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

**TUESDAY, March 23, 2010**

**Homestead Country Club**

6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas

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

Dinner-6:30p.m.

## MARCH 2010 SPEAKER

## PRESIDENT ELECT ABRAHAM LINCOLN

He was elected with less than 40% of the popular vote. His election has stirred great controversy and consternation among our fellow Southern states. South Carolina seceded from the Union in Nov 1860 followed by Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, and Mississippi in January with Texas calling for a secession convention on Feb 1 to be followed by a vote on Feb 23. It is feared that other southern states are also considering secession.

It is February 11, 1861. We are at the B&O Railroad depot in Springfield, Ill. President elect Lincoln is preparing to depart for his journey to Washington for his inauguration as the 16<sup>th</sup> President of these young, 80 year old, United States. Facing the greatest crisis in this nation's history, will democracy survive; the President elect will give you the political situation as he sees it, his hopes and his fears. He'll speak of assassination threats, our founding fathers, inauguration, emancipation and his vision for a transformed America.

Join us at our [March](#) meeting as President elect Lincoln will give his final speech to the public as he departs for Washington

***Please be sure that we have your reservation by Friday Mar. 19. Return reservation in the enclosed envelope with required payment of \$22.00 per person to; Paul Gault, 7118 N Congress Ave., Kansas City, MO 64152.***

If you have questions or your payment is unavoidably tardy, please contact Assistant Treasurer Betty Ergovich at 913 441-6462.

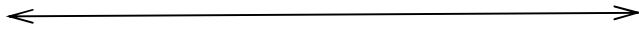
**Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.**

## TRIVIA

West Point was established in 1802. Who was the first graduate of the academy to be promoted to the rank of general? You know very well.

## MENU FOR MARCH 2010;

House Salad, Roasted Pork Loin, Escalloped Potatoes, Grilled Vegetables and Irish Crème Brule



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### Programming

**April:** President Jefferson Davis

**May:** Author Greg Clemmer presents "Old Allegheny Johnson.", Silent Book Auction

**Summer** Programming, June, July, August, (no meals) We will be moving the summer programs to the Kansas City Public Library at 4801 Main St. in Kansas City, MO where there is no charge for the use of a meeting room. At the country club, we have to pay \$175.00 per session, with three sessions, that's \$525.00 with no food and limited beverage. No brainer there.

**September:** Author Tom Lafinere: Civil War Cass County

**October:** Tentative, Frederick Douglas

**November:** Jim Beckner, The Old Confederate Homes

**December:** To be determined & Silent Book Auction

### Executive Committee Meeting

We earlier established three sub-committees

2<sup>nd</sup> VP Larry Coleman chairs the Membership committee. At our meeting on Feb 23 the committee met just prior to the regular monthly meeting. The main topic was the RT website. Dick Hoagman is the webmaster. Dick reported that our's is the third highest hit website of all CWRT's nationwide. We discussed ways to improve the site with addition of Resources-Research available to the community, Speakers from our RT that are available upon request by the community at large, and upcoming tours. We will continue efforts to add to and improve the website.

1<sup>st</sup> VP Alisha Cole chairs the Education and Publicity committee. A meeting was held on 3-3-10.

Discussion included the update on our efforts thru the Missouri Humanities Council to have as our main program speaker for October, Frederick Douglas. More to follow later on those efforts. We discussed Venues and Partnerships to include the Bruce R Watkins Center, Mid Continent Library and Kansas City, Mo public library. Other discussion included ways to promote our RT to the community and to attract new members.

A Tours meeting was held on 3-3-10 chaired by Betty Ergovich. It was determined to have what we called Major and Minor tours for the membership and the community. Jack Brookes is investigating the possibility of a Ft Leavenworth tour in June. We will ask at our next meeting for an indication of how many would be interested. We are also investigating a tour of Osawatomie in Aug and then a major tour of Trading Post and Mine Creek Battlefield on Oct. 23. More to follow on each of these.

Obviously next year will be a big year as it will be the Susquicential of the Civil War. Already many locations, Carthage , Wilsons Creek , and Lexington are making major plans for events, reenactments and activities to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the war.

Betty Ergovich has applied for RT membership to the Heritage League of Greater Kansas City. Thru them we can announce our monthly meetings and any and all other activities and events that the RT will be promoting. If you know of another avenue that we can place info about the RT please let one of the officers know so we can approach that venue.

