan) Civil War Round Table. One presenter, who portrays Abraham Lincoln, has presented extensively over the past 15 years at Round Tables, historical societies, libraries, schools, senior homes, and other venues. In March 2025, this individual, along with another Bureau presenter, conducted engaging presentations at Ella Canavan Elementary School, introducing approximately 80 students to Civil War history through interactive programs that included maps for coloring and other hands-on activities. These presentations were exceptionally well received, exemplifying the ongoing impact, reach, and educational contribution of the CCWRT Speakers Bureau.
- **Public Educational Outreach:** School visits, collaborative presentations with other Round Tables, and professionally guided battlefield trips provide engaging opportunities to enhance historical education for youth and adult audiences.
- **Hale Farm & Village Participation:** The CCWRT annually participates in Hale Farm & Village Civil War Days, hosting interactive booths and public demonstrations. Hale Farm & Village, a living history museum with 32 historic structures, uses costumed interpreters to portray 19th-century life. At each Civil War Days event, CCWRT volunteers staff a booth, engaging attendees in discussions about the Civil War and providing an excellent opportunity to recruit new members.
- **Published Scholarship:** Members have published books and articles on Civil War history, including:
 - Brian Kowell: Articles in *North & South Magazine* and contributions to the Emerging Civil War blog
 - Dale Thomas: *Civil War Soldiers of Greater Cleveland: Letters Home to Cuyahoga County*
 - Donald T. Iannone: *The Civil War Yesterday and Today in Poetry*
 - John Fazio: Two books on the Lincoln Assassination: *Decapitating the Union* and *The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln: Four Smoking Guns*
 - W. Dennis Keating: *Cleveland and the Civil War* as well as two articles for the Essential Civil War Curriculum
- **Communication Resource Network:** The CCWRT has three vehicles to disseminate information both internally and externally.



- One vehicle is CCWRT's newsletter, *The Charger*. This newsletter, which is published monthly from September through May, does more than simply provide routine information about events such as the monthly meetings and the field trips. Each issue of *The Charger* also contains scholarly articles written by CCWRT members about diverse topics related to the Civil War. These articles provide educational and well-written information. Moreover, CCWRT makes *The Charger* freely available by uploading each issue onto the CCWRT's website. Issues are available as far back as 1957 ([The Charger Archives](#)).
- Another vehicle for dissemination of information is CCWRT's online presence through its website ([CCWRT Homepage](#)) and its Facebook page ([CCWRT Facebook Page](#)). As with *The Charger*, the website and the Facebook page are used to provide routine information about meetings and other CCWRT events. The website also has a large library of articles about Civil War-related subjects organized by topic ([Roundtable Articles](#)). The majority of these articles come from *The Charger*, but the History Briefs are also posted on the website as are the debates and the field trip reports. This library of articles, currently numbering over 400, serves as a source of freely available information for anyone interested in the Civil War. Articles are added to this library on a regular basis. For example, in 2025 nine articles and five History Briefs were added, and in 2024 11 articles and six History Briefs were added.
- A third vehicle for disseminating information is the use of rack cards that provide an overview of CCWRT and the Program Schedule. Each year, CCWRT has a large number of these 11-inch by 5-inch cards printed, and members distribute the materials to public libraries and other community locations throughout the Northeast Ohio area. The cards are placed in literature racks maintained by these sites for patrons seeking hard-copy informational materials. Rack cards have consistently served as an effective means of increasing visibility for CCWRT and attracting prospective members. During the past year, a total of 2,000 rack cards and 1,000 brochures were placed across 47 different distribution sites, expanding overall outreach coverage.

Conclusion

The Cleveland Civil War Roundtable has demonstrated exceptional leadership, educational impact, and organizational vitality during the 2024–2025 program year. Its collaborative initiatives, milestone meetings, nationally recognized speakers, and dedication to preservation and historical education make it an exemplary candidate for the *2026 Civil War Round Table of the Year Award*.



