



# ★ *The Border Star* ★

*Official Publication of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri*  
*"Studying the Border War and Beyond"*

THIS MONTH IN THE WAR: September is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Chickamauga Campaign in the mountains near Chattanooga, TN and Lafayette, GA. This was the bloodiest battle of the war in the Western Theatre. It is prophetic that the ancient Cherokee Indian name for Chickamauga Creek means "River of Death."

September 2013

## The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

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2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month  
7:00 p.m.

Villages of Jackson Creek  
3980-A S. Jackson Drive  
(lower level)

Independence, Missouri

**Visitors Always Welcome!**

### Annual Dues

Individual ----- 20.00  
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Student (under 21) ----- 5.00  
Newsletter Only (no meetings) 10.00

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## *President's Letter*

When I was sitting around trying to think of a topic for this edition of the Border Star it came to mind that maybe many of you may not know how round tables come into existence.

First, what makes a Civil War Round Table? It's really just of group of ordinary people that share a common interest in the American Civil War. Notice I did say ordinary. No mention is made of academic credentials or expert in the field. Though, these persons would be welcome. All walks of life make up a Round Table. Which I think is the organizations strength. There is no national, over arching organization. However, there are Round Tables not only in the US, but in many foreign countries. You could walk into a Round Table in Germany and feel right at home discussing your common interest.

What do Round Tables do? Have refreshments and dinner. That's the short answer. Round Tables have monthly meetings, promote local Civil War events, lead tours, have guest speakers and are battlefield preservationists just to name a few things.

That's just a little part of what Round Tables are and do. If you haven't noticed it I have described us. We are just an ordinary group of people who have a common interest, who enjoy learning and who care about the history of our great nation. We started 20 years ago on this journey together. Some are still with us, others have moved on and others have joined in. In 20 years of changes and staying the same I can safely say we have not lost sight of what brought this group of ordinary people together in the first place: the desire to know more and the need to share. Thanks for letting me take part.

Quiz time: Name the oldest and second oldest Round Tables.

~Mike Calvert, President

## **Use of Keypad at Villages of Jackson Creek**

Our meeting room is in the Fitness Center on the lower level of the far east wing with the number "3980A" above the entrance. If the inside sliding door is secured, use the keypad on the right to enter 1207\* and stand in front of the door to activate. If there is a problem, call Beverly at (816) 225-7944 (cell). To exit the building, use the keypad to the left of the sliding door and enter 1207\*. Stand directly in front of the door to activate. Please do not try to force the door but instead call Beverly at (816) 225-7944 for assistance.

## CWRTWM Calendar

### September 2013 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, September 11, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. The Villages of Jackson Creek (lower level), 3980-A S. Jackson Drive, Independence, MO. Showing of Part 6 of the Ken Burns Civil War series: “Valley of the Shadow of Death.” Popcorn and soft drinks.

### September 2013 Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 18, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. A Work Party to set up for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon. Meet at the Walnut Gardens Community of Christ, 19201 R. D. Mize Road, Independence, MO.

### 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon

Saturday, September 21, 2013 – 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Walnut Gardens Community of Christ, 19201 R.D. Mize Road, Independence, MO. (Handicapped Accessible with ramp from parking lot and elevator inside). \$15 per person for lunch. Send reservation checks to CWRTWM, P.O. 3019, Independence, MO 64055. Gathering at 11:00 a.m. for fellowship and PowerPoint of past activities. Lunch at noon followed by a short program and our speaker, Darryl Levings of the Kansas City *Star* to talk about his book *Saddle the Pale Horse* based on the Battle of Westport. Copies will be available for sale and autographing. **We need your reservation check by September 17, 2013.**

### October 2013 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 9, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. Villages of Jackson Creek. Mark Kelly: John Dougherty and his Little Dixie plantation called Multnomah.

### November 2013 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, November 13, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. Villages of Jackson Creek. Carol Dark Ayres: Lincoln in Kansas.

### December Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 7, 2013 – Noon. Loose Park Garden Center, Kansas City, MO. Aaron Barnhart and Diane Eichoff: *The Big Divide*.

## Other Civil War Events and Exhibits

### Exhibit: Guerrillas in Our Midst

Now through December 29, 2013. Central Library, 14 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO. Drawings and Photographs from the Missouri Valley Special Collections.

