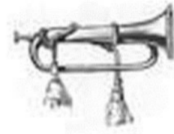




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560th Regular Meeting Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Milburn Golf and Country Club

7501 West 69th Street, Overland Park, KS 66204

Social hour begins at 5:00 p.m. and dinner is at 6:00 p.m. (note new time)

The 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, February 13th.

To make a dinner reservation, please contact Marlene Natoli:

<mailto:marnatoli@att.net>

Phone: 913-764-1336

February Program



In honor of Black History Month, Mr. George Pettigrew will be giving a program titled: "From Slave to Soldier."

Mr. Pettigrew will tell us the story of how his great-grandfather, Isaac Johnson, went from being enslaved, to being a soldier, to being an Original Buffalo Soldier and what that meant.

Mr. Pettigrew will also tell us how the Buffalo Soldiers came to be and how they got that iconic name. He will present the over 150-year historic tale of an Original Buffalo Soldier, according to oral family history and military records, as told by his great-grandson.

Dinner Meeting Reservations and Payments

- A reservation is required in order to attend the dinner meeting. All reservations must be submitted to **Marlene Natoli** by **Tuesday, February 13th**. 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.
- Please e-mail or call **Marlene Natoli** each month if you are planning on attending. To make a reservation, contact Marlene at 913-764-1336 or e-mail her at <mailto:marnatoli@att.net> **Marlene said if you send her an e-mail and do not get confirmation back, then you do not have a reservation.**
- **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 are responsible for the cost of 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://cwrk.org/digital_payments/

Dinner Menu

Milburn Golf and Country Club will serve the following meal at the February dinner meeting: Beef Short Rib with natural sauce, mashed potatoes, and green beans. Dessert will be NY Cheesecake. 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. Also, if you have a food allergy, Marlene requests that you **please be very specific** on what items you can't eat on that month's menu when making your dinner reservation.

This Month's Speaker



Mr. George Pettigrew

We are honored to have as our speaker this month, **Mr. George Pettigrew**. The following is the story of how he became interested in the Buffalo Soldiers:

“My mother shared stories with me of the Buffalo Soldiers from a very young age but there were scant resources to discover more. With her forty years of research, she left me in her will when she passed in 2008, I began to understand more and more. This marked the beginning of my search for who these Black soldiers were.

“Following my retirement from Ford Motor Company, I finally had the time to do earnest research for the information that I didn’t truly understand. How my great grandfather, Isaac Johnson, went from being enslaved, to being a soldier, to being an Original Buffalo Soldier and what that meant.”

Following this story, Mr. Pettigrew has become a Certified Oral Storyteller, a Certified Written Storyteller, a presenting member of the Missouri Humanities Speakers’ Bureau, Instructor for Oral Storyteller Certification, and a newly installed member of Missouri Humanities Board of Directors.

Currently, Mr. Pettigrew is Executive Vice President and Life Member of the Alexander/Madison Chapter of KC Buffalo Soldiers, Life Member and Co-Chairman of the Fort Leavenworth Museum Project Committee with the 9th & 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association, and Chairman of the Frontier Museum of the United States Army Foundation.

Mr. Pettigrew is a U.S. Navy veteran living in Kansas City MO with his wife Dana and they have two children.

Buffalo Soldiers



Buffalo Soldier Monument at Fort Leavenworth KS

The Buffalo Soldiers played a significant role in the settlement of the American West and especially in the history of Fort Leavenworth. The Buffalo Soldier monument was dedicated on July 25, 1992 by General Colin L. Powell, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who was the first African American to serve in that capacity. Eddie Dixon was the sculptor.

The following text is from Wikipedia:

“Buffalo Soldiers were United States Army regiments that primarily comprised African Americans, formed during the 19th century to serve on the American frontier. On September 21, 1866, the 10th Cavalry Regiment was formed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The nickname "Buffalo Soldiers" was purportedly given to the regiment by Native Americans who fought against them in the American Indian Wars, and the term eventually became synonymous with all of the African American U.S. Army regiments established in 1866, including the 9th Cavalry Regiment, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 24th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Regiment, and 38th Infantry Regiment.

