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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.....

Another great Board meeting in February. The meeting ran a little longer this time because of the large amount of mail to be looked at.

Over 40 items, ranging from the Civil War Associates monthly mailing to a notice that the State of Missouri has ceased funding the Civil War Battle Flag Restoration project. Actually, they stopped funding it over two years ago without telling anyone. Meeting are underway to restore the funding.

We followed the printed agenda with only an occasional offering of outside comments.

Mary Ann Hazzard volunteered to fill the newly appointed position of Corresponding Secretary and was thusly appointed.

Copies of the Board Meeting minutes are always on the table as you enter. Pick one up as see what is going on behind the scenes. After all, it's free!

The Memorial Day tours at Union Cemetery are shaping up well. The finalized plans have been sent to the President of the Union Cemetery Historical Society and to the KCMO Park Board for approval.

While traveling in Minnesota **Jeanne Carey** picked up two copies of the St. Croix Valley CWRT newsletter. I will add them to our mailing list.

But this is an idea we can build on. As we travel around the country let us keep an eye out for other Round Tables, Civil War interest groups or copies of their publications.

The Wichita Round Table has asked if we would co-sponsor a visit by noted Civil War author William Davis. Davis is a native of Wichita and will forego a speakers fee in lieu of selling and autographing his books. Transportation, room and meals would run about \$1200 for Davis and his wife.

The Board will consider this opportunity at their next meeting.

Treasurer **Beverly Shaw** has forwarded to me the list of those who have tendered their 1996 dues. A couple of surprises. One board member and one officer were not on the list. In all 72 of the 76 on last years roster have renewed and there are 8 additions.

The 1996 Roster will be ready for distribution at the April meeting.

Are you prepared to watch Andersonville? Turner says it is the most significant film TNT has ever made. **Bullthit**. In my opinion, this "epic" does not even belong in the same league as Gettysburg or Gone with the Wind.(I know, Turner did not make GWTW)

Most infamous prison of the War?...Yes, But how about Camp Chase, Camp Sandusky and Libby. They were just as bad and maybe worse.

It is only because these places were so bad and data on them has been kept behind closed doors that the public is not aware of them.

Did the film point out the overflow in the Southern prisons, as well as the Northern prisons, was because General Grant stopped the exchange of prisoners?

Truth is there was no ideally run prison camp on either side. I was disappointed the film did not point this out, or did I miss something during a trip to the little boy's room?

Toby Giese made a video of the program which is available on a loaner basis.

Have you had enough about Jesse? Well, don't give up yet. My next article for the Liberty News will be on where is Jesse's wife "Z" (Zeralda) really buried. Next to Jesse? The grave marker says so but what do the papers show? Surprise, Surprise, Surprise!

Memorial Day Tours at Union Cemetery

Of the over 550 Union Army Veterans and nearly 50 Confederate Veterans buried in this hallowed place, very few are names one would recognize instantly. But that does not mean they were not vital to the causes they served.

John Seay, his father and two other brothers were part of a North Carolina unit at Gettysburg. They served under General Pickett. Need I say more?

John is the only one of the four that survived that day in July of 1863.

Addison Maderia, of Illinois, was a Presbyterian Minister at the beginning of the war, in the small town of Galena.

In 1862, he became a part of a hard drinking, foul mouthed, trouble maker, General's staff and is now credited with being the man who got Hiram Ulysses Grant off the bottle.

He became pastor of the largest Presbyterian Church in Kansas City and is said to have officiated at well over 400 Civil War Veterans funerals, something he said he felt obligated to do.

He is buried between two of his three wives with no mention of his service in the war on his tombstone.

George Caleb Bingham, famous artist, was the Adjutant to Col. Van Horn's unit, officially the 13th Missouri Home Guard Reserves, with the rank of Captain.

His military marker is nearly hidden, in behind the big marker placed by the Native Sons of Kansas City.

Samuel Clifton was in Lawrence with Quantrill's Partisans in August of 1863.

