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**Time to Renew
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Membership for
2013!**



442nd REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, November 27, 2012

Homestead Country Club

6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas

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

Dinner-6:30p.m.

NOVEMBER SPEAKER

DR. WILLIAM FEIS

“ESPIONAGE, COVERT ACTION, AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE”



Professor Feis' talk will focus on the fascinating, complex, yet often misunderstood world of Civil War military intelligence. The most recognizable residents of this world—the intrepid scouts and spies who endured dangers and hardships worthy of James Bond—will be discussed but they are only one part of a much larger story of intelligence operations during the conflict that changed our nation.

NOTE: DINNERS ARE NOW \$26.00 PER PERSON, THANK YOU!

Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Please be sure our Treasurer receives all reservations by Friday, Nov. 23,

along with payment of \$26.00 per person. Mail to:

Paul Gault, 7118 N. Congress Ave., Kansas City, MO 64152

Homestead's deadline for reservation changes is the following Monday afternoon, so

promptly report any necessary adjustments to Paul at 816-741-2962 or 816-522-8021.

If unable to reach him, call Assistant Treasurer Mary Vorsten at 816-333-0494.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

For those of you who missed the October meeting, Arnold Schofield gave a wonderful presentation on the Battle of Island Mound. Dudley Cornish, (deceased) author of *The Sable Arm*, the source book on the black soldier in the Civil War, who was Arnold's good friend who drove him to our RT meetings for years, would have been very proud of our Sgt. Major.

The new By-Laws are now in effect as your president read the changes as published in our last *Border Bugle*, fulfilling the requirement of our previous By-Laws. If you desire a copy, please advise Don Bates, Sr. and he will email or mail a copy to you. We are currently working on a new website and expect to be online with it shortly. Frank McMillian, *WindingRiver.Com* who is well known for his expertise in this area is working on it. Election of Officers will be held at our November meeting and it's not too late to propose someone to fill a position on our Executive Committee.

Slate for 2013 officers to be voted on at the November meeting:

Elected Officers

Dennis Garstang-President

1st Vice President-Dennis Pattison

2nd Vice President-Simon Bolivar (Chip) Buckner

Treasurer-Paul Gault

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Les Thierolf - 2013 Term ending

Dave Schafer - 2014 Term ending

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Appointed Officers

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SPEAKERS 2012

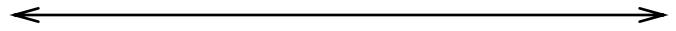
Nov 27: Dr. William Feis; *"Espionage Covert Action and Military Intelligence"*

Dec 18: Lt. Col. Rick Barbuto: *"The Battle of Stone's River"* Silent Book Auction.



MENU FOR NOVEMBER 2012

Potato Bisque, Tilapia with Leek-Chive Sauce
Wild Rice Blend, Steamed Broccoli, Peppermint Ice
Cream Pie with Hot Fudge Sauce.



"The Sergeant Major's Roar"

Battlefield Dispatches #344

"How They Fight"

The study of the Civil War can often be overwhelming even when one focuses on a specific subject or subjects. This and especially in this case, the study of the First Kansas Colored Volunteer Infantry Regiment is often very difficult to find primary or original sources, so colleagues often share information as it is discovered. More than 20 years I was fortunate to meet Chris Tabor, formerly of Butler, Missouri now living in Katy, Texas; who has also made an extensive study of the First Kansas. Recently we had a brief visit at the dedication of the new Island Mound State Historic Site just west of Butler, Missouri and during the visit we exchanged copies of our recent discoveries. He gave me a copy of the following newspaper article that was published in the November 12, 1862 edition of the Big Blue Union newspaper that was published in Marysville, Kansas and had been previously published in the Lawrence Republican. The article is an excellent, previously unknown, description of the Battle of Island Mound, Missouri that occurred on October 28 & 29, 1862.

"From a correspondence in the Lawrence Republican we learn the following facts:

Toothman's Mound, Bates County., Nov.1, 1862

Editor Republican: you have doubtless heard ere of this the Battle of Toothman's Mound, fought here on the 29th of last month. Yet a few particulars may not be uninteresting.

