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

**TUESDAY, November 28, 2006**

**Homestead Country Club**

6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas

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

Dinner-6:30p.m.

## NOVEMBER SPEAKER

**Mr. Donald L. Gilmore; Civil War  
on the Missouri-Kansas Border.**

**MEMBERSHIP**

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**DUES**

## Commander's Call

**James L. "Spike" Speicher**

I must say that our October meeting was a great event with a great speaker. But yet another great event is coming up in the way of the November meeting. We are extremely fortunate to have as our guest speaker Mr. Donald L. Gilmore. Don is the author of the recently published book Civil War on the Missouri-Kansas Border. This is an outstanding book that has received rave reviews as being one of the best books on the topic of the bloody border conflict between the two states. What makes this so neat is it happened right here in our back yard. Don has prepar-

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**Please be sure that we have your reservation by Friday Nov. 24. 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.**

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-ed a riveting talk on the conflict here that I am sure you will enjoy. He will also have several copies of his book available for purchase that he will gladly personalize for you. He said the price for the book is \$25.00 so plan to buy two or three. They make wonderful Christmas presents for all your Civil War buffs. This is one meeting you definitely don't want to miss.

With the approach of our December Christmas meeting I want to remind everyone that it is the meeting with our gigantic book silent auction. This is a primary fund- raiser for us but we need your help to make it successful. We need books for the auction. Please bring any books you have that you can give to the auction. We prefer book concerning the era of the War Between the States but any military oriented books are welcome. I know there are a lot of us that have more books than we need crammed into overflowing bookcases. Please go through and see if there aren't some books there that you don't need anymore that you can donate "to the cause". Remember, if we don't make enough money on the book sale we need to schedule a car wash or a bake sale at the mall. So please bring any books you would like to donate to the November meeting and give them to Arnold Schofield (our book sale coordinator) or to me. I thank you in advance for your outstanding support of our Round Table.

I hope to see all of you on Tuesday November 28<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any comments, ideas, or concerns the contact information for me is: home- 913.962.9986; work- 816.512.8727; and e-mail colspike@hotmail.com.

Deo Vindice.

Spike

November 2006

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

**November 28; Mr. Donald L. Gilmore.** Don will speak on his new book: Civil War on the Missouri-Kansas Border.

**December 19-** Christmas meeting with entertainment.

## SPEAKERS FOR 2007-

**January 23; Scott Porter,** Team leader, Command General Staff School, Ft. Leavenworth. Scott is the author of numerous scholarly articles on the Civil War. Ask him about Doc Jennison, one of his more recent areas of study. "Battle of Camden Port".

**February 27; Robt. Lee Hodge** filmmaker, reenactor, activist for preservation of Civil War Battlefields. Though he lives in Washington, D.C., Rob is a partner in the Kansas City company Wideawake Films. Their stunning documentary on Bleeding Kansas, "Bad Blood", will air on KCPT in March. Many CWRT members may recognize Rob's face from the best selling *Confederates in the Attic* by Tony Horowitz. "Civil War and Cinema."

**March 27; Thomas G. Smith.** For many years, Tom was the director of Industrial Light and Magic, the visual effects arm of George Lucas's film company. He worked on many Hollywood blockbusters including *Gods and Generals*, *Indiana Jones*, and *Star Wars*. He realized through an aunt that he had an ancestor at Baxter Springs, KS massacre, and subsequently wrote a novel about William Clark's brief life. "My Ancestor at Baxter Springs."

**April 23; John Sellers.** John is the Civil War and Lincoln specialist at the Library of Congress, and serves on the National Bicentennial Committee. Like Ed Bearss, anything John chooses to speak on is interesting. Topic to be announced.

**May 22; Anthony Waske.** Andy teaches languages at temple University. For more years than he can count, he has reenacted General George Meade at Gettysburg, and he is the founder of the Meade Society in Philadelphia. Truly, Andy is the epicenter of the Civil War community in Pennsylvania, an area that has so many links to the Kansas/Missouri border. "John Geary in Kansas."

