

BORDER BUGLE

Summer Sessions 2006 7:00pm Homestead Country Club 6510 Mission Rd. Prairie Village, KS

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No meals for the Summer Sessions, coffee, water and tea are provided.

SUMMER SESSION SPEAKERS AND BEYOND....

June 27, 2006: Richard Stewart is research historian at Elmwood Cemetery. He has discovered new background stories on one of the riders with Quantrill on Lawrence, KS. Richard will detail what is known of the life of this irregular who is buried in an unmarked grave. There will be Jesse James connections, newly discovered in this cemetery where Jesse's wife was kept for several weeks in the public holding vault.

July 25, 2006: Ray Elder, Captain (retired), Kansas City Missouri Fire Department, custodian of the Fire Brigade Museum and historian of the department. Ray will bring to life some of the soldiers who fought in the Civil War and later joined the fire department. What it was like to be a firefighter in those days immediately following the war. Ray is writing the biographies of every firefighter who gave his life in the line of duty in Kansas City. He has about 80 completed with some 50 left to research.

August22, 2006: T.B.A.

September 26- Mr. Greg Biggs, former associate editor of "Blue and Gray" magazine. Mr. Biggs' presentation on "Tactical Perfection: Nathan Bedford Forrest at Brice's Crossroads" will look at what many historians consider to be a tactically perfect battle in the Civil War.

October 24- Dr. Richard Sommers, United States Army Military History Institute at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. Dr. Sommers is the author of the acclaimed book *Richmond Redeemed*, which is the definitive work on the Siege of Petersburg. As the leading authority on that siege, Dr. Sommers' presentation will focus on that nine-month period.

November 28- Mr. Bill Quatman, member of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City. Mr. Quatman's presentation on "The Fall of Richmond" will be discussed from the viewpoint of Union General Godfrey Weitzel, who was in Richmond at the time. General Weitzel is a direct ancestor of Mr. Quatman.

December 19- Christmas meeting with entertainment.

COMING EVENTS

Westport Historical Society hosts a day trip: Wednesday, August 23, 2006 to Arrow Rock, Missouri. Cost is \$98.00 for transportation, tour guide, champagne reception, dinner at the Tavern and the play DIAL "M" FOR MURDER, and other surprises. Send check to Caren's Charter's, 3540 W. 194th Street, Stilwell, Kansas 66085. Call 913-897-2084 or 913-648-0952 for further information

Westport Historical Society Luncheon: Saturday, August 12, 2006 at Homestead Country Club. 11:30am. Guest speaker is Tom Taylor. His topic is architect Mary Coulter. Cost is \$25.00. Send check to Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64111.

CANNON DEDICATION RESCHEDULED

Cannon Dedication: Saturday, July 22, 2006 all information from the April event is correct and applies to new date (if you don't have the info, let me know) Rain date is Saturday, July 29, 2006.

GRADY MCWHINEY, 77, DIES; HISTORIAN OF 'CELTIC SOUTH'

Grady McWhiney, a historian who called his fellow Southerner's

Crackers in influential books and articles, then explained that this was a compliment to the glorious Celtic heritage he said they shared, died on April 18, 2006 at his home in Abilene, Tex. He was 77.

Dr. McWhiney is seen by some as the godfather of what has come to be called the neo-Confederate movement, whose members urge the South to secede once more.

"Southerner's lost the Civil War because they were too Celtic," the author wrote, "and their opponents too English."

They need your help!

Mr. James Speicher and Michael Epstein,

David Jackson suggested that I keep you updated about plans for researching and writing about the Six Missouri CSA. Civil War writer Kent Masterson Brown of Lexington, Ky. and I have started the research on a

biography of my great grandfather,

Col. Eugene Erwin who was commanding officer until his death at Vicksburg in May, 1863. The Filson Club of Louisville, KY. will sponsor a seminar by Brown next year following the footsteps of the Six Missouri to Port Gibson, Champion Hill and Vicksburg, in April, 2007.

We need local support to help us find information and previous articles about the Sixth Missouri CSA. If any of your members would be interested in helping our research, please have them contact us...

Thank you,

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