Appendix

2024–2025 Program Schedule

- September 11, 2024 – “Swope Manor: The Grand Inn Located in Downtown Gettysburg” — Speaker: Kellie Gormly
- September 19–22, 2024 – Annual Field Trip – Gettysburg, Pennsylvania: Battle of Gettysburg
- October 9, 2024 – “The Three General Presidents – Washington, Grant, and Eisenhower” — Speaker: Steve Pettyjohn
- November 13, 2024 – “A Thousand May Fall – An Immigrant Regiment’s Civil War: Life, Death, and Survival in the Union Army” — Speaker: Dr. Brian Matthew Jordan
- December 11, 2024 – “‘Connivers in Corsets’ – Female Spies & Smugglers during the Civil War” — Speaker: Barbara Toncheff
- January 8, 2025 – The Annual Dick Crews Memorial Debate – Topic: “The Table Is Set, So Who Are You Bringing Along?”
- February 12, 2025 – “Stonewall Jackson at Gettysburg” — Speaker: Dr. Chris Mackowski
- March 12, 2025 – “Vicksburg, General Grant & Me” — Speaker: Steve Pettyjohn
- April 9, 2025 – “Lincoln’s Lawyers” — Speaker: Judge William F.B. Vodrey
- May 14, 2025 – “After Lee’s Surrender: A Country in Turmoil” — Speaker: Dr. Curt Fields as Ulysses S. Grant

2025–2026 Program Schedule

- September 10, 2025 – “Black Americans in Mourning: Reactions to the Assassination of Abraham Lincoln” — Speaker: Leonne M. Hudson
- September 26–27, 2025 – Annual Field Trip – Vicksburg, Mississippi: The Vicksburg Campaign
- October 8, 2025 – “Hell by the Acre: The Stones River Campaign” — Speaker: Dan Masters
- November 12, 2025 – “United States Colored Troops (USCT)” — Speaker: Edward Gantt
- December 10, 2025 – “Bleeding Kansas: The War before the Civil War” — Speaker: Andrew Mangels
- January 14, 2026 – The Annual Dick Crews Memorial Debate – Topic: “Other than Ohio, what was the most important state, North or South, during the Civil War era?”
- February 11, 2026 – “Citizenship and Politics: How They Evolved during and after the Civil War” — Speaker: Brian K. Mitchell
- March 11, 2026 – “From Battlefield to WAC Training Center: Chickamauga Beyond the Civil War” — Speaker: Molly W. Sampson
- April 8, 2026 – “Civil War Medicine” — Speaker: Fred Marquinez
- May 13, 2026 – “General Winfield Scott Hancock, Commander of the U.S. Second Corps” — Speaker: Brian Burtka



List of Roundtable Field Trips

The following is a list of past Cleveland Civil War Roundtable field trips indicating the year and location of the outing.

2025 – Vicksburg, MS
2024 – Gettysburg, PA
2023 – Manassas, VA
2022 – Shenandoah Valley, VA
2021 – Chickamauga, GA; Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge, TN
2020 – Petersburg, VA
2019 – Springfield, IL
2018 – Antietam, MD; Harper’s Ferry, WV
2017 – The Peninsula and Hampton Roads, VA
2016 – Chancellorsville, Wilderness, and Spotsylvania Court House, VA
2015 – Gettysburg, PA
2014 – Franklin, TN
2013 – Antietam and South Mountain, MD
2012 – The Rivers Campaign, Fort Henry, and Fort Donelson, TN
2011 – Lee’s Retreat from Petersburg to Appomattox Court House, VA
2010 – Winchester and the Seven Days Battles, VA
2009 – Richmond, the Seven Days Battles, Overland Campaign, and Petersburg, VA
2008 – Gettysburg, PA
2007 – Chickamauga, GA; Chattanooga, TN
2006 – Perryville, KY; Underground Railroad Freedom Center, OH
2005 – Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, VA
2004 – Franklin, Nashville, and Stones River, TN
2003 – Shiloh, TN; Corinth, MS
2002 – Shenandoah Valley, VA
2001 – Charleston, SC
2000 – Washington, DC
1999 – Richmond, VA
1998 – Antietam and South Mountain, MD; Harpers Ferry, WV
1997 – Gettysburg, PA
1996 – Manassas, VA
1995 – Vicksburg, MS
1994 – Nashville, TN (Battles of Stones River, Franklin, Nashville, and Spring Hill)
1993 – Chickamauga, GA; Chattanooga, TN
1992 – Petersburg and Appomattox Court House, VA
1991 – Gettysburg, PA
1990 – Richmond, VA; Seven Pines and Seven Days Battles, VA
1989 – Winchester, VA
1984 – Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Wilderness, and Spotsylvania Court House, VA
1983 – Kelly’s Ford, Brandy Station, Cedar Mountain, Mine Run, Groveton, and Bristoe Station, VA