The annual review of the Treasurers has been completed and all is in order.

Paul Gault announced that immediately the Country Club has announced they are raising prices. The monthly will now be \$25.00. Sorry folks, we have absolutely no control over this price. There was a short discussion about looking for another location that would serve a meal but it was indicated we have looked previously and this location will remain the least expensive.

Paul also announced that when people make reservations and then no-show that we still have to pay for the meal. After you have made a reservation and then know you will not be able to attend please notify Paul. We should not have to pay \$25.00 for that meal.

### Name Tags

If you are in need of a name tag please notify Jack Brooks at 913-648-2517. There is a small price for the tag and Jack can discuss that with you.

March 10, 2010  
Happy Birthday Orvis Fitts

## *“The Sargeant Major’s Roar”*

Battlefield Dispatches #104

### **“Execution by Firing Squad”**

Frequently, during the Civil War, it became necessary to dispense justice in a very expedient quick manner, especially in the guerrilla war that was the mayhem of Missouri. Very often after this was done, the Commanding Officer of a regiment or military district had to answer or justify why the execution or executions, especially of civilians, had taken place to his Commanding General or to a state or federal congressional inquiry. The following is the response to Missouri State Senator J. Davis’s inquiry concerning some of the executions that occurred in the winter of 1864 and is located on Pages 290-291 in Series I, Vol. 34, Part III Correspondence of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion.

“Headquarters District of Central Missouri,  
Jefferson City, Mo., February 10, 1864.

[To]: Hon. J Davies,

Senator, General Assembly, Jefferson City, Mo.:  
Gentlemen of the House Committee of Nine: In reply to your communication of this date through J Davies, requesting my answer to the following interrogatories [questions] to wit:

What were the circumstances attending to the trial, conviction & execution of Dr. Zimmerman & Hamilton at Tipton? What other parties have been summarily tried & executed under similar circumstances in your department & what was the military necessity & effect, if any, has it produced upon the country? What was the nature of the organization of Maddox & others in the vicinity of Knobnoster? Please state all prominent facts of the case, also those attending their arrest & trial.

I would say, in answer, that Dr. Zimmerman & Hamilton were executed at Tipton for the crime of HORSE STEALING, after having been impartially tried & convicted by a court composed of the officers of the post, Lieut. Colonel Crittenden, 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, Mo. State Militia, Commanding. Carlisle, a noted REBEL & GUERRILLA, was tried & SHOT at Clinton by a similar court, Lieut. Colonel Brown of the Enrolled Missouri Militia, Commanding. Benton, a perjured traitor & a NOTED BUSHWHACKER, after having taken the OATH of ALLEGIANCE, joining the militia, DESERTED them, was captured by a detachment of the 4<sup>th</sup> Mo. Cavalry, Mo. State Militia, in a skirmish with QUANTRILL’s men, tied & convicted & SHOT by a similar board of officers, Col. George H. Hall Commanding.

A spirit of lawlessness & recklessness, having no regard for the rights of any class of citizens, whether loyal or not, had pervaded the western portion of the Central District of Missouri to such an extent that the civil functions of the law were utterly helpless & the military law, to a great extent, was crippled.

Men thoroughly organized in bands & having a perfect connection, had inaugurated a REIGN of TERROR & CRIME which rendered the lives & property of all citizens unsafe & so completely cowed citizens into submission through fear of repeated outrages that it became impossible to reach & punish the perpetrators through the legitimate channels of properly constituted military tribunals. These acts of crime were not confined to rebel enemies of the occupying [Union] army, but extended to various men & bands who used their cloak of loyalty as a disguise to gratify the SPIRIT of PLUNDER & personal aggrandizement. So general had this become & of such an aggravated character, that there existed a necessity for stringent & summary disposition of the offenders whenever & wherever they were caught. [Meaning they were tried, convicted & executed on the spot!] An opportunity for such measures soon followed in the cases I have above cited & examples were promptly made which have been attended with the most gratifying effect, restoring peace & quiet & safety to all alike & bringing men back to a proper observance & reverence for the laws. The examples thus made have saved to a section of Missouri, already devastated by a Civil War attended with the BARBARITIES & ATROCITIES unparalleled, further scenes of ROBBERY, RAPINE & ARSON & EFFUSION OF BLOOD, which fully atones for the irregularity & justifies the summary method by which they were affected.