### Exhibit: Order No. 11 Arrives at The Box Gallery

Now through October 25, 2013. Commerce Bank

Building, 1000 Walnut Street, Suite #221, Kansas City, MO. Hours are Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Free and open to the Public. Order No. 11: Martial Law on the Missouri Border. Civil War-era objects and reproductions, map graphics, original portrait of two Missouri sisters caught in the war, a reproduction sculpture of a Civil War-era handcart, and a video which elaborates on the display.

### Labor Day Weekend at Fort Scott National Historic Site

Sunday, September 1, 2013 – 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Fort Scott National Historic Site, Old Fort Boulevard, Fort Scott, KS. Focus on health, wellness, and safety of soldiers. 11:00 a.m. – Thunder Wagon: Artillery Demonstration. 1:00 p.m. – Guided Tour. 2:00 p.m. – Thunder Wagon. 3:00 p.m. – “A Glorious Country For Sportsmen” – Interpretive talk. 4:00 p.m. – Flag Retreat.

Monday, September 2, 2013 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Fort Scott National Historic Site. 10:00 a.m. – Soaps Suds Row – Laundress Talk. 11:00 a.m. – Thunder Wagon. 1:00 p.m. – “The Crack Post of the Frontier” Guided Tour. 2:00 p.m. – Thunder Wagon. 3:00 p.m. – “Bug Juice Use and Abuse: Alcoholism in the Frontier Army” – Interpretive talk. 4:00 p.m. – Flag Retreat. Free.

### Bleeding Kansas, Bleeding Missouri

Tuesday, September 3, 2013 – 6:30 p.m. Plaza Library, 4801 Main Street, Kansas City, MO. Jonathan Earle and Diane Mutti Burke, Editors of *Bleeding Kansas*, *Bleeding Missouri*, will be joined by contributing writers Kristen Oertel, Jennifer Weber, and Jeremy Neely. RSVP to (816) 701-3481.

Also available is an archived edition of “Up to Date” on [www.kcur.org](http://www.kcur.org) when they spoke with Steve Kraske about the book on August 21, 2013. “Past Bleeding into Present: Quantrill’s Raid.”

### Shoal Creek Living History Museum

Saturday, September 7, 2013. 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Shoal Creek Village in Robert Hodge Park (north of the Missouri River off Highway 152, Shoal Creek Parkway and Barry Road. Re-enactors bring the 19<sup>th</sup> century village to life in first person character.

### Liberty, Missouri Walking Tour

Saturday, September 7, 2013 – 10:00 a.m. Historical Murals. Meet at the Lewis and Clark Mural, Corner of Mill and S. Water Streets.

### Jackson County Historic Truman Courthouse

Rededication - Saturday, September 7, 2013 – 2:00 p.m. Courthouse on the Square, Independence, Missouri. 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the original 1933 Harry S. Truman

Dedication. National Anthem performed by Ida McBeth. Tour of the Courthouse after the ceremony. The southwest corner of the second floor will feature the George Caleb Bingham collection of Mr. and Mrs. Ken McClain. Tentative hours of the gallery will be Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in a scheduled group format and shorter hours on Saturday.

Trouble on the Border: Order No. 11 Marionette Theater - Tuesday, September 10, 2013 – 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Harrisonville Library, 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO. Puppetry Arts Institute performs an original scripted production about Order No. 11. Suitable for ages 9 - Adult. Free but you must get a ticket in advance. Call (816) 884-3483 or contact Sara Steinmetz at [steinmetzs@casscolibrary.org](mailto:steinmetzs@casscolibrary.org).

Posse of the Westerners  
Tuesday, September 10, 2013 – 6:00 p.m. – Dinner (\$25) Golden Ox, 1600 Genessee Street, Kansas City, MO. Charlie Wilson – The Pony Express. For dinner reservations call Ann Schultis at (816) 456-0669.

CWRTWM Membership Meeting  
Wednesday, September 11, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.  
See Round Table Calendar above.

National Frontier Trails Center  
Thursday, September 12, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. National Frontier Trails Center, 318 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. Charles Robison: Extermination Order: Latter Day Saints in 1830s Missouri. Free.

NFTM Annual Breakfast and Program  
Saturday, September 14, 2013 – 8:30 a.m. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 Pacific, Independence, MO. Artist and writer Cheryl Harness – “Tales of the Civil War.” \$8 per person. For reservations call (816) 325-7575 or send a check to Friends of the NFTM, 318 Pacific, Independence, Missouri 64050.

