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## ANNUAL DUES

Individual 15.00  
Family 22.50  
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## MEETINGS

The second Wednesday  
at 7 pm, in the Library,  
at Truman High School,  
3301 South Noland Rd,  
Independence, Missouri,  
except July, August  
and December.

Visitors Always  
Welcome

## FROM THE PRES.....

Here's hoping all had an enjoyable Thanksgiving. One of the ads I saw on a station out of Sioux City showed a turkey holding a sign which said *Eat More Chicken*.

As previously announced and approved by the Board of Directors, the election of officers was delayed until December so as to meet the criteria of the Bylaws that the list of Nominating Committee recommendations be published in the newsletter in the issue immediately proceeding the stated date of election.

Thus the election will be a part of the Christmas Party meeting. Because some will not be at this meeting an Absentee Ballot is enclosed with this issue of **The Border Star**. A space for write in candidates is included on the ballot. Mailed in ballots will remain sealed until tallied by the Nominating Committee just prior to the voting.

This unusual twist in the election procedure was caused by the October Winter storm which knocked out power and phones thus delaying the search for nominees.

Unusual Meeting, yet it was fun and enlightening. That is the way to describe the October meeting. Because of the possible bad weather I had Tim contact our scheduled speaker to be sure of her availability. She will be rescheduled for 1997, possibly in April.

Thus the program became a card game. I really mean it... a Civil War Trivia card game. The end result was surprising. The lesser value questions on the cards were more difficult than some of the higher value questions. It was fun and it was a learning experience.

*One dozen new CWRT Medals have arrived and will be available at the party. The new ones are exactly like the first ones except in price. Price went up over \$2.00 per item. This will most likely be the last ones made. Contact person is Toby Giese.*

A letter arrived in a plain white envelope with no return address. Was it a bomb? Or an ad for a free five day cruise? No, it was a letter from the president of the new Trans-Mississippi Civil War group objecting to the information published in last month's issue.

Item 1. *The officers are not all from the St. Louis and KC RT's.* True. One of the officers is from Mid-Missouri. My error.

Item 2. *No correspondence has been sent out because the organization is not complete.* If so, then why did the names of several groups appear in the St. Louis RT's newsletter with the indication these groups were a part of the new organization. Any one else confused?

I believe the goals of this new group are worthy. I still maintain it would have been much better if all Civil War interest groups in the Missouri and Border War area would have been given the chance to be a part of the organizational process instead of an "also ran".

Our first meeting in 1997 will be on Joshua Chamberlain. During their visit to New England last year, Brad and Amy Holmes made contact with the Chamberlain Museum in Maine and arranged to use the museum's traveling program to do this special presentation for our Round Table. The meeting will be at the Truman Campus Building, just north of the Truman Library. Use the South door close to the west parking lot of the Truman Library.

A trip to visit the White House, now on display at Truman Library, is being planned for the week between Christmas and New Year's Eve. Interested? Call Sonny or Tim.

*A Most Memorable Christmas Anyone who has an unusual story to share about a special Christmas happening is invited to share that experience with the others at the Christmas Party. If you do not wish to tell the story yourself, write it out and someone else will read it for you, no names, dates or places required. See you there.*



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### December 1996

- Sat. 14th **Christmas Party 1-4 pm**  
Loose Park Garden Center
- Sat. 28th **White House Replica Tour**  
Truman Library

### January 1997

- Wed. 8th **CWRTWMO Meeting 7 pm**  
on Joshua Chamberlain  
at Truman Campus
- Wed. 15th **Board Meeting 7 pm**  
Truman Campus, Room 101

### February 1997

- Wed. 12th **CWRTWMO Meeting 7 pm**  
at Truman High School
- Wed. 19th **Board Meeting 7 pm**  
Truman Campus, Room 101

## Upcoming Re-enactments

None scheduled in this area until  
next summer

## Looking ahead to 1997

### Possible Day Trip Dates

- Sat. Feb. 15th-Ray County Museum  
in Richmond. A very unique place.
- Sat. April 12th-Cass County Sites  
Pleasant Hill, Ravines Battle Site, etc.
- Sat. Aug. 9th-Keytesville, Mo.  
Tour Sterling Price Museum
- Sat. Oct. 25th-Cemetery Search  
Old Trail Sites East of Little Blue