These and more will be on the tours.

The first tour will start at Noon or just after the usual Memorial Day Service at the Veterans Flagpole. This tour will focus entirely on Union Army Veterans.

This tour will take about 40 minutes.

The last tour will start at 2:00 with a wreath laying ceremony and tribute at the Confederate Prisoners Memorial.

This tour will focus entirely on the Confederate Army Veterans buried here.

This tour will take about 45 minutes.

There is no charge for either of the tours but a donation to Union Cemetery Historical Society is encouraged.

Little booklets about the cemetery's more unusual occupants will be available at the tent near the main gate.

These booklets were compiled by Harold DeGood and are very interesting.

Parking is always a problem so you might want to park across the street.

Video and audio tapes are allowed.

New Members

**Richard Cawby
and wife Linda**
from Lee's Summit

Eric Richey
from Corder, Mo.

**Ernie Beanland,
Marcia Beanland and
Dawn Howle**
of Kansas City

Welcome!

Guests

at the February meeting included

Debbie Richey	of Corder
Joan McFall	of Independence
Kerry Dunkerley	of Independence
Dennis Ramos	of Independence
Steven Gage	of Independence
Richard Abbot	of Lee's Summit

Hope you will come again

The Sick List

The list of those ill, just getting over an illness, recovering from recent surgery, etc..., is lengthy.

It is our hope you will all recover quickly and be back with us soon.

We miss you muchly!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

March

Wed. 13th	CWRTWMO 7 pm
	Making of Gettysburg Movie
Wed. 17th	Board Meeting 7 pm
Wed. 27th	Teachers Tour 4-6 pm

April

Wed. 10th	CWRTWMO 7 pm
	The Lincoln Conspiracy
Wed. 17st	Board Meeting 7 pm

May

Wed. 8th	CWRTWMO 7 pm
	The Sultana Incident
Wed. 15th	Board Meeting 7 pm
Sat. 18th	Armed Forces Day
	Fly the Colors
Mon. 27th	Union Cemetery Tours
	Noon & 2 pm

Designer Showcase XXVII Housesitters Needed

Have you ever wanted to "Babysit" with a multi-millionaire's mansion?

The Designer Showcase XXVII home may be your chance.

The Board has voted to support the Junior Women's Symphony Alliance Showcase fund raising project.

The three story brick and cut stone mansion is located at #3 Dunford Circle, near 64th & State Line Road.

The home was built 1917-1919 and is considered one of Kansas City's best true Tudor English style homes.

Wait until you see this place. It looks as big as Windsor Castle!

There will be 39 design areas set up, some entire rooms, some hallways and some smaller areas.

Each area needs a docent to help with the crowd and answer questions.

The showcase runs from Saturday, April 27th thru Sunday, May 19th, every day except Monday.

Shifts vary slightly but are never more than three hours at a time.

They need at least 25 people per shift and often mix groups on shifts

Beverly Shaw will be on hand at the next meeting to assist small groups in selecting times and there will be at least one date when we will want to go as a group.

Possible group dates are Tuesday, April 30th or Wednesday, May 1st.

For more information contact Beverly at 478-7648 after 10 am.

New Officer Appointed

The ever increasing amount of mail addressed to the CWRTWMO has resulted in the need of a person to read this mail and report to the group on any important items.

Mary Ann Hazzard volunteered to fill the position for this year.

Accordingly, Sonny appointed Mary Ann to the position for 1996.

It will be recommended to the Nominating Committee the position of Corresponding Secretary become a permanent position.

Bud Lillard Memorial Donation

The passing of Warren I. "Bud" Lillard was announced by a special flyer which came with last month's Border Star.

Bud was one of our newly elected Board Members.

I have been informed that one of Bud's last wishes was that a donation be made to our Round Table.

Accordingly, Kathleen Tuohey has tendered a donation in Bud's memory.

Special thanks to Kathleen for her most generous donation.

