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Independence, Missouri

Visitors Always Welcome!

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The bombardment of Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861 was the opening engagement of the American Civil War. The countdown to the 150th Anniversary on April 12, 2011 is just 363 days away, as of the date of our next Round Table meeting on April 14, 2010.

President's Letter

I have been reading several battle accounts lately and it seems that the commander in charge usually felt compelled to exhort his troops on the eve of battle. Always, it would seem, in the grand tradition of Napoleon. McClellan was famous for his. I started looking for examples closer to home and I found a couple recorded in the OR that were written by Sterling Price. While not on the eve of battle they do illustrate what I mean. Let me quote excerpts from one.

This one written on the occasion of Price transferring to the regular Confederate service after Elkhorn Tavern and Shiloh.

"Soldiers of the State Guard! Veterans of six pitched battles and nearly twenty skirmishes! Conquerors in the all! Your country, with its ruined hearths and shrines, calls upon you to rally once more in her defense, and rescue her forever from the terrible thralldom which threatens her. I know that she will not call in vain. The insolent and barbarous hordes which have dared to invade our soil and to desecrate our homes have just met with a signal overthrow beyond the Mississippi. Now is the time to end this unhappy war. If every man will but do his duty, his own roof will shelter him in peace from the storms of the coming winter.

Let not history record that the men who bore with patience the privations of Cowskin Prairie, who endured uncomplainingly the burning heat of a Missouri summer, and the frosts and snows of a Missouri winter; that the men who met the enemy at Carthage, at Oak Hills, at Fort Scott, and Lexington, and in numberless lesser battlefields in Missouri, and met them but to conquer them; that the men who fought so bravely and so well at Elkhorn; that the unpaid soldierly of Missouri were, after so many victories and after so much suffering, unequal to the task of achieving the independence of the magnificent State."

A great speech intended to stir men to action. I started thinking about where this "tradition" possibly got started. Henry V prior to leading his much demoralized men into the Battle of Agincourt rose to the occasion and extolled his troops. Shakespeare recorded not the actual words but a fictional account in Act IV Scene 3 of Henry V. Westmoreland is wishing for more men from England and Henry answers him...

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Civil War Daytrip to Mine Creek Battlefield

Saturday, May 15, 2010 ~ 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Pickup at the Blue & Grey Book Shoppe, 106 E. Walnut, Independence, MO. Street parking or lot at Walnut & Liberty. Cost is \$30 for coach bus and museum admittance. Fast food lunch on your own or bring brown bag. Reservation checks need to be received by April 20th to reserve bus. See article for all the details!

CWRTWMO Calendar

April 2010 Meeting

Wednesday, April 14, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.
Villages of Jackson Creek (lower level),
3980-A S. Jackson Drive, Independence, MO
Kathy Pickering and “Alexander Majors”
bring the Alexander Majors Story.

NO Board Meeting in April, 2010

Round Table at the Designers’ Showhouse

Thursday, April 29, 2010 – 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Symphony Designers’ Showhouse, 5833 Ward
Parkway, Kansas City, MO. Those Round Table
members who would like to help Beverly Shaw
staff the Showhouse for the evening should call her
at (816) 225-7944.

Battlefield Tour to Mine Creek (Kansas)

Saturday, May 15, 2010 – 9:00 a.m.
Pickup at the Blue & Grey Book Shoppe, 106 E.
Walnut, Independence, MO. Cost is \$30 and we
need reservations by April 20th to hold the tour bus.
See details below.

Weekend Trip to Jefferson Barracks-St. Louis, MO

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18-19, 2010 – 7:00 a.m.
Guided bus tour to Jefferson Barracks, the U.S.
Grant Home, and State Historical Society of
Missouri. More information to follow.

Other Events

“Riders of the Pony Express” Exhibit for 150 Years
Opens Saturday, April 3, 2010 – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00
p.m. St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave. St.
Joseph, MO. Monday-Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00
p.m.; Sunday-1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Exhibit of what
the riders carried, what they wore, the United States
of 1860, and the world of the rider. \$5 - Adults,
\$4 - Seniors, \$3 - Students, free under 6 years.

