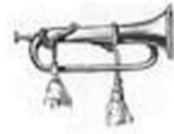




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## 562nd Regular Meeting Wednesday, April 17, 2024

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.

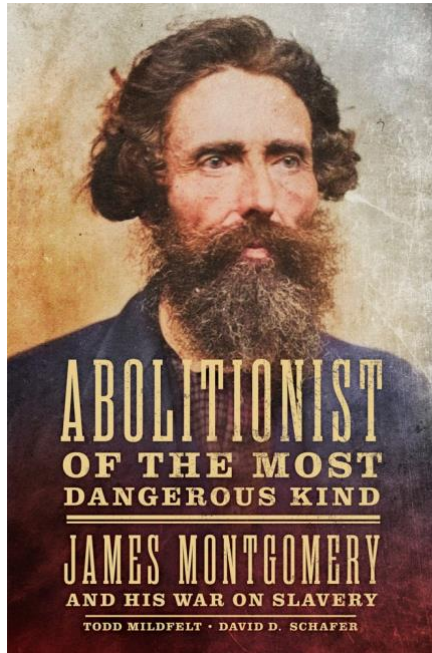
**Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, April 9th.**

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

<mailto:marnatoli@att.net>

Phone: 913-764-1336

## April Program



At our April dinner meeting, Civil War historians and authors **Mr. Todd Mildfelt** and **Mr. David D. Schafer** will be speaking about their book published in October of 2023, titled: *Abolitionist of the Most Dangerous Kind, James Montgomery and His War on Slavery*.

James Montgomery was a radical abolitionist and the "original jayhawker" in pre-Civil War Kansas. During the war, Montgomery led a regiment of Black soldiers in the Department of the South.

Todd and Dave also gave a program about James Montgomery at our Round Table dinner meeting in January 2013.

## Dinner Meeting Reservations and Payments

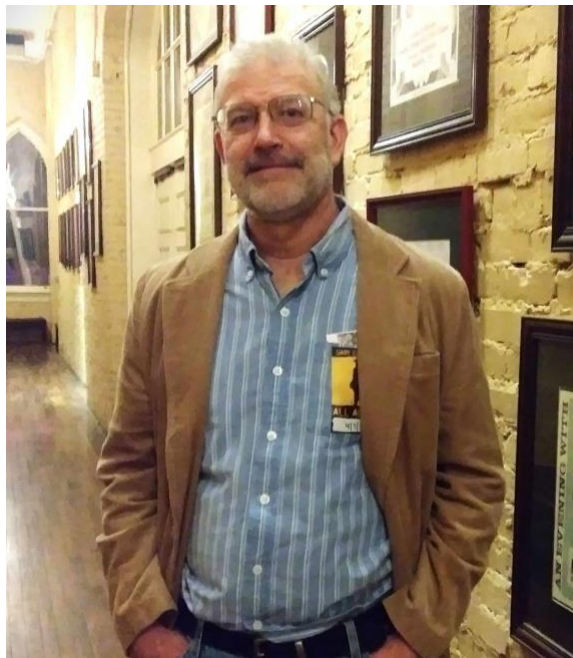
- A reservation is required in order to attend the dinner meeting. All reservations must be submitted to Marlene Natoli by Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. This will ensure that an accurate count can be submitted to the Milburn Country Club on Wednesday, one week ahead of the dinner meeting, as specified 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://cwrtkc.org/digital\\_payments/](https://cwrtkc.org/digital_payments/)

## Dinner Menu

Milburn Golf and Country Club will serve the following meal at the April dinner meeting: Sherry chicken with boursin mashed potatoes and vegetable medley. Dessert will be Vanilla Panna Cotta with macerated berries. 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 Speakers



Mr. Todd Mildfelt



Mr. David D. Schafer

**Mr. Todd Mildfelt** taught history, social studies, and science in special education programs in secondary schools. He researches and writes about territorial Kansas, the Underground Railroad, and African American migration.

