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"Studying the Border War and Beyond"

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2nd Wednesday monthly, 7:00 pm
Village Heights Community of
Christ Church
1009 Farview Drive
Independence, Missouri

Visitors Always Welcome!

Annual Dues

Individual ----- 25.00
Family ----- 35.00
Student (under 21) ----- 5.00
Newsletter Only,
(no meetings) ----- 10.00

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President's Letter

I have just finished reading *The Siege of Vicksburg* by Timothy B. Smith. This book is one third of a trilogy on the campaign to capture Vicksburg, Mississippi 1862-1863. All books are well written and are worthy of being read. In the *Siege*, Smith writes about all the usual things that must be included in any work related to a history of the Civil War. He tells the reader about the personalities, the troops and the actions related to the battles. The one thing that stands out in *The Siege* is the effect on the civilians of Vicksburg. Smith writes of their many trials from the daily bombardment and dodging exploding shells to the near starvation when the siege ended on July 4, 1863. This started me thinking about the civilian population during the Civil War and what were the trials they faced.

Inflation – This is a story of two approaches to funding the war. The north chose to borrow money, sell bonds, enact an income tax and print more money. This led to an inflation rate of approximately 80%. The Confederacy chose not to raise taxes. They did sell bonds and printed money without it being backed by gold or silver. The inflation rate in the south was about 9000%. This hyperinflation led to the April 2, 1863 bread riot in Richmond, VA. Hungry women took to the streets demanding help. The governor refused any help. The women attacked businesses primarily looking for food. Finally, troops were deployed to quell the riot. In 1860 a barrel of flour in the south cost \$3.00 and by 1863 \$275.00.

Death – Civilian death in particular. Historians have established there could have been as many as 130,000 civilian deaths during the war. Most of this number was from disease. However, there are deaths caused by direct military action. At Vicksburg as many as dozen civilians were killed, including children with less than 50 wounded. At Fredericksburg as little as 5 were killed. At Gettysburg one. How many were killed in our area is known only to God.

The other trials that face the civilian population during the Civil War would include loss of home, loss of business, crops destroyed, deforestation, the aftermath of battle and loss of family. I encourage you to do your own study. There is one conclusion to draw; that war is not controllable. Anything and anyone in the path of combatants will suffer. There is an African proverb that says:

"WHEN ELEPHANTS FIGHT, IT IS THE GRASS THAT SUFFERS"

It is the end of another year and many, many thank you's are in order. First, thanks to all who attend our monthly meetings, without you, well there's no meeting. Second, thank you to all who have served on the board, without you and your input this would be a rudderless ship. Third, a big thank you to Barb Wormington, Pat Gradwohl, and Joyce Gillespie as they step down from the board. Fourth, thank you to the board members who agreed to serve another year and also to take on some new responsibilities. Here's to a new year and the pursuit of knowledge and understanding of the seminal event in our nation's history.

~ Mike Calvert, President
Civil War Roundtable of Western Missouri

CWRTWM Calendar

November 2022 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, November 9, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. Village Heights Community of Christ fellowship hall, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence, MO. Program; Dick Titterington: “Poor, Poor Bleeding Kansas.” We will have our Annual Meeting with Election of Officers and Board Members.

December 2022 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, December 14, 2022—7:00 p.m. Village Heights Community of Christ fellowship hall, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence, MO. Joyce Slater: “Civil War Women Come Alive.” Please stay for a Holiday Party. Would you please bring your favorite finger food or dessert to share.

Other History Events

Clay County Archives Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday, November 5, 2022 – 9:00 a.m. Frank Hughes Memorial Library (the Archives Building), 210 E. Franklin Street, Liberty, MO. Annual meeting including election of 2023 officers. Jana Jesse Becker: “World War II Prisoner of War Camp in Liberty, MO.”

Civil War Escape Room at the Lone Jack Hotel

First Three Weekends in November – Saturday, Nov. 5, Sunday, Nov. 6, Saturday, Nov. 12, Sunday, Nov. 13, Saturday, Nov. 19, Sunday, Nov. 20.

The Lone Jack Hotel is across from the Museum at 301 S. Bynum Road, Lone Jack, MO. The year is 1862. Thousands of rebel troops have recently swarmed into the area establishing clandestine recruiting camps. Union forces must be alerted! A loyal informant has hidden critical information inside the lobby. Posing as travelers, your group must locate all the clues, solve the riddles, and make your escape!

