



★ *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: December 7, 1862. Trans-Mississippi. In Arkansas, the Battle of Prairie Grove takes place as Confederate General Thomas Hindman surprises 10,000 Northern troops. The latter, commanded by Generals James Blunt and Francis Herron, are unable to repel 10,000 Confederates.

On Saturday, November 17, 2012, costumed interpreters and reactors will present "Prelude to Prairie Grove" at the Old State House Museum in Little Rock, Arkansas. Please visit info@oldstatehouse.org.

November/December 2012

The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

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Meetings

2nd 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
Family ----- 30.00
Student (under 21) ----- 5.00
Newsletter Only (no meetings) 10.00

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President's Letter

"It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press. It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to demonstrate. It is the soldier, who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag."

~ Father Dennis Edward O'Brien, USMC

I sit in front of my computer writing this and because soon we will be honoring the men and women who have served our country in the Armed Forces my thoughts are on those members of my family who have served our country in the armed forces. Starting as far back as I know, I have three ancestors who served in the Civil War, one great-great grandfather, one great grandfather and one great-great uncle. I have a grandfather who served in WWI. He was wounded and awarded the Purple Heart. I have my dad and uncle who served in WWII in the Navy and on the same ship making seventeen round trips on destroyer escort duty, who now lie buried next to each other in Lobb Cemetery. I have two uncles who served in the Army during the Korean Conflict. I have a brother-in-law who served in the Air Force during Viet Nam. Today I have a nephew in the Marine Corp serving in Afghanistan.

The men and women of the armed forces, current and past, have given us so much. To all that have served or are serving today I say; **THANK YOU**. Of course, I was not able to say this to all my family and I did miss saying it to those that I could. I won't miss saying it to those that I still can. I urge you, on this Veterans Day and every day, say thank you. You'll regret it if you don't. I do!

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

Dedication of Flagpole at Lewis-Gregg Cemetery

Sunday, November 11, 2012 – 3:00 p.m., Lewis-Gregg Cemetery, rural eastern Jackson County.

The cemetery is located in a field near 24 Highway so is not accessible in wet weather. If it is raining or the field is muddy, we will postpone to 2013.

Directions: From Independence take 24 Highway east to Salem Road. Go left (north) to York. Take a right and go to Colony Lane. Take a right and go to the end of the cul de sac. The field may be entered between two trees. Take a left and skirt the field until crossing it to the grove of trees where the cemetery is located. On Veterans Day we will be honoring Nathaniel Lewis, a Revolutionary War soldier, and the erection of a new flagpole sponsored by Terry Chronister. For information please call Beverly Shaw at (816) 225-7944 (cell).

November 2012 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, November 14, 2012 – 7:00 p.m., The Villages of Jackson Creek, 3980-A S. Jackson Drive, Independence, MO. Mike Calvert: “History of Independence, MO.”

No Board Meetings in November & December.

December 2012 Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 1, 2012 – Noon, Loose Park Garden Center, 52nd and Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO. Park in front of large pavilion and walk through to building on the left. In cooperation with the Union Cemetery Historical Society. Deli trays and drinks will be provided. Everyone else can bring a dish to share. David Jackson: “Kansas City: An Up-to-Date History.” No gift exchange this year. Copies of book available for purchase.

No Wednesday Night Meeting in December.

Civil War Exhibits

Between the Rivers: Steamboating in Missouri and Iowa

- Through April 27, 2013. National Archives, 400 W. Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO. Exhibit explores the impact of the steamboat on the culture and economy of Missouri and Iowa from the 1850s’ to the early 1900s.

Other Civil War Events

Ladies Winter Tea-Clay County, MO

Saturday, November 3, 2012 – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Mt. Gilead Church, 15918 Plattsburg Road, Kearney, MO. An afternoon of fun, crafts, tea and cookies. Cost is \$10 per person which includes all supplies. Reservations required at (816) 736-8500.

“Kansas Territorial Characters” by the LeCompton Players

- Sunday, November 4, 2012 – 2:00 p.m. Constitution Hall State Historic Site, LeCompton, KS. This play is a simulated reenactment of an 1850’s town hall meeting in “Bleeding Kansas” to decide whether Kansas Territory should come into the Union as a pro-Southern or pro-Northern State. \$3 for adults and \$1 for children. Play will be repeated Dec. 2, Jan. 6, Mar 3, April 7, and May 5.