“Although several African American Union Army regiments were raised during the American Civil War (referred to collectively as the United States Colored Troops), "Buffalo Soldiers" were established by the United States Congress as the first peacetime all-black regiments in the U.S. Army. The regiments were racially segregated, as the U.S. military would not desegregate until 1948. On September 6, 2005, Mark Matthews, the last surviving Buffalo Soldier, died aged 111. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.”

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 February:

- *Stark Mad Abolitionists: Lawrence, Kansas and the Battle over Slavery in the Civil War Era* by Robert K. Sutton. Published in 2017. In very good condition with dust jacket and mylar cover.
- *Border Warfare in Southeastern Kansas 1856-1859* by G. Mulin Welch, **Dan Smith** Editor. Linn County Publishing Company, 1977. First Edition. In mint condition with dust jacket and mylar cover.
- *Grant Invades Tennessee: 1862 Battles for Forts Henry and Donelson* by Dr. Timothy B. Smith. Published in 2016 as part of the Modern War Studies. In excellent condition with dust jacket and mylar cover.
- *Soldiers in the Army of Freedom: The 1st Kansas Colored Volunteer Infantry Regiment* by Dr. Ian Michael Spurgeon. Published in 2014. First Edition. In excellent condition with dust jacket and mylar cover.

Last Month's Program



Speaker Dick Titterington and his wife Lynne

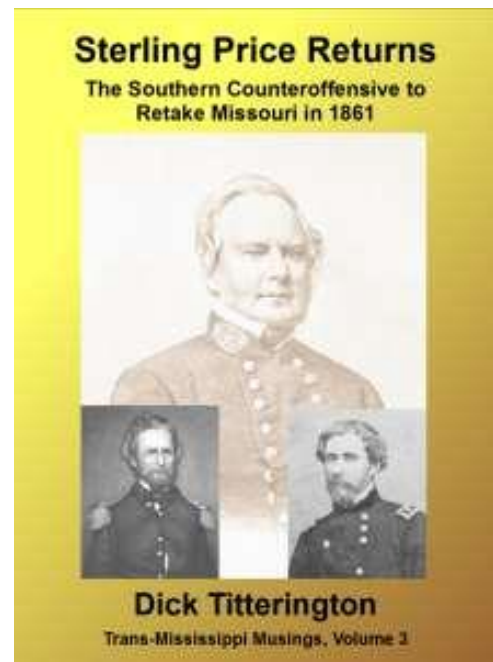
At the dinner meeting on January 17th, Civil War Round Table Member **Dick Titterington** gave an excellent program titled: “Sterling Price Returns: The Southern Counteroffensive to Retake Missouri in 1861.”

Following the Battle of Wilson’s Creek, Confederate Major General Sterling Price broke away from his alliance with Brigadier General Ben McCulloch, to head north for the Missouri River. What followed was the siege and capture of Lexington, Missouri and the Federal response by Missouri’s commander, Major General John Charles Fremont. Attendance at the dinner meeting was 55.

During his presentation, Dick covered the following main topics:

- Prologue: Battle of Wilson’s Creek aftermath.
- The action at Drywood Creek in western Missouri.
- Major General Sterling Price heads north.
- The Federal response.
- Brigadier General James Lane follows in Price’s wake.
- The Federal’s destruction of Osceola MO.
- The siege and capture of Lexington MO by Price’s army.
- Major General John C. Fremont goes after Price.
- Epilogue: Fremont is relieved of command and the Federals pull back to Rolla MO. Price winters in Springfield.