Battle of Marshall 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Saturday and Sunday, September 14 and 15, 2013.  
Parking at the Saline County Fairground, U.S. 65 and Fairground Road, Marshall, MO. Shuttles to Indian Foothills Park. Come for the day; bring a lawn chair.  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – Santa Fe Trail Festival. 11:30 – Re-enactment Camps open. 2:00 p.m. – Battle begins. 7:00 p.m. – Country Dance. 8:00 p.m. – Artillery Night Firing.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – Church Service. 11:30 a.m. – Camps open. 1:30 p.m. – Battle Begins. 2:15 p.m. – Final Remarks. Free.

Visit: [www.battleofmarshall.org](http://www.battleofmarshall.org) or call (660) 815-0258.

Wyandotte County (KS) Museum Crawl  
Saturday, September 14, 2013 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Eight museums available for \$5; children under 5 are free. Tickets available at any participating museum: Clendenen History of Medicine at KU Med Center, Grinter Place, Ag Hall of Fame, Old Quindaro Museum, Quindaro Underground Railroad Museum, Strawberry Hill Ethnic Museum, Sumner High School Alumni Room and Wyandotte County Historical Museum.

Order No. 11 at the Rice-Tremonti Home  
Saturday, September 14, 2013 – 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Rice-Tremonti Home, 8801 E. 66<sup>th</sup> Street, Raytown, MO. 11:00 a.m. – Event starts. 1:00 p.m. – George Caleb Bingham debates General Ewing. 2:00 p.m. – March of Union troops upon the Plantation. 2:10 p.m. – Reading of Order No. 11 by Provost Marshall. 2:20 p.m. – Assault upon the Plantation by Union Troops enforcing Order No. 11. 3:45 p.m. – Bingham speaks to the crowd. Free and open to the public.

From 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. there is a special candlelight tour which costs \$10 and benefits the Jackson County Historical Society and the Rice-Tremonti Home.

How Did they Do that? (Moving the Harris-Kearney House) - Saturday, September 14, 2013 – 2:00 p.m.  
Westport Library, 118 Westport Road, Kansas City, Missouri. Ross Renne, a 5<sup>th</sup> generation family member of Grant Renne and Sons will tell how this 1855 brick house was moved from Westport Road and Main Street (where the former Katz Drugstore stands today) to 4000 Baltimore, a block away. A reception will be held at the Harris-Kearney House following the program.

Quantrill's Mother Portrayed by Barbara Hughes  
Tuesday, September 17, 2013 – 10:00 a.m. Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, MO. Quantrill's mother discusses his exploits, including the Lawrence Massacre and delves into his private life as she talks about his wife, Kate King. RSVP to (816) 252-0950.

Remember the Sultana  
Wednesday, September 18, 2013 – 2:00 p.m. Red Bridge Library, 11140 Locust Street, Kansas City, MO. A descendant of one of the lucky men who survived the tragic end of the *Sultana* steamship will tell how hundreds of Union soldiers lost their lives due to one man's greed. RSVP to (816) 942-1780.

Independence Civil War Study Group  
Wednesday, September 18, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. Southview Manor Apartments, 2600 A. Hub Drive, Independence, MO. Liz Murphy, a staff member of the James Farm

Historic Site will tell about the James family genealogy and little-known James family facts.

#### Clay County Museum, Liberty, MO

Thursday, September 19, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. Program on “The Withers Family.” \$3 donation.

#### Civil War Era Family Life

Friday, September 20, 2013 – 6:30 p.m. Plaza Library, 4801 Main Street, Kansas City, MO. Nancy Lewis and Anne Mallinson discuss the challenges American families faced during the Civil War era. Appropriate for all ages. Children will be able to dress up in period attire provided by the Wornall House and make rag dolls. RSVP to (816) 701-3481.

#### Freedom Festival – John Brown Memorial Park

Saturday and Sunday, September 21-22, 2013. John Brown Memorial Park, 10<sup>th</sup> and Main, Osawatomie, KS. All weekend: Frontier artisan demonstrations, modern arts and crafts fair, food vendors, special tours of John Brown Museum with Mary Buster, great-great-granddaughter of Florella Brown Adair, the half-sister of John Brown.

