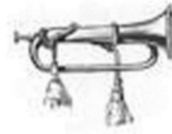




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## 555th Regular Meeting Wednesday, September 20, 2023

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.

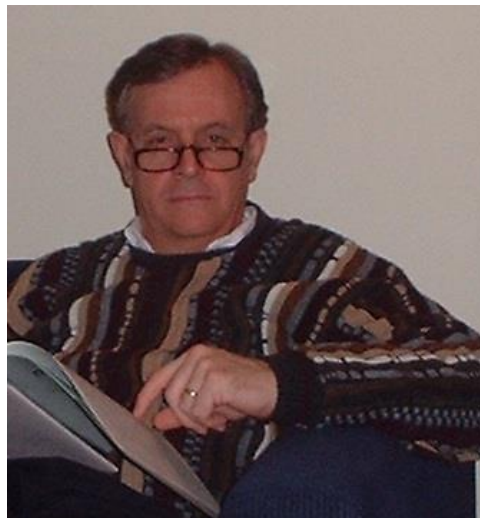
**Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, September 12th.**

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

<mailto:marnatoli@att.net>

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## September Program



Round Table member **Dan Smith** will give a program titled: "The Battle that Saved the Nation's Capitol: Monocacy, July 9, 1864."

The Valley Campaign of June 1864 to April 1865 was initiated by the Confederates out of necessity and yet is less well understood than other major Civil War operations. Gen. Robert E. Lee's effort to relieve his embattled forces at Petersburg was a bold and daring plan under Gen. Jubal A. Early, which nearly succeeded beyond all expectations. Dan Smith's talk will examine the details of this brief but bloody engagement.

## 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 September dinner meeting: Chili glaze salmon with rice pilaf and asparagus. Dessert will be Caramel Butterscotch cake. 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



**Mr. Daniel L. Smith**

**Mr. Daniel L. Smith** is an attorney and historian. He became acquainted with the Civil War along the Missouri-Kansas border at an early age. While in high school, he was a summer intern for Congressman Joe Skubitz in 1969 and researched the Battle of Mine Creek at the National Archives and Library of Congress. He obtained funding for the acquisition of lands for the Mine Creek Battlefield site in 1974 and 1978.

In 1977 Smith edited the books *October 25th and the Battle of Mine Creek* (ISBN 9780913504406) and *Border Warfare in Southeast Kansas* (ISBN 9780918864024). In 2010 he served as consultant to the National Park Service on matters pertaining to the revision of the Civil War Sites Advisory Committee’s listing for the Byram’s Ford and Westport sites. He has served as a consultant on Civil War topics to the Missouri Humanities Council. In March 2016, he authored the foreword to *The Story of a Cavalryman*:

The Civil War Memoirs of Bvt. Brig. Gen. Edward F. Winslow, 4th Iowa Cavalry, **Dick Titterington** editor (ISBN 978-1519674852). He is currently pursuing several research and writing projects on various history topics, including the Battle of Westport and Lt. Patrick Henry Minor.

Smith served as the President of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City in 1980 and 2005. Since 2002 he has served as Chairman of the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund, which is working toward the restoration of the battlefield at the Battle of Westport. For his outstanding work in battlefield preservation, Smith was presented the Steve Treaster Civil War Preservation Award by the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City in 2016.

Smith, who resides in Overland Park KS, received his BA degree in political science with honors from the University of Kansas in 1973, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He graduated from Duke University Law School with a JD degree in 1976. He is listed in Who's Who in America and Who's Who in American Law.

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Daniel Smith's talk will examine the details of this brief but extremely intense and bloody engagement at Monocacy. Gen. Wallace's valiant defense retarded and disrupted the Confederate advance on Washington, D. C. Gen. Wallace is better known today as the author of Ben-Hur, A Tale of the Christ. Yet, the heroics of the Federal forces under Wallace's command produced Medal of Honor recipients and resulted in a pivotal holding action ultimately saving the Capitol.

### **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 and historic photograph in September:

- Landscape Turned Red: The Battle of Antietam by Stephen W. Sears. Published in 1983. First edition. In mint condition with dust jacket and mylar cover.
- Crossroads of Freedom: Antietam by James McPherson. Published in 2002. First edition. In mint condition with dust jacket and mylar cover.
- Official Records of the Civil War, Volume 19, Parts I and II: 1985 reprint of 1887 Edition. Includes the Battles of South Mountain and Antietam. In mint condition.
- Framed Iconic Photograph: President Lincoln and General McClellan and staff after the Battle of Antietam in 1862.

