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2nd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm
Village Heights Community of Christ
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Visitors Always Welcome!

Annual Dues

Individual ----- 25.00
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President's Letter

What makes people so afraid of history?

Disclaimer: The following are my thoughts and my thoughts only.

When did discussing history become a problem? When did discussing history cause so much discomfort? When did discussing history lead to the banning of books? When did it become impossible to discuss history within any age group? When did we start to believe that discussing history would forever harm someone? When did we start to believe these things?

I will not believe that the majority of people are so afraid of the past they can't have a responsible discussion. I will not believe that a responsible discussion would harm anyone. I will not accept book banning because one person doesn't agree with the subject. (Here's a hint, don't read it if it offends you so much. Let everyone else decide for themselves. You are not the book police.)

I do encourage age-appropriate reading material followed by age-appropriate discussion. I do encourage the never-ending pursuit of knowledge. I do encourage understanding what it is you object to before you decide to against it.

I believe it would be impossible to factually study, learn and understand history without feeling some discomfort. I believe in the study of history to understand our today world. I believe in asking why. I believe in the search. I believe that the answer to understanding is found in study and conversation. I believe that the key to understanding our future is rooted in understanding our past.

~ Mike Calvert, President
Civil War Roundtable of Western Missouri

CWRTWM Calendar

May 2022 Meeting

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 -7:00 p.m. Village Heights Community of Christ Fellowship Hall, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence, MO.

Dr. Ethan Rafuse (U.S. Army Command and General Staff College),: “Back to the Chivalric Days of Yore, The Valley Campaign of 1862.” He will cover the great campaign Stonewall Jackson waged in the Shenandoah Valley in 1862. When the year began he was eager to take the offensive—too eager as setbacks in western Virginia and Kernstown demonstrated. In May, however, Jackson recovered from these setbacks and conducted a magnificent campaign of maneuver that frustrated Federal leaders from Washington to the mountains of western Virginia and won battlefield victories at McDowell, Front Royal, Winchester, Cross Keys, and Port Republic that provided a badly needed tonic to Southern morale. Ethan will also offer insights into Jackson’s personality and generalship, the Federal efforts he was so successful in thwarting, and their impact on the larger war in Virginia during the first half of 1862.

Ethan’s publications include Stonewall Jackson: A Biography, Corps Commanders in Blue, and battlefield guides to Antietam, Manassas, and Petersburg. In 2018-2019 he was the Charles Boal Ewing Distinguished Visiting Professor of Military History at the U.S. Military Academy.

June 2022 Meeting and Picnic

Wednesday June 8, 2022—7:00 p.m. In person at the Village Heights Community of Christ Fellowship Hall, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence, MO.

Alisha Cole, historical consultant: “Clara Barton.” June speaker Alisha Cole is a professional museum consultant, a social historian especially of Women's History, and writer. Her B.A. is from Stephens College and has an Interdisciplinary Degree in Historic Preservation from the University of Missouri.

For those who would like to join us for our June Picnic, please come at 6:00 p.m. The Round Table will provide bottled water and members are asked to bring a dish to share, a serving implement, and their own plate and fork.

July 2022 Meeting

Wednesday, July 13, 2022 - 7:00 p.m. In person at the Village Heights Community of Christ Fellowship Hall, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence, MO.

Dan Smith: “The Civil War in Jackson County, Missouri.”

Other History Events

Historic Preservation Month in Independence, MO

Saturday, May 7, 2022—10:00 a.m. Woodlawn Cemetery, 701 South Noland Road, Independence, MO. Mike Calvert: “Pulling the Curtain Back at Woodlawn Cemetery.” Mike will speak about lesser known residents and their final resting places. Walking tour includes the sexton’s cottage. Rain or shine. Comfortable shoes are recommended. Free.

Missouri Town 1855-Sheep Shearing

Saturday, May 7, 2022—9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 8010 East Park Road, Lee’s Summit, MO. Children’s Day with 19th century amusements such as stilts and games and helping with farm chores. Resident flock of sheep will receive their annual shearing. Living history interpreters will demonstrate shearing, washing, carding, spinning, and dyeing. Purchase your own fleece to take home. Adults-\$8. Youth & Seniors-\$4. Under 5-Free.

Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, May 10, 2022—6:00 p.m. Golden Corral, 8800 N. Skyview Avenue, Kansas City, MO. Gary and Margaret Kraisinger: “Western Cattle Trails.”

Military History Encampment

Saturday and Sunday, May 14 & 15, 2022—10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Museum of Missouri Military History, 2405 Logistics Road, Jefferson City, MO (Located at Missouri National Guard’s Ike Skelton Training Center.) From Jefferson City continue on Hwy. 50 east to Militia Drive to enter the front gate. Must show I.D. to enter grounds.

This event will show what life was like in military camps from the early 1800’s to the Vietnam War era. Reenactors will conduct weapons demonstrations of various historical weapons. Military historians will also give talks on various military topics. Free.

Inside the 1859 Jail

Sunday, May 15, 2022—Begins at 1:00 p.m. 217 North Main Street, Independence, MO. Tour the 1859 Jail and

Marshals Home and explore portions of the Jail previously closed to the public. Guides will delve into recent research and restoration work. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at this website; www.eventbrite.com/e/inside-the-1859-jail-tickets. All proceeds go to “Save the Jail Restoration Campaign” sponsored by the Jackson County Historical Society.

Mid-Missouri Civil War Round Table Zoom Meeting
Monday, May 16, 2022—7:00 p.m. Code for joining the Zoom meeting will be sent by Email. Andy Papen, “Everett Peabody and His Patrol at Shiloh.” Last meeting until the Fall.

May, 2022 Brown Bag Meeting
Wednesday, May 18, 2022—Noon. Bring your own lunch. 12:30 p.m. - Speaker. East Building at the Shawnee Indian Mission, 3403 W. 53rd Street, Fairway, KS. Charles Fritz will provide a summary of the April 28th Spring Gala of the Johnson County Kansas Heritage Foundation and the potential for a matching grant. RSVP to John Forbes at jwforbes@outlook.com.

Civil War Wednesdays at the Harris-Kearney House
Wednesday, May 18, 2022—1:00 p.m. Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO. Alisha Cole: “Women in the Civil War—Heroes in Petticoats.” \$6.00.

In Their Own Words: May Wallace & the Wallace Family Wednesday, May 18, 2022—6:30 p.m. 219 North Delaware, Independence, MO. National Park Service: “In Their Own Words” to observe the 29th anniversary of the death of May Wallace. Tour will be held outdoors weather permitting. You can bring your own lawn chair and dress for the weather. In case of inclement weather, this presentation will be moved to the Harry S. Truman National Historic Site and Visitor’s Center at 223 N. Main Street, Independence, MO. Free.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City
Wednesday, May 18, 2022—6:30 p.m. Dinner. Cost is \$32. Milburn Golf and Country Club, 7501 W. 69th Street, Overland Park, KS. Dr. Christian McWhirter from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library: TBA (Probably some aspect of the Gettysburg Address.) Reservations required by Wednesday, May 11, 2022. Email to Susan Keipp at skeipp@kc.rr.com or call (816) 333-0025.

Independence Civil War Study Group
Wednesday, May 18, 2022—7:00 p.m. Perkins

Restaurant, 3939 S. Bolger Drive, Independence, MO (across from Walmart). Angela Shear: “My Ancestor’s Account of Being A Civil War Nurse from Her Diary.”

Third Thursday at the Clay County Museum
Thursday, May 19, 2022—7:00 p.m. Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. Chery Holtman: “Col. Henry Routt and the Liberty Arsenal.”

The Old Mill Office and Pioneer Spring Cabin
Saturday, May 21, 2022—11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Guided tours will start every 30 minute at the top and bottom of each hour. On the grounds of the Frontier Trails Museum, 318 West Pacific Avenue, Independence, MO. Learn about local efforts to restore the Mill Office which was associated with the Queen of the Pantry flour mill. See the recently restored Pioneer Spring Cabin, formerly at the corner of Noland Road and Truman Road. Free.

Battle of Carthage Civil War Reenactment
Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22. Civil War Ranch, 11838 Civil War Avenue, Carthage, MO. Saturday: 9 a.m.-Opening Ceremony. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.: Camp Life, Drills, and Demonstrations. 10:30 a.m.: Ladies Tea. 12:30 p.m.: Arms Inspection. 1:00 p.m.: Reenactment. 3:00 p.m.: UDC Cake Walk. 7:00 p.m.: Civil War Ball. Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Camp Life, Drills, and Demonstrations). 10:00 a.m.: Church Service. 12:30 p.m.: Arms Inspection. 1:00 p.m.: Reenactment. Free, but there is a \$5 Car Parking donation.