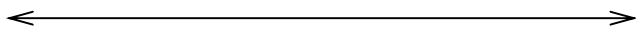
Maddox’s company at Knobnoster was an independent company, formed without authority,

ostensibly for the protection of the citizens of Knobnoster & vicinity, but as the evidence which was elicited at the trial of Maddox, Chester & others shows that the men, while under the command of Maddox, who assumed to be their leader, at other times roamed through the country ROBBING the houses of unoffending & peaceable citizens, taking the wearing apparel of women & children, BURNING DWELLINGS, STEALING HORSES & MURDERING MEN. Maddox's company was known as Company Q & as such was the TERROR of the county of Johnson. Some 20 of this Company Q & those that consorted & acted in concert with them have been arrested. Some of them have been tried before a military commission & the record of their cases awaits the action of higher authority, while others are yet to be tried. Those whose cases have been investigated have had a fair & impartial trial, with every opportunity to make a legitimate defense before a legally constituted military commission. Others have been released upon preliminary investigation without a formal trial.

I am, very truly, your obedient servant,

E. B. BROWN  
Brigadier General of Volunteers."

The peace & tranquility described by General Brown never lasted very long & the killing, robbery, murder & horse stealing continued in the mayhem that was Missouri until long after the Civil War was over.



## 2010 Local and Coming Events

**March 19- 21** – Kansas City, Ks – NCOWS Convention and Show Nathan Boone Homestead – 1st Mo Batallion Muster.

**April 2-4** – Counce, TN,, - Battle of Shiloh Reenactment.

**April 16-18** – Wichita, KS., -Cowtown Annual CW Weekend

**April 23-25** - Plattsburg, MO., -Reenactment

**April 23-25** – Keokuk, IA., -Reenactment

## Announcement on Lisa Meyer's Southern CD - Voices Hushed and Still

I am pleased to announce that a few months ago I was nominated in several categories for the 2009 Southern Heritage Music Association Awards. I just found out that I won in the Female Artist of the

Year & Up and Coming Artist of the Year categories. Quite a pleasant surprise!!!

### ORIGINAL ANNOUNCEMENT

I am pleased to announce the release of my new CD – Voices Hushed and Still...a collection of Southern Songs and Rare Gems from the Civil War Period.

I was born and raised in Harrisonburg in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and now reside outside of Nashville , TN.

I am a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy - Kate Litton Hickman Chapter in Nashville and am a chairman for The Music of the Confederacy for the state of Tennessee. CD layout was shot at the McGavock Confederate Cemetery in Franklin, TN.

The Song List includes:

The Homespun Dress  
Old Folks at Home/Oh Shenandoah  
Somebody's Darling  
Long, Long Ago  
The Rebel Soldier  
Slumber On, Baby Dear  
Richmond is a Hard Road to Travel  
Cruel War/Johnny Has Gone for a Soldier  
Pray, Maiden Pray!  
I'm Going Home to Dixie/Dixie's Land  
Home, Sweet Home  
When Upon the Field of Glory

You can hear samples of the songs, download and/or purchase at: <http://cdbaby.com/cd/lisameyer> or can be purchased on EBay.com <http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&ssPageName=STRK:MESELX:IT&item=370158705399>

I hope you will support this project in preserving our Southern Heritage!

Sincerely,

Lisa Meyer

[www.voiceshushedandstill.com](http://www.voiceshushedandstill.com)

### NEW MEMBERS.....

**Michael L. Lummis**, 9525 Buena Vista, Overland Park, KS 66207, Phone 913-649-0904

**Anthony Kostusik**, 4201 W. 110 Ter., Leawood, KS 66211-1432, 913-491-1720, email [akostusik@att.net](mailto:akostusik@att.net)

**PLEASE READ THIS, THIS PERSON IS GOING AROUND WITHOUT A COAT!!!!**

Mike,

Someone, ACCIDENTILY, walked off with the wrong overcoat after the last meeting--mine. Unfortunately I have one of those tan overcoats that has a lot of look-alikes.

I think the only things to clearly identify the missing overcoat is that my last name (TARR) should be on the loop in the back of the neck (probably badly faded), and a bottle of Aleve that was in one of the pockets.

