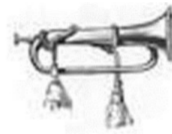




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## 564th Regular Meeting Wednesday, June 19, 2024

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, June 11th.**

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

<mailto:marnatoli@att.net>

Phone: 913-764-1336

## June Program



Civil War historian and Round Table treasurer **Dick Titterington** will give a program titled: "The First Lost Cause: Confederate Missourians Exiled in Mexico."

At the end of the war, between 8,000 and 10,000 Confederates went into exile in Central and South America. Many Confederates from Missouri chose not to surrender but decided to go into exile in Mexico.

Come discover the story of Confederate Missouri leaders, Joseph O. Shelby, Sterling Price, and Thomas C. Reynolds, who chose exile in Mexico over surrender in the United States.

## 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, June 11<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://cwrk.org/digital\\_payments/](https://cwrk.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 coleslaw. Dessert will be chocolate 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. 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



**Dick Titterington**

**Dick Titterington**, also known as “The Civil War Muse”, is an amateur historian with a particular interest in the American Civil War. Dick maintains a website, (<http://www.thecivilwarmuse.com/>) that provides virtual tours of Civil War battlefields with interesting facts about the battle and biographies of key individuals. The virtual tours allow you to travel back in time and personally take walking and auto tours of various battlefields and expeditions. Area maps, waypoints and pictures are provided to orient and guide you through your visit.

Dick also has a blog “Trans-Mississippi Musings” (<http://www.transmississippimusings.com/>) writing about interesting stories that took place in the Trans-Mississippi Theater during the American Civil War, including the Reconstruction Era following the war.

Dick is currently retired and living in the greater Kansas City metropolitan area, after a 26-year career as an Information Technology professional.

Dick is the website admin for the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City (<http://www.cwrk.org/>) and the Battle of Westport (<http://www.battleofwestport.org/>).

Dick has volunteered for SPARK (Senior Peers Actively Renewing Knowledge) teaching classes on the Civil War in Missouri. SPARK is an Elderhostel Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) and a member of the Elderhostel Institute Network (EIN). SPARK partners with the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Dick was also the speaker at our Round Table dinner meeting in January.

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Dick will discuss the following topics:

- Why go into exile?
- Why exile in Mexico?
- End of the war in the Trans-Mississippi region.
- Confederate Missourians march for Mexico.
- Former Confederates in Mexico City.
- The rise of Confederate Colonies.
- The fall of Mexican Emperor Maximilian I.
- Return from exile.

## Last Month's Program



May Speaker - Mr. Michael S. Lang

At our Round Table dinner meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>, **Michael S. Lang** gave an excellent presentation titled: "The Enemy Are Crossing the Potomac in Force - The Critical Decisions of the Maryland Campaign." Mr. Lang's presentation was based on his book *Decisions of the Maryland Campaign*. Mr. Lang gave an overview of the Command Decisions of America's Civil War book series and what constitutes a Critical Decision. Attendance at the May dinner meeting was 50.

Critical decisions can significantly affect the outcome of a campaign and even the war. For example, Mr. Lang discussed the World War II Battle of Midway and the decisions made by Japanese Admiral Nagumo, who lost four aircraft carriers during the battle.

The 1862 Maryland Campaign is widely considered to be one of the most important turning points of the entire Civil War. Robert E. Lee, on the heels of two successful campaigns in Virginia, turned his army north. Near the town of Sharpsburg, Maryland, he faced off against George B. McClellan in a battle that has come to be known as the Bloodiest Day in American History.

Mr. Lang discussed two of the most important decisions that impacted the Maryland campaign:

- Union General Henry W. Halleck's decision on September 9<sup>th</sup>, not to evacuate Harpers Ferry.
- Confederate General Robert E. Lee's decision on September 15<sup>th</sup>, to offer battle at Sharpsburg.

Harpers Ferry was easily isolated and complex to defend. General McClellan wanted to evacuate Harpers Ferry and have the troops under Colonel Miles join his army. However, General Halleck said no. Robert E. Lee had to change his plans because Harpers Ferry was not evacuated. Lee divided his army in order to capture the Union garrison at Harpers Ferry.

Lee decided to stay and fight at Sharpsburg and reunite his divided army after hearing from Stonewall Jackson that Jackson had captured Harpers Ferry. Why did Lee stand and fight at Sharpsburg? If Lee had abandoned Sharpsburg, he could have fought a battle somewhere else at a later date. Once Lee retreated, McClellan thought he had succeeded by forcing Lee out of Maryland and protecting Washington D.C. President Lincoln pressured McClellan to go after Lee. A day after the 1862 mid-term elections, Lincoln relieved McClellan from command.

## 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.

- **July 17, 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*.
- **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, who was killed on the first day at Gettysburg.
- **December 11, 2024:** This will be a musical program to celebrate the holidays.
- **January 15, 2025: Dr. Michael J. Forsyth**, Associate Professor at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College will be our speaker. His topic will be determined later.

### Upcoming Civil War Wednesdays Programs

The “Civil War Wednesdays” programs 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.

- **June 19, 2024: No program.** The library will be closed because of the Juneteenth holiday.
- **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: 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.
- **September 18, 2024: Alisha Cole**, with the 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. Find out what their owners and occupants were doing at the time of the war.
- **October 16, 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.

- **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.

### Next Executive Committee Meeting

Round Table president **Gary Nevius** announced that the next meeting of the Round Table’s Executive Committee will be held at 10:00 a.m. on June 8, 2024. The location of the meeting will be the Johnson County Library, Lenexa City Center, located at 8778 Penrose.