There is a strip of land between the Marais des Cygnes [River] and a long connecting slough known as "The Island." This has long been infested with more or less bushwhackers, who have carried all their plunder off to it for safe keeping. Lately they had been increasing in strength and boldness, until they had become the **TERROR** of all good citizens for miles around. Accordingly, about the 25th of last month Col. Seaman was ordered with about one hundred men to proceed to the Island. He

was joined by about 150 men, under Captain Ward (Commanding in the absence of Col. Williams) and acting in concert they moved down to this point, where they stopped within about three miles of the Island and in sight of the enemy. The attack was made upon a party of twenty four of our men who were out about one mile reconnoitering. They were under Capt. Crew, Lieutenants Gardner and Hududdelston and were intercepted by about one hundred Cavalry, within about a half mile of camp, who charged upon them desperately and hewed them down in a horrible manner; not, however without a heavy loss on their side. Our men under the first fire had to resort to the bayonet, which proved very effective. The officers were armed with revolvers and sabers and they had used them very well, excepting Lieut. Gardner, who was among the first number to fall and consequently did not get many shots at the enemy. Capt. Crew was called upon to surrender: he bravely replied – “Never” – and died with that determination. The only officer left was Lieut. Huddleston, who also had determined to prefer death rather than surrender. You may well imagine his situation [as] the only remaining white officer. Of course the fury of the enemy was chiefly directed toward him, but he kept the enemy at bay until succor reached him. He never discharged his revolver without taking good aim and doing good execution.

In the mean time most of the available men in camp were ordered out under Captain Armstrong and Lieut. Thrasher. They brought up their men in two bodies at right angles and delivered a few volleys at the enemy, cross fire, which caused him to retreat in great haste. He carried his wounded away and as the wind was blowing towards us, [the enemy] fired the prairie, making it difficult to save the wounded alone and consequently scorching the body of some of our dead.

About two hundred and fifty of our Regiment were left at Camp Lincoln [west of present Fulton, Kansas on the north bank of the Little Osage River], myself among that number. The day after the expedition left [on October 27, 1862], we received a dispatch from Capt. Ward, calling for reinforcements. With three rounds of ammunition each, (all we had in camp), we started for the scene of action – a little over 100 of us all told. We marched night and day until we reached our boys. And when we came upon them on the 29th, you may imagine our consternation, when you know that we

found eight of our brave men dead and eleven wounded and among the latter was Lieut. Joseph Gardner, well known by most of your citizens. He was wounded in the head, hip and knee, besides a ball grazed his ankle and one of his feet.

The wounded are all doing well and will generally recover. Lieut. Gardner’s wounds, though severe are not dangerous.

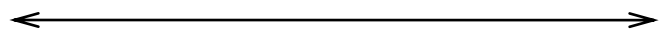
The whole force of the enemy was commanded by Cockeral and numbered about 300. The day after we came up with reinforcements [October 30, 1862], the enemy retreated toward the South east, leaving some valuable horses and beef cattle which fell into our hands.

Col. Williams arrived yesterday.

Having proven that Black men can fight, we are now prepared to scour the country thoroughly and not leave a place where a traitor can find refuge.

Yours, in haste,
[Lieut.] William N, Statton”

Now then, by sharing each others’ discoveries, colleagues continue to enhance each other s knowledge of the Civil War which beyond one’s individual capabilities. Therefore, I would be remiss in not thanking Chris Tabor once again and another friend Howard Mann of Lee’s Summit, Missouri for sharing their discoveries with me and of Course the War Went On!



NEW MEMBERS.....

Arlo & Sandra Hermreck, 551 Terrace Trail East, Lake Quivera, KS 66217, 913-268-9152, a.sandra@sbcglobal.net.

COMING EVENTS.....

The Wornall/Majors House Museums

December 7 & 8, 2012, Candlelight at The John Wornall House. Tours enter the house every 15 minutes starting at 6:30 p.m. The last tour starts at 8:30 p.m. Each tour lasts about 30 minutes. The carriage house will be open starting at 6 p.m. This is an interactive tour. Advance reservations are recommended. 816-444-1858.

Father Christmas at The Alexander Majors House, December 15, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Each child will have the opportunity to participate in traditional Christmas activities, listen to stories, hear music, and meet Father Christmas. Your child is

welcome to sit on his knee and have a photo taken! \$8.00 per child. Free for adults and children 2 years old and under. The price include one photo per child. Advance reservations are not necessary. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield 9th Annual Memorial Luminary Driving Tour, Saturday, December 8, 2012

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield presents the 9th Annual Memorial Illumination Ceremony, featuring over 2,539 luminaries, representing those killed, wounded, or missing at the Battle of Wilson's Creek, August 10, 1861.

