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

**TUESDAY, November 27, 2007**

**Homestead Country Club**

6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas

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

Dinner-6:30p.m.

## NOVEMBER SPEAKER FRED CHIAVENTONI

"MILITARY LESSONS FROM  
THE CIVIL WAR"

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## .....HAPPY VETERAN'S DAY.....

To all of our Veteran's where ever they may be, whatever war they fought in for our country....  
THANK YOU!!!! Whether it was right or wrong, thank you for the ultimate sacrifice a person  
can give for their country and Democracy in our world today. Two of our Veterans made it into  
the Kansas City Star this weekend, see inside for short story.

## Don't Forget, It's Time to Re-new Your Membership for 2008

*Please be sure that we have your reservation by Friday Nov. 23. 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.**

Mr. Chiaventone is a true modern “renaissance man.” In addition to having taught the current commander of operations in Iraq, General David Petraeus, Mr. Chiaventone has a bevy of other accomplishments and commendations to his name. I’ll let his biography speak for itself:

Frederick J. Chiaventone is a novelist, screenwriter, military historian, consultant, retired cavalry officer, Professor Emeritus for International Security Affairs at the U.S. Army’s Command and General Staff College, and a commentator on current affairs for major newspapers nation-wide. With his vast experience in the field he has become an internationally recognized expert on guerrilla warfare, counter-terrorism operations, peacekeeping and peace enforcement operations, psychological operations, and broadcast media. His articles have appeared in American Heritage, The Los Angeles Times, The New York Post, The Washington Times’ Insight Magazine, The Chicago Tribune, The Foreign Service Journal, The Journal of the Army War College, Military Review, Army Times, The American Thinker, and many other professional publications. He is Contributing Editor to both the Historical Dictionary of the United States Army (Greenwood Press, London) and The Oxford Companion to American Military History (Oxford University Press)

In addition to his other qualifications, Chiaventone holds a Masters Degree in Film and Television Production from San Francisco State University and has written, produced, and directed documentaries and news programming for the Department of Defense. While at the Staff College he pioneered efforts to improve and expand military/media relations that would eventually result in the “embedded reporter” program. As an expert on counter-terrorism and guerrilla warfare, he and then President George Bush Sr. were interviewed by Gisela Duarte for the news program Frente a Frente for Salvadoran television. He now serves frequently as an historical consultant and advisor to film and television productions to include Ken Burns’ PBS documentary The West and TNT’s productions of The Rough Riders and Two For Texas (winner of the 1999 Western Heritage Award). He was also the Military/Historical Advisor and coach for principal actors for Ang Lee’s Civil War film Ride With The Devil (Universal/USA Films).

With over twenty years of active military service in combat arms, Chiaventone is the inventor of the U.S. Army’s Reserve Components Tank Commanders’ Course and the Directed Military Occupational Specialty Program. While assigned to the U.S. Army’s Command and General Staff College, and based on personal experience in the field, he taught senior military officers

National Security Strategy, counter-terrorism and guerrilla warfare, as well as psychological operations, and news media operations. Two of his more prominent students and friends were Michael Sheehan—later Ambassador for Counter Terrorism Operations, and David Petraeus, now Lieutenant General Petraeus who is currently directing efforts to reorganize and retrain the Iraqi Army and Police forces.

While at the staff college Chiaventone pioneered efforts to integrate representatives of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the U.S. State Department (DOS) into the staff and faculty to ensure a coordinated approach to US strategy efforts. Recently he spent time in Equatorial Africa at the behest of the U.S. State Department training United Nations’ Peace Enforcement troops for potential combat duties in Liberia and the Congo. He was also a featured speaker at the opening of the Pritzker Military Library in Chicago. He has been a featured guest on Bill Bennett’s nationally syndicated radio show “Morning in America” and John Gibson’s “The Big Story” on Fox News (television).



### MENU FOR NOV 2007

Ceaser Salad, London Broil, Twiced Baked Potatoes, Green Beans with Almondine Ratatouille, Pecan Pie with Chocolate Bourbon Sauce.



