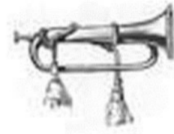




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## 552nd Regular Meeting Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Milburn Golf and Country Club

7501 West 69th Street, Overland Park, KS 66204

Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m.

This meeting will include a plated dinner at a cost of **\$34.00** per person. Reservations are required in order to attend the dinner meeting.

**Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, June 13th.**

**To make a dinner reservation, please contact Marlene Natoli:**

<mailto:marnatoli@att.net>

Phone: 913-764-1336

## June Program



**Dr. Isaias McCaffery**, professor of history at Independence Community College, will give a program titled: "Last Stand at Rebel Creek: The Osage as Union Allies in Civil War Kansas."

The Osage eventually emerged as important allies of the Union, thwarting an 1863 Confederate expedition tasked with reviving Southern resistance in Colorado and New Mexico territories. This presentation explores the Osage contributions to the Union cause in Kansas during the Civil War.

## Dinner Meeting Reservations and Payments

- All reservations must be submitted to **Marlene Natoli** on the Tuesday, one week before the CWRT dinner meeting. This will ensure that an accurate count can be submitted to the Milburn Country Club on Wednesday, one week ahead of the dinner meeting, as specified in our contract with the Country Club.
- The “standing reservation list” will no longer be used for member dinner reservations. This will ensure that a monthly accurate reservation number can be submitted to Milburn Country Club, as specified in our contract. Please e-mail or call **Marlene Natoli** each month if you are planning on attending. To make a reservation, please contact Marlene at 913-764-1336 or by e-mail at <mailto:marnatoli@att.net>
- A reservation is required in order to attend the dinner meeting. Anyone who attends without a dinner reservation may not be seated, depending on the number of possible no-shows.
- **Please note that the cost of a dinner is \$34.00 per person.** If you make a reservation, but are not able to attend the dinner meeting for any reason, you *must* contact **Marlene Natoli** by either phone or e-mail prior to the reservation deadline to cancel. You could be responsible for your meal if you made a reservation, did not attend, and did not cancel before the deadline.
- You can pay for your meal at the dinner meeting or by mailing a check to **Dick Titterington**. Make check payable to the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City. Dick’s mailing address is: 4125 NW Willow Drive, Kansas City MO 64116.
- You can also pay for your dinner using a credit or debit card. The Civil War Round Table of Kansas City is now accepting digital payments. This process is simple to use and secure. The Round Table uses the Square Digital Payment Processing System. Square charges the Round Table a fee for this service. The Round Table passes this fee on to its members who choose to use this service. The fees are slightly more if you pay online than paying in person at our dinner meetings. For more information or to see a schedule of the processing fees charged, visit our website [https://cwrtkc.org/digital\\_payments/](https://cwrtkc.org/digital_payments/)

## Dinner Menu

Milburn Golf and Country Club will serve the following meal at the June dinner meeting: BBQ beef burnt ends, cheesy potatoes, green beans, and cole slaw. Dessert will be Brownie Sundae. All dinners are served with house salad and Milburn house dressing, sliced bread, iced tea, water, and coffee.

Gluten free and vegetarian meals are available with advance notice. Please advise **Marlene Natoli** if you require a gluten free or vegetarian meal when making your reservation.

## This Month’s Speaker



**Dr. Isaias J. McCaffery** earned his Ph.D. in history from the University of Kansas in 1999. He is professor of history at Independence Community College and adjunct professor of history for Southern New Hampshire University. Dr. McCaffery is a longtime speaker for Humanities Kansas, a board member of the Independence Historical Museum, and an active member and past president of the Kansas Association of Historians. His recent research interests focus on the people of the central plains, including the Osage Nation, immigrant communities, and women.

## June Program: “Last Stand at Rebel Creek”

At the June dinner meeting, **Dr. McCaffery** will give a program titled: “Last Stand at Rebel Creek: The Osage as Union Allies in Civil War Kansas.”

As conflicts between states increased during the Civil War, both Union and Confederate leaders tried to recruit the Osage to further their own agendas. Initially divided over how their people should respond in the face of escalating struggles, the Osage eventually emerged as important allies of the Union, thwarting an 1863 Confederate expedition tasked with reviving Southern resistance in Colorado and New Mexico territories. Dr. McCaffery's presentation explores the Osage contributions to the Union cause in Kansas during the Civil War, and the impacts of the war for the Wah-Zha'-Zhi people.

