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### ANNUAL DUES

Individual 15.00  
Family 22.50  
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### MEETINGS

The second Wednesday of  
the month at 7:00 p.m.  
in Truman H.S. Library

July - Annual Picnic  
September - Cemetery Tour  
December - Christmas Party

**Visitors Welcome**

## CHRISTMAS PARTY



About 30 members and guests attended the Christmas Party at Loose Park on Saturday, December 12. The food and "Karen's" holiday slush were the highlight of the afternoon!

Numerous door prizes were provided and almost everyone in attendance won at least one prize (some cheated, and won two...only kidding). In addition to a beautiful CWRT sofa pillow, quilted and donated by Claudetta McCorkendale, the prizes included Civil War coffee mugs, several different Civil War books, Civil War Map, framed poster of the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the founding of Lexington, Missouri, and jars of homemade pickle relish made by Bob Benson's 97-year old mother! Thanks to everyone who donated door prizes.

Certificates were awarded to this editor and her husband Lucky, for hosting the fall wiener roast and publishing the newsletter. The certificates are very much appreciated.

Special thanks to Sonny and Karen Wells, Bob Benson, Faye Dennison, Claudetta and Charles McCorkendale, and John and Joyce Morgan, for setting up the tables and putting up the decorations. The room decorations were very festive and set the mood for the Holiday Season. If I've missed some names, I'm sorry....you know who you are and your help was appreciated!

## Plan ahead for January 13<sup>th</sup>, meeting!

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Our next meeting is  
Wednesday, January 13, 1999

at

Truman High School - Library  
3301 S. Noland Road  
Independence, Missouri

Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

(This is an "OPEN" meeting. Members are encouraged to bring their Civil War memorabilia, stories, or anything they wish to share with the group. These Open meetings tend to be very informative and fun!)

Refreshments to follow

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**Hope to see you there!**

**P.S. Call Tim if you want to be a part of the program!**



## ~ ~ ~ Happenings Around the Area ~ ~ ~

### Outlaw Christmas with Frank James

On **December 19**, the 1859 Jail, Marshall's Home and Museum presented *An Outlaw Christmas with Frank James* from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Once again the Old Jail housed the notorious Frank James. The traitorous Dick Liddil made his appearance as well as the prosecution and defense lawyers.

Lucky Mason from the CWRT played the part of Jailer Holland. Crossroads of Kansas City, shown on Channel 41, also taped the program on December 16<sup>th</sup> and it was aired the following Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:55 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 10:31 p.m.

The event recreated the Christmas season of 1882 when Frank James was in the 1859 Jail.

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### Index of the Civil War in Missouri

#### Links and Resources available on the Internet

There is a website available sponsored by the MO Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS).

This website is a focal point for anyone interested in the Civil War in MO. It is updated at least once a month with a target at the end of each month. MOLLUS is the oldest existing Civil War descendant organization, founded in 1865, and is a proud sponsor of the website.

To find out more about the MOLLUS website, use [momollus@mail.usmo.com](mailto:momollus@mail.usmo.com) OR write The Missouri Cammandery of MOLLUS, 302 W. Springfield Ave., Union, MO 63084 for more information on how to use the site.

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### DUES FOR 1999 NOW DUE

A friendly reminder once again that you can pay your 1999 dues any time by sending a check to CWRTWM, c/o Beverly Shaw, 17313 E. 51<sup>st</sup> Terr. Ct., Independence, MO 64055.

Single	\$15.00
Family	\$22.50
Student	\$ 5.00



### CONDOLENCES

Robert Crick, 61 years of age, died December 26, 1998 at St. Luke's Hospital. Robert was a relatively new member of the CWRT. He leaves his wife, two daughters, one son and four grandchildren.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Sandra Crick and her family.

### Schedule of Events

#### January

- 9-10 **Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of New Orleans - Chalmette, Chalmette Battlefield**
- 13 **CWRTWMO Meeting - 7 PM**  
Library at Truman High School - 3301 S. Noland Rd.  
Open Meeting - Show & Tell
- 20 **Board Meeting - 7 PM**  
Truman Campus, Rm. 101  
**All new officers and Board Members Attend)**

#### Mid-Continent Library Programs

The following programs might be of interest and are offered in January throughout the Metropolitan area.

- Jan 12** 1:00 pm - Guerilla Warfare in Western MO in 1859  
150 NW Oldham Rd., Lee's Summit, MO  
2:00 pm - Buffalo Soldiers - Kearney, MO
- Jan 14** 7:00 pm - Civil War Balladeer - Lone Jack, MO
- Jan 18** 4:00 pm - Civil War Balladeer - Dearborn, MO
- Jan 20** 7:00 pm - History Surrounding James Bros. & Quantrill  
850 NW Hunter Drive, Blue Springs, MO
- Jan 21** 7:00 pm - Mathew Brady Photos - 8600 N. Executive Hills Blvd., Kansas City, MO
- Jan 30** 2:00 pm - Tales of Jesse James - Kearney, MO

### What's in a Name?

Mudwall Jackson  
Little Napoleon  
Ole Wooly Horse  
Old Lop Ear  
Flying Dutchman  
Bloody Chaplain  
Missouri Swamp Fox  
Retreating Joe  
Granny  
Old Beeswax  
Pathfinder of the Seas  
Old Bald Head  
Black Jack  
Kill Cavalry  
Old Pap

MG Franz Sigel US  
Col. John Whitehead US  
BG Jeff Thompson CS  
MG George McClelland US  
Gen. Sterling Price CS  
BG William Jackson CS  
LG Richard S. Ewell CS  
MG John A. Logan U.S.  
Adm. Raphael Semmes CS  
Gen. Jos. E. Johnston CS  
BG Hugh J. Kilpatrick US  
Gen. Robert E. Lee CS  
MG Jubal Early CS  
Adm. Matthew F. Maury CS  
MG John C. Fremont US

**Match the above Nicknames with its owner!**





## A HAPPY NEW YEAR OR WAS IT?

The first initial shots of the Civil War rang out on April 12, 1861 at Fort Sumter. From then on, the Southern people's mindset was such that they were prepared to launch the country into war to substantiate the validity of their cause. Issues were divided along party-political rather than economic, social or geographical lines.