### SPEAKERS FOR 2007

**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.”

**December 18;** In addition to musical entertainment, the Christmas meeting will feature a couple of special guests and door prizes. You won’t want to miss our last meeting of the year. It will be the capstone of a truly wonderful year. Have Some Fun and the don’t forget to bring your wallets and purses, it’s the Silent Book Auction to raise money for the CWRTKC and The Monnett Battle of Westport Fund.



## A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

*It's November and I'm in a thankful mood, and at this moment I am extremely grateful to the members and officers of the Kansas City Civil War Roundtable.*

*I am proud to represent this prestigious group, and enjoy the company and scholarship of each and every one of you. I look forward to each and every meeting not only for the lessons learned but also for the camaraderie of like-minded individuals. I am truly blessed!*

*The officers are finalizing the slate of speakers for 2008 and it's shaping up to be an exciting year. Make sure to get your membership renewals in so that you can keep Mike's excellent newsletter coming your way and you won't miss an opportunity to revel in our incredible history.*

*Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving Holiday. I hope each of you is surrounded by those you love. Relish every breath God gives you!*

Deb



## CIVIL WAR TRIVIA

20) U.S. Grant was staunchly Republican and anti-slavery by 1861. Before the war, however, his actions contradicted his growing convictions. For example, hoping to preserve the Union, Grant actually voted for Democrat James Buchanan in the election of 1856. Moreover, he married into slave-owning family whose views were Pro-Southern. His wife, Julia Dent, brought with her a "dowry" of three slaves. In 1858 he bought a slave by the name of William Jones. After a year, though, he set Jones free and returned his wife's slaves to her family early in the war.

21) Lincoln beat out the favored William H. Seward for the Republican Presidential nomination. Yet Seward, known as "Mr. Republican," would serve Lincoln faithfully as Secretary of State, and would become the target of Booth's co-conspirators.



## COMING EVENTS AND INTERESTING THINGS...

**Sat., Nov. 10, 2007;** *The Kansas City Star*, the Local section, Section B has a large color photo of Dewey E. Ballard walking away from the Memorial to our Korean War Veterans of which Dewey was a

part of, it doesn't mention the three times he was shot down in a P-38 Lightning over Europe during WWII. *The Sunday Kansas City Star* did some very short interviews with a few of the city's Vets from some of the different wars from 1945-2007. One of the Vets interviewed was Jack Brooks who had two tours over in Viet Nam and on the inside page does mention a little thing he did which was to survive the beaches at Normandy in the first wave on June 6, 1944 a day I'm sure will be vivid in his memory the rest of his life. These men and many others from our group have laid their lives on the line because they thought it was important to protect what we have here in the United States of America, and what we want for the rest of the world..... PEACE! So next time you see a vet, say; "Thank you."

**From Betty Ergovich**, a few items of interest.....

(1) At the Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation's Blue & Gray Banquet on November 9th Civil War Round Table Director, Don Bates, Jr., was presented a plaque in appreciation for this work on the barn at Mine Creek.

(2) At the Westport Historical Society's Annual dinner meeting, November 8, Herschel Stroud was able to sign up as a new member of the CWRT, Mr. Brooks Martin of Prairie Village. Mr. Martin indicates his "family fought on both sides." Please welcome Mr. Martin.

**From Gil Bergman**, he sends me an article from the pages of "North and South," magazine, Vol. 10-Number 2, July 2007., titled "Border State Son," about Harry S. Truman, article by David D. Schafer who spoke to our round table in February, 1995. Article covers Truman's family during the war and the influence of various events on his own personal life and subsequent political career. Also tells of many anecdotes and Truman's candid opinions on the War Between the States. A 9 page article that's very interesting if you can get a copy or find it online.

**November 2007: Westport Historical Society's Quarterly Meeting:** Speaker is Bill Kurtis. Mr. Bill Kurtis, acclaimed documentary host, producer, and national network news anchor, will be the featured speaker at the November 2007 quarterly meeting of the Westport Historical Society.