The preliminary meeting agenda is as follows:

1. Review and approval of February 9, 2024, meeting minutes.
2. Review and approval of Treasurer's report.
3. Review of 2025 speakers and discussion of 2026 speakers.
4. Miscellaneous new business items: tours, awards, donations, etc.

Current members of the Round Table are welcome to attend the Executive Committee meeting.

### Member News:

At the May dinner meeting, **Gary Nevius** announced that **Arnold Schofield** was in the hospital with serious back pain and surgery may be required. On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Arnold said he had been in the hospital in Pittsburg KS. Arnold said he woke up in the middle of the night with severe back pain and later had to call 911. He is currently in a Fort Scott skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility undergoing physical therapy. Arnold said he is being treated for spinal arthritic thrombosis, which is arthritis of the lower spine, inside of the spinal cord. Arnold said he will remain in the Fort Scott facility for the next couple of weeks. He hopes and prays that the physical therapy will help. Surgery is the last resort. Please keep Arnold in your prayers. If you would like to send Arnold a card, his address is: 519 South Judson, Fort Scott KS 66701.

We would like to thank **Marlene Natoli** for doing an outstanding job of taking dinner reservations, coordinating with the Milburn Country Club, and checking people in at the dinner meetings.

We would also like to thank **Dick Titterington** for doing an excellent job as Treasurer and Website Administrator, as well as filling in for Arnold Schofield as the speaker at our June dinner meeting.

## Photographs from the May Dinner Meeting



**Visitor Liz Edmundson. Liz is a member of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri.**



**New Member Max Bowers**

As a former history teacher, Max became deeply interested in the Civil War about five years ago. He has since toured 20-25 battlefields. Max enjoys taking Civil War related trips, studying the causes of the war, battles, strategy and tactics, the administration of Abraham Lincoln, and the Civil War in the Western Theater.

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## Photographs of Vicksburg National Military Park, the "Art Park of the South"



**Park Entrance Sign**

President William McKinley signed the legislation establishing Vicksburg National Military Park on February 21, 1899. It was the last of the five Golden Age battlefields to be preserved following Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park (1890), Antietam National Battlefield (1890), Shiloh National Military Park (1894), and Gettysburg National Military Park (1895).

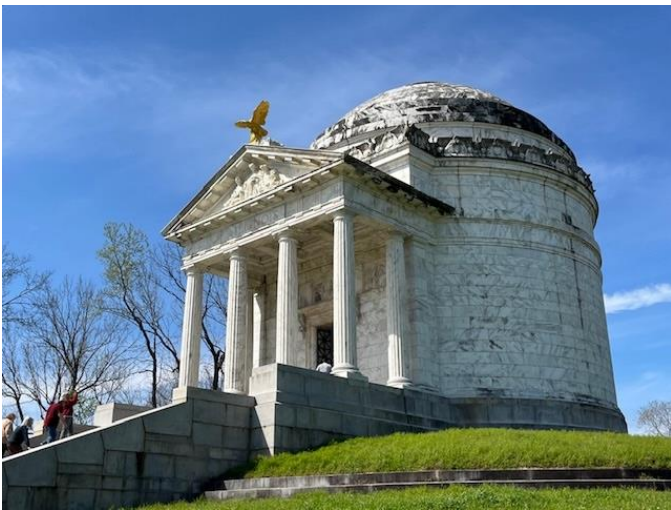
Former Confederate General Stephen D. Lee was the first chairman of the Vicksburg National Military Park commission. The Park and National Cemetery were transferred from the War Department to the National Park Service on August 10, 1933.

Vicksburg is one of the most densely monumented battlefields in the world, with 1,325 monuments, markers, tablets, and plaques. The park also has 20 miles of historic trenches and earthworks, 144 cannons, and the restored gunboat USS Cairo.

Recognizing the need to address the proper burial of Civil War dead, Congress passed legislation to establish Vicksburg National Cemetery in 1866. The following year interments began at the cemetery, making it one of the first national cemeteries in America. More than 17,000 Union troops are buried in Vicksburg National Cemetery, the largest Union cemetery in the nation. Of these burials, the identity of almost 13,000 soldiers and sailors are unknown.

Two excellent books that provide detailed information on the establishment of Vicksburg National Military Park and its monumentation are:

- *The Golden Age of Battlefield Preservation* by Timothy B. Smith, 2008.
- *The Memorial Art and Architecture of Vicksburg National Military Park*, by Michael W. Panhorst, 2015.



**Illinois Memorial (1906).** There are 47 steps up to the Memorial, one for each day of the siege.



**Iowa Monument (1912).** In the center of the monument is a bronze, equestrian color bearer.



**Restored James Shirley House.** It is the only wartime structure preserved within the Vicksburg NMP.



**Missouri Monument (1917).** The winged Nike figure on the front of the monument represents the Spirit of the Republic.



**Union Maj. Gen. John Logan Monument (1919).**



**Texas Monument (1963) at the Railroad Redoubt.**



**Louisiana Monument (1920).**



**CSA Brig. Gen. Stephen D. Lee Monument (1909).**



**Mississippi Monument (1912).**



**CSA Brig. Gen. Isham W. Garrott bust (1909).**



**Yazoo River Diversion Canal (at left). The Mississippi River changed course in 1876.**



**Vicksburg National Cemetery, Established in 1866.**