Annual Park Cleanup Day

Saturday, April 10, 2010 – 9:00 a.m.
Choice of Lone Jack Civil War Battlefield and
Cemetery, Lone Jack, MO or Battle of Lexington
State Historic Site, 1101 Delaware, Lexington, MO.
Bring gloves, yard tools, and a desire to maintain a
Civil War site.

Westport Library Speakers Series

Saturday, April 10, 2010 – 2:00 p.m.
Westport Library, 118 Westport Road, Kansas
City, MO. Sharon Snyder of Independence, MO
will bring the story of the McCoys of Independence
through the eyes of Eleanor McCoy and Fanny
Owens, whose husband was a merchant and Santa
Fe trader. The 1856 McCoy house at 410 W.
Farmer (now owned by Brian and Sharon Snyder) is
on the National Register & the Santa Fe Trail. Free.

20th Anniversary-National Frontier Trails Museum

Saturday, April 10, 2010 – 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Visitor Appreciation Day: Free admittance for all
Independence, MO residents. Free covered wagon
rides and refreshments from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Blue Springs Antique Road Show

Sunday, April 11, 2010 – 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Dillingham-Lewis House Museum, 101 SW 15th
Street, Blue Springs, MO. Cost is \$2 per item and
featuring experts Anita McReynolds and Ron
Potter. Please park on Main Street.

Westerners April Meeting

Tuesday, April 13, 2010 – 7:00 p.m. - Dinner
Homestead Country Club, 6510 Mission Road,
Prairie Village, KS. Jim Stout: “John Hudgins
Gold Rush Diary.” For dinner reservations, call
Ann Schultis at (816) 741-2897 or E-mail her at
aschultis@hotmail.com. Cost is \$25.

Cass County Civil War Round Table Meeting

Tuesday, April 13, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.
Pearson Hall, 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO
Doug Seneker: “Fort Lincoln, KS. Why it is
Important to Cass County. Also “Missing Towns
on the MO/KS Border.”

An Evening with Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln

Thursday, April 15, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.
Marshall Auditorium, Lewis and Clark Center,
100 Stimson Ave., Fort Leavenworth, KS.
Max and Donna Daniels: Lincoln presenters
will portray the night of Lincoln’s assassination.
Plan to arrive 15 minutes early and bring picture ID
such as driver’s license to get on the post. Free.

“Divided Loyalties” Exhibit

Thursday, April 15, 2010 – 5:30 p.m.

Kirkpatrick State Information Center, 600 W. Main St., Jefferson City, MO. Opening of “Civil War Documents from the Missouri State Archives.” Through May 31, 2010 and then will travel throughout the state.

Jackson County History: Border Wars

Thursday, April 15, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.

Midwest Genealogy Library, 3440 S. Lee’s Summit Rd., Independence, MO. Barbara Hughes: “Meet Ann Everett in person with music, PowerPoint, and historical replicas. Free. Reservation by calling (816) 252-7228.

Tour Franklin County, Kansas (Ottawa, KS)

Sunday, April 18, 2010 – Noon – 5:00 p.m.

Carpool from Harrisonville Library parking lot at 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO. Explore the connections between Cass County, MO and Franklin County, KS. Tour Ottawa’s Old Depot Museum, the Taub Jones House (on National Register), and Ottawa Baptist Mission. For more details call (816) 380-4396.

Ghostly History of Wyandotte County, KS

Thursday, April 22, 2010 – 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Wyandotte County Historical Museum, 631 N. 126th, Bonner Springs, KS. From local cemeteries to abandoned fire stations, discover the haunting of many well-known locations. Fee: \$15 per person. Contact Trish Schurkamp at (913) 573-5002.