### "Bringing the Civil War to Life on the Screen"

Bill Kurtis is celebrating his fortieth anniversary in the field of broadcasting. Over the years, Kurtis has created a body of work that is virtually unparalleled.

Mr. Kurtis is an award winning writer, producer, and the host of many popular documentary series and news programs. Raised in Independence, Kansas, Mr. Kurtis received his degree in journalism from the University of Kansas in 1962. He later



graduated from Washburn University School of Law and became a member of the Kansas bar.

He began his career in TV in 1966 as the news anchor at WIBW in Topeka. Moving to Chicago, he began working at WBBM Channel Two News as a reporter and later as an anchor. From 1982 to 1985, he was in New York to anchor the CBS Morning News. He then began producing a series of Peabody Award winning documentaries. During his prestigious career, he has been awarded more than 20 Emmy Awards. In 1990 he started his own production company, Kurtis Productions, and a year later began working with A&E. Mr. Kurtis has hosted the popular Investigating History series on the History Channel. He recently produced a documentary for the History Channel on the Civil War Battle of Mine Creek, the aftermath to the Battle of Westport.

Now residing on his family's sprawling ranch near Sedan, Kansas, he continues to produce and host his award-winning television series' for A&E and the History Channel.

The Quarterly Meeting is held at the Homestead Country Club with the social hour beginning at 6:00 and dinner being served at 6:30. Homestead Country Club is located at 6510 Mission Road.

Please make dinner reservations by calling 816-561-1821. The cost is \$25.00 per person.

*(I apologize, there is no date given with this, I can't print it if it ain't there!)*

**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>.

I must apologize to our new members, Nick Chernock, Jane Compton, William Freeman, and Keren Wiederaenders. Their personal info will be in the December Border Bugle.

Dear Friends,

I am forwarding this message because of your interest in Civil War history. From previous correspondence I know that Senator Claire McCaskill and Representative Ike Skelton on the Missouri side are already co-sponsors of the bills. You would need to follow the websites to see if your particular legislators have signed on. **Support the Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act.**

Sincerely,  
Beverly Shaw

The Southern States; According to Colonel Horsepasture and how to pronounce the names of the Southern States for all of you Yankees!

**ALA.— Al-ah-bama:** Lots of cotton pickin' Rebels here. Bum-in-ham—main town.

**ARK.— Ark-ken-saw:** Spring water rite hot, so don't drink no watter unless you blow it thoroughly.

**FLA.— Flaw-da:** Yankees has infiltrated right smart here. Slow Hosses. Fast Women.

**GA.— Jaw-ja:** Famous for Ga. peaches, both the kind you can carry home and the ones you cain't. If youh name is SHER-MAN don't tarry long here.

**KY— Kain-tuck-ey:** Famous whiskey makin', (legal and home made, Kentucky bur-goo stew, Fast Hosses & Slow Women.

**LA.— Luzy-ana:** Nawluns (1 sylable) is the largest village. Has a rot smart celebration heah each year.

**MISS.— Miss-sip-ee:** Jefferson Davis' final abode. If you were bawn nawth of the Dixon line, STAY ON THE MAIN ROADS AT NITE.

**N. C.— Nawth Care-li-na:** Home of the taw heels. Rot smart whiskey makin'!

**S. C.— Sow Care-li-na:** A few volleys still be-in' fired and some minnie balls still flyin' around the vicinity of Fought Sumptah. Natives still a little skittish; approach with caution.

**TEX.— Tex-iss:** The natives here have said everything that could be said about this place, if you ain't heard it YOU JUST PLAIN AIN'T BEEN LISTENING!

**TENN.— Tin-uh-see:** Birthplace of Dave Crockett and formah abode of Tin-uh-see Ernie Fode and Elvis.

**VA.— Vir-gin-yuh:** Fussed and last capital of Confederacy. Abode of Col. Beureguard Horsepasture. Many skirmishes of recent wah took place here.

**W. Va.— Wes-by-gawd:** Stolen from Virginia territory after the wah. Large producer of moutain DEW and good rifle shooters.