### Possible Two Day Trip

June 13-14, The Land of Mr. Lincoln  
Springfield, New Salem, the Home,  
the Tomb, the family Pew & more

## Upcoming Programs

- January 8th-Joshua Chamberlain**  
by Brad & Amy Holmes
- February 12th-Truman & the CW**  
by NPS Speaker
- March 12th-The Lincoln's of Illinois**  
by Max & Donna Daniels
- April 9th-Falling Bricks & Fallen Women**  
by Louise Barry (Tentative)
- May 14th-Open Round Table**  
Annual Show & Tell Session
- June 11th-Mystery Topic**  
Surprise!
- July 9th or 16th-Picnic '97**  
Site to be determined
- August 13th-Cemetery Tour '97**  
Elmwood Cemetery

## Christmas Party '96

**Bob Benson** and the committee have done their thing. The list of door prizes is outstanding. The room is reserved and paid for. The meat tray is on order. All is now in order awaiting **your** arrival.

Had this party been planned for the third weekend of October in 1864, we would not have been able to have it because of the rattle of musket fire, the roar of the cannons, the charging horses and the smoke filled air.

For indeed, the Loose Park Garden Center now sits on what was the site of a major engagement of the three day conflict we now call the Battle of Westport.

But this will be on the second weekend in December of 1996. Saturday, December 14th to be exact.

Those wishing to help decorate should plan on arriving around 12:30.

Those participating in the period clothing review should be there about that same time as the show is scheduled to start promptly at 1:15.

Sometime during the clothing show the *Slush* will be ready to serve. (May I suggest sometime around 1:16)

Time for the covered dish dinner has been moved up to 2:30.

Most memorable Christmas stories will begin at 3:30. Awards and Door Prizes at 4:00.

With so many nice door prizes on the list a special system was set up to handle the drawing. Tickets are free at the door. One per person.

From hat #1, a card listing a prize will be drawn. From hat #2, a ticket with the name of the winner of that prize will be drawn.

*Haunted Gettysburg*, a new book about the spirits of the battlefield, is the latest addition to the prize list. The book includes several incidents which occurred during the filming of the movie.

Members, prospective members, former members, guests, and friends are invited.

The building is on the south side of the rose gardens in the NE part of the park.

## List of Door Prizes

Listed below are the door prizes to be awarded at the Christmas Party.

**Book-***The Devil's Backbone*,  
The Story of Pitcher Cemetery  
and the surrounding area.  
by Kathleen Tuohey  
donated by the author

**Book-***The Saga of John Fillmore  
Blake, The Last Missouri Rogue*  
by Toby Giese @1994  
donated by the author

**Set of Posters-***Corps Officers and  
Units of the Battle of Gettysburg*  
compiled by Tobe Giese @1995  
donated by the compiler

**Stamps-**Framed set of Civil War  
Commemorative stamps with CW  
picture in center.  
prepared by Dave Wells, Omaha  
Donated by The Civil War Shoppe

**Book-***My Lady of the North*  
fictional story about a lady on  
Longstreet's staff.  
Donated by Mary Ann Hazzard

**Gettysburg Items-**A binder full of  
pictures, prints and other items  
related to Gettysburg.  
From Toby Giese's files.  
Donated by Toby Giese

**Book-***Haunted Gettysburg*,  
by Bochar & Wasel @1996  
More stories about one of the most  
haunted battlefields in the world.  
Donated by a friend of the group

**Bar of Soap-**A bar of genuine, old  
fashioned Lye Soap from the Old  
Timer's Festival held at Lathrop.  
Donated by Karen Wells

**Video & Print-on** *The Pea Ridge  
Campaign of the Spring of 1862*  
Donated by Mary Ann Hazzard

**Brick-**A slave made brick from the  
site of the Liberty Arsenal.  
Donated by a Civil War Buff

All items will be on display prior to the  
drawings. Be sure to pick up your drawing  
ticket at the door.  
(Two tickets for members, one ticket for others)