30th Anniversary - Jackson County Genealogical Society, Saturday, April 24, 2010 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Historic Truman Depot, 1111 W. Pacific Ave. Independence, MO. Variety of train displays and information in celebration of 10 years at the historic depot. Book signings throughout the day by Alversia Brown Pettigrew, *Memories of a Neck Child*; William Bundschu, *Abuse and Murder on the Frontier*; Lanita Cooper, *The Benton Neighborhood*; Joanne Chiles Eakin, *The Battle of Independence – 1862*; Janice Hick Huntsinger, *Growing Up with My Best Friend*; David Jackson, *Lock Down and Direct Your Letters to San Jose*; Marietta Wilson Boenker, *Images of America: Independence*; Barbara Newcom. DVD producer of *Ours to Give – The Long Legacy of an American*

Family (R. A. Long family). Cash and checks only; no credit cards.

Historic Sibley Cemetery Tours

Saturday, April 24, 2010 – 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Fort Osage National Historic Landmark, Sibley, MO. A presentation at the Education Center will talk about the oldest cemetery in Jackson County and some of its notable interments such as Zenus Leonard, an early mountain man, followed by a guided tour of the Sibley Cemetery. Adults - \$7, Youth - \$4, Seniors - \$3.

Railroad Day at Osawatomie, KS

Saturday, April 24, 2010 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Osawatomie History Museum and Railroad Depot, 628 Main, Osawatomie, KS. Special tours of the John Brown Museum, live music, children’s activities, arts and crafts fair. For more information contact Grady Atwater at (913) 755-4384.

Dedication of Fort Sand Springs Marker

(Marshfield, MO), Saturday, April 24, 2010 – 1:30 p.m. Conklin Substation, corner of 38 Highway and Timber Ridge Road (8 Miles NW of Marshfield, MO). Mary Whitney Phelps Tent No. 22 of the Daughters of Union Veterans will dedicate a marker to soldiers of the Civil War. In case of rain: Timber Ridge Baptist Church.

146th Anniversary of the Battle of Plattsburg, MO

Saturday and Sunday, April 24 - 25, 2010 – 1:00 p.m. Reenactments Perkins Park, Plattsburg, MO. Quilt show, storytelling-local history, 1800’s period ball with live music, Sunday worship service. For more info go to <http://webstarts.com/1864plattsburg> or call Bev McCulloch at (816) 370-2532.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City Meeting

Tuesday, April 27, 2010 – Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Homestead Country Club, 6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS. \$25. For reservations call Paul Gault at (816) 741-2962. Meet President Jefferson Davis.

Blue Springs Historical Society Annual Dinner

Wednesday, April 28, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.- Dinner The Masonic Hall, 308 SW Main Street, Blue Springs, MO. Program: Barbara Hughes will be portraying Jackson County Historical Women.

Beef brisket dinner for \$15. RSVP by April 23rd by calling Mary Potter at (816) 797-4870.

Discovering the Civil War Exhibit at National Archives. Friday, April 30, 2010 - September 6, 2010. "Beginnings" at the Lawrence F. O'Brien Gallery of the National Archives Building on Constitution Ave. between 7th and 9th Streets in Washington, D.C. Can't get to Washington this year? Follow the exhibit on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/discovercivwar>.

Historic Church Walking Tour – Independence, MO
Saturday, May 1, 2010 – 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Meet at the Second Baptist Church, 116 E. White Oak Ave. and then walk to Trinity Episcopal, and First Presbyterian. Hear a brief history of each and architectural features. Free but reservations are required by April 28th by calling Wendy Shay, (816) 325-7419.

President's Letter (continued from page 1)

*If we are mark'd to die, we are enow
To do our country loss; and if to live,
The fewer men, the greater share of honour.
God's will! I pray thee, wish not one man more.
By Jove, I am not covetous for gold,
Nor care I who doth feed upon my cost;
It yearns me not if men my garments wear;
Such outward things dwell not in my desires.
But if it be a sin to covet honour,
I am the most offending soul alive.
No, faith, my coz, wish not a man from England.
God's peace! I would not lose so great an honour
As one man more methinks would share from me
For the best hope I have. O, do not wish one more!
Rather proclaim it, Westmoreland, through my host,
That he which hath no stomach to this fight,
Let him depart; his passport shall be made,
And crowns for convoy put into his purse;
We would not die in that man's company
That fears his fellowship to die with us.
This day is call'd the feast of Crispian.
He that outlives this day, and comes safe home,
Will stand a tip-toe when this day is nam'd,
And rouse him at the name of Crispian.
He that shall live this day, and see old age,
Will yearly on the vigil feast his neighbours,
And say 'To-morrow is Saint Crispian.'*