**September 25; Tom Perry.** Tom is the founder of the JEB Stuart Birthplace Preservation Trust. He studied under our good friend Bud Robertson at Virginia Tech, and has donated his extensive collection of research on Jeb and his family to the Center for Civil War Studies at that university. "Jeb Stuart in Kansas."

**October 23; Robert Krick.** Bob's reputation as historian at the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania Courthouse Battlefield is well-known to the Civil War community. Topic to be announced.



**November 27; Fred Chiaventone.** Fred is retired from the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, having taught nearly every upper level officer serving now in Iraq and Afghanistan. His novel of the Little Bighorn, *A Road We Do Not Know*, was nominated for the Pulitzer. Fred's most recent manuscript, *Gone to Kingdom*, is based on the guerilla warfare in Kansas and Missouri. "Military Lessons from the Civil War."



#### **MENU FOR NOVEMBER 28, 2006:**

Butternut Squash Soup with Candied Walnuts, Sliced Turkey with Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes and Green Beans Pumpkin Pie.



### **COMING EVENTS**



**Saturday November 18, 2006** at 10:00 A.M., Harris Kearney House – Westport Historical Society 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO (one block west of 40<sup>th</sup> and Main) All members of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City are cordially invited to attend and participate in the meeting.

We are returning this year to the Westport Historical Society's Museum in mid-town Kansas City. This is partially in recognition of Howard Monnett's long association with the Westport Historical Society as well as the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City. Beginning in 1977, our first Battle of Westport Tours were conducted in conjunction with the Westport Historical Society and originated from the Harris Kearney House.

Minutes-Secretary Harriett Duff; Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Betty Ergovich; Elections of Directors -We will be filling three vacant positions on the Board of Directors; Reports of Officers; Presentation by Chairman; ***Saving Kansas City's Battlefield initiative*** New Business; Adjournment.

**Thursday, December 7, 2006;** Trails Center at 99<sup>th</sup> and Holmes, 7:00 p.m., presents a talk by our very own Jack Brooks on one of his favorite subjects and one that he knows better than just about anyone, "Benedict Arnold". He will be introduced by Orvis Fitts. The public is welcomed and encouraged to come see the new center and take part in it's activities.

**December 1 and 2, 2006;** The John Wornall House, 6115 Wornall, Kansas City, MO. 64113, 816-444-1858. Holds it's Candle Light Tour. Call for more information.

### **Clinton Main Street and the Henry County Museum to hold a Civil War reenactment In 2007**

The Henry County Museum and Clinton Main Street have applied to the Missouri Civil War Reenactor Association to present an official MCWRA event in Clinton, April 28 and 29.

The theme will be "Homestead Living History" in Clinton, Missouri.

Infantry units will set up camp at the Log House, located at the Museum Complex, while the Medical Units will set up at the Dorman House. Cavalry is expected and will be on North Water Street.

The event will coincide with the Museum's traveling exhibit "Between Fences" which is from the Smithsonian Institute and will be on display at the Museum, March 24 through May 5, 2007.

Plans call for skirmishes on Saturday and Sunday and a dinner and Blue Grass show for the public on Saturday evening.

Organizers are also planning an 1850's Style Show for the ladies of the community and for all our visitors.

More details will be forthcoming in the next few months!



### **NEOSHO DAILY NEWS AUGUST 22, 2006....**

One of the nation's best kept Civil War secrets may soon be let out of the bag.

Missouri Congressman Roy Blunt (R-Springfield) recently introduced a House resolution seeking a suitability and feasibility study of the Newtonia Civil War Battlefields and related sites as part of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield or as a separate unit of the National Park System...

The resolution calls for the results to be returned to Congress within three years.

Blunt said he has been interested in the Newtonia Battlefields for a long time and wants to see them preserved.