**Mr. David D. Schafer** served as a park ranger for the National Park Service for over three decades at historic sites in Kansas, Hawaii, Missouri, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, and Texas. He is now an independent historian.

Todd and Dave grew up in Richmond, Kansas and majored in history at Pittsburg State University. Todd lives in Baldwin, Kansas and Dave lives in Stonewall, Texas. Dave was a member of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City in the 1990s when he was stationed at the Harry S Truman National Historic Site and from 2009 to 2013 when he was stationed at Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in Topeka. Dave retired from the National Park Service in 2019.

### **Book: *Abolitionist of the Most Dangerous Kind***

The following description of Todd and Dave's book is from the University of Oklahoma Press's website:

"A controversial character largely known (as depicted in the movie *Glory*) as a Union colonel who led Black soldiers in the Civil War, James Montgomery (1814–1871) waged a far more personal and radical war against slavery than popular history suggests. It is the true story of this militant abolitionist that Todd Mildfelt and David D. Schafer tell in *Abolitionist of the Most Dangerous Kind*, summoning a life fiercely lived in struggle against the expansion of slavery into the West and during the Civil War.

"This book follows a harrowing path through the turbulent world of the 1850s and 1860s as Montgomery, with the fervor of an Old Testament prophet, inflicts destructive retribution on Southern slaveholders wherever he finds them, crossing paths with notable abolitionists John Brown and Harriet Tubman along the way. During the tumultuous years of "Bleeding Kansas," he became a guerilla chieftain of the antislavery vigilantes known as Jayhawkers. When the war broke out in 1861, Montgomery led a regiment of white troops who helped hundreds of enslaved people in Missouri reach freedom in Kansas.

"Drawing on regimental records in the National Archives, the authors provide new insights into the experiences of African American men who served in Montgomery's next regiment, the Thirty-Fourth United States Colored Troops (formerly Second South Carolina Infantry). Montgomery helped enslaved men and women escape via one of the least-explored underground railways in the nation, from Arkansas and Missouri through Kansas and Nebraska. With support of abolitionists in

Massachusetts, he spearheaded resistance to the Fugitive Slave Act in Kansas. And, when war came, he led Black soldiers in striking at the very heart of the Confederacy. His full story thus illuminates the actions of both militant abolitionists and the enslaved people fighting to destroy the peculiar institution."

### **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 April:

- *Grant* by Ron Chernow. Published in 2017 and #1 New York Times bestseller. First Edition. In mint condition with dust jacket and mylar cover.
- *American Brutus: John W. Booth and the Lincoln Conspiracies* by Michael W. Kauffman. Published in 2004. In excellent condition with dust jacket.
- *President Lincoln Assassinated: The Firsthand Story of the Murder, Manhunt, Trial, and Mourning* by Harold Holzer. Published in 2015. In excellent condition with dust jacket and mylar cover.
- *The Preacher's Tale: Civil War Journal of Francis Springer, U.S. Army of the Frontier (The Civil War in the West)*. Edited by William Flurry. Published in 2001. In excellent condition with mylar cover.

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

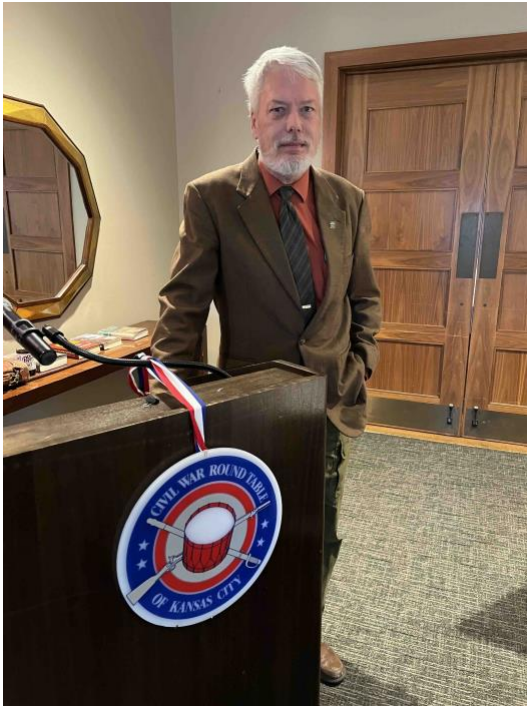
At our dinner meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>, Professor **Kendall D. Gott** gave an excellent program titled: "Living in Bleeding Kansas Between the Factions." Mr. Gott discussed the trials and tribulations of the common people as they learned to cope with the violence swirling about them. Attendance at the dinner meeting was 55.