WHERE: Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, Republic, Missouri. Directions: Travel west on the James River Freeway (Hwy 60) to exit Hwy M. Go south on M for about ¾ mile to Wilson's Creek Blvd (Hwy ZZ). Turn south on Wilson's Creek Blvd., go one mile to Farm Rd 182. Then, turn east on Farm Rd 182 and the first right is the entrance to the park.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: 4:30 p.m. Opening Ceremony at the Visitor's Center 5:00 p.m. Volunteer Procession through Illumination 5:15 p.m. Memorial Illumination Tour Opens to Public

Over 2,000 people are expected to tour the Illumination from 5:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

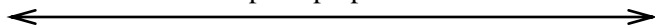
EVENT DETAILS: Over one hundred volunteers, including Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation members, Ozark Civil War Roundtable members, and other community organizations will participate in this event, assembling the luminaries and distributing them along the five-mile tour road through the park.

A luminary is a paper bag filled with sand and a lighted candle. A special candle will be utilized this year to honor our park volunteers.

Living history volunteers, carolers, and re-enactors at the Ray House will bring the past to life. Visitors are encouraged to tour the Ray House and learn about the hardships faced by local families during the Civil War. Music, refreshments, and information will be provided at the visitor center.

Vehicles will use parking lights only for the five-mile driving tour through the National Battlefield, with stops at the Visitor Center and the Ray House. There are no restrooms along the tour route.

The tour road will close at noon (12:00 p.m.) on December 8th to complete preparations.



LAWRENCE JOURNAL WORLD.COM

Testing for possible grave sites at Ninth and New Hampshire likely in next few days...

By Chad Lawhorn
November 1, 2012

It now appears that archeologists soon will start exploring the site of Ninth and New Hampshire to determine if there are unmarked graves of victims of Quantrill's Raid.

Lawrence Mayor Bob Schumm said he's been told that the state archeologist will conduct test excavations on the site, which has been approved to house a multistory hotel building.

Schumm said he was not sure when the excavations would happen, but another source said the tests are scheduled for Monday. Attempts to confirm that with the state archeologist or the city manager's office weren't immediately successful.

If you remember, the issue of possible unmarked graves re-emerged last week when the Journal-World reported that state archeologist Robert Hoard had sent a letter to city officials in March expressing interest in testing the site.

Several opponents of the proposed hotel project had argued to city officials that the site may well be an unmarked burial ground for several black soldiers who were killed in Quantrill's Raid. A 1903 master's thesis by a Kansas University student contends the site was a burial ground for victims of the raid, but historians haven't been able to find any other corroboration for the claim.

If remains are found on the site, there are state laws that dictate how the bodies must be treated or removed. The grave site issue, however, is not the type of issue that would stop the hotel project from moving forward. Even opponents of the project concede that point.

THE CIVIL WAR IN THE WEST

Tactical Defeats & Strategic Collapse

Start your Civil War tour at the epicenter of the collapse of the western Confederacy: Clarksville, Tennessee. This strategic town, at the crossroads of the Memphis, Clarksville & Louisville Railroad and the Cumberland River was highly critical to the outcome of the war in the West.

Though Clarksville fell without a fight, the potential was there to stop the Union invasion of Middle Tennessee. This failed for lack of resources, Confederate strategic vision and the debacle at Forts Henry and Donelson. Racing down the river from Clarksville and overland from Bowling Green, Kentucky, Union forces rolled into Nashville, the first Confederate capital to fall. Other forces steamed down the Tennessee River to fight at Shiloh. With the fall of Murfreesboro at the end of 1862, and a Union army pushing the Confederates out of Middle Tennessee in the Tullahoma Campaign in July 1863, the Confederacy never again held the region.

Clarksville sits at the center of the actions that gave up Middle Tennessee, and, with Nashville, was the bulls-eye of the five Confederate attempts to regain the fertile Highland Rim area and raise Confederate morale. Confederate cavalry and guerrillas operated throughout the area for the rest of the war cutting supply lines and causing great headaches in the Union high command.

Join us for any of these exceptional tours that define the major tactical engagements for Middle Tennessee. Tours are led by our own highly trained and experienced guides. All guides lecture for Civil War groups across the country and have given numerous tours over the years.

* Greg Biggs, Clarksville's noted military historian, author and experienced tour guide.