Grandview Historical Society

Monday, November 5, 2012 – 7:00 p.m., Depot Museum, 1205 Jones (behind City Hall), Grandview, MO. Amy Chambers Thieman: “Growing up at the Depot.” Her father was the last Station Master at the Grandview Kansas City Southern RR depot.

600,000 Silent Voices: Stories from the Civil War

Tuesday, November 6, 2012 – 7:00 p.m., North Oak Library, 8700 N. Oak Street Trafficway, Kansas City, MO. Jim Two Crows Wallen speaks in first person as Chaplain William Maple of the 49th Indiana Infantry to tell the stories of women, children, and soldiers of the Civil War. For reservations call (816) 436-4385.

“Clara Barton: The Angel of the Battlefield”

Wednesday, November 7, 2012 – 6:00 p.m., St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., Street, Joseph, MO. Clara Barton was a nurse and founder of the American Red Cross. During the Civil War she began by collecting and distributing supplies and later followed the army operations. Kay Dunlap, RN, will blend photographs and historical information about the Angel of the Battlefield. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Sons of Confederate Veterans

Thursday, November 8, 2012 – 7:00 p.m. Ryan’s Restaurant, 1511 E. 23rd St., Independence, MO. Jim Howk: The Border War in Missouri. Visitors welcome.

The Politics of War

Thursday, November 8, 2012 – 6:30 p.m., Central Library, 14 W. 10th St., Kansas City, MO. Terry Beckenbaugh maintains that the Civil War was inevitable given the failure of the nation's political leadership to resolve fundamental questions over the nature of the American republic and the meaning of constitutional liberty. He is assistant professor of military history at the U. S. Army Command and General Staff College, Leavenworth, KS. To RSVP call (816) 701-3400.

The Life of John Brown

Thursday, November 8, 2012 – 7:00 p.m., Monticello Historical Station at Floyd Cline Hall, 13860 W. 83rd Street, Shawnee, KS. Kerry Altenbernd, a volunteer at the Black Jack Battlefield, will talk about John Brown and his influence on the national scene during the pre-Civil War era.

Bill of Fare: Civil War Rations

Saturday, November 10, 2012 – 2:00 p.m., Westport Library, 118 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO. Gregg Higginbotham will speak about how both armies fed the troops. Considering the amount of marching by both armies, the average Civil War soldier was malnourished and at times close to starvation.

Cass County Civil War Round Table

Tuesday, November 13, 2012 – 7:00 p.m., Cass County Library, 400 W. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO. Ron Pastore of Benton, KS will talk about his newest book on Jesse James. His theory is that there were actually three men named Jesse James.

Clay County Historical Society Study Group

Tuesday, November 13, 2012 – 7:00 p.m., Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main St., Liberty, MO. Show and Tell about Clay County History.

Author Appearance: Rise to Greatness

Tuesday, November 13, 2012 – 7:00 p.m., Unity Temple on the Plaza, 707 W. 47th Street, Kansas City, MO. David Von Drehle: "Rise to Greatness: Abraham Lincoln and America's Most Perilous Year." Tickets are \$30 and include a copy of the book. Go to www.rainydaybooks.com. Review of the book in Books section of the Kansas City Star on October 28, 2012: "Hinge of History."

Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, November 13, 2012 – 6:00 p.m. – Dinner (\$25) at The Golden Ox, 1600 Genessee Street, Kansas City, MO. "Buffalo Bill Cody." He was a soldier during the Civil War as a Chief of Scouts for the Third Cavalry during the Plains Wars. For dinner reservations call Ann Schultis at (816) 456-0669.

First Mayor of Liberty, MO – Madison Miller

Thursday, November 15, 2012 – 7:00 p.m., Garrison School, 502 N. Water Street, Liberty, MO. Anna Driskill and her husband have purchased the former residence of Madison Miller and plan to restore it. \$3 donation requested.

Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, November 21, 2012 – 7:00 p.m., South View Manor, 2600 Hub Drive, Independence, MO. Jim Howk: "The Border War in Missouri."

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, November 27, 2012 – 6:30 p.m. – Dinner. Homestead Country Club, 6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS. Dr. William Feis: Espionage, Covert Action, and Military Intelligence. For \$26 dinner reservations call Paul Gault at (816) 741-2962.