### Live Auction Book Sales

We would like to thank Round Table member **Arnold Schofield** for managing the book sales each month. The money raised during the book sales helps the Round Table bring in nationally known speakers. Arnold will auction off the following Civil War books in June:

- *The Smoothbore Volley that Doomed the Confederacy: The Death of Stonewall Jackson and Other Chapters on the Army of Northern Virginia* by Robert K. Krick (2002). In mint condition with dust jacket.
- *Stonewall Jackson and the American Civil War* by Colonel G.F.R. Henderson (2015). In excellent condition.
- *A Battle from the Start: The Life of Nathan Bedford Forest* by Brian Steellwills (1992). In excellent condition with dust jacket.
- *Lincoln in Photographs, An Album of Every Known Pose* by Charles Hamilton and Lloyd Ostendorf (2021). In very good condition with dust jacket.

### Last Month's Program

At our dinner meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>, **Ms. Alisha Moore Cole** gave a very interesting program titled: "Heroes in Petticoats." She showed photographs of women in period dress and discussed the varying roles played by women during the American Civil War. Some women remained within the domestic sphere or temporarily extended its boundaries. Others entered the public sphere of men, never to return. Learning what women could accomplish during wartime planted the seeds of ambition and confidence that gave momentum to the women's suffrage movement.

Ms. Cole is a Social Historian and Independent Museum Professional specializing in living history interpretation, exhibit design and installation, and research. She has worked with private, municipal, state,

and federal run museums and programs in the Southeastern and Midwestern United States.



May Speaker – Ms. Alisha Moore Cole

### Upcoming Civil War Round Table Programs

Our monthly dinner meetings are typically held on the third Wednesday of each month. However, the meeting in December of 2023 will be held on the second Wednesday of the month.

- **July 19, 2023:** Round Table member **Rick Manfredi** will be giving a program titled: "Did Missouri Secede?"
- **August 16, 2023:** **Wayne Motts**, President and CEO of the Gettysburg Foundation, will be giving a program about the George Spangler farm and Gettysburg field hospital.
- **September 20, 2023:** **Douglas Waller**, veteran CIA correspondant, will be giving a program about President Lincoln's Union spies.
- **October 18, 2023:** **Dr. Ethan S. Rafuse** will be speaking about Robert E. Lee and the fall of the Confederacy. Dr. Rafuse has written a book on this subject.
- **November 15, 2023:** The speaker will be **Dr. Kristen Epps**, professor of history at Kansas State University. The title of her program will be "Slavery on the Periphery."
- **December 13, 2023:** **Dr. Diane Mutti-Burke**, professor of history at UMKC, will be giving a program about refugees in the Civil War.
- **January 17, 2024:** Round Table member **Dick Titterington** will give a program titled:

“Sterling Price Returns: His Counter-offensive to Retake Missouri in the fall of 1861.”

- **February 21, 2024:** Round Table member **Arnold Schofield** will be speaking about the 8<sup>th</sup> Kansas Volunteer Infantry.

## Upcoming Programs at the Harris-Kearney House in Westport

Civil War programs sponsored by the Westport Historical Society and the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund, will be held from 1–2 p.m. at the Harris-Kearney House, located at 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City MO.

- **June 14, 2023:** **Dan Smith**, Chairman of the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund will give a program titled: “Secret Order and Spies at the Battle of Westport.”
- **July 12, 2023:** Round Table member **Dick Titterington** will give a program about “The Battle of Lone Jack MO.”
- **August 16, 2023:** **Chris Edwards**, author and musician, will speak about “Quantrill’s 1863 Raid on Lawrence, Kansas.”
- **September 13, 2023:** Round Table member **Lane Smith** will give a program titled: “An Afternoon with Robert E. Lee.”
- **October 18, 2023:** **Dan Smith** will be speaking about “Women at the Battle of Westport.”
- **November 15, 2023:** Round Table member **Dick Titterington** will give program titled: “The Paw Paw Rebellion.”

## Other Upcoming Programs and Events

### Plaza Library

Military historian and Civil War authority **Dr. Angela M. Riotto** will give a program at the Kansas City MO Plaza Library at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. The title of her program is: “Turning Point at Vicksburg: Lessons Learned in the Pursuit of Victory. Dr. Riotto was the speaker at our Round Table dinner meeting in January.

