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## 399<sup>th</sup> REGULAR MEETING

**TUESDAY, January 22, 2008**

**Homestead Country Club**

6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas

Social Hour-Cash Bar-6:00p.m.

Dinner-6:30p.m.

## JANUARY 2008

**DERYL P. SELLMAYER**

**AND KEN SPURGEON**

About the speakers: Deryl P. Sellmeyer most recently well known for his book on General Jo Shelby; "Jo Shelby's Iron Brigade," by Pelican Publishing.

The popular view of Joseph Orville Shelby has been largely molded by John Newman Edwards's fancifully unreliable *Shelby and His Men; or, the War in the West*, and the standard biography written almost a century later (now ....

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## HELP!!!!

If you want to receive the Border Bugle my mail or by e-mail, please let Paul Gault know when you renew your dues so he can in turn let me know, also, please don't forget to let us know of any changes you make to either your address or e-mail or we can't get the Border Bugle to you. Thanks, Mike.

## MEMBERSHIP

## 2008

## DUES

**Please be sure that we have your reservation by Friday Jan. 18. Return reservation In the enclosed envelope with required payment of \$20.00 per person to; Paul Gault, 7118 N. Congress Ave., K.C. Mo. 64152, .**

If you have questions or your payment is unavoidably tardy, please contact either Treasurer Paul Gault at 816-741-2962 or Assistant Treasurer Betty Ergovich at 913 441-6462.

**Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.**

## SPEAKERS FOR 2008

*I'm afraid we don't have all the particulars on the 2008 speakers as of yet due to circumstances beyond our control, so I will give you what I've got. Mike.*

**January 27; Deryl P. Sellmeyer**, Author of: *Jo Shelby's Iron Brigade*," and; **Ken Spurgeon**, on the *Bloody Dawn* film.

**February 24; Arnold Schofield**, "New Discoveries in The Border War."

**March 24; Tim Rues** portraying Jim Lane and his relationship with Abraham Lincoln.

**April 22; Sandy Bernard**, subject to be announced.

**May 27;** To be announced. We will have another silent book auction.

**Summer;** No meals in the three summer meetings, but they have always been good, try to make one or three!



### MENU FOR JANUARY 2008;

California Spring Mix Salad, Chicken Marsala, Chive Mashed Potatoes, Grilled Asparagus, and Chocolate Cake.



### NEW MEMBERS:

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## JANUARY SPEAKERS

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quite dated) by Daniel O'Flaherty, titled [General Jo Shelby: Undefeated Rebel](#). Shelby's Civil War military career has long needed a modern objective treatment, a task attempted by author Deryl Sellmeyer in his new book *Jo Shelby's Iron Brigade*.

The strength of Sellmeyer's study is in the comprehensiveness of its military coverage. Readers, even those not particularly interested in Shelby's brigade, will find the book a useful general survey of Trans-Mississippi cavalry operations. For the most part, the author maintains an even keel and avoids the hyperbole so clearly attached to prior histories of this

unit. The author does make an excellent point in asserting how difficult a task it is to evaluate the brigade's performance in light of its subordination to an unending string of poor quality superiors at division level and above. Not making brigadier general until early 1864, a full assessment of Shelby's military ability and potential is hampered throughout by his lack of seniority, and a dearth of significant opportunities for independent action.

Taking into account the reservations detailed above, I would still recommend *Jo Shelby's Iron Brigade* to readers of Trans-Mississippi Civil War history. Even with its flaws and omissions, Sellmeyer's book is clearly best history to date of this hard charging cavalry brigade.