Mr. Gott is an Army veteran of Desert Storm and retired senior historian of the U.S. Army Combat Studies Institute at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He is the author of several studies on American history including the book: *Where the South Lost the War: An Analysis of the Fort Henry-Fort Donelson Campaign, February 1862*.

In addition, Kendall has authored the following historical novels:

- *Steamboat Seasons and Backwater Battles*;
- *Ride to Oblivion: The Sterling Price Raid into Missouri, 1864*;
- *Steamboat Seasons: A Dawn of a New Era*;
- *Gone to Kansas 1856: Fire and Tribulation*.





**March Speaker Mr. Kendall D. Gott**

- **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, who was killed on the first day at Gettysburg.
- **December 11, 2024:** This will be a musical program to celebrate the holidays.

### Upcoming Civil War Wednesdays Programs

The Civil War Wednesdays programs in April and May will be held on the third Wednesday of the month at the Westport Branch of the Kansas City Public Library, located at 118 Westport Road, Kansas City MO. The programs will start at 1:00 p.m. and end at approximately 2:00 p.m. There is no charge to attend these meetings at the library.

- **April 17, 2024: Mike Calvert**, president of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri, will be giving a program about the Second Battle of Independence, which occurred on October 22, 1864, during Sterling Price's Westport Campaign.
- **May 15, 2024: Lane Smith**, past president of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City, will be giving a program about Confederate President Jefferson Davis's capture, imprisonment and pending trial for treason.

The location of the remaining Civil War Wednesdays programs will be determined at a later date.

- **June 19, 2024: Dennis Garstang**, past president of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City, will be giving a program titled "The Life and Times of General John Charles Frémont." Frémont was in command of the US Department of the West during the summer and fall of 1861.
- **July 17, 2024: Dan Smith**, chairman of the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund, will be giving a program describing life in Jackson County during the American Civil War.
- **August 21, 2024: Dick Titterington**, treasurer of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City, will be giving a program titled: "Grant in Missouri: The Battle of Belmont." Ulysses S. Grant began his Civil War career as the colonel of volunteers in the 21st Illinois Infantry and was quickly deployed in Missouri in 1861. His last command in Missouri was the Battle of Belmont.
- **September 18, 2024: Alisha Cole**, Westport Historical Society, will be giving a program about the role of the Harris-Kearney House and the Wornall House during the American Civil War.

### 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.

- **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."

Find out what their owners and occupants were doing at the time of the war.

- **October 2024:** There will not be a program in October due to the 160<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Encampment at Bloody Hill on the Big Blue Battlefield, scheduled for Saturday, October 19.
- **November 20, 2024: Dick Titterington,** treasurer of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City, will be giving a program titled: “The 1861 New Mexico Campaign: Valverde and Glorieta Pass.” Confederates invaded the New Mexico Territory in 1861 and fought two battles against the Union defenders.

## Member News:

**Charles Heller** said he had not been able to attend our dinner meetings for the past several months, because he has been battling cancer and Parkinson’s disease. Charles said he was one of the first members of the Combat Studies Institute at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC) at Leavenworth KS in 1960.

**Arnold Schofield** recently gave a program about the Border Wars 1856-1864 at the John Knox Village Civil War Round Table. They had an excellent turnout of 55 attendees.