The early days of the war were chaotic, but days that set the pattern of the war and the manner in which it would be fought. Eleven states seceded to form the Confederate States of America -- Missouri itself was deeply torn by North and South loyalties. Robert E. Lee switched sides and accepted his command as a Confederate general. The war gained momentum -- by the New Year 1862, neither Union nor the Confederacy had a clear advantage. A long and bitter conflict lay ahead!

### January 1862

By *January 1862*, both North and South were exploring the enemies positions. *January 19, 1862*, the Ninth Ohio Volunteers led a bayonet charge at Mill Springs, Kentucky. Their defeat created a gap in the Confederate line of defense in Tennessee and Kentucky.

This was the year of the Battles of Bull Run, Second Battle of Bull Run, Battle of Pea Ridge, Battle of Antietam, Battle at Murfreesboro, and the Battle of Fredericksburg. There were others.

By December 29, Sherman's forces had landed north of Vicksburg at Chickasaw Bluffs where they were defeated.

*A Happy New Year or Was It?*

**On New Year's Eve, Elisha Rhodes, a private from Pawtuxet, RI, took stock of the year just past:** *"December 31. Well, the year 1862 is drawing to a close. As I look back I am bewildered when I think of the hundreds of miles I have tramped, the thousands of dead and wounded that I have seen...The year has not amounted to much as far as the War is concerned, but we hope for the best and feel sure that in the end the Union will be restored. Goodbye 1862."*

### January 1863

Neither the Union nor Confederacy had an advantage. Victory and defeat had taken its toll on both sides. Union Major General Joseph Hooker (Fightin Joe) was in command of the Army of the Potomac in *January 1863*.

The Battles of Chancellorsville took place in April of this year, and the Battle of Vicksburg in July. But the Battle of Gettysburg was the costliest battle of the War. The disastrous "Pickett's Charge" left 9,000 Southern troops either dead or wounded. When the battle ended, there were 23,000 Union and 30,000 Confederate casualties (although the exact number has not been confirmed).

September brought the Battle of Chickamauga. In November even more fighting took place around Chattanooga

Missionary Ridge, Raccoon Mountain, and Lookout Mountain.

*A Happy New Year or Was It?*

### January 1864

*January 1864* began with a Union advantage because they believed a strong effort by the Union armies during early spring and summer would break the Confederacy completely. Many felt Grant was the man to lead the Union armies to victory and end the senseless conflict.

In May, heavy losses occurred in 11 days of fighting at the Spotsylvania Courthouse. On November 15, Sherman's "March to the Sea" commenced, cutting a path 60 miles wide across the heart of Georgia. On December 15, Lt. General John Bell Hood's army attacked Nashville and by the second day the Union had won. This ended the War in the West.

On all major fronts, the *New Year* heralded bleak prospects and dark inevitabilities for the south. The war was essentially lost and it was only a matter of time before gunfire ceased.

*A Happy New Year or Was It?*

### January 1865

There was little doubt who the victors of the Civil War would be. Grant, assisted by Sherman had ripped through the heart of the South. Each day prolonging the war meant further hardships. The war had yet not ended and it continued on to the spring of 1865 with the Battle for Richmond and Petersburg.

The capital of the Confederacy, Richmond, burned on April 2 and on April 9, 1865, Lee accepted and conceded to Grant's terms for surrender.


After four long years, the Civil War was over, although in many men's minds it would never end. It would burn in their hearts until they were laid to rest.


*A Happy New Year or Was It?*

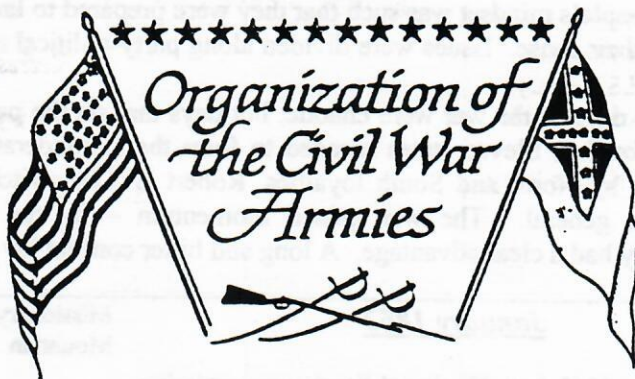
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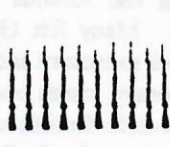
# KEY TO SYMBOLS


 = 100 men  
(a company)


 = 1,000 men  
(a regiment)




 = COMPANY (100 men)  
*Led by captain and two lieutenants.*

 = REGIMENT (10 companies, or 1,000 men)  
*Led by colonel;  
known by number and state.*

 = BRIGADE (5 regiments, or 5,000 men)  
*Led by brigadier general.*

 = DIVISION (3 brigades, or 15,000 men)\*  
*Led by major general.*

 = CORPS (3 divisions, or 45,000 men)\*  
*Led by lieutenant general (Confederacy)  
or major general (Union).*



\*Divisions sometimes had as many  
as five brigades.

\*Corps sometimes had as many  
as five divisions.