**Ken Spurgeon** is the founder and executive producer of Lone Chimney Films, an organization dedicated to historical filmmaking. As historians and communicators, we are interested in conveying historical topics in an entertaining and enjoyable format. We are proud of our Midwestern heritage and are keenly interested in projects on Kansas, the Civil War and 19th-century life in general. He teaches history at Cowley County Community College and is active in the Sons of Union Veterans. He will speak on the film; "**Bloody Dawn.**"

Lone Chimney Films is pleased to announce that "*Bloody Dawn: The Lawrence Massacre*" will premiere beginning January 11, 2008. February 16, 2008 10:00 a.m. at Finch Theater in Lincoln, KS. This will be at the annual Lincoln Reenactment Day with other fun events to attend as well. Please refer to the following website for more information:

<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/towns/Lincoln/abeday.html>

By the way, the editor plans to be there for the Lincoln Look-Alike contest, won't that be cool seeing a whole lot of Lincolns? It would be like an Elvis shindig.



## COMING EVENTS.....

### Bleeding Kansas 2008

The 12th annual Bleeding Kansas series of talks and dramatic interpretations of the violent conflict over the slavery issue in Kansas Territory 1854 through 1861 will take place on Sunday afternoons at 2:00 p.m.

January 27 through February 24, 2008. This is the 150th anniversary of the Lecompton Debate. For more information E-mail: [consthall@kshs.org](mailto:consthall@kshs.org). The programs are as follows:

**January 27th** – “Lecompton: A National Obsession 1858” by Professor Craig Miner, Wichita State University Department of History.

**February 3rd** – “John Calhoun: Surveyor General and Lecompton Constitution President,” a firstperson portrayal by Steven Brosemer, GeoTech, Inc. Land Surveyors.

**February 10th** – “Their Last Evening: Reverend Thomas and Sarah Johnson,” a first-person portrayal by George and Diane Bernheimer, reenactors and living history educators.

**February 17th** – “Sara Robinson Attends the Lecompton Ball,” a first-person portrayal and period clothing display by Lesa Brose, Molly Ledeboer, and Dianna Welsh, living history educators and period dressmakers.

**February 24th** – “Danger at My Very Door: Betsy Hoole’s Southern View of Kansas Territory,” a first-personal portrayal by Michelle Martin, Discovering History, LLC.

All events are free and are held at the Constitution Hall State Historic Site at 319 Elmore, Lecompton, Kansas.

Be sure to go online and see what events are shaping up in Kansas by contacting the **Kansas State Historical Society**; [kshs.org](http://kshs.org), or 785-272-8681. January 29<sup>th</sup> in particular is full of events around the area, from the Shawnee Indian Mission, to the State Capitol in Topeka, so check it out.

**April 17-20, 2008:** “War in The Ozarks: Trans-Mississippi and Missouri.” Civil War Preservation Trust Annual Conference, Springfield, Missouri

**May 16, 17, & 18, 2008:** “Stand of Colors,” the Missouri//Kansas Campaign of 1864. Kansas City, Mo., Civil War Battles will come to life next year in the metro area. The Kansas City Rotary Club announced that the largest Civil War Reenactment ever staged in the metro area will be held next May.

The event called “Stand of Colors,” will be a fundraiser for the Rotary’s youth camp.

More than 1200 re-enactors are expected to take part in battles on 400 acres at the Jerry Smith Farm Park at 139<sup>th</sup> and Holmes Road in Kansas City, Missouri. The “Battle of Westport” will be one of the campaigns that will be re-created.

“There are a lot of Junior High students in the metropolitan area who spend their years studying the Civil War. We are going to bring it to life for them via this re-enactment,” said Rotary Club President Chuck Vogt Jr.

Check it all out on the World Wide Web at:  
<http://standofcolors.com/index.asp>.



### *A Letter From the President.....*

What a great year 2007 was and 2008 is going to be every bit as exciting! Our first vice-president, Dan Verbeck, had conflicts which resulted in his inability to assume the job of president, so I agreed to keep it for another year. With such good officers and board members, my job is the easiest! I am in the process of scheduling some first-class speakers and hope to have them all confirmed this month.