### **Last Month's Program**



**August Speaker Mr. Wayne E. Motts**

At the dinner meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup>, **Mr. Wayne E. Motts**, President and CEO of the Gettysburg Foundation gave a very interesting program titled: "The George Spangler Farm: 11<sup>th</sup> Army Corps Field Hospital at Gettysburg."



**The George Spangler Farm, Circa 1890**

Seized by Union forces of the 11<sup>th</sup> Army Corps on July 1, 1863, the previously tranquil farm of George Spangler was turned into an immense field hospital. From the first day of the Battle of Gettysburg, and for five weeks afterwards, the Spangler Farm hosted some 1,900 wounded soldiers of both sides. Among the patients treated there were Brigadier General Lewis Armistead of the Confederate Army mortally wounded in Pickett's Charge, Union Brigadier General Francis Barlow, and Private George Nixon, the great grandfather of President Richard M. Nixon. This farm is the best preserved and interpreted hospital site not only from the Battle of Gettysburg, but also the American Civil War. Historian, guide, and author Wayne E. Motts presented the fascinating history of this significant property that was purchased by the Gettysburg Foundation in 2008 and subsequently preserved.

The following text is from the Gettysburg Foundation website: [gettysburgfoundation.org](http://gettysburgfoundation.org)

“Meticulously renovated, the site features restored, original buildings from the 1863 battle to inspire and explore:

- The stone farmhouse where George Spangler, his wife Elizabeth and four children lived. The family chose to remain during the battle and ongoing field hospital activities, with all six family members moved to just one room of their house.
- The Pennsylvania bank barn served as the hospital where both Union and Confederate soldiers received care.
- The summer kitchen used by the family during the warm Pennsylvania summers. Records indicate this is the place where Confederate General Lewis A. Armistead died from wounds he received during Pickett's Charge.

“The historic site, with living history, docents and programming in summer, is open for visitors Friday through Sunday, early June through mid-August. Access and admission to the site is via timed shuttles departing the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitor Center.”



**Restored Spangler Barn**

(photo from Gettysburg Foundation website)

The following are some of the key points made by Mr. Motts during his presentation:

- The George Spangler Farm and Field Hospital is located 2.3 miles south of Gettysburg PA, between the Taneytown Road and the Baltimore Pike. It is the most preserved farmstead in the United States.
- The farm is situated near Rock Creek, which was a good water supply. Union surgeons were looking for a place south of Gettysburg, between the Union and Confederate lines. The farm was only one-half mile away from Pickett's charge. During the battle the farm received overshot shells from Confederate artillery.
- Approximately 1,800 Union and 100 Confederate wounded soldiers were treated at the farm during and after the battle. There were 100 Union graves and 20 Confederate graves located on the farm. Dr. John W. C. O'Neal recorded the men who died and were buried on the farm. He also wrote down the burial locations. Some of the Union dead were reinterred in the National Cemetery.
- The farm was owned by George Spangler, who was born in 1815 and died in 1904. He and his wife were married in 1841 and they had two boys and two girls. They purchased the farm in 1848. The family did not flee during the battle. They all stayed in one room of the farm house. The Spangler family owned the farm from 1848 to 1910, when one of the daughters sold it. The Spangler Farm was an active farm until 2008.

