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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.....

1995 is now history. I hope it was a good year for you. As 1996 starts out there are a few things to look forward to, historically speaking.

I have been contacted by a group seeking to restore the Slaughter Cemetery, out by Blue Springs, vandalized three years ago and nearly destroyed.

The Multnomah Plantation site and its adjacent historic sites have been saved from the housing project crews, at least until May 30. More work to do here.

A plan is being developed to utilize the old Pharis Farm. I am watching this one and am hoping for a return tour to the site by our group.

As for firsts...A plan will be presented to the group to assist the Union Cemetery Historical Society with their Memorial Day Weekend activities and set up a special tour of Civil War Burials on Legal Memorial Day.

As for Repeats...The Civil War Picnic will be the third Wednesday in July, as in '95. This time I will try not to forget the Knickers game.

Another first is coming up soon. Re-enactors who were involved in the making of the Gettysburg movie will be our program early in '96. They will be wearing their movie set attire and talk about the making of the movie, ghost stories and all.

The August Old Cemetery Tour will most likely be at Woodlawn Cemetery on Noland Road this year, although others are being considered.

September will be Civil War 104, The War in Jackson County, with several people being asked to talk on selected subjects.

October will most likely be on the Battles of Independence with a site tour a likely possibility, emphasizing sites in the Independence area.

Somewhere in here we must work in the lady from Booneville, like maybe in April or May, and the fella from the Marias des Cynges Massacre Site.

A picnic at the Confederate Memorial Park, with the Quantrill Society and the Friends of the Confederate Home, over the Columbus Day weekend, is also being considered. And a day trip to Mr. Lincoln's Home is also in the works.

A driving tour of the Civil War Monuments of Kansas City is still a possibility.

Do you have anything else in mind? Get with Tim or me and let us know.

Oh, by the way, a sight that can rarely be seen is visible right now. The old Independence to Liberty Landing trail as it came down off the bluffs, just west of Hwy 291 and just south of the Missouri River. Best seen when driving South.

The trail goes up the hill curving away from 291 Hwy, eventually passing the old Mann-Fann Cemetery at the crest of the hill, where several members of Jennison's 15th Kansas Cavalry (Redleggers) are buried.

With the leaves off the trees you will spot the old trail very easily. With the leaves on the trees.....forget it! You will know what I mean when you see it.

While you are at it, take a look at the new Missouri River Bridge now under construction. Then try to figure out the new route. Hint-it swings way to the East.

I will be in Dodge City, Kansas, speaking to the Kansas State Genealogical Society on January 10 & 11. Tim will be in charge at the Round Table Meeting.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again is February.

Happy New Year to one and all and Peace to those you love.

This is a real toughie! You must first answer the question and write your answer on the appropriately numbered line under the puzzle. Then you must find the answer within the puzzle. Answers will be found horizontally, vertically, *diagonally* and drawkcab.

The solution will be available at the February Meeting and in the newsletter.

A Battle of Westport Medal goes to everyone who completes this by February 15, 1996.

1. Location of the first battle of the Civil War
2. Nickname of the Confederate flag
3. President of the Confederate States of America
4. President of the United States of America
5. First state to secede from the Union
6. Last state to secede from the Union
7. Union commander at Fort Sumter
8. Original Confederate capital
9. Location of two battles during the Civil War
10. Bloodiest battle of the Civil War
11. Commander of the Confederate troops
12. Commander of the Union troops
13. Nickname of Confederate commander Thomas Jackson
14. Nickname for paper money issued by the Union
15. Union ironclad ship
16. Confederate ironclad ship
17. Union commander who stated, "Damn the torpedoes, full steam ahead"
18. Union commander who stated, "War is hell"
19. Author of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"
20. Superintendent of Union nurses
21. Union nurse who later founded the American Red Cross
22. Female Confederate spy
23. Female Union spy
24. Union commander from whose name "sideburns" became a term for long whiskers
25. Battle in which a famous Confederate general was unintentionally killed by his own troops
26. Important Civil War battle, called the "high water mark of the Confederacy"
27. Location of the Confederate surrender
28. Confederate warship built in Great Britain
29. President Lincoln's decision to free the slaves
30. Confederate prisoner-of-war camp in Georgia
31. Confederate commander who led a daring charge at the battle of Gettysburg
32. Nickname of Union commander Ulysses S. Grant
33. Confederate capital
34. Decisive battle that gave the Union forces control of the Mississippi River
35. Union commander known as "Tardy George"
36. Location of a bloody Civil War battle in Tennessee
37. Another Confederate warship built in Great Britain
38. Confederate city destroyed during General Sherman's "March to the Sea"
39. Confederate prison camp commander who was executed as a war criminal in 1864
40. Nickname given to northerners who opposed the war; after a poisonous snake

8. The Civil War

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Open Round Table at January 10th Meeting

It has been the practice of this group to have an open forum at least once each year to allow members to show off new items, talk about Civil War family members, review recently read books or what ever is on their minds that relates to the Civil War.