"Newtonia is a very important part of the history of our state and to the Civil War," said Blunt. "In 1864, it was the last major battle in the war. The 1862 battle was the first in a series that determined how Missouri would be aligned in the Civil War."

Blunt said he is confident the resolution will be presented before the Resources Committee by September.

"But in all likelihood, the followup, which will include the appropriations, probably won't occur until the next Congress," said Blunt....

Back in June, Hively (Kay) was in Washington, D. C., when she got a call from Blunt, asking her to go see him."

"I was sitting in his office when he asked me what he could do," said Hively. "I suggested that we be a satellite of Wilson's Creek. It just snowballed from there."...

This is not going to happen overnight," said Hively. "It is going to take four to five years, but this is a good first step."



**"If I owned Hell and Texas, I would live in Hell and rent out Texas."**

General Philip Sheridan



The Westport Historical Society is a communal society of kindred spirits whose only pretension is to preserve the artifacts and memories of a small community that played a part in times and events that influenced the very course of our country.

The Westport Historical Society was established in 1950 to promote and foster public interest in and

preserve the significant history of Westport, MO., and Town of Kansas, Mo., and their respective founders, saints, rogues and heroes. The Society welcomes and appreciates your involvement and membership as we work to plan and create activities and events that illustrate, celebrate, and sometimes lament, the physical and cultural history of this still-intriguing place we call Westport.

Membership is \$25 for individuals, \$30 for families, \$50 Supporting, \$75 Patron, \$100 Business, and \$500 Life Membership. Mail to: Westport Historical Society, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri, 64111.



### **BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW!**

Everybody knows about Abraham Lincoln, the Great Emancipator, the President of the United States, the Rail-Splitter from Illinois, Carved head on Mt. Rushmore, the guy born in a log cabin (which he built with his own hands) etc. But Abraham Lincoln the Inventor? Holder of a US patent? Yep. Abraham Lincoln was issued Patent # 6469 in 1849 for a riverboat flotation device with inflatable side-hull bellows to buoy up vessels that had run aground and prevent the agonizing--and often difficult if not impossible--procedure of simply unloading cargo until the boat floated free. (Mud, trees, and countless obstacles to unloading were often present exactly where a vessel went aground, and sometimes boats could not be liberated until a significant rise in the water level.) Abe's patent model, made partly or entirely by himself, is one of the most highly prized possessions of the Smithsonian. Curiously, the device was never produced or marketed. Modern experts are divided on the question of whether it would have actually worked.

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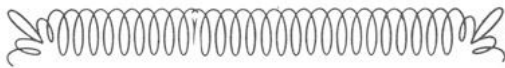


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### **KOSHER SONS OF THE SOUTH**

In his latest study of the Civil War, Robert N. Rosen introduces readers to the community of Southern Jews of the 1860s, heretofore lost to historians and the general public. With the exception of Judah P. Benjamin, Jewish Confederates are largely unknown even to specialists of American Jewish history and Civil War history. Rosen reveals the remarkable breadth of





## About The Author

I know of no-one more qualified to write this book than Col. Horsepasture. Educated in all southern schools who would have him, Col. Beau left school early enough and with little enough knowledge to do justice to the history and language of Dixie.

The Col. has covered Dixie like the dew; from Texarkana to Chancelorsville, from Pascagoula to Paducah, from Natchez to Mobile, he has been both the hunter and the hunted. Even today, whenever horsemen gather, the name Horsepasture is always on their lips.

Statesman, sportsman, wildcatter, medicine man, jurist, soldier, drinker, distiller, prisoner, husband, lover, father, captain-of-industry, historian without peer, scholar and professional bum, confident of the wealthy and swindler of the poor, Beauregard is truly a man's man and the kind most women say they are married to.

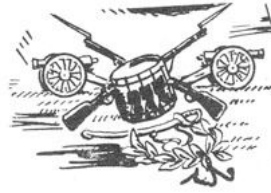
In this small volumn, Col. Horsepasture cuts thru the maze of FACTS and KNOWLEDGE to make the South rise again.