- The Gettysburg Foundation bought the Spangler Farm in 2008 for \$1.8 million. They put \$3.0 million into preserving four original structures and removing structures that were not there at the time of the battle. The four structures that were preserved are the house, summer kitchen, smokehouse, and barn. The farm originally had 166 acres. Today the farm has 80 acres.
- During the Battle of Gettysburg, the Baltimore Pike was a major avenue for the Union army. The Spangler Farm was used as a field hospital beginning on July 1, 1863. Dr. Daniel Brinton took over the farm for the Union. The Spangler farm field hospital was used to treat wounded soldiers for a total of five weeks and two days. By July 4<sup>th</sup>, there were 1,000 wounded soldiers at the farm.
- There were very few doctors available to treat the wounded. They mostly performed amputations. Dr. Brinton had to work 22 hours straight. Amputations were typically done outside, so that the doctors could see. Shells fell within 20 feet of the barn.
- Union Brigadier General Francis C. Barlow was wounded on July 1<sup>st</sup> and treated at the Spangler Farm. He died in 1896. Confederate Brigadier General Lewis A. Armistead was wounded during Pickett's Charge on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and died at the Spangler Farm on July 5<sup>th</sup>.
- The Spangler's farm buildings were damaged and their crops were destroyed during the battle. The Spanglers filed a claim with the U.S. government for \$3,044. However, they were only awarded \$60 for the loss of hay used during the battle.
- Mr. Motts presented a lot of information from various soldiers and nurses who worked at the Spangler Farm during and after the battle.
- Most of the army surgeons left after July 4<sup>th</sup>. There were a total of 21,000 wounded soldiers (16,000 Union and 5,000 Confederate) scattered around the Gettysburg area following the battle. The wounded Confederate soldiers had to be left behind when Lee's army retreated back to Virginia and could not be transferred. Lee's wagon train was 17 miles long!
- There were 2,500 wounded soldiers living in Gettysburg following the battle. The last wounded soldier left Camp Letterman on November 19<sup>th</sup>, the same day as Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

Mr. Motts said the Gettysburg Foundation has 25,000 members and supporters. Attendance at the August dinner meeting was 76, which included eleven members of the Gettysburg Foundation.

### 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.

- **October 18, 2023:** **Dr. Ethan S. Rafuse**, professor of military history at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College 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 Kansas regiments that fought in the Eastern Theatre of the Civil War, including the 8<sup>th</sup> Kansas Infantry.
- **March 20, 2024:** **Kendall D. Gott**, Army veteran of Desert Storm and the Senior Historian at the U.S. Army Combat Studies Institute will give a program titled: "Gone to Kansas, 1856."
- **April 17, 2024:** Former Round Table member **Dr. Dave Schafer** will give a program about Jayhawker and Abolitionist James Montgomery.
- **May 15, 2024:** **Michael Lang** will present a program about Lee's Maryland Campaign in 1862.
- **June 19, 2024:** **Dr. Rebecca Jo Plant**, associate professor in History at the University of California, San Diego, will give a program about her book titled: *Of Age: Boy Soldiers and Military Power in the Civil War Era*.
- **July 17, 2024:** **David N. Duncan**, President of the American Battlefield Trust, will be speaking about Battlefield Preservation.

- **August 21, 2024: Dr. Tai Edwards**, associate professor of history and director of the Kansas Studies Institute at Johnson County Community College will give a program titled: “The Civil War and Colonization of Indigenous Peoples.”
- **September 18, 2024: Dr. Megan Bever**, associate professor of history and chair of the Social Sciences Department at Missouri Southern State University, will give a program titled: “At War with King Alcohol.”

## 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.

- **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.”

## Member News

We would like to welcome new member **Michael Mistler**, who lives in Overland Park KS. See photo on Page 8 of the newsletter. Michael’s great-great grandfather served in the 52<sup>nd</sup> North Carolina during the Civil War.

We would like to thank **Marlene Natoli** and **Dick Titterington** for staffing the check-in table at our dinner meetings. Marlene does a fantastic job of taking dinner reservations and coordinating with the Milburn Golf and Country Club. Dick does an excellent job as our interim treasurer. Thank you both!

We would like to thank **Gary Nevius** for scheduling many of our outstanding programs and speakers for this year and next.

**Blair Tarr** recommends visiting the website [YouGov.com](https://www.YouGov.com) and searching for: “What do Americans think about the Civil War?”

## Next Executive Committee Meeting

Round Table president **Father Dave Holloway** announced that there will be a meeting of the Executive Committee at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 7, 2023. The meeting will be held at Dan Smith’s office.

## We Need a New Treasurer

The following is a letter from **Father Dave Holloway** to members of the Round Table:

“Dear Members:

At the October Executive Committee Meeting, the Board will propose a slate of officers for 2024 and 2025. Since the death of our treasurer Susan Keipp, Dick Titterington has graciously served as acting treasurer. However, Dick is also serving as the Round Table’s 2nd Vice President. The Round Table is in need of a treasurer. Therefore, I am asking if any of our members would like to suggest someone or themselves for this position, to please let me, Gary Nevius, or Dick Titterington know. It is not necessary to be an accountant, but some experience with bookkeeping would help. If you have an ability with figures, please consider this position.