*Then will he strip his sleeve and show his scars,
And say 'These wounds I had on Crispian's day.'
Old men forget; yet all shall be forgot,
But he'll remember, with advantages,
What feats he did that day. Then shall our names,
Familiar in his mouth as household words-
Harry the King, Bedford and Exeter,
Warwick and Talbot, Salisbury and Gloucester-
Be in their flowing cups freshly rememb'ed.
This story shall the good man teach his son;
And Crispin Crispian shall ne'er go by,
From this day to the ending of the world,
But we in it shall be remembered-
We few, we happy few, we band of brothers;
For he to-day that sheds his blood with me
Shall be my brother; be he ne'er so vile,
This day shall gentle his condition;
And gentlemen in England now-a-bed
Shall think themselves accurs'd they were not here,
And hold their manhoods cheap whiles any speaks
That fought with us upon Saint Crispian's day.*

Your right it's the "Band of Brothers" speech. I have never served in the military and will never know that brotherhood. Read any soldier's memoirs and you will understand that they did and do. Please surely read Shakespeare and draw inspiration from this speech for his.

If you can make it I'll see you for Park Day 2010 at the Lexington Battlefield, 9:00 a.m. at the Visitor's Center.

Mike Calvert, President
The Civil War Roundtable of Western Missouri

Lewis-Gregg Cemetery Update

As you know, our Round Table is responsible for upkeep and maintenance of the Lewis-Gregg Cemetery. Our current Commission Chair, Dennis Myers, will be resigning this position so we are seeking a replacement. The work requires little time (mostly just driving to the cemetery to make sure things look good) as we have an excellent relationship with the man who provided our mowing. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Mike Calvert (836-1013) or Beverly Shaw as soon as possible (225-7944).

Mine Creek Battlefield Tour **Saturday, May 15, 2010**

The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri is offering a guided bus tour to the Battle of Mine Creek near Pleasanton, Kansas on Saturday May 15, 2010. The bus will have two pickup points – one at the Blue & Grey Book Shoppe, 106 E. Walnut, Independence, Missouri, at 9:00 a.m. and another at the Battle of Westport Museum at the main entrance of Swope Park in Kansas City, Missouri, at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$30 for all day to pay for transportation and admittance fees with a fast food lunch on your own, or you can bring a brown bag. Estimated time of return is 4:30 p.m. at Swope Park and 5:00 p.m. in Independence.

Our guide, Mike Calvert, President of the Round Table, will be pointing out Confederate General Sterling Price's wagon train route as we proceed south from Swope Park to the Thompson Farm near 95th and Wornall Road. The route will then take us to the Old Harrisonville Road (now Prospect) and then to Russell's Ford as we follow Grandview Road to the Santa Fe Trail crossroads at about 105th Street. Continuing south we cross the Blue River at Red Bridge to go to Little Santa Fe (or New Santa Fe). We will be able to see wagon ruts (swales) at Minor Park before going south to Santa Fe Road and then State Line Road to 135th Street where we will stop for lunch. We will be following the Leavenworth-Fort Scott Military Road which crisscrossed between Kansas and Missouri. We will follow Holmes Road through Drexel and Merwin to West Point where there was an encampment. As we go back into Kansas we will have a comfort stop near the Marais des Cygnes massacre and then on to the Battle of the Mounds and the town of Trading Post. We estimate arrival at the Mine Creek Battlefield museum at about 2:00 p.m.

The Battle of Mine Creek was the finale of Confederate Gen. Sterling Price's raid into Missouri in the fall of 1864. He entered Missouri from Arkansas on September 19, 1864. His first objective was St. Louis, but after suffering heavy losses at Pilot Knob on September 27th, he turned his 12,000 horsemen west where he met Union troops at Lexington on October 19th. He had a brief delay in Independence before heading to Westport on October 23rd where he was not able to break Union General Curtis' lines and turned south with

Union infantry and cavalry on his heels. In a large cavalry battle on October 25th at Mine Creek, Price lost more than 1,000 men and had to abandon a huge wagon train of supplies which his troops purposely destroyed. For all practical purposes, the Civil War in the West was over.