Reservations required 24 hours in advance. Go to historiclonejack.org/?tribe_events=a-deadly-combination-a-historically-themed-escape-room

Cost is \$20 per person for 2 through 5 people. \$100 for a party of 6. Please include a note with the date and time you want and Email to president@historiclonejack.org

Food on the Missouri Frontier – Fort Osage, MO

Saturday, November 5, 2022 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Fort Osage National Historic Landmark, 105 Osage Street, Sibley, MO. Encounter the aromas of Missouri’s historic foods. Fort Osage staff and volunteers will prepare a wide variety of early 19th century foods. Adults - \$8; Youth and Seniors - \$4.

This Place of Promise – Arrow Rock, Missouri

Saturday, November 5, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. at 39521 Visitor Center, Arrow Rock, MO. Gary Kremer: “A Historian’s Perspective on 200 Years of Missouri History.” How the forces of time, place, race, gender, religion, and class shaped the state of Missouri.

1904 St. Louis World’s Fair – Harrisonville, MO

Saturday, November 5, 2022 – 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Harrisonville Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room, 106 S. Independence Street, Harrisonville, MO. Zoom program presented by Karl M. Kindt: The Significance of the 1904 World’s Fair and Local Connections.” Members of Cass County Historical Society - \$10. Non-members - \$15. Go to www.cass-county-historical-society.square.site.

Cass County Civil War Round Table

Tuesday, November 8, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room, 106 S. Independence Street, Harrisonville, MO. Dennis Garstang: “The Most Famous Outlaw You Never Heard Of.”

Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, November 8, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Golden Corral, 8800 N. Skyview Ave., Kansas City, MO. Stephen Sullens: “Origination of the Pinkerton Detective Agency.”

Salute to Veterans – Fort Osage National Historic

Landmark. Saturday, November 12, 2022 – 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 105 Osage Street, Sibley, MO. Visit Fort Osage to commemorate the brave men and women who fought for our country. Veterans and active military personnel receive free admission. Otherwise, adults - \$10 and children and seniors - \$4.

Brown Bag Program – Shawnee Indian Mission

Wednesday, November 16, 2022 – Noon. North Building of the Shawnee Indian Mission, 3403 W. 53rd Street, Fairway, KS. Bring your own lunch at Noon and stay for a program at 12:30 p.m.

Lois Osborn, President of the Shawnee Mission Indian Historical Society: “The Life and Influence of Rose Philippine Duchesne, a French missionary in the 1800s who worked with various groups including displaced Native Americans.”

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Wednesday, November 16, 2022 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner. Cost is \$32. Milburn Golf and Country Club, 7501 W. 69th Street, Overland Park, KS. Dr. Daniel Cudnik: “A Forensic Study of the Lincoln Assassination.” Reservation required by Noon on November 9, 2022.

E-Mail Susan Keipp at skeipp@kc.rr.com or call 816-333-0025.

Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, November 16, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. Perkins Restaurant, 3939 S. Bolger Drive, Independence, MO (across from Walmart). Mike Calvert: “Independence Civil War Homes.”

Third Thursday at the Clay County Museum

Thursday, November 17, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO, “What’s the Weather Report? Tornadoes-Floods-Snows?”

Missouri Town 1855 Christmas Celebration

Saturday, December 3, 2022 – 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., 8010 East Park Road, Lee’s Summit, MO (Lake Jacomo). Bundle up and kick off the holiday season. Warm up by the fire, help decorate historic houses, and join with carolers. Adults - \$8. Youth and Seniors - \$4.

Candlelight Tour of Fort Osage National Historic Site

Saturday, December 10, 2022 – 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., 105 Osage Street, Sibley, MO. Experience how the holidays were celebrated at the historic Fort in the early 19th Century. Interpreters will bring the season to life during this guided candlelight tour. Cost is \$10.

Old Fashioned Christmas at Arrow Rock

Saturday, December 10, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Arrow Rock, MO. Join state historic site staff, friends, and family as they open the historic buildings for a Christmas from long ago. Site buildings will be open and decorated. Tour the buildings and visit with interpreters.

Christmas Concert at the Confederate Memorial Park

Sunday, December 11, 2022 – 2:00 p.m. Chapel on the grounds of the Confederate Memorial State Historic Site, 211 W. 1st Street, Higginsville, MO. The Lafayette County CI Blue and Gold Singers. Cookies and cider. Sponsored by The Confederate Memorial Friends Assn. and the Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources.

Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Golden Corral, 8800 N. Skyview Avenue, Kansas City, MO. Abe Reddekope: “Western Frontier Christmas Music.”

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Wednesday, December 14, 2022 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner. Cost is \$32. Milburn Golf and Country Club, 7501 W. 69th Street, Overland Park, KS. Brad Zimmerman, manager of the Chestnut Theatre in Olathe: “Musical Program Featuring Singers Dressed in Dickens Era

Attire.” Dinner Reservations required by Noon on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 by E-Mail to Susan Keipp at skeipp@kc.rr.com or call 816-333-0025.