2008 is the year of celebrations. February 12 begins the year-long observance of Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday. Our own Herschel Stroud is a member of the national committee honoring Lincoln and will keep us apprised of events leading into 2009. Jefferson Davis turns 200 on June 3 and Andrew Johnson turns 200 December 29. Deb Goodrich turns 50 in April, so this really is a momentous year! All of these events are just a precursor to the sesquicentennial of the Civil War in 2011. What an exciting time to be a part of the Civil War community.

Don't miss a minute of it!

*Deb*



## **BATTLEFIELD DISPATCHES #50**

### Jayhawkers “JAYHAWKED”

Today, when one hears or sees the word Jayhawks, it normally refers to the nickname and mascot of the University of Kansas. However, during the Civil War “Jayhawk” & its’ derivatives had very distinct & different meanings. As a noun jayhawk, jayhawks or jayhawkers normally referred to Union soldiers from Kansas. It was also used to identify CIVILIAN OUTLAWS in Kansas & Missouri who robbed & murdered indiscriminately. These Civilian Jayhawkers / Outlaws had no political allegiance and attacked, robbed & killed civilians & soldiers in both Missouri & Kansas. They were often referred to, but were not the infamous “Kansas Redlegs”. The “Kansas Redlegs” were normally, but not always, former “Union Soldiers” who became “outlaws” or were “Kansas” soldiers still serving in the Union Army. To add to this confusion, “jayhawking” or “jayhawked” was also an action verb that referred to the act of robbing or murdering anyone or stealing anything! Therefore Jayhawkers, the

perpetrators, when apprehended could be robbed (“Jayhawked”) of their stolen property or killed!

The following after action report describes the pursuit of some “Kansas Jayhawkers” who had committed acts of “Jayhawking” in both Kansas & Missouri and were killed & captured in Kansas by “Union” Soldiers from Missouri!

“Fort Leavenworth, Kansas  
January 28, 1862.

In pursuance of Special Orders #57, I left Fort Leavenworth with my command at 2 o’clock p.m. on the 20<sup>th</sup> January 1862 & proceeded to Atchison, [Ks.], where I arrived at 8 o’clock p.m. of the same day. I reported immediately upon my arrival to Mayor Fairchild. Mayor Fairchild informed me that the citizens had driven the principle 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 & as having the keeping of stolen horses & cattle. In conformity with his request, I arrested several of such persons as he pointed out to me & charged with the above crime, but who from WANT OF EVIDENCE & with his concurrence were discharged.

On the next morning, January 21, 1862, at 4 o’clock a.m., Lieut. Sprague joined my command with 20 men & reported for duty. At 8 a.m. of the same day, I sent out Lieut. Sprague with 25 men in search of horse-thieves & depredators & stolen property, who succeeded in capturing 5 of the stolen horses & 2 Jayhawkers & 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 & took from his farm 20 horses & 2 shot-guns, the property of citizens of KANSAS & MISSOURI, to whom I restored their property upon their bringing satisfactory proof of ownership

January 22, Mayor Fairchild delivered to me 8 horses taken from the jayhawkers by the Home Guards of Atchison previous to my arrival, which were all claimed by citizens of Kansas & delivered to them as above.

January 23, made several scouts & searches in the neighborhood of town. I was informed by Messrs. Brown, Dunlap & Sumers that several horses were brought to their farms by parties unknown for safe-keeping, but that they supposed them to be JAYHAWKED horses & would like to have an investigation of the matter. I proceeded to the farms of the above named men, seized the horses & brought them into town, when they were immediately claimed by their property owners & delivered 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 & taken there from 40 horses & mules & 6 Negroes; that they dragged his