Reservations may be made by sending a check payable to "CWRTWM," 17313 E. 51 Terr. Ct., Independence, MO 64055. The cost is \$30 per person with lunch on your own. Please include a contact phone number and whether you will join the tour in Independence or Swope Park in Kansas City. In order to reserve a tour bus, we must have reservations by April 20, 2010. For more information call Beverly Shaw at (816) 225-7944.

Why Jefferson Barracks?

You may wonder why Governor Nixon chose Jefferson Barracks as the site for his signing an order establishing a new Missouri Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission. You may also wonder why the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri is planning a weekend trip to Jefferson Barracks September 18-19, 2010 (more information to follow).

As a military post – the Army's first permanent base west of the Mississippi – Jefferson Barracks was the original destination of tens of thousands of new soldiers over the years. Now, it is perhaps best known for its national cemetery. The site also houses a Veterans' Administration hospital, an Army National Guard base, and two county parks. But the hodgepodge area lacks a clear definition of boundaries and can be confusing to visitors. That's why we are going to have Marc Kollbaum be out step-on guide to get an overview of Jefferson Barracks before we visit the Powder Magazine Museum.

Some future Civil War leaders who served at Jefferson Barracks were Robert E. Lee, Ulysses S. Grant, Jefferson Davis, and William T. Sherman. During our visit to Jefferson Barracks we plan to have a hard hat tour of the Missouri Civil War Museum. Later in the day we will visit the President Grant Historic Site and Home. There is even an idea to build a Grant presidential library at Jefferson Barracks although the Grant papers have recently been transferred to Mississippi.

In an Associated Press article of March 26, 2010, it was said that attendance at Missouri's state parks and historic sites rose by nearly 1 million last year after a decade of decline. Nearly 16 million people visited Missouri parks and historic sites, a 6 percent increase from 2008, which might be attributed to the economy.

Connection between Mark Twain and U. S. Grant

From the Bushwhacker publication of the Civil War Round Table of St. Louis we learn that as a part of the annual statewide reading program in celebration of the Mark Twain Centennial, the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site will host George Frein as Mark Twain on Sunday, April 25, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. Twain and Grant became friends in the 1870s, and it was Twain's company that published Grant's Memoirs. Written while Grant was fighting cancer that would take his life on July 23, 1885, the Memoirs became the biggest seller of the time, providing Mrs. Grant with royalties of nearly \$500,000.

On March 21, 2010, Scott Ditzler of the Kansas City *Star* interviewed author Roy Morris Jr. who has written a new book which traces Samuel Clemens' Western adventures and his evolution into Mark Twain. Morris is the editor of *Military Heritage* Magazine as well as the founding editor of *America's Civil War* magazine, and is a regular consultant to the History Channel and A&E network. He refers to Twain as "the reluctant confederate." He says that when the Civil War started, Twain was working as a riverboat pilot, and the war shut down the river traffic for commercial vessels. Twain was afraid he would be drafted into either the Union or Confederate navy and be forced to pilot a gunboat. He got talked into joining a Confederate cavalry unit called the Marion Rangers who spent two or three weeks wandering around the countryside dodging what they thought was the entire Union army, but they never actually fought a battle. That's when Twain decided he wasn't cut out to be a soldier. When his brother, Orion, showed up and said he'd received a political appointment as secretary to the governor of the Nevada Territory, Twain took the opportunity to go west with him.

Lutheran Pastor's Civil War Diaries

We were glad to receive from Len Eagleburger an E-mail copy of *The Lutheran Witness* publication of June-July 2009 which outlined a recent find at the Concordia Historical Institute. It was six of Rev. F. J. Blitz's diaries which include a volume for each of the Civil War years. These slim, bound volumes document a remarkable story of German Lutheran immigrants who abhorred slavery, but ironically founded one of the Lutheran Synod's oldest congregations in the heart of one of Missouri's staunchest slave-owning counties. You may remember that our Round Table took a daytrip to Concordia, Missouri in Lafayette County several years ago. We found that secessionist raiders regularly targeted the German Lutherans for violence. On October 11, 1864, the diary entry is "Buried 13 in our graveyard."