Dick’s presentation was based on the book that he wrote and published in 2014 titled: *Sterling Price Returns, The Southern Counteroffensive to Retake Missouri in 1861:*



The following is a description of Dick’s book from his website: <http://www.thecivilwarmuse.com/>

“It’s the summer of 1861 and the Missouri State Guard has just won a fight with Federal volunteers from Missouri in the Battle of Carthage. Having been driven to the extreme southwestern part of Missouri by the Federals, Major General Sterling Price is eager to launch a counter-offensive and retake control of the State of Missouri.

“But first Price needs to convince Brigadier General Ben McCulloch to ally his Confederates with Price’s Missouri State Guard. Combined, the Southerners will have the strength to defeat the army being assembled by Federal Brigadier General Nathaniel Lyon. The Southern allies march north and meet the Federals just ten miles south of Springfield, Missouri along a stream called Wilson’s Creek.

“After the fight at Wilson’s Creek, Sterling Price marches his Missouri State Guard north to try and capture the key Missouri River town of Lexington, Missouri. In response, Major General John Charles Fremont, mobilizes the forces under his command in Missouri to pursue and destroy the Missouri State Guard. Fremont’s army finally catches up with the Missouri State Guard in Springfield later that fall.”

Dick’s book was available for sale at the January dinner meeting for \$20. If you like to order a copy, please e-mail Dick: <mailto:theCivilWarMuse@gmail.com>

Upcoming Civil War Round Table Programs

Our monthly dinner meetings are typically held on the third Wednesday of each month. However, the December 2024 meeting will be held on the second Wednesday of the month.

- **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: “Sitting on the Fence: Living in Bleeding Kansas Between the Factions.”
- **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.”
- **October 16, 2024:** **Dr. Thomas Curran** will be giving a program titled: “Women at War: Female Confederate Prisoners & Union Military Justice.”
- **November 20, 2024:** **Dr. Mitchell Klingenberg** with the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, will give a program about Union General John Reynolds.
- **December 11, 2024:** This will be a musical program to celebrate the holidays.

Change in Dinner Meeting Start Time in 2024

The following change has taken effect starting last month: Social hour will be from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. This will allow Milburn’s staff and our members to get home at an earlier time.

Next Meeting of the Civil War Round Table’s Executive Committee

The next meeting of the Round Table’s Executive Committee will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 10, 2024 at the Johnson County Library in Lenexa KS. The library is located in the Lenexa City Center, 8778 Penrose, Lenexa KS. Current members of the Round Table are welcome to attend.

The meeting agenda will include the following items:

1. Review and approval of October 7, 2023 meeting minutes.
2. Review and approval of Treasurer’s report.
3. Milburn staff appreciation.
4. Member memorials/flowers.
5. Discussion of 2025 speakers.
6. Review of speaker remuneration.

Please Renew Your Membership for 2024

If you have not already done so, please renew your membership in the Round Table for 2024. Membership dues for individuals are \$40 and membership dues for couples or families are \$60. Non-resident membership dues are \$20.

Our membership dues are used to pay for our speakers’ travel expenses, our administrative expenses, and our contributions to battlefield preservation, including the American Battlefield Trust and the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund.

Thank you for supporting the Round Table!

Member News:

We would like to welcome back former member **Sandra L. Slusher** who lives in Higginsville MO. Sandra said she was a member of our Round Table while her husband, Roger Slusher, was still alive. He passed away on July 4, 2013. Sandra said she doesn’t know if she will be able to make it to any of our dinner meetings because she doesn’t like driving on I-70 or driving in city traffic.

Upcoming KU Osher Course

Round Table member **Dr. Cudnik** will be giving a program at the University of Kansas’ Osher Institute from 2-4 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 (one day only). The Osher Institute is located at 1515 St. Andrews Drive, Lawrence Kansas. The title of his presentation is: “Andersonville Prison, A Critique of Major Henry Wirz, C.S.A.”

Andersonville is claimed to be the worst Civil War prison and its commandant was the only officer in the Civil War executed for war crimes. Dr. Cudnik will

discuss the history of POWs from the time of the Greeks to 1863, the conditions at Andersonville, and the culpability of Major Henry Wirz.