### Cass County Historical Society Symposium – Disorder on the Border

The following is from the Cass County Historical Society (CCHS) Spring newsletter: “This year marks the 160th anniversary of Order No. 11. This one-page document impacted the lives of people from Jackson, Cass, Bates, and Vernon Counties for generations. CCHS in partnership with Watkins Museum of History, Cass County Public Library - Genealogy Branch, Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area, and the Civil

War Round Table of Kansas City will be hosting a symposium – Disorder on the Border. It will be held on August 12 in the Jefferson Courtyard at the Harrisonville Community Center. It will be a full-day event and will include a catered lunch. Speakers will include George Pettigrew from the Buffalo Soldiers, authors Tom Rafiner and Jonathan Jones, Dr. Joseph Beilein Jr. Associate Professor at Penn State Erie, **Chris Edwards** from the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City, and Sam Sagastume with the CCHS. More names will be added to the panel soon. Lunch will be provided by Kerzweil’s. Many of the speakers have written multiple books and which will be available for purchase the day of the event. In addition, at the end of the day, attendees are invited to an historical walking tour of the Harrisonville Square. Space is limited at this event, but members of CCHS have the option to get your tickets before they go on sale to the public in July. Tickets are only \$35! Email [cchsno@gmail.com](mailto:cchsno@gmail.com) to reserve your tickets now.”

## Executive Committee Meeting - June 3rd

There will be a meeting of the Round Table’s executive committee at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 3, 2023. The meeting will be held at **Dan Smith’s** office located at 6900 College Boulevard, Suite 510, Overland Park KS 66211. Capitol Federal has a branch in the lower level of the building. The meeting location is in the Financial Plaza, which is just east of the intersection of Metcalf and College on the north side of College. The Metcalf and College intersection is just south of the I-435 and Metcalf exit. Current members of the Round Table are welcome to attend. The meeting agenda will include programs and speakers, who are now booked for all of 2024, and the proposed changes to the Round Table’s by-laws.

## Former Civil War Round Table Presidents

Did you know that there are 12 former presidents of the Round Table that are current members? They are:

- **Dan Smith** – 1980 and 2005
- **Sandy Ackerson** – 1994
- **Harriet Duff** – 1997
- **Les Thierolf** – 1998
- **Don Bates, Sr.** – 2002 and 2012
- **Arnold Schofield** – 2003
- **Blair Tarr** – 2004
- **Lane Smith** – 2010 and 2011
- **Dennis Garstang** – 2013 and 2014
- **Dave Pattison** – 2015 and 2016
- **Chip Buckner** – 2017 and 2018
- **Dan Dooley** – 2019, 2020, and 2021

## Remembering Earl Calvin Padgett, Jr.

A former president of our Round Table, **Cal Padgett** of Kansas City MO passed away on May 21, 2023 at the age of 93. Cal was born in 1929. He graduated from Williams College, in Williamstown MA in 1952 with a degree in History. After college, he served in the U.S. Army. Cal was president of Padgett Instruments, a company providing plastic surgery instrumentation to plastic and reconstructive surgeons.

According to his obituary, Cal was an avid reader and historian for much of his life. Cal was interested in Civil War, WWI, and WWII military history. He was a charter member of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City in 1958 and served as president in 1969.

The following information was provided by Round Table member **Dan Smith**, Chairman of the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund:

“Cal was indeed a stalwart member of both the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City and the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund. He served as the vice-president of the Fund for a number of years when it was first organized in 1975. He was an important financial supporter for the completion of the Battle of Westport self-guided auto tour. In 1977, he donated the funds for the installation for two of the Fund's markers placed on the tour route:

- Marker 15 **Harrisonville Road**: Located at Prospect and Meyer Boulevard on the route of the Confederate withdrawal from Westport.
- Marker 21 **New Santa Fe Road**: Located at 98<sup>th</sup> Terrace and Grandview Road marking the junction with the Santa Fe Trail, which the Confederate Army took on its withdrawal at the conclusion of the Battle of Westport.

“His great generosity helped enormously in the successful completion of the project that has endured for nearly five decades.”

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at Country Club Christian Church, located at 61<sup>st</sup> and Ward Parkway, Kansas City MO. Cal will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

## Sergeant Major's Roar

### Battlefield Dispatches #565

#### Armed to the Teeth

During the Civil War, Confederate guerrillas or BUSHWHACKERS in Missouri normally carried multiple firearms. Normally they would have two six shot revolvers, possibly a third and or a sawed-off shotgun. They could do this because usually they were

civilians and could and did supply their own firearms. Thus armed, they were especially dangerous as a foe providing themselves with much more firepower than a “Union” Cavalry Trooper who was issued only ONE SIX SHOT REVOLVER. Eventually the “Union” troopers carried at least two revolvers, but their second and or third weapon was purchased by themselves and not issued by the U. S. Government. The following correspondence describes different encounters with the Bushwhackers, one of which says that they were “ARMED TO THE TEETH” and the letters are all located on Pages 861-862 and 892 in Series I, Vol. 34: Reports of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion.