Saturday only: 10:00 a.m. – Civil War weapons and drill. 11:00 a.m. – Professor Farquar – The Great American Medicine Show. Noon – Weapons and Drill. 1:00 p.m. – Professor Farquar. 2:00 p.m. – Kansas River Gang – Wild West Gunfight. 3:00 p.m. – Professor Farquar. 4:00 p.m. – Reenactment of the Battle of Osawatomie. Dusk – Night artillery and rifle firing.

Sunday only: Noon-Grady Atwater-“John Brown, Saint or Sinner?” 1:00 p.m. – Reenactment of a battle between Union troops and Confederate partisans. 2:00 p.m. – Gospel concert. 3:00 p.m. – Mary Buster-Portrayal of Florella Adair. 4:00 p.m. – Kansas River Gang-Wild West Gunfight.

#### Black Powder Shoot – James Farm

Sunday, September 22, 2013 – 8:00 a.m. – Noon. James Farm, 21216 James Farm Road, Kearney, MO. Cap and Ball revolver or Cartridge revolver; replicas OK. Fixed sites and dueling stance only. \$15 entry fee. Registration at 8:00 a.m. and shoot begins at 9:00 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes.

#### Shot All to Hell - The Northfield Raid at Northfield, MN

Sunday, September 22, 2013 – 2:00 p.m. James Farm, 21216 James Farm Road, Kearney, MO. Mark Gardner talks about his book *Shot All to Hell: Jesse James, the Northfield Raid and the Wild West's Greatest Escape*.

Free presentation. Copies of the book for sale and autographing.

#### Granville Automatic

Sunday, September 22, 2013 – 2:00 p.m. Plaza Library, 4801 Main Street, Kansas City, MO. Country duo performs songs from “An Army without Music,” composed of songs inspired by Civil War battles. Vanessa Denae Vlivarez and Elizabeth Elkins debut a new song about the Battle of Chickamauga. RSVP to (816) 701-3481.

#### Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, September 24, 2013 – 6:30 p.m. – Dinner (\$27). Homestead Country Club, 6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS. Glenn Robertson-“Chickamauga.” Dinner reservations to Paul Gault at (816) 741-2962.

#### National Frontier Trails Museum

Thursday, September 26, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. Charles Robinson: “Come, Come Ye Saints: Exodus to the Great Salt Lake.” Free.

#### Journalism during the Civil War

Thursday, September 26, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. Trailside Center, 9901 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO. Sponsored by the Kansas City Press Club. Darryl Levings of the Kansas City *Star* will discuss reporting in the Civil War period and his book *Saddle the Pale Horse*. Free.

#### National Museum Day in Independence, Missouri

Saturday, September 28, 2013. Please visit; [www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday](http://www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday) to download and print a ticket good for admission for two at one museum. Participating are the Bingham-Waggoner Estate, Harry S. Truman Library, 1859 Jail and Marshall's Home, National Frontier Trails Museum, Puppetry Arts Institute, and Vaile Mansion. Tours at the Truman Home will be free all day, but tickets must be picked up in advance at the Truman Visitor Center, 223 N. Main, Independence, MO.

#### 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Austin Bean Eatin' (Cass County)

Saturday, September 28, 2013 – Starting at 10:30 a.m. Grounds of the Austin Baptist Church, Austin, MO. (71 Highway south to Archie exit. Go east on B blacktop about 3 miles to T blacktop. Go about 4 miles north on T. Watch for signs. Donation of \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 to get a serving of ham and beans, cornbread, coleslaw, homemade pie, tea or coffee. Musical entertainment; Collins Battery C, 10<sup>th</sup> Missouri encamped on the grounds. Horseshoe pitching, cake

walk, kiddie games. Local history authors. Living history. Bring lawn chairs.

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Papinville Picnic (Bates County)

Saturday, September 28, 2013 – Museum and School open at 1:00 p.m. Wagon rides, music, pie contest. Free will offering for buffet meal at 5:30 p.m. Drawing for Order No. 11 quilt at 6:00 p.m. Papinville is 7 miles east of Rich Hill on Highway B, then 2 miles south at the sign.