**Dave and Marilyn Pattison** recently went on a Civil War theme cruise on the Mississippi River, from New Orleans to Memphis. Look for Civil War related photos from the trip in future editions of the *Border Bugle*.

## Sergeant Major’s Roar

### Battlefield Dispatches #597 Outlaw Jayhawkers

During the Civil War, anyone from Kansas was considered to be a “Jayhawker” by the citizens and soldiers from Missouri. By that definition, a Jayhawker was an individual who robbed and stole anything one could lay his hands on in Missouri, killed indiscriminately, and burned barns, homes and stores. Much of this indeed did happen. However, there was another type of individual who was a “jayhawking outlaw” that had no allegiance to either the Blue or the Gray and robbed and killed both Kansans and Missourians. The following report describes the pursuit, capture, and killing of some outlaw jayhawkers who lived in northeastern Kansas, who robbed and killed citizens of Kansas and Missouri and can be found on [Pages 55 & 56 in Vol. 8 of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion.](#)

“Fort Leavenworth, Kansas;  
January 28, 1862.

Abridged report of Captain I. W. Fuller, first Missouri Cavalry, in command of a detachment of first Missouri Cavalry detached from this Post by virtue of the following order viz:

Special Orders No. 57:  
Headquarters Department of Kansas,  
Fort Leavenworth, Kans., January 20, 1862.

Captain Fuller, Company E, first Missouri Cavalry will proceed with his command to Atchison, [KS] and there will report to the Hon. J. H. Fairchild, Mayor of Atchison City, with whom he will confer and co-operate in all measures necessary to maintain the peace of Atchison City and County and ARRESTING ANY IRREGULAR BANDS OR BODIES OF ARMED MEN who may be depredating on the public or contravening the provisions of General Orders No. 5, issued from these Headquarters, bearing the date of January 7, 1862. He will remain at Atchison until further orders.

By Order of Major General Hunter:  
CHAS. G. HALPINE,  
Major and Assistant Adjutant General.

In pursuance of the above order, I left Fort Leavenworth with my command at 2 o’clock p.m. of the 20<sup>th</sup> January, 1862 and proceeded to Atchison, where I arrived at 8 o’clock p.m. the same day. I reported immediately upon my arrival to Mayor Fairchild. He informed me that the citizens had driven the principal “JAYHAWKERS” (depredators) out of town, but at the same time, requested me to arrest certain parties who were suspected to be in league with these depredators, and as having the keeping of stolen horses and cattle. In conformity with his request, I arrested several of such persons as he pointed out to me and charged with the above crime, but who from want of evidence and with his concurrence were discharged [released].

On the next morning, January 21, 1862, at 4 o’clock a.m., Lieutenant Sprague joined my command with 20 men and reported for duty. At 8 a.m. the same day, I sent out Lieutenant Sprague with 25 men in search of horse thieves and depredators and stolen property, who succeeded in capturing five horses and two JAYHAWKERS and returned at 2 p.m. of the same day. I then proceeded with the balance of my command to the farm of Sueter Dixon, A NOTED JAYHAWKER and took from his farm 20 horses and two shotguns, the property of citizens of Kansas and Missouri, to whom I

restored their property upon bringing satisfactory proof of ownership.

**January 22:** Mayor Fairchild delivered to me eight horses taken from the JAYHAWKERS by the Home Guards of Atchison previous to my arrival, which were claimed by citizens of Kansas and delivered to them as above.

**January 23:** Made several scouts and searches in the neighborhood of town. I was informed by Messrs. Brown, Dunlap, and Summers that several horses were brought to their farms by parties unknown for safe-keeping, but that they supposed them to be JAYHAWKER HORSES and would like to have an investigation of the matter. I proceeded to the farms of the above-named men, seized the horses and brought them into town, when they were immediately claimed by their proper owners and delivered them to them.