It was very heart warming to hear from Bud's family how much our Round Table had come to mean to Bud these last two years.

Although Bud's name has been removed from the listing on the front of the newsletter and the letterhead it will appear in a special place on both for the duration of his term of office.

1996 Teachers Tour

Wednesday, March 27th, from 4-6 pm, is the Independence Teachers Historic Sites tour. A somewhat shorter version this year.

The bus will leave the Administration Building parking lot promptly at 4:00. We will proceed immediately to Pitcher Cemetery, then to the old homes on South Main and Bess Truman's Birthplace, on to Woodlawn Cemetery and the cemetery in the Apartment Complex, then the Little Blue Battlefield and the Trail Ruts to the East, the Blue Mills Road Battle site, Shelby's Hospital House, Shelby's Charge up the hill site, the Turner Music Building, and the Railroad Cut Battles site.

We will get off the bus only twice. At Pitcher Cemetery and at Little Blue.

Nothing new if you have taken this tour in past years, just a little less of it.

Sonny will again be the tour guide.

Video cameras and/or audio tape is permissible as long as it is not done for personal profit.

March Program

Some years ago it was the North-South mini-series, then came the Ken Burns series on PBS. More recently it was the 4 hour Gettysburg movie.

Interest in the Civil War always rises when these special programs are aired, but Gettysburg is the one name which stands out above all other Civil War names.

This production hung around for a couple of years, mostly waiting for funding, before Ted Turner stepped in and agreed to underwrite the production.

After several months of rumors, cancellations and re-scheduling, the filming finally got underway.

As many as 5,000 re-enactors were used in some of the scenes and as few as two in others. Most were on set for only 5 days.

Many people from the Kansas City area were involved.

In one of the scenes prior to the famous charge scene the entire line of soldiers shown are local re-enactors, mostly from the 3rd Missouri Volunteer Infantry, CSA.

This scene includes Round Table member Roger Bomar.

Individually, Independence native Greg Higginbotham portrays one of General Pickett's aides in the red barn scenes.

Kevin Wells, of Parkville, was one of the production extras and appeared in many scenes, the most prominent of which is the one where he portrays General Pickett's brother, the aforementioned barn scenes.

In the presentation on the making of the film Kevin will tell how the men used in the scenes were organized, some oddities about the filming, the involvement of the "Ghost Battalion", and point out some of the things to look for when viewing the video.

He will be wearing one of the uniforms he wore during he filming.

Kevin is mentioned in the credits at the end of the film as a "Ramrod".

He was on set for over 10 weeks. In all, He appears on scene over 15 times.

Questions will be taken as time allows at the end of the program.

Others involved in the production have been invited to attend and speak.

A frameable 8 X 10 color picture of Kevin and Greg on set with Stephen Lang, (General Pickett) will be available during the break. (Only 20 available-\$5 donation to help defray appearance fee)

Black and grey reproductions of the same picture will be available for a \$1 donation.

Kevin has also appeared in North-South II, Rambo III, The Alamo, Geronimo, Son of the Morning Star, Westward the Wagons and several other pictures/mini-series.

Vicksburg M.O.H. List

The recently published list of those who received the Medal of Honor for actions during the siege of Vicksburg was very interesting.

There are 16 men who served in Missouri units on the list.

Amazingly, 11 of the 16 were from states other than Missouri.

For example, in the 8th Missouri **John Ayers** was a Pvt. in Co. H, **Matthew Bickford** a Pvt. in Co. G, **James Cunningham** a Pvt. in Co. D, **David Johnston** a Pvt. in Co. K, **John O'Dea** a Pvt. in Co. D, **William Reed** a Pvt. in Co. H, **Howell Trodgen** a Pvt. in Co. B, **John Wagner** a Cpl. in Co. F, **Joseph Wortick** a Pvt. in Co. A, and **Dennis Kirby** the Major.

All ten were from Bureau County, in central Illinois, and the nearby area.

Since the Illinois quota had been filled for that month these men were transported to Hannibal by train and enlisted in Missouri.