Dr. Cudnik's course is available in person and on line. To register for this course, go to: <http://www.osher.ku.edu/>

A New Civil War Round Table is Formed

The John Knox Village Civil War Round Table has been formed and is being headed up by **Charlie Peoples**. Their first program was held on January 16th. The speaker was **Dick Titterington**, who gave a program about the Battle of Westport.

Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield Dispatches #748 Sickness and Hospitals - Part I

Before and at the beginning of the Civil War, both the United and Confederate States were not prepared for the "War" and the magnitude of the ensuing conflict. Some of the first priorities for both sides were to create and organize citizens into the volunteer forces and respective armies. Next was to provide these huge armies with the weapons to fight a war such as muskets, rifles, revolvers, sabers, cannon, etc. Unfortunately, one of the main sustaining factors of any army, the Medical Department, was not given a high priority until late in 1861 and early 1862. By then it became evident that the Civil War was going to be not a short, but a long war with thousands of sick, wounded, dying, and dead soldiers, all of which required care. In the north, the U. S. Sanitary Commission was established, to provide the medical necessities to the Union armies which were not identified in the regulations of the U. S. Army Medical Department. The following is a report in January of 1862 on the conditions of the "camps and hospitals" in Saint Louis and other areas of the Department of the Missouri, by JAMES E. YEATMAN, who was the President of the Sanitary Commission. It is located in Vol. 8 of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion on Pages 484- 484. Because of the length of this report, this is the first part of the report and it will be concluded in next month's *Border Bugle*.

"U. S. Military Hospital, cor. Chestnut and Fifth Streets. Saint Louis, Mo., January 3, 1862.
Major General Halleck

General: It is required by the terms of the order appointing the Sanitary Commission "that they should

from time-to-time report directly to the Commander-In-Chief of the Department the condition of camps and hospitals."

In compliance with this obligation, I have now to report that the condition of the General Hospitals in this city, with one exception, shows a steady improvement. The nurses and attendants all understand their duties and are discharging them to the general satisfaction of the surgeons.

The number of sick now in the hospitals is less than it ever has been before since their organization. This is not to be attributed so much to the diminution of sickness in the command, as to the policy of the Medical Director, which is to have the sick of the regiments taken care of by the Regimental Surgeons in camps and regimental hospitals. It is proper in light cases, which are not likely to continue for a few days, that they should be taken care of and they will do well in camp and regimental hospitals; but in serious cases, which are likely to be of long duration, where careful nursing and properly prepared diet are required, the General Hospital is to be preferred.

Where General Hospitals have been established, as in this city, there can be no necessity for renting other buildings for the purpose of establishing regimental hospitals. The very sick of the regiment can readily be sent to the General Hospital and light cases can be taken care of in the barracks or camp.

With the hospital accommodations we now have and with the re-establishment of the convalescent barracks there will be sufficient accommodation for the very sick of this division. There are about twenty-three hundred beds in the General Hospitals in this city, with some two or three hundred more which can be had at the City Sister's Hospitals if required.

Much has been said of the enormous expenditures in fitting up these hospitals and the great cost of maintaining same. Representations have been made to the Medical Department at Washington to this effect. We desire to correct any such impressions and will endeavor to give you a concise statement of the facts and figures, that will convince any candid mind of the erroneousness of such representations.

The duty of procuring buildings for and fitting hospitals devolved upon the Sanitary Commission. Under the direction of the Medical Director, six buildings were procured, at a rent of \$2,360 per month, or about \$1.00 per month for each bed or 3 1/2 cents per day per bed! The cost of fitting up and preparing all of these buildings for hospital purposes, including alterations, erection of furnaces, bath-rooms, water closets, heating and cooking stoves, gad fixtures, with bedsteads, mattresses, tables and chairs was about \$28,000, which is 3 1/3 cents per day for one year for each bed! Surely this does not like extravagance.