Sincerely,

Father Dave Holloway, Round Table President”

## Sergeant Major’s Roar

### Battlefield Dispatches #631

#### Reign of Terror

During the guerrilla actions in Missouri in the Civil War, it was not uncommon for the Confederate guerrillas or “Bushwhackers” and the “Union” forces to conduct “Reigns of Terror!” This was often done to seek revenge for an action that was perpetrated by the enemy. The following report describes two such reigns of terror. The one conducted by the Union forces was in direct response to one committed by a band of Confederate guerrillas. This report is located on [Pages 281 and 282 in Vol. 13 of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion.](#)

“Office of Provost Marshal-General

Central Division of Missouri, Jefferson City, Mo.,  
September 30, 1862.

[To] Col. F. L. Crawford,

Colonel: I have the honor to report that in obedience to orders received from you on the 23rd instant, I took command of a detachment consisting of Company E, thirteenth Regiment Missouri State Militia commanded by Captain Maus; a detail of 10 men and one 6-pounder howitzer [small cannon] from Captain Wachsmann's Battery, commanded by Lieutenant Bird and 15 enrolled Militia under the command of Captain Madden, my whole force consisting of 65 mounted men and one gun [cannon].

I proceeded by boat to Hibernia, on the Missouri River, and at 10 p.m. started on a forced march in the direction of Eureka, Boone County, where a Rebel force was said to be encamped. After proceeding a few miles, I received intelligence from some Union men who had been driven from their homes that a band of BUSHWHACKERS, headed by one Captain Nevins, had been committing gross outrages in the neighborhood, plundering homes of Union men and threatening their lives.

One of my informants, a man of advanced years, had been taken by them the night previous. A rope was put around his neck for the purpose of hanging him, but the Bushwhackers were frightened away by some noise in the vicinity before they accomplished the murder.

I at once sent squads of my men hunting for these Rebels in various directions. At the break of day, Captain Nevins was captured in the vicinity of Eureka with his [fire] arms upon his person. He wore a mask when captured and had ordered his men to disperse in the brush upon getting intelligence of my approach. Among his papers was found his Oath of Allegiance taken in Jefferson City on October 23, 1861, before Brigadier General Price. I ordered a drum-head court-martial for his trial. The prisoner pleaded guilty to the charge of BUSHWHACKING and VIOLATING HIS OATH OF ALLEGIANCE and was condemned to be SHOT TO DEATH, all of the officers in my command concurring in the sentence. I sent a detail of my men over the country with orders to arrest and bring into my camp all the Rebel sympathizers of the vicinity, in order that that might witness the execution. At noon of the 24<sup>th</sup> instant the sentence was carried into effect and the HOUSE of the PRISONER was burned to the ground.

Being satisfied from all of the evidence brought to me that I was in a section of the country where a perfect “REIGN OF TERROR” had been instituted by the lawless marauders lurking in the brush. And deeming a terrible example necessary for the protection of “Union”

men and the prevention of similar outrages in the future, I ORDERED ALL THE HOUSES BELONGING TO MEN OF CAPTAIN NEVINS' GANG TO BE “BURNED TO ASHES” and placed under arrest the citizens of the vicinity who openly avowed their rebel sentiments. The evidence upon which I destroyed the houses was furnished by Captain Nevins, who gave me, before his execution, the names of his men who were then in the brush who had been committing under his leadership the outrages for which he suffered. His statement was further corroborated by responsible witnesses.

I then proceeded in the direction of Lindsey's Mill, where I discovered a recently abandoned camp. After scouting thoroughly over the country lying between Eureka, Bloomfield, Claysville, and Cedar Creek I returned to Hibernia having marched 80 miles in twenty-two hours and having arrested all of the prominent Rebels along my line of march.

Very Respectfully,

F. J. White,

Major and Prov. Mar. Gen., Central Div. of Missouri.”

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Now then, did the public execution of Captain Nevins and the burning of the guerrillas' houses curtail the “Reigns of Terror” conducted by both sides throughout Missouri for the next three years or the remainder of the Civil War? No, it did not and the “Reigns of Terror” committed by both the Union Forces and the Confederate Partisan Rangers/Bushwhackers continued with a passion, as the War Went On!

(Newsletter continues on next page.)

**Photographs from the August Dinner Meeting**



**New Member Michael Mistler**



**Member Dan Turner and his wife Carol**



**Member Greg Davis and brother-in-law Rob Mabry**