#### Pig Pickin', Chicken Lickin' Feast

Saturday, September 28, 2013 – 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Bingham-Waggoner Estate, 313 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. Tickets are \$15 to dine outdoors on a plate of fried chicken, roast pork and all the trimmings, fruit cobbler and iced tea. For tickets call (816) 461-3491.

#### A Wicked War: Polk, Clay, Lincoln and the 1864 U. S.

Invasion of Mexico - Tuesday, October 1, 2013 – 6:30 p.m. Central Library, 14 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO. The Mexican-American War paved the way for the Civil War and led to the political rise of Abraham Lincoln. Historian Amy S. Greenberg discusses her book *A Wicked War*. RSVP to (816) 701-3400.

### **News About Members and Friends**

We look forward to **Tom Rafiner's** research on the effect of Order No. 11 on **Bates County**. He believes the impact there was far deeper than other counties and that Bates County was indeed forever changed. **The Bates County Historical Society** also reports that they were able to sell a dog-trot style log cabin which has been in storage since it came from Licking, Missouri. It was bought immediately after a flyer was posted. They understand that it is going to be reconstructed at **Arrow Rock** to become part of the Santa Fe Trail attraction.

**Tom Beard**, the sculptor of the Pioneer Park statues at Westport Road and Broadway in Kansas City, would like to sell a Springfield Rifle, 1863 for \$1,000. The sale also includes complete original sites: closeup-300 to 500 yards; tulip ramrod, brown patina finish; miniball moldmaker; leather sling; wrench to remove nipples; 2 boxes of caps for end of nipples; an original nipple and several modern ones. This gun is one of only 12,800 made by Charles B. Hoard in Watertown, NY. You can contact Tom on his cellphone at (816) 517-9732.

**Mike Calvert** made a presentation on local Civil War history to the new volunteers who will be guiding visitors in the newly remodeled Truman Courthouse on the Square in Independence.

**Jim Beckner** reports that the **Davis-Smith Cemetery** Memorial in Raytown was a success! Some 85-90 people came to enjoy the stories of descendants and living history presenters. **Vickie Beck** should be congratulated for bringing the fate of this cemetery to our attention. They both appreciate the support of all the historical groups who participated.

The Round Table would like to thank the *Examiner* for its support of Civil War history in the newspaper through its columnists such as **David Jackson** and **Ted Stillwell** ("Order No. 11") and the staff writers such as **Frank Haight** ("Duo working to rescue local pioneer cemetery") and **Jeff Fox** ("Re-enactment group brings history to life"). Not to be forgotten is Jillayne Ritchie who researches the 50/100 Years Ago column. Her 50 years ago column on August 10, 2013 showed that **Brig. Gen. John Taylor Hughes**, who was killed in the victorious Confederate attack which he led on Independence Aug. 11, 1862, was honored more than a century later with a monument bearing his full military rank. The grave is in Woodlawn Cemetery. Her 100 years ago column on June 29, 2013 gave the recipe for Jeff Davis Pie furnished by Mrs. C. R. Hudspeth of Buckner, Missouri.

Our friends in California (**Lisa and Uncle**) discovered recently that the **Hangar** company that continues to manufacture orthotic equipment to this day was started by J. E. Hangar, the first Confederate soldier wounded in 1861. His leg was amputated and not being satisfied with his wooden peg, he stayed in his room for three months designing a more humane attachment. Uncle is being fitted for a new ankle/foot orthotic.

Congratulations to the **Jackson County Historical Society** for its annual gala on September 6, 2013, when the evening begins with a reception and tour of the Jackson County Historic Truman Courthouse and Art Museum. The dinner speaker is **Clifton Truman Daniel**.

**Jean Warren at James Country Mercantile** in Liberty announces that Vol. III of *Reunion in Death*, the gravesites of the men who fought with William Clark Quantrill, is available for purchase at the store. The author is **Duncan Hansen**, a member of the Quantrill Society who lives in Council Bluffs, Iowa. He was working with **Don Hale** on Vol. III when Don passed away. **Carolyn Bartels** has published the latest installment, and it is for sale at \$22.95 as are the other volumes. Duncan has kindly donated a copy to the Quantrill Collection at the Benton County (Ark.) Historical Society curated by **Richard Stewart**. Richard

would also direct you to a new Quantrill teaching tool at [www.qscclass.blogspot.com](http://www.qscclass.blogspot.com).