Another complaint is that civilians are employed as nurses and attendants, when Regulations prescribe that soldiers shall be employed. When these hospitals were first organized our Army was forming. The volunteers were raw and undisciplined and needed to be drilled and made soldiers of. Besides, our volunteers had offered their services for the field and not much for such duties as are required in the hospital and if forced to perform them, would do so reluctantly and imperfectly and consequently the sick would be made to suffer

General Fremont ordered that civilians should be employed as nurses, which has been done at a cost of \$15 per month. The soldier employed in the hospital, including extra pay and clothing, would cost \$24 per month. The amount paid for attendance of all kinds including apothecaries, book-keepers, stewards, nurses, cooks, and waiters is about \$7,200 per month. This does not include the surgeons and assistant surgeons. Were civilians employed as such, the whole expense per annum would be \$70,000 less than it would be for similar hospitals wholly organized under the Army Regulations.

The entire expense per day, including fitting up the hospitals, rents, matrons and attendants will not exceed 33 1/3 cents. There were some expenditures at the House of Refuge which were made prior to the appointment of the Sanitary Commission, which were not recommended by the Medical Director or deemed necessary by the Surgeon in attendance, that are not included in the above estimates.

We trust that the present method of employing nurses will be continued, as it is not only more economical, but the sick are better cared for and attended to. Owing to the difficulty of obtaining pay for the nurses and attendants employed, we would recommend that an order be issued authorizing the employment of nurses and directing the payment of same.

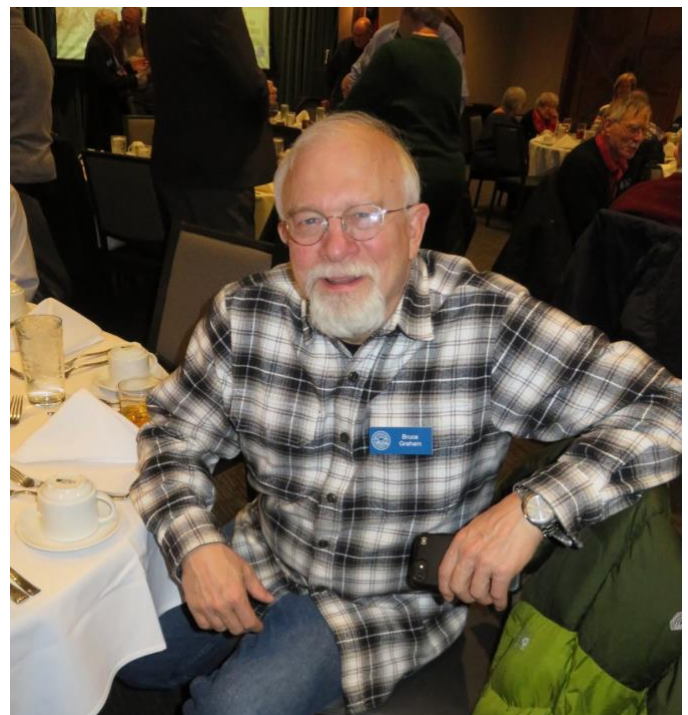
JAMES E. YEATMAN,
President Sanitary Commission.”

Now then, it is not known how long President YEATMAN remained with the U. S. Sanitary Commission, but this report indicates that under his leadership there was accomplished a great deal of organization and improvement in the care of the sick and wounded soldiers in the Department of the Missouri. Next month’s *Border Bugle* will conclude this report and will describe how the overcrowding of soldiers in tents and barracks was conducive to increased sickness among troops as the war went on.

Photos from the January Dinner Meeting



View of Dinner Meeting during the Live Auction Book Sales.



Member Dr. Bruce Graham

Bruce said he has a diary written by his great-grandfather who was seriously wounded at the Battle of Stones River TN (December 31, 1862 to January 2, 1863). Bruce’s ancestor recovered from his wounds and later lived in north-central Kansas, became a farmer, and lived in a sod house. It is a very interesting story.
