

**BORDER BUGLE UPDATE  
AND  
COMING EVENTS OF  
IMPORTANCE!!!**

“Battle of Westport” reenactment. May 17, 18, & 19, 2008. Up to 1500 reenactors will be on hand. Santedioned by the Missouri Civil War Reenactors Association. To be held at the Jerry Smith Farm, more info to come as time gets closer.

JULY 7, 2007 Fort Scott, Kansas. Living history all day and the Blue and Grey Band (?) will play that evening about 7:30. Come one, come all!

Battle of Carthage State Historic Site - July 7th and 8th Civil War Encampment by the Holmes Brigade portraying General Franz Sigel's, 3rd MO Volunteer Infantry on July 5, 1861. The Civil War Round Table is planning a trip to Carthage on September 15, 2007.

Bingham-Waggoner Antique and Craft Fair  
Saturday, July 14, 2007 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
313 W. Pacific, Independence, MO

Battle of Athens State Historic Site - August 4th and 5th Military drills and demonstrations of the Civil War era.

Battle of Pilot Knob Reenactment – Sept. 22nd – 23rd  
In Arcadia Valley near Ironton, MO. Fort Davidson State Historic Site.

**The Battle of Westport Wall at Trailside Center**

Through a cooperative effort between the City of Kansas City and other interested groups, an old bank building at 99th and Holmes has been converted to an attractive meeting place and headquarters for the Historical Society of New Santa Fe. With contributions and volunteer help the old vault of the bank has become a museum and a showcase for art work related to the Battle of Westport. On Thursday, July 12th, there will be an open house at 7:00 p.m. and program at 7:30 p.m. for an Evening of Appreciation. The Master of Ceremonies will be our own Jim Beckner assisted by Chuck Loomis and Ann O'Hare. The Trailside Center is located at 9901 Holmes Road next to the fire station. If you have ever wondered what a “rain garden” looks like, you can see one south of the fire station.

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**Waverly, Missouri's Heritage Event**

The Waverly Arts Council will celebrate Heritage Days on July 21 and 22, 2007. On Saturday there will be entertainment of the period, reenactors (military and civilian) plus events for the entire family such as performers, folk artisans, children's games, and a farmer's market. The peach growers of the area will be marketing a Peach Fest. On Sunday there will be a reenactment of the wedding of Confederate General Joseph O. Shelby to Elizabeth Nancy Shelby (his cousin) at 2:00 p.m. at the historic Warren House in Waverly with a reception and ball to follow. The town of Waverly on the Missouri River will tell the story of its Civil War past. General “Jo” Shelby

raised his famous Iron Brigade on the steps of the Christian Church using his own funds to outfit them and went on to demonstrate what a brilliant cavalry leader he was.

Waverly was also the site of a day-long archaeological survey on March 27<sup>th</sup> by Tim Baumann of Missouri Valley College (Marshall, MO) to search for evidence of the antebellum home built by General Shelby on Waverly's Mount Rucker and the considerable pre-Civil War industrial facilities that made Waverly a major river port. Shelby's home was destroyed during the War, and its exact location has been lost for many years.

#### **Joseph O. Shelby**

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Joseph Orville Shelby was born in Lexington, KY in 1830 and moved to Waverly in 1852 where he established a hemp rope manufacturing business. When the Civil War began in 1861, he was reputedly the richest man in Missouri. Joining the cause of the secessionist Missouri State Guard, Shelby fought at Carthage and Wilson's Creek in 1861, and in August 1862, he raised a cavalry regiment in Waverly for the Confederate Army. Shelby's regiment formed the nucleus of the South's famous Missouri Iron Brigade, which Shelby led and financed through most of the Civil War. His exploits during and after the War are legendary. It was said that he was the best cavalry general in the South. Measured by miles traveled in the saddle, Shelby is probably the most prolific cavalry commander in American military history, and his tactics are still being studied today.

After the Civil War General Shelby became the United States Marshall for the Western District of Missouri. When he died in 1897, he was laid to rest in Forest Hill Cemetery in Kansas City, following the largest funeral procession Kansas City has ever witnessed. His stone and others surround the Confederate memorial in Forest Hill at 6901 Troost Avenue and are pictured in our *Monuments* book.

If you plan to attend the Waverly event and would also like to volunteer a little time for the Round Table, please contact Karen Wells at (816) 429-5165 and leave a message. Her son, Kevin Wells, plans to set up his Civil War Shoppe on the grounds and would be glad to share a table for Round Table literature. We have some extra copies of the newsletter to distribute to those interested in membership and will have brochures about the Carthage trip to pass out. It's a fun way to interest new people in the Round Table's activities.

## **Civil War in the Trans-Mississippi**

The Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks in Springfield, Missouri is hosting a public conference on the Civil War in the Trans-Mississippi, Nov. 16 and 17, 2007 at the Clarion Hotel in Springfield. Speakers include M. Jane Johansson, author of *Peculiar Honor, The 28<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry*, who will be the dinner speaker on Friday evening. Others are William L. Shea, author of *Pea Ridge, Civil War Battle in the West* and William Garrett Piston, author of *Wilson's Creek: The Second Battle of the Civil War*.

If you register by October 31<sup>st</sup> the cost is \$20 for Friday evening's dinner and \$30 for Saturday which includes lunch or \$50 for both. After October 31<sup>st</sup> the cost is \$20 for Friday only and \$40 for Saturday only for a total of \$60 for both days. Many vendors are expected so you can browse when you are not in a session.

For information and to register, contact Steve Buffat at (417) 862-1771 or E-mail [sjbuffat@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sjbuffat@sbcglobal.net).