If you would like to have the full text of the article e-mailed to you or a photocopy sent by mail, please contact Beverly Shaw at (816) 225-7944 or bevjoshaw@hotmail.com.

Quantrill Special Collections Research

Richard Stewart visited the Round Table meeting in March and outlined his ambitious project of providing research opportunities at the Gentry Library in Gentry, Arkansas. He has found that many of the Quantrill men ended up in Arkansas so he is collecting books and research data to donate to the library. He has gotten a good response from those willing to donate written materials, but he needs some financial help to continue making copies from microfilm at the Midwest Genealogy Library. If you would like to make a donation, you can send a check to Richard L. Stewart, 120 East Walnut, Independence, MO 64050. If you would like more information about his efforts, you can go to www.quantrillsguerrillas.com and scroll down to IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT written by Paul Petersen, a Quantrill author.

Missouri Honors George Caleb Bingham

The February 17, 2010 issue of the *Examiner* revealed that George Caleb Bingham, 19th century painter and politician, has been added to the Hall of Famous Missourians and a bronze bust is now on display in the third floor rotunda of the Capitol in Jefferson City.

Regionally, Bingham is known for his famous painting "Order No. 11" which depicted the devastation of rural residents of Jackson, Cass, and Bates counties and part of Vernon County who were Southern Sympathizers and ordered out of their homes which were looted and burned in 1862. Recovery took years.

Bingham is best known in Independence, Missouri for his home at 313 W. Pacific Avenue. On May 15, 2010 from 5-8 pm the Bingham-Waggoner Estate presents its second annual mystery dinner theatre. The year is 1864 and Bingham is hosting a grand party. He has invited the entire crew of the steamboat Cherokee Belle which is docked at the Westport Landing to come entertain his guests with a wonderful stage show filled with music, dancing, and frivolity. There will be an array of food, drink, and fun-filled games (and perhaps even a little melodrama). Tickets for the evening are \$45 and must be reserved in advance by calling Shireen McLaughlin at (816) 461-3491.

For the youngsters the *Examiner* published Chapter 8 from "Colorful Characters" by Kay Hively with the story of George Caleb Bingham followed by Things to Think About and Do.

Raytown Historical Day Bus Trip

The Raytown Historical Society is offering an historical trip north on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The destinations are Watkins Mill State Park which includes the Watkins Home, the Woolen Mill, and the Octagonal School and Church followed by the Jesse James Farm Home and Museum, the Historic Liberty Jail, and a drive through William Jewell College. The cost is \$55 which includes a catered lunch. The deadline is April 19 by sending your check to the Raytown Historical Society, P. O. Box 16652, Raytown, MO 64133.

Notes about Members and Friends

Congratulations are in order for two of our affiliated historical groups. **The National Frontier Trails Museum** at 318 W. Pacific in Independence is celebrating 20 years of being a museum, interpretive center, and research library on Saturday, April 10, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Our colleagues of the **Civil War Round**

Table of the Ozarks are celebrating 50 years on April 17, 2010, in Springfield, Missouri, and **Mike and Cindi Calvert** plan to represent us at this special event. Mike also plans to see **Connie Langum** at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield to complete some revisions to our National Register nomination for the Little Blue Battlefield. From the *Republic Monitor* of March 24, 2010, we learn that the school board has decided to capitalize on Republic's unique tie to Wilson's Creek by re-naming it's elementary schools after a general who fought in the battle such as Schofield, McCulloch, Lyon, and Price. Once the transitions are complete, the Battlefield will provide a plaque which highlights the accomplishments of each general.