**January 24:** I was notified by Mr. Irving of Missouri, at 3 o'clock a.m. that 15 JAYHAWKERS had robbed his farm in Missouri and taken there from 40 horses and mules and six Negroes; that they dragged his family, among whom were several females, out of bed, insulting them in the most revolting manner, robbed them of their jewelry and finally left and proceeded in the direction of Elwood [Kansas]. I immediately concluded to go in search of the party and Mr. Irving offered himself and a few neighbors as guides, I consented hereto, but dispatched him in advance. I overtook him at Geary City, where I found that his party had caught two and killed the Captain (by the name Chandler) of JAYHAWKERS and wounded another. The rest had escaped, 11 in number, and thought best for him and his party to go home, as I had a force sufficient to answer all purposes. Accordingly, Mr. Irving and his party went home.

I took the two prisoners in my charge and gave chase to the remainder. I followed them closely. When I came within eight miles of Elwood, I ascertained that the party I was in pursuit of had divided. Five had gone west of Elwood, in the direction of White Cloud, and six had gone to Elwood. Accordingly, I divided my command. I sent Lieut. Sprague in pursuit of the party of five enroute to White Cloud and proceeded myself in pursuit of the other party enroute to Elwood, where I captured them. Two hours later Lieutenant Sprague joined me, having been successful in the capture of the party sent after, with all of the stolen property in their possession – five horses, saddles, bridles, and four wagons, all these the property of Mr. Irving.

These are the material points of my proceedings.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant,  
I.W. FULLER  
Captain, First Missouri Cavalry, Commanding.”

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Now then, while this effort helped to eradicate some “outlaw” jayhawkers in northeastern Kansas, the problem with outlaws plagued both the Blue and the Gray for the duration of the Civil War. They, the captured or killed outlaws, continued to be replaced with others, who like other guerrillas of the Blue and the Gray, continued their operations and of course the War Went On!

## Photos of Shiloh National Military Park

The Battle of Shiloh TN took place on April 6-7, 1862. As a result, there were a total of 23,746 casualties (killed, wounded, and missing). The number of casualties shocked both the north and the south. It was more than the total number of casualties from all of the previous American wars combined.

This year on the anniversary of the battle, you can visit Union camps, witness artillery, infantry, and cavalry demonstrations, and attend Civil War music performances at Shiloh National Military Park.



**Park Headquarters and Visitor Center**



**Pittsburg Landing on the Tennessee River**





**Colonel Everett Peabody Mortuary Monument**



**Confederate Memorial along Corinth Road. Erected by the United Daughters of the Confederacy in 1917.**



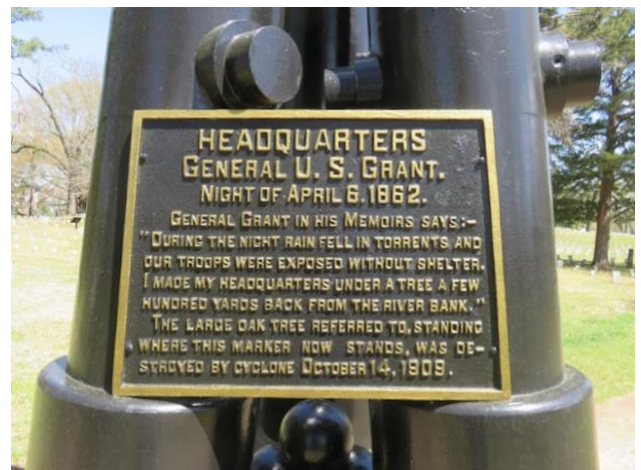
**Arkansas State Memorial at the Hornets' Nest**



**Markgraf's 8<sup>th</sup> Ohio Light Artillery, left end of Grant's final line**



**Munch's Battery, 1<sup>st</sup> Minnesota Light Artillery, Hornets' Nest**



**Headquarters of Major General U.S. Grant on the night of April 6th, 1862, Shiloh National Cemetery**