family, among whom there are several females, out of bed, insulting them in the most revolting manner, robbed them of their jewelry & finally left & proceeded in the direction of Elwood, [Ks.]. I immediately concluded to go in search of this party & Mr. Irving offering himself & a few neighbors as guides, I consented thereto, but dispatched him in advance. I overtook him at Geary City, where I found that his party had caught 2 & killed the Captain (by name Chandler) of jayhawkers & wounded another. The rest had escaped, 11 in number & had gone in the direction of Elwood, [Ks.]. I then told Mr. Irving that I thought best for him & his party to go home, as I had a force sufficient to answer all purposes. Accordingly Mr. Irving & his party went home. I took the 2 prisoners in my charge & gave chase to the remainder. I followed them closely. When I came within 8 miles of Elwood, I ascertained that the party I was in pursuit of had divided. 5 had gone west of Elwood, in the direction of White Cloud, [Ks.] & 6 had gone to Elwood. Accordingly, I divided my command. I sent Lieut. Sprague in pursuit of the party of 5 en route to White Cloud & proceeded myself in pursuit of the other party en route to Elwood, where I captured them. Two hours later Lieut. Sprague joined me, having been successful in the capture of the party [he was] sent after with all the stolen property in their possession – 5 horses, saddles, bridles, etc. The party I captured had in their possession 12 horses, 3 mules & 4 wagons, all these the property of Mr. Irving.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
I.W. Fuller,  
Capt.  
1<sup>st</sup> Mo.Cav.”

A party of Jayhawkers had been JAYHAWKED & brought to justice!

*(P.S. The Union beat the Confederacy this week in College Football. Sorry Deb and Spike.)*

## CIVIL WAR TRIVIA

22) Arriving in Massachusetts in 1856, John Brown met the men who would finance his invasion of the South. They became known as the “Secret Six,” and included Franklin Sanborn, (a protégé of Ralph Waldo Emerson), Dr. Samuel Gridley Howe (whose wife wrote “The Battle Hymn of the Republic”), George Stearns (who believed Brown to be another George Washington), Gerrit Smith (a former member of Congress), Thomas Parker (a minister), and Thomas Wentworth Higginson (a minister who led a regiment of blacks against the Confederacy). This group helped him raise funds from a wider circle of supporters, including a substantial contribution from wool merchants.



23) Lincoln never met Hannibal Hamlin, his 1860 Vice President running mate, until after Hamlin had been selected by advisors to complete the Republican ticket. Hamlin was from Maine.

## MORE WISDOM FROM COLONEL HORSEPASTURE...

### Battles of the Wah

My exclusive disclosures about real low down and little known FACTS, about certain battles of the recent unpleasantness.

These facts has been thoroughly been investigated, adjudicated, and verified by the C.I.A. (Confederate Intelligence Agency).

Now, after 100 years, we bring you the Genuwine blow by blow account:

#### BATTLE OF WILDERNESS: DRAW

Heah we was most evenly matched in numbers only 5 yankees to 1 Rebel.

#### GEN'L SHUMMAN'S RETREAT THRU GAWGA:

The Gen'l got such a cold reception here he had to set fire to things to keep hissself warm. This is a thang that we are not proud of, as we was very unhostipable.

#### VICKSBURG

WE WUZ ROBBED, SUH!

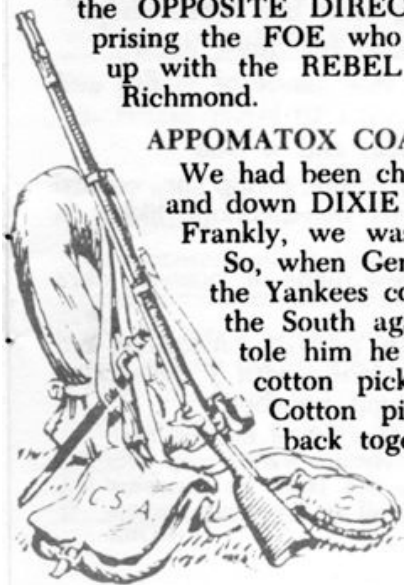
#### GETTYSBURG - FINAL RESULTS NOT IN

At the height of this heah battle, ouh Gen'ls. after due deliberation, decided to finish an unfinished battle near Richmond, Va. and with a GREAT FLOURISH, commanded the entire army to ADVANCE in the OPPOSITE DIRECTION, thus surprising the FOE who could not keep up with the REBEL ADVANCES to Richmond.