Prairie Grove, Ark. Battlefield Reenactment

Saturday and Sunday, December 1-2, 2012. Washington County, Arkansas near the community of Prairie Grove. Since this is a state park rather than a Federal park, the reenactment will occur on the actual fields where the battle was fought December 7, 1862. Free but there will be a charge for parking.

Twilight Tour of Bingham-Waggoner Estate

Sunday, December 2, 2012 – 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. 313 W. Pacific Ave., Independence, MO. Live entertainment and complimentary refreshments. \$6 for adults, \$3 for students 6-16, and free for 5 and under.

Civil War Santa

Saturday, December 8, 2012 – 10:00 a.m., Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee's Summit, Road, Independence, MO. Jim Two Crows Wallen, dressed as the Thomas Nast version of Santa, will read from actual letters and diaries of soldiers and

relatives to describe Christmas during the Civil War. To RSVP call (816) 252-7228.

Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, December 11, 2012 – 6:00 p.m. dinner (\$25) at The Golden Ox, 1600 Genessee Street, Kansas City, MO. “The Dora Hand killing which involved Earp, Masterson, Tilgeman, and Bassett as posse members. For dinner reservation call Ann Schultis at (816) 456-0669.

Freedom’s Frontier Partners Meeting

Thursday, December 13, 2012, Shawnee Town, Shawnee, KS.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, December 18, 2012 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner, Homestead Country Club, 6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS. Lt. Col. Rick Barbuto: The Battle of Stone’s River. For \$26 dinner reservations call Paul Gault at (816) 741-2962.

Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, December 19, 2012 – 6:00 p.m., Ryan’s Restaurant, 1511 E. 23rd Street, Independence, MO. Christmas music with Dave and Kathy Barton.

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

On Wednesday, November 14, 2012, we will be electing officers and board members for the coming year. The board as presently serving (see masthead on page 1) will stand for election with the exception of Del and Karen Coin. Chris Cooper has said he would like to serve in 2013 and will be nominated from the floor. If anyone else would like to serve, we will accept further nominations from the floor. The board meetings are generally held bi-monthly on the 3rd Wednesday night of the month.

The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri was organized 20 years ago in December. Since we are all so busy at holiday time, the board decided to postpone our “birthday party” until 2013. If you have ideas about how to observe our founding, pass them along to an officer or board member.

Dues are now payable for 2013: \$20 for an individual, \$30 for a family or \$10 for subscription only. Pay at the meeting or mail to CWRTWM, P.O. Box 3019, Independence, MO 64055.

A Tour Guide to Missouri’s Civil War

Greg Wolk, the author of this comprehensive sesquicentennial driver’s guide to Civil War battlefields and sites in Missouri, is making his book available to Civil War Round Table members at a discount of \$20 with another \$5 being given to the Round Table as a contribution. We will have a sample copy at the November 14th meeting and will accept pre-paid orders made payable to “CWRTWM” in the amount of \$20. If you cannot attend the meeting, you can mail your check to CWRTWM, P.O. Box 3019, Independence, MO 64055 by November 15th so we can place our group order. Hopefully we will have the books available by the Christmas luncheon.

Volume Two of “Monuments” Book

It is now time to finalize the articles and pictures of Civil War sites that we want to include in Vol. 2 of our “Monuments” book. Barb Wormington has previously provided to us tips about photography and a template for the written description. We are limiting the geographical area to extend from Kansas City to St. Joseph, Columbia, and Nevada. Barb has a comprehensive list of sites to choose from so if you would like to participate, please call her at (913) 681-9414 or send her an E-Mail at bwormington@kc.rr.com. We would like to gather the pictures and text by November 30, 2012.

Kansas City: An Up-to-date History

We are happy to welcome David Jackson, Archivist of the Jackson County Historical Society, to be our luncheon speaker on Saturday, December 1, 2012, in conjunction with the Union Cemetery Historical Society at the Loose Park Garden Center. He will provide an overview of Jackson County history in a nutshell based on his recent book. His presentation will cover the early 1800’s through today and will highlight what makes our area unique to American history. He will reveal just how much history takes place during any one person’s lifetime. One vignette of David’s book includes his great great great grandmother, Kuni Kruger, who is buried at Union Cemetery and has a prominent, Woodmen of the World headstone that resembles a tree stump. Autographed copies of the book will be available, just in time for the holidays.