List of Roundtable Field Trips (continued)

1981 – Chickamauga, GA; Chattanooga, TN
1980 – Fort Monroe, Hampton Roads, and Yorktown, VA
1979 – Shiloh, TN; Brice's Cross Roads, Iuka, and Tupelo, MS
1978 – Columbia and Charleston, SC
1977 – Lexington, Harrisonburg, Cross Keys, Port Republic, Winchester, Front Royal, Cedar Creek, and Fisher's Hill, VA
1976 – Manassas, VA; Antietam and South Mountain, MD
1975 – Saratoga and Ticonderoga, NY
1974 – Gettysburg, PA
1973 – Richmond and Appomattox Court House, VA
1972 – Vicksburg, MS
1971 – Sherman's Atlanta Campaign, GA
1970 – Washington, DC
1969 – West Virginia battlefields
1968 – West Point Academy and Saratoga, NY
1967 – Fredericksburg, VA
1966 – Nashville and Stones River, TN
1965 – Chickamauga, GA; Chattanooga, TN
1964 – Antietam and South Mountain, MD
1963 – Central Kentucky
1962 – Richmond, VA
1961 – Gettysburg, PA
1960 – Manassas and Brandy Station, VA
1959 – Shenandoah Valley
1958 – Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Wilderness, and Spotsylvania Court House, VA
1957 – Antietam, MD; Harpers Ferry, WV; Winchester, VA



Cleveland Civil War Roundtable Presidents

1957 – Kenneth Grant*	1991–1992 – Bob Baucher
1957–1958 – George Farr Jr.	1992–1993 – Kevin Callahan
1958–1959 – John Cullen Jr.	1993–1994 – Robert Battisti
1959–1960 – Howard Preston	1994–1995 – Norton London
1960–1961 – Charles Clarke	1995–1996 – John Sutula
1961–1962 – Edward Downer	1996–1997 – Dan Zeiser
1962–1963 – Paul Guenther	1997–1998 – John Moore
1963–1964 – Guy Di Carlo Jr.	1998–1999 – Dick Crews
1964–1965 – Lester Swift	1999–2000 – Bob Boyda
1965–1966 – Donald Hamill	2000–2001 – William F.B. Vodrey
1966–1967 – William Schlesinger	2001–2002 – Bill McGrath
1967–1968 – Frank Moran	2002–2003 – Maynard Bauer
1968–1969 – Donald Heckaman	2003–2004 – Warren McClelland
1969–1970 – Frank Schuhle	2004–2005 – Mel Maurer
1970–1971 – Kenneth Callahan	2005–2006 – Dave Carrino
1971–1972 – Bernard Drews	2006–2007 – John Fazio
1972–1973 – Arthur Jordan	2007–2008 – Terry Koozer
1973–1974 – Nolan Heidlebaugh	2008–2009 – Jon Thompson
1974–1975 – Thomas Gretter	2009–2010 – Dennis Keating
1975–1976 – James Chapman	2010–2011 – Lisa Kempfer
1976–1977 – Milton Holmes	2011–2012 – Paul Burkholder
1977–1978 – Richard McCrae	2012–2013 – Mike Wells
1978–1979 – William Bates	2013–2014 – Jim Heflich
1979–1980 – Charles Spiegle	2014–2015 – Patrick Bray
1980–1981 – Thomas Geschke	2015–2016 – Chris Fortunato
1981–1982 – John Harkness	2016–2017 – Jean Rhodes
1982–1983 – William Victory	2017–2018 – Hans Kuenzi
1983–1984 – Neil Evans	2018–2019 – Dan Ursu
1984–1985 – Brian Kowell	2019–2020 – C. Ellen Connally
1985–1986 – Tim Beatty	2020–2021 – Steve Pettyjohn
1986–1987 – George Vourlojianis	2021–2022 – Mark Porter
1987–1988 – Martin Graham	2022–2023 – Lily Korte
1988–1989 – Neil Glaser	2023–2024 – Robert Pence
1989–1990 – Ken Callahan Jr.	2024–2025 – Gene Claridge III
1990–1991 – Joe Tirpak	2025–2026 – Charles Patton

**Kenneth Grant served as Roundtable President only during the late winter and early spring of 1957. Other Roundtable Presidents served from the fall until the spring.*