We have another California connection to the Round Table through an E-Mail from **John Hart**, the great-grandson of **John Benson Hart**, who served in the Eleventh Kansas Cavalry under **General Blunt**. Late in life JBH dictated a fascinating memoir of his campaign during the Battle of Westport. John plans to visit Missouri to follow his ancestor's "hoofprints." He says that his ancestor writes vividly of the Battle of the Little Blue. John hopes to do some writing based on the memoir and looks forward to seeing the actual locations.

The **Kansas City Star** continues its coverage of local Civil War history. **Brian Burnes** had a book review of **James Muehlberger's** new book called *The Lost Cause: The Trials of Frank and Jesse James* on July 7, 2013. In the August 15 Events section **Darryl Levings** highlighted the various Lawrence Raid events in his column called "Quantrill Remembered." In the *Star Magazine* of August 18, 2013, **Cindy Hoedel** interviewed **Tony Mullis** of the Command and Staff College at Fort Leavenworth on the question: Was Quantrill a Villain or a Hero? On August 10, 2013 **Mara Rose Williams** had a front-page article called "Fighting to preserve a crumbling history" about the many historical buildings at risk in Lexington, Missouri. There were many quotes from our late friend **Roger Slusher** whose last request was that a small pre-Civil War building – possibly former slave quarters – be preserved.

**Art and Sharon Kelley** have given up their landline phone and ask that you delete (816) 373-4101 from your directory. To reach Art please use his cell phone number: (816) 419-7746.

In Kentucky there is a project called the **Civil War Governors of Kentucky, Digital Documentary Edition**. They are researching the five Kentucky Civil War governors, three Union (Beriah Magoffin, James F. Robinson, and Thomas E. Bramlette) and the two provisional Confederate governors (George W. Johnson and Richard Hawes.) What they are seeking are manuscripts or printed materials written by any of them, documents addressed to a governor, documents endorsed by a governor, documents written by a secretary or assistant but signed by a governor, and documents reporting a governor's words such as speeches printed in newspapers. The researcher's name is Whitney Smith who can be reached by E-Mail at [whitney.smith@ky.gov](mailto:whitney.smith@ky.gov) or by phone at (502) 564-1792.

There is a new Lincoln blog maintained by **Martin Canchola** which tries to follow Lincoln's life day by day, accessed at [www.rhclcivilwar.blogspot.com/2013](http://www.rhclcivilwar.blogspot.com/2013). This summer **Judy Simms** took her oldest grandson to the Lincoln Museum and reminds us that there is Amtrak service from Kansas City to Springfield, Illinois. **Abraham Lincoln** once asked **General (Winfield) Scott** this question: "Why is it that you were once able to take Mexico City in three months with five thousand men, and we have been unable to take Richmond with one hundred thousand men." "I will tell you," said General Scott. "The men who took us into Mexico City are the same men who are keeping us out of Richmond." -*Confederate Veteran Magazine*, September, 1913.

We are sorry to report that another trails marker in Independence has been vandalized at the McCoy Park. **Sharon Snyder** who lives in the McCoy Neighborhood reported that a low profile marker was ripped from its metal frame and left in the grass. This is in addition to the statue stolen from the National Frontier Trails Museum and destroyed for its metal content.

Congratulations to **Steven V. Potter**, Chief Executive Officer of the **Mid-Continent Public Library**, for being honored by College of Education at the University of Missouri-Columbia with a Citation of Merit for Outstanding Achievement. Mid-Continent is the largest library system in the Kansas City metropolitan area with 34 libraries serving more than 770,000 residents in Jackson, Clay, and Platte counties.

We would also like to recognize that the **St. Joseph (MO) Museums** have received reaccreditation from the American Alliance of Museums which is the highest national recognition for a museum. The Museums include the St. Joseph Museum American Indian and History Galleries, the Glore Psychiatric Museum, the Black Archives Museum, and the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion.

Congratulations to **Wendy Shay** for her new position at the Rockhurst University Library. She is also working again with the City of Independence in its Historic Preservation Department. As if all this does not keep her busy enough, she is also teaching a class on historic preservation at the Lee's Summit Center of the University of Central Missouri.

If you happen to be going to **Springfield, Missouri**, you may want to check out the 12 historic markers in and near the downtown area which depict the Battle of Springfield which occurred January 8, 1863. Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation refurbished the signs with updated information and installed them in August, 2013.