Memorial Day Weekend at Union Cemetery
Saturday, May 28, 2022—10:00 a.m. Memorial Service at The flagpole. Join Scouts, reenactors, and volunteers for a “small town” memorial service. 227 E. 28th Terrace, Kansas City, MO.

1:00 p.m. “Historical Epitaphs, Voices from the Past.” Take a guided tour of historic Union Cemetery. “Union” does not refer to the Civil War; it was the union of Kansas City and Westport.

Memorial Day at the World War I Museum
Monday, May 30, 2022—10:00 a.m. 2 Memorial Drive, Kansas City, MO. Formal outdoor program with remarks from dignitaries and a keynote address. Free.

There is free admission to the Museum for all veterans and active duty military personnel. For all others, there is ½ price General Admission: Adults-\$18 x 50%=\$9. Seniors (65 and up)-\$14 x 50%=7. Youth (6-18)-\$10 x 50%=5. Children (Under 6)-Free. All weekend.

The Truman Library's Latest Renovation

Tuesday, May 31, 2022—Noon to 1:00 p.m. Truman Library, 500 W. U. S. 24 Hwy., Independence, MO. Join Sam Rushay for a sneak peek at the most recent renovations. Space is limited. Please RSVP to Truman.Library@nara.gov. In the email put "Attn: Sam." Tour will begin in the lobby at the new east entrance to the museum. Free.

Strawberry Festival at the Vaile Mansion

Saturday, June 4, 2022—9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Vaile Mansion, 1500 N. Liberty, Independence, MO.
Free admission to the grounds for arts, crafts, and antiques. For sale will be hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream, and strawberry shortcake. Wagon rides and a children's corner. Tours will also be available for the mansion—Adults-\$10.00 and Children-\$5.00.
Rain or shine.

Breakfast and Blooms

Saturday, June 4, 2022—9:00 a.m.-Breakfast under the tent. Bingham Waggoner Estate, 313 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. After breakfast there will be demonstrations: Kristin Wolf of City Roots Nursery: "How to add native plants to your existing garden." Tyler Smith: "Concrete planters to fill with succulents." Sarah Beier: "Native Plants for Nature's Sake." There will be plants for sale, a silent auction, and the Estate's boutique gift shop. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Tickets for the presentations only are \$15. To buy tickets call (816) 461-3491. Rain or Shine.

National Trails Day Event at Fort Osage

Saturday, June 4, 2022—9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy living history and many special presentations. Fort Osage National Historic Landmark, 105 Osage St., Sibley, MO. Adults-\$8, Seniors 62 and over-\$4. Youth (5-13 years)-\$4. Under 5-Free.

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News About Members And Friends

We mourn the loss of **Jim Ogle**, the head of Freedom's Frontier, who died on March 13, 2022. Jim gave us several programs about the scope and activities of this umbrella group which crosses the state line between Missouri and Kansas and helps to coordinate and support our efforts.

Wanda Rinacke, widow of Harry Rinacke, passed away on March 9, 2022. Harry was our go-to guy for helping install historical markers and maintaining the Lewis- Gregg Cemetery. Wanda was his right hand woman who made sure he got his messages.

The **1879 Chicago & Alton Depot** in Independence was in the running for an award from Engaging Local Government Leaders whose theme was "preserving historical and cultural places." In 1996 it was moved to the grounds of the National Frontier Trails Museum at 318 W. Pacific Avenue, Independence, MO and was restored for tours.

Steve Potter will be retiring from the Mid-Continent Public Library at the end of June, 2022. In all, he worked for the library for 34 years, and is retiring as Director and CEO. During his tenure Eastern Jackson County has been honored with having the Midwest Genealogy Center built on Lee's Summit Road. In the next several years a new branch called East Independence will be built at Little Blue Parkway and Heartland Drive across from the First Baptist Church of Blue Springs.

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation recently purchased the rare Mary Whitney Phelps Papers, and the Springfield-Greene County Library has started digitizing them. They will be part of Community and Conflict website. You can view it at www.ozarkscivilwar.org.