April 10, 2010 is also the big day for **Nancy Hitt**, our Kentucky friend, who has arranged for a marker to be dedicated at Springhill Cemetery at Harrodsburg, KY for six of Qunatrill's men who were killed in Kentucky in 1865. Nancy was honored by the Quantrill Society with the first James H. Wakefield Award at the 2009 Reunion. **Vicki Beck** was also honored with the James Hale Award. She was a founding member and served on the Executive Board for many years. She was instrumental in placing the monument at the Morgan Walker Family Cemetery in Blue Springs, Missouri.

We were glad to meet **Mary Potter** at our March meeting. She is president of the Blue Springs Historical Society and came as a guest of Barbara Hughes who will present the program at their annual meeting in April.

We want to congratulate the schools of Independence, Missouri for their emphasis on a quality education and mentoring by caring adults. **Don Ross** was honored as a 15 year veteran of the YouthFriends organization in March, 2010. YouthFriends is the school based mentoring program which brings community volunteers into schools. In his letter to the editor of the *Examiner* on March 11, 2010, **Lou Harms** pointed out that the Truman High School girls basketball team finished a successful season and that all the varsity girls are on the "A" honor roll. He said that it was encouraging to witness a group of young ladies who have chosen to aim high and to achieve excellence. Speaking of excellence, the Rotary Club of

Independence recently honored two students of the month at Chrisman High School, and one is **Brittany McQuain**, the niece of **Connie McQuain**. Way to go, ladies.

Missouri Governor Jay Nixon's News Release - April 2, 2010

ST. Louis, Mo. - Standing at Jefferson Barracks, the historic former military post where future Civil War leaders Robert E. Lee, Ulysses Grant, Jefferson Davis and William T. Sherman once served, Gov. Jay Nixon today signed an executive order establishing a new Missouri Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission.

The Governor has appointed ten Missourians to serve on the Sesquicentennial Commission:

Robert Archibald, of St. Louis, president and CEO of the Missouri Historical Society;

J. Kent Emison, of Higginsville, who serves on the parks board of that city, which is home to the Confederate Memorial State Historic Site and which is near the Battle of Lexington State Historic Site;

Dr. Debra Foster Greene, of Jefferson City, professor of history at Lincoln University;

Ted Hillmer Jr., of Republic, superintendent of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield;

Joseph Houts, of St. Joseph, a published author of books on the Civil War;

Dr. Kimberly Norwood, of Creve Coeur, professor of law and African American studies at Washington University;

Ms. Terry Ramsey, of Nevada, coordinator of the Bushwhacker Museum;

Jim Robertson, of Columbia, managing editor of the Columbia Daily Tribune;

Arthur Schuermann, of Sunset Hills, base military historian for Historic Jefferson Barracks Air National Guard Station; and

Stuart Symington Jr., of St. Louis, former trustee of the Association of the United States Army.

In addition to those appointed members, the Missouri Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission also will include the Governor or his designee; the

Secretary of State or her designee; the directors or their designees of the Department of Natural Resources, the Division of Tourism, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Department of Transportation, and the Missouri National Guard; and the director or his designee of the State Historical Society of Missouri.

Smallin Civil War Cave Opens For Tours

Right here in the middle of Christian County is a hidden treasure. People have heard of it, many have seen the mouth of it and others have been fortunate enough to explore it. But now, after more than 40 years of being closed to the public, Ozark's Smallin Civil War Cave is open for tours.

"As you walk around the corner of that big collapsed valley and see that big entrance (to Smallin Cave) you just feel like you're in another world. It's very unusual looking," said cave owner Wanetta Bright. "I'm absolutely inspired by it."

For more of this story, please visit the URL below; http://ccheadliner.com/articles/2010/04/01/news/do_c4bb239d92fb41419243782.txt

Article from the Christian County Headliner, written by Amelia Wigton, Associate Editor, Published April 1, 2010.

The William Clarke Quantrill Society

This non-profit corporation is dedicated to the study of the Civil War on the Missouri-Kansas border with emphasis on the lives of Quantrill, his men, his supporters, his adversaries and the resulting historical record. For more information, please visit; www.geocities.com/quantrillsoc or send an E-mail to wcqsociety@aol.com.

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