“Headquarters Central District of Missouri,  
Warrensburg,  
April 3, 1864.

Major:

I have the honor to report that on the 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo Captain Moore, First Missouri State Militia, with a small scouting party, followed a trail of a small band of BUSHWHACKERS for 5 miles on foot; near Greenton came up with and attacked them, killing James H. Waller and wounding one other of the band. Waller was one of Blunt's men; was present when he attempted to rescue the prisoner, Otho Hinton, at Lexington on the night of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February and participated in the murder of Mockabee and Sanders at the residence of Arthur G. Young the same night.

This makes the tenth of Blunt's Band of 20 that was in LaFayette County about the that time that have been KILLED by scouting parties from Colonel McFerran's regiment, the First Missouri State Militia, in six weeks. The energy with which the troops of this command are scouting the country is unequaled by any that I heretofore had the honor to command. The results are small, though important to the country,

I am, very truly, your obedient servant,

E. B. Brown,  
Brigadier General of Volunteers, Commanding.”

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“Wellington Station, Missouri,  
April 1, 1864.

Colonel:

I have the honor to make the following report. On the 29<sup>th</sup>, I was ordered on a scout with 20 men from my Company, with orders to scout the brush on Davis as far up as Hopewell, which I did without finding any enemy. On the 30<sup>th</sup> while scouting the brush southwest of Greenton, I struck a trail, following it until I came to a house by the edge of the timber. I inquired of the folks if any person had been there. The folks said not. I asked them what those tracks meant that I had followed for at least three miles. They told me that it had been loose horses. I asked the lady of the house where her husband was. She told me that he was in the Southern Army.

I started on the trail, dismounting Nos. 1 and 3 of the command and put them on the trail. I trailed them some three miles through the thickest kind of brush before we came to their camp. When I charged on them, KILLING one and wounding the two others. Captured one horse, two navy revolvers, one field glass, and several blankets. I then returned with the men to our horses and pursued them four or five miles, but was unable to get another fire at them.

In making my monthly return, I stated that my men had KILLED a BUSHWHACKER by the name of Bledsoe, but since I learn that it was the NOTORIOUS JIM WALLER that was killed. I find in what scouting I have done a great deal of SYMPATHY among the citizens for the BUSHWHACKERS.

I am Colonel, very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
JAMES B. MOORE,  
Capt. Co. F, First Cav. Missouri State Militia.”

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“Brookfield, Missouri,  
April 18, 1864.

Three BUSHWHACKERS came into Hunnewell today, “ARMED TO THE TEETH” and came to PLUNDER. Citizens resisted. One citizen is dead and one is mortally wounded and Captain Farnam is badly wounded. They KILLED ONE BUSHWHACKER and captured one and one escaped. I have telegraphed our agent there that it is contrary to orders to capture such men and to shoot him before he escapes. I fear that they will yet do it. What are your orders? I don’t think it is good to keep him here.

J. T. K. HAYWARD.”

“Springfield, Missouri;  
April 21, 1864

On the 19<sup>th</sup> instant Major Melton, with 200 men of the Second Arkansas Cavalry, had quite an affair with Rebel forces of Colonel Sissell and Bailey on King’s River and the Rebels were driven off with a loss of 25 KILLED and 9 captured; our loss not reported. Our loss the other day, the 16<sup>th</sup>, with the [supply] train, was four wagons, six soldiers and three negro teamsters killed and one soldier prisoner.

J. R. SANBORN,  
Brigadier General Commanding.”

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“Headquarters Sub-District,  
Cape Girardeau, Mo.,  
April 22, 1864.

General:

I have the honor to report that a detachment of my regiment stationed at Charleston, Mo., had a fight with guerrillas on the 19<sup>th</sup> instant, KILLING four. On the 20<sup>th</sup> they came upon them in a house, a fight ensued, and eight men were KILLED. The HOUSE was BURNED. The Enrolled Missouri Militia have KILLED six within the past week, NO PRISONERS TAKEN. Philip Davis, a DESPERATE GUERRILLA CHIEF, was KILLED.

J. R. ROGERS,  
Colonel, Commanding.”

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Now then, by 1864 the “Union” troops in Missouri were better armed, more experienced, and more successful in killing the “Bushwhackers” than they were at the beginning of the Civil War. However, they never succeeded in eradicating the guerrillas, because more would step up to replace those that had been killed, and of Course the War Went On!