#### APPOMATOX COAT HOUSE

We had been chasing Yankees up and down DIXIE for several years. Frankly, we was TIRED.

So, when Gen'l Grant asked if the Yankees could join up with the South again, GEN'L LEE tole him he could. Thus, the cotton pickin' Yankees and Cotton pickin' Rebels got back together.



Missouri was significant state during Civil War

As most Civil War scholars and historians agree, Missouri was third in line behind Virginia and Tennessee in the number of military actions that took place within its boundaries. Missouri sent more men to war, in proportion to its population, than any other state. The total number of Missouri volunteers who served both for the North and the South was 199,111. Why was Missouri so important? Control of the Mississippi River. We are now nearing a four-year national celebration of the sesquicentennial (150 years) of the U.S. Civil War which will start in 2011 and end in 2015. I can remember very well the centennial celebration we observed in 1961-1965 and the U.S. Department of the Interior dedication of Wilson's Creek when it became a national battlefield park. During this same period, Pea Ridge, Ark., also earned a national battlefield designation and Prairie Grove became an Arkansas state park. As Ozarkers, we are very fortunate to have two national parks, several national and state historic sites (Carthage and Newtonia) within our geographic boundaries dedicated to the Civil War in southwest Missouri. In other areas of the state, we have state parks dedicated to the battles that occurred at Athens, Lexington and Fort Davidson or Pilot Knob. The state of Kansas recently created a state park at the Battle of Mine Creek which was a part of the Battle of Westport (Kansas City), which has been honored to be termed the largest land battle west of the Mississippi River (Trans-Mississippi). Here in Springfield we recently dedicated 12 interpretive display markers scattered in old downtown telling the story of the Battle of Springfield.

The Missouri legislature recently passed a bill to help fund through certain tax credits the sponsors of Missouri's Civil War Discovery Trail who are placing interpretative panels at key spots throughout Missouri, which draw attention to battles and historic structures that were important features of Missouri's Civil War heritage. Because men from states such as Iowa, Illinois and Kansas (to name but a few) fought at these places, they are also important elements of the Civil War heritage of our neighbors

There are currently bills in both houses of Congress, the Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission Act, which will provide funds for the upcoming celebration/remembrance if passed.

The Civil War was a defining event in the history of the United States. The issues, the conflict, the brutality and the personalities of it continue to fascinate us to this day. If you are one of those fascinated and would like to take part in the upcoming 150th anniversary of the American Civil War, there are several organizations in the immediate area that might be able to accommodate you: Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks, James H. McBride Sons of Confederate Veterans, Phelps Camp Sons of Union Veterans of the

Civil War, Mary Phelps Daughters of Union Veterans, and Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Association, to name a few.

The Civil War Round Table currently is promoting its first seminar to be held in November. The Confederate Veterans Sons are raising funds to dedicate a memorial to Gen. James H. McBride in his Texas county home. The Union Veterans Sons are raising funds for a memorial to Union troops who fought at Lexington. Mary Phelps Tent has published a book of its

member's relatives who served in the Civil War and Wilson's Creek Foundation continues to buy more land to add to the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. The Civil War Preservation Trust, a national organization, is holding a regional conference here early next year. This is just a sample of what Civil War activities are going on throughout the Ozarks and Missouri and does not even touch on the dozens of re-enactments held in our state every year.

History is alive and all around us. Get out and enjoy it!

### 2008 MEMBERSHIP DUES 2008

The Membership Dues for 2008 remain the same as last year. As you are aware, it is our annual dues that cover expenses associated with obtaining quality speakers, principally for transportation and lodging, as well as for the mailing and printing costs of the Board Bugle and Annual Roster. Dues for 2008 may be paid at any time prior to December 31, 2007. Observing this deadline will insure timely distribution of our Annual Roster. You may remit these separately, or include them with your November or December dinner reservations. Please complete the form below to insure that we have the correct information for the roster.

### 2008 CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF KANSAS CITY DUES

Dues deadline is December 31, 2007

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