From the 6th Missouri Inf'ty were **James E. Flynn** a Sgt in Co. G, **Henry F. Frizzell** a Pvt. in Co. B, **Louis T. Hunt** a Pvt. in Co. H, **Joseph S. LaBille** a Pvt. in Co. C, **George Stockman** a 1Lt. in Co. C.

They were all from the Cape Girardeau area and enlisted in St. Louis.

Menomen O'Donnell enlisted in the 11th Missouri Volunteers at St. Louis but he was from Indiana.

They are among the 122 Medals of Honor awarded for this action.

Of those awarded 115 were Army Medals and 7 were Navy.

In Rememberance

Condolances are extended to **Carla Stoebeck** and family at the loss of husband and father George.

Karen and I visited with Carla for a short while at the funeral home.

Also to our son, Kurt, his wife, Kathy, and her daughter, Jennifer, at the loss of Kathy's father, Jacinto Raya, in Cheyenne, Wyoming, on February 18th.

Match Name to Birth Date

Civil War Noteables Born Before Jan. 1, 1822

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| 1. Lewis Addison Armistead | A. Feb. 3, 1805 |
| 2. Clara Harlowe Barton | B. Dec. 12, 1806 |
| 3. Braxton Bragg | C. Jan. 19, 1807 |
| 4. Samuel Ryan Curtis | D. June 3, 1808 |
| 5. Jefferson Finis Davis | E. Sep. 20, 1809 |
| 6. Jubal A. Early | F. Jun. 22, 1814 |
| 7. James H. Lane | G. Nov. 3, 1816 |
| 8. Robert E. Lee | H. Feb. 18, 1817 |
| 9. Mary Todd Lincoln | I. Mar. 22, 1817 |
| 10. James "Pete" Longstreet | J. Dec. 13, 1818 |
| 11. Sterling Price | K. Feb. 8, 1820 |
| 12. William T. Sherman | L. Jan. 8, 1821 |
| 13. Stand Watie | M. Dec. 25, 1821 |

Match Name to Birth Date

Civil War Noteables Born After Jan. 1, 1825

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| 1. James G. Blunt | A. Jan. 28, 1825 |
| 2. John Wilkes Booth | B. Jan. 22, 1826 |
| 3. Joshua Chamberlain | C. May 7, 1826 |
| 4. Francis M. Cockrell | D. July 21, 1826 |
| 5. George Armstrong Custer | E. Sep. 8, 1828 |
| 6. Varina Howell Davis | F. Aug. 7, 1829 |
| 7. Thomas Ewing, Jr. | G. Dec. 12, 1830 |
| 8. John S. Marmaduke | H. Feb. 6, 1833 |
| 9. George E. Pickett | I. Mar. 14, 1833 |
| 10. William Clarke Quantrill | J. Oct. 1, 1834 |
| 11. Joseph Orville Shelby | K. July 31, 1837 |
| 12. J. E. B. Stuart | L. Apr. 26, 1838 |
| 13. M. Jeff Thompson | M. Dec. 5, 1839 |

Rules for this month's Trivia Quiz

Let's be fair about this. Because I know Connie and Sue have access to the answers I am going to ask them to be the Judges on this one.

Some of these birth dates could be tough to dig up. I recommend you finish as many as you can and mail them to the Judges quickly.

First Prize is a full size marquee poster on *Andersonville*.

Second Prize is a promo video tape on the making of *Andersonville*.

Both prizes were donated by a generous Board Member, (I promised **Mary Ann** I would not give away who the donor was).

Thank you anonymous donor.

The Judges will determine the criteria to be used in the judging and the decision of the Judges is final.

Truthfully, I do not expect too many to come up with all answers to both quizzes. Surprise me.

Hint..Try old Civil War Calendars.

Name _____

Date Postmarked _____

Date Received _____

Score Pre-1822 _____ of 13

Score Post 1825 _____ of 13

Total Correct _____ of 26