Someone has written, "To be with a man each day is to know him."

I know him, I have seen him each stinkin, lousy, cotton pickin' day since that stinkin' lousy cotton' pickin' judge Fitzhugh Clapsaddle sent him to me.

I would like to give him to YOU.

John B. Claghorn  
Ex Warden, U. S.  
Federal Penitentiary  
Atlanta, Georgia



## Foreward

It has come to my personal attention that the Yankees are crossin' the borders into the Southland like preachers after chicken. Folks here-about ain't seen the like of sech a quantity of Yankees since 1861-'65.

It has also been detected that these self-same Yankees have not improved in their knowledge of the speech, history, customs and eatin' habits of the Southland in 100 years.

This has got to come to a halt.

This book was written foah cotton pickin' Yankees. Heah you will learn to speak the way all of us was intended to. You will learn what to order in our fine eatin' places. You pea pickers will learn the real truth about certain battles of the recent conflict and some cotton pickin' facts that will amaze you.

In fact, you will learn so quick, that if it warn't for you're money, folks would never know you was Yankees a-tall.

So, in buyin' this little ole book, like over 550,000 kind souls have done, you're doin' your part in keeping DIXIE GREEN, for which, I pray-she-ate.

Yore friend and obd. serv.  
J. Beauregard Horsepasture  
late of the Conf. Air Corps

rabbis, and doctors. He recounts the careers of such important Jewish Confederates as Judah P. Benjamin, a member of Jefferson Davis's cabinet; Col. Abraham C. Myers, quartermaster general of the Confederacy; Maj. Adolph Proskauer of the 125th Alabama; Maj. Alexander Hart of the Louisiana 5th; and Phoebe Levy Pember, the matron of Richmond's Chimborazo Hospital. He narrates the adventures and careers of Jewish officers and profiles the many "Jewish Johnny Rebs" who fought in infantry, cavalry, and artillery units in every major campaign.

Southern Jewry's participation in the war and strength of Jewish commitment to the Confederate cause. Intrigued by the apparent irony of their story, Rosen weaves a surprisingly complex chronicle that dispels common misconceptions about the Confederacy, its leadership and soldiers, and its Jewish population.

Rosen finds that although many members of the established, prominent Jewish communities of Charleston, Richmond, and Savannah volunteered for battle, the majority of Jewish Confederates were recent immigrants. He describes the communities they established throughout the South and explains their reasons for supporting the cause of Southern independence.

This chronicle relates the experiences of officers, enlisted men, businessmen, politicians, nurses,

"Perhaps no identifiable group of Southerners represented a greater paradox than the Jewish community spread all the way from Richmond to New Orleans. In *The Jewish Confederates* Robert N. Rosen opens a window on the unlikely story of a people apart, with their own religion and cultural customs, functioning within a Southern community that regarded itself as separate and distinct from other Americans. Through the lives of people as diverse as the Confederate statesman Judah Benjamin and the Louisiana teenager Clara Solomon, Rosen reveals the surprising tolerance in the South for this one minority, and the sacrifices they made to prove themselves full citizens of the supposedly xenophobic Southern

## 2007 MEMBERSHIP DUES 2007

The Membership Dues for 2007 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 2007 may be paid at any time prior to December 31, 2006. Observing this deadline will insure timely distribution of our Annual Roster. You may remit these separately, or include them with your October, November, or December dinner reservations. Please complete the form below to insure that we have the correct information for the roster.

### 2007 CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF KANSAS CITY DUES

Dues deadline is December 31, 2006  
\$30 per year (individual)\* \$45 per year (couple)  
Payable to the Civil War Round Table

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Please circle if you wish to have the your Border Bugle sent to you via the internet: **Yes or No**

\* Non-resident memberships are \$10, which covers receiving the Border Bugle.

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