Third Thursday at Clay County Museum

Thursday, December 15, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. “Planes, Trains, and Automobiles.”

News about Members and Friends

Good news about the **Confederate Memorial Friends Association**. Jim Beckner is the new President of the group which plans the Confederate Memorial Day programming the first Saturday of June each year at the Confederate Memorial State Historic Site at Higginsville, MO. They are also co-sponsoring a Christmas Concert on December 11, 2022 at the Chapel.

We have also heard from **Richard Stewart** concerning his “Quantrill Collection.” He has decided to keep the collection at his home rather than at a museum for the present time. He is also revamping his website. If you would like to be on his mailing list for updates on his Quantrill research, E-Mail him at qscnwa@gmail.com.

We have also received word that the **Sultana Disaster Museum** at Marion, Arkansas is fundraising for a permanent museum. On April 27, 1865 the Mississippi steamboat *Sultana* exploded her boilers when she was seven miles above the town of Memphis, Tennessee. She was carrying 2,130 people, including 1,953 recently released Union prisoners of war. After five hours of horror, the *Sultana* sank near present day Marion, AR. 1,169 people perished, making it the worst maritime disaster in American history. Contributions to “Sultana Disaster Museum, P. O. Box 211, Marion, AR 72364.

Annual Meeting of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

All dues paying members of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri are invited to vote for Officers and Board Members on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022. The following are willing to serve for another term in 2023:

President -----	Mike Calvert
2 nd Vice President ----	Terry Chronister
Secretary -----	Karen Wells
Treasurer -----	Beverly Shaw
Border Star Editor ----	Dennis Myers
Board Members:	Mike Clay
	Bill Irminger
	Denise Irminger

The following are willing to be nominated to serve for 2023:

1st Vice President ----- Denis Wormington
Historian ----- Charles Bianco
Board Member ----- Pat Gradwohl

Nominations may also be made from the floor, but please obtain permission from the nominated person in advance.

We want to thank Barb Wormington, Pat Gradwohl, and Joyce Gillespie for their service.

Dues for 2023

We will be accepting dues for 2023 at the November 9, 2022 Annual Meeting. Dues are \$25 for individuals and \$35 for couples. This includes the bi-monthly *Border Star* newsletter.

If you want the *Border Star* without membership dues, it is \$10 for 2023.

You can pay at a meeting or send a check to CWRTWM, P.O. Box 3019, Independence, MO 64055.

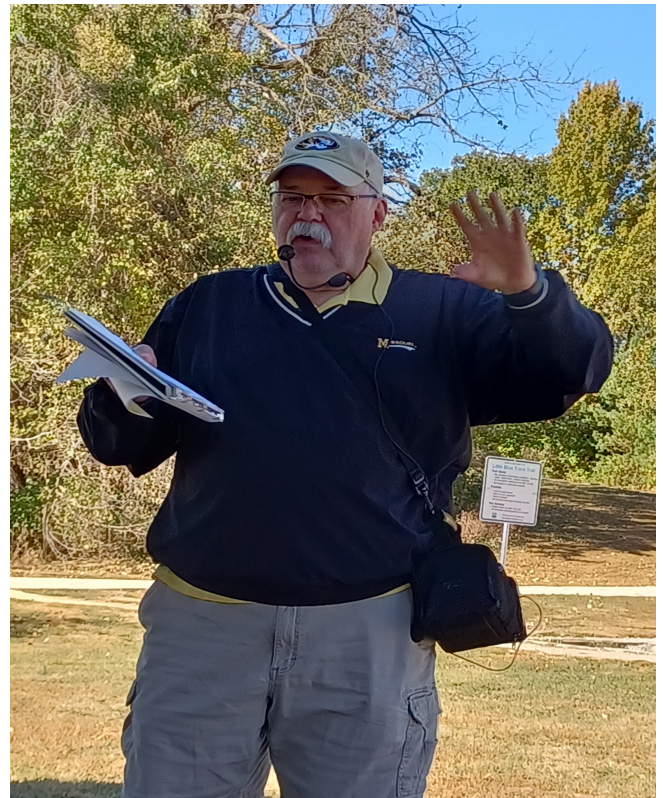
Recent CWRTWM Programs



Jim Beckner at the September 14, 2022 CWRTWM meeting talking about the burnt district and “Missouri Towns That Got Burned.”



Cindy Taylor, President of the William Clark Quantrill Society, at the October 12, 2022 CWRTWM meeting talking about Quantrill.



Mike Calvert, President CWRTWM, speaking at the Tour of the Little Blue Battlefield, Friday, October 21, 2022, 158 years to the day since the battle on Friday, October 21, 1864.