In the past Gale has shown items he has picked up in his field which was part of the Little Blue Battlefield, Bob has shown us some original paper bullets and an era saber, Harold has spoken on ministers on the battlefields and Tim has told of his Poole family.

Ahem....Did you notice? All men! Where are our women? No stories of the struggles of those left at home, or the PG wagon train, or the nurses from our area, or books about same?

Since Tim will be in charge at this meeting....I make the following suggestion....Top Priority should be given to women who wish to speak at this meeting as part of the program.

The time limit is up to 5 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes to take questions.

That may be a bit of a problem for some but I am not about to say who or how many, Whew!

These type of meetings are sometimes hard to get started but are usually fun and informative.

Bring your stuff, share it with the others and have fun doing it.

Answers to December's Puzzle

Across

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| 4. Virginia | 15. Florida |
| 5. Texas | 16. Georgia |
| 9. Georgia | 17. Mississippi |
| 11. Tennessee | 18. Virginia |
| 12. Arkansas | 19. No. Carolina |

Down

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| 1. Virginia | 8. Mississippi |
| 2. Virginia | 10. Georgia |
| 3. South Carolina | 13. Louisiana |
| 5. Tennessee | 14. Virginia |
| 6. Alabama | 15. Florida |
| 7. Tennessee | |

By the way...did I tell you these crossword quizzes were designed for 5th grade students?

Health Update

Deepest sympathies to Paul Johnstone, Jr. and the family, at the loss of his wife Jean.

Members should also be aware of the very serious illness that has befallen Ann Balhuizen.

She has been in intensive care for over three weeks now.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Paul and Dr. John during this time of special caring.

Several people are down with the sore throat, fever, runny nose, raspy cough crappy do that is going around, including me.

Military Artifact Auction

The new Roger Steffen Auction Catalog arrived over the holidays.

It is mostly Imperial German and Third Reich items this time.

The book will be on display at the January meeting.

Dues-1996 Membership dues are due
Just a little typo to remind u.

Re-enactors 1996 Schedule

as listed in the Western Campaigner

April 13-14, Davisville, Mo.
Living History & Skirmish

June 8-9, Columbia, Mo.
Living History & Skirmish

June 15-16, Jefferson Barracks (St. Louis)
Maximum Effort

June 22-23, Stuhr Museum,
(Grand Island, Nebr.)
1880's Town & good displays

July 13-14, Cole Camp, Mo.
Maximum Effort

July 27-28, Lenexa, Kansas,
Living History

August 3-4, Athens, Mo.
State Sponsored

Sept. 7-8, Fredericktown, Mo.
Maximum Effort

Sept. 28-29, Pilot Knob, Mo.
Living History & Tour

Oct. 12-13, Shelbina, Mo.
Living History & Tactical

Christmas Party '95

It was cold. It was a bit snowy and icy. It was a real good time.

Special thanks go to the team of decorators who avoided the Slush, for a while anyway, and did their thing.

The room looked real festive and had a warm feel to it.

Special thanks also to those who prepared the grub. Man, what a feast. Those who tried to get just a little bite of each dish went home unmercifully over stuffed, but enjoyed it anyway.

Top-of-the-heap thanks go to Bob Benson, chief party planner, for his work putting it all together.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to those who had done programs during the past year.

Special Certificates were given to all outgoing Board Members.

The grand prize was a 20" X 32" framed piece containing one of each kind of stamp issued by the Postal Service over the years, around a full color print of Don Trioni's Picket's Charge painting.

The stamps included all five of the Civil War Centennial Series 1961-1965, all five of the Lincoln Series, The Generals Series and the Last Reunions Set.

The winner was Claudetta McCorkendale of Richmond.

All cleaned up and out of the Rose Garden Visitors Center by 5 o'clock. Just in time to see the Plaza Lights come on.

Christmas Party '96, 2nd Saturday in December, same place, same time.

Go For It!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January

Wed.	10th	CWRTWMO 7 pm Open Round Table
Wed.	17th	Board Meeting 7 pm

February

Wed.	14th	CWRTWMO 7 pm Battle of Lexington
Thu.	15th	CWRT-Wichita 7 pm Program for new RT
Wed.	21st	Board Meeting 7 pm

March

Wed.	13th	CWRTWMO 7 pm
Wed.	20th	Board Meeting 7 pm
Wed.	27th	Teachers' Tour 4 pm