I left the remaining overcoat in the closet at Homestead and told one of the staff about it. I figured if it was somebody who lived in the Metro they could come and get their coat when convenient, although I'd ask that they just bring mine to the next meeting. In the pockets there appeared to be a pair of blue wool gloves, which was my first clue that it wasn't my coat.

Thanks!

Blair



**CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF THE OZARKS**

The above is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. They would like any and all who may of our membership to attend their celebration. It is to be held April 17, 2010 at the Wilsons Creek Battlefield Museum and Visitors Center . Program is as follows: 10:30 am Presentation of the long version of "Mean Fowt Fight" produced by Wide Awake Films. 2:00 pm: Dr Steven Woodworth will be discussing his book "While God Is Marchin On: The Religious World of Civil War Soldiers" followed by Q&A.

5:30 pm: Books with signings "Portraits in Conflict" by Dr William Piston and Dr Thomas Sweeney, Civil War Generals in Defeat, Sherman : Lessons in Leadership and Decisions in the Heartland – The Civil War in the West, all by Dr. Woodworth.

There is an evening meal and program and other speakers with the possibility of Congressman Roy Blunt who has been very active in Civil War promotions in Southeast Missouri.

Please go to their website for further information:

<http://history.missouristate.edu/WGPiston/CWRT/cwrt.htm>

**NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD CLEANUP DAY**

Mark your calendars for this day, April 10, from 10am to 4pm, or however long you can participate. The SCVCW and the SUVCW have both participated in the past in the continued landscape cleanup at the Mine Creek Battlefield. If you can help it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Arnold Schofield, Spike Speicher or President Lane Smith for particular details for transportation, tools of the trade, meals, etc.

**CIVIL WAR ANCESTOR WORKSHOP**

For you who would be interested there is a workshop scheduled for Friday, March 12 and Saturday March 13, 10am to 4pm at the Cass County Public Library. Contact person is Carol Boll, 816-884-8285. The workshop will include how to obtain military records and what records are available. A \$15 fee includes a breakfast snack, workshop syllabus, one on one help with research and the use of CCPL databases. There is a registration form that must be completed. Contact the above phone number for information.

**TO OUR DEPARTED COMRADES OF ALL WARS**

Rest easy, sleep well my brothers  
Know the line has held, your job is done  
Rest easy, sleep well,  
Others have taken up where you have served, the line has held,  
Peace, peace and thank you for a job well done.

**NEW BATTLEFIELD MEMORIAL**

Officials in Jasper County , Mo (Baxter Springs area) recently purchased five acres of farmland near the town of Sherwood for a memorial

park. On May 18, 1863 25 members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Kansas United States Colored Troops and 20 white troops of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Kansas were attacked by 70 guerrillas under Major Thomas Livingston. More than half the black troops and several white troops were killed. The next day, when it was learned that members of the Sherwood community participated in the attack, Union troops burned the town in addition to many farms in the surrounding area. A permanent memorial will be created with the hopes to open it to the public in 2011. If you have never visited the Baxter Springs battle of Oct, 1863 between Quantrill and Union troops stationed there, if you're ever in the area, do visit the museum and battlefield. The museum is very impressive for a smaller community.

## GENERAL GRANT'S PAPERS NOW RESIDE DEEP IN THE HEART OF DIXIE

Over 46 years, the US Grant Assoc published 30 volumes of The Papers of US Grant. In 2008 the association moved all Grant materials from So Ill

Univ to the Mitchell Memorial Library at Miss State Univ. The collection consists of about 15,000 linear feet of correspondence, artifacts, photographs, scrapbooks and related material chronicling the Union GI's life. Grants own words near the end of his life point out just how appropriate it is that his papers have found a refuge within the heart of the Old Confederacy. In July 1885, just 13 days before his death, Grant was visited by an old friend and CW opponent, GI Simon Bolivar Buckner. Buckner was in command of Ft Donnellson when he surrendered that fort to Grant in early 1862. They had also been prewar friends. Unable to speak, Grant wrote Buckner a note, "I have witnessed since my sickness just what I have wished to see ever since the war, harmony and good feeling between the sections. I have always contended that if there had been no body left but the soldiers we wouldn't have had peace in a year.

Grant would doubtless be happy to know that his papers have found a home in Mississippi.

**TRIVIA ANSWER:** General Joseph Johnston was promoted to General in early 1860 in the Quartermaster corp.

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