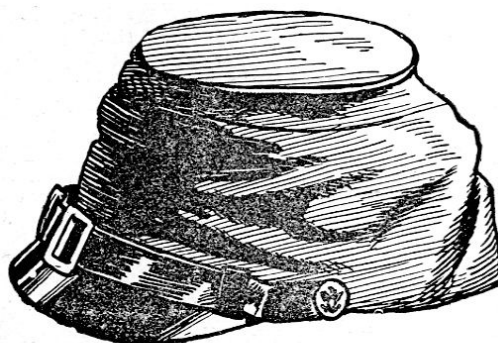
Last May, I won a book in our silent auction, which by the way is coming back in December. It's called "Illustrated and Descriptive Catalogue of Military Goods," for sale by Francis Brannerman and Sons, in New York. It's a large 9" x 12" book filled with photos and descriptions about everything military and I mean everything. The best part is that most of it is for sale. Now I know the dollar now isn't the dollar then, but just wish! Have fun.



No. 648. CONFEDERATE OFFICERS BELT BUCKLES, RELICS. In fair order. We obtained these a short time ago from a CONFEDERATE VETERAN who had picked them up on the BATTLE-FIELD. Price \$5.00 each.



United States Soldiers' Shoulder Sling Buckles (1845-1865). Polished brass, lead backs, with loops for thong fastening; handsome relics. Price, \$1.00 ea.



2247. 2500 CIVIL WAR SOLDIER'S CAP. Made by contract in 1864 for the Union Army Soldiers. New. Fine blue cloth, with leather band and peak, brass eagle buttons, moth eaten. Caps are not pretty looking, but very comfortable. This pattern cap was worn by General Sherman's soldiers on the march through Georgia, which gave occasion for the Confederates to call the soldiers "Sherman's Bummers." Price, \$1.00 each. Relics only.

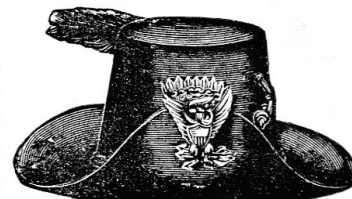


3016. SOUTHERN SOLDIER'S ARMY BUTTON, made in England during the Civil War, sent to South by Blockade Running Steamer in exchange for cotton. C. S. A. stamped on face, and on the back "superior quality." Illustration is full size. Found in Bermuda, West Indies, (Blockade Running Headquarters). Price 20 cents each, \$2.00 per doz.



United States Civil War Soldiers' Belt Buckles; brass, lead backs; serviceable order; fine relic. Price, 75 cents each.

1,500 U. S. ARMY CIVIL WAR HATS, commonly called the "Jeff Davis Hat," adopted by Davis while Secretary of War in President Pierce's Cabinet; used by both North and South during the early years of Civil War; new goods, made during Civil War, slightly faded from age; black, stiff felt, with worsted hat cord in either yellow, red or blue, \$1.50. Trimmings as in illustration.



## 200 Civil War Uniforms

**BLOUSE;** loose-fitting blue cloth flannel, 5-button blouse, in good order, repaired and pressed. Price, \$5.00.

**TROUSERS,** sky-blue kersey, slightly moth-eaten. Price \$2.50.

**CAPS,** the real thing, "Contract 1864," moth-eaten, poor order. Price \$1.00.

**MILITIA CAPS,** similar in looks. Price 60 cents.

**CANTEENS.** Price 30 cents each.

**MUSKET and BAYONET.** Price \$5.00.

**CIVIL WAR KNAPSACKS** in serviceable order; the real thing, new. Price 30 cents each.

**MUSKET CAPS,** for army muskets and large size percussion horse pistols. All new direct from factory. Packed 100 to a box. Price, 25 cents per 100.

You collectors out there, wouldn't that be nice, you should see the prices on the guns!!!! These are all New Old Stock, that means made during the Civil War, but not used or used, , Incredible!



## 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  
\$30 per year (individual)\* \$45 per year (couple)  
Payable to the Civil War Round Table

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

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