* Dr. Michael Bradley, noted Civil War author and expert on the war in Middle Tennessee.

* Thomas Cartwright, nationally known historian and former director of the Carter House in Franklin, Tennessee.

* David Fraley, nationally known historian, former director of the Carter House and experienced tour guide.

* Ross Massey, nationally known historian for the Battle of Nashville Preservation Society and author of the Battle of Nashville guide book

* John Walsh, noted Civil War artifact dealer and collector, author and Dover, Tennessee's Civil War historian.

Where the River Campaigns Began

Tour Guide: Greg Biggs

Tour Cairo/Mound City, IL, Union supply and naval base; Columbus, KY/Belmont, MO., U.S. Grant's first battle, and Paducah, KY, site of a Forrest raid and Union base.

Stones River Campaign and Nathan Bedford Forrest in Middle Tennessee

Tour Guide: Thomas Cartwright or Ross Massey

Tour the Battle of Stones River, including many sites outside of the national park.

Ride with Bedford Forrest in his two Murfreesboro raids plus his raids at Brentwood, Thompson's Station and Franklin, 1862-1864.

Forts Henry and Donelson Campaign and Civil War Clarksville

Tour Guides: Greg Biggs or John Walsh and NPS historian Jimmy Jobe

Tour the national park and sites outside the park that most people don't see. Then tour Civil War Clarksville including Fort Defiance, Civil War training camps and N. B. Forrest sites at Palmyra, TN.

The Shiloh Campaign and Corinth, Mississippi

Tour Guide: Thomas Cartwright

Tour the Shiloh National Park as well as sites outside the park including Fallen Timbers. Then tour strategic Corinth, MS, a vital railroad junction and supply depot for both sides plus the site of two battles.

Nathan Bedford Forrest in West Tennessee

Tour guide: Thomas Cartwright assisted by Greg Biggs

Tour the Parker's Crossroads battle field, the Johnsonville raid (including two Tennessee state parks), controversial Fort Pillow and Britton's Lane. The tour covers 1862 to 1864.

The Tullahoma and Chattanooga Campaign - The Fall of Tennessee

Tour guides: Greg Biggs and Dr. Michael Bradley

Follow the Union Army as it drove the Confederates out of Tennessee in a series of maneuvers and battles. Then see historic Chattanooga and retrace the November 1863 fight for that city including Lookout Mt. and Missionary Ridge.

The 1864 Tennessee Campaign - Franklin, Nashville and Hood's Retreat

Tour guides: Thomas Cartwright, David Fraley or Ross Massey

Tour the battlefields of Spring Hill and Franklin, critical events for the Confederates, plus the Battle of Nashville where the Confederate Army was shattered. Then follow the skirmish filled long retreat back towards Alabama. Sites will include many not typically visited by tourists.

Jack Hinson, Civil War Sharpshooter and the Battles of Dover, Tennessee

Tour guides: John Walsh and NPS historian Jimmy Jobe
Visit the sites of Stewart County, TN made famous in Tom McKenney's book, Jack Hinson's One Man War. Also see the sites relating to the two battles of Dover, August 1862 and February 1863.

The Perryville, Kentucky Campaign

Tour guide: David Fraley

The critical 1862 Kentucky Campaign tour will visit Munfordsville, Perryville, Bardstown, Richmond, KY and other sites that were part of the Confederate attempt to capture the Bluegrass State.

COMING SOON:

The Civil War Along the Tennessee-Kentucky Border

Tour guide: Greg Biggs

Visit Civil War sites from Hopkinsville to Bowling Green in Kentucky including Fairview, where Confederate President Jefferson Davis was born and Russellville, site of the Kentucky Confederate Secession Convention and home of U.S. Senator John Crittenden whose sons served in the opposing armies as generals.

John Hunt Morgan in Middle Tennessee

Tour guides: Greg Biggs and Dr. Michael Bradley

Ride with the Kentucky Cavalier as he raided in Middle Tennessee from Gallatin, Hartsville, Lebanon and Murfreesboro through McMinnville and Milton, TN.

All tours begin and end in Clarksville, Tennessee.

TOUR INFORMATION: Individual and group tour rates

2013 MEMBERSHIP DUES 2013

The Membership Dues for 2013 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 costs of the Border Bugle and Annual Directory. Please complete the form below to insure that we have the correct information for the membership directory.

2013 CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF KANSAS CITY DUES

Dues deadline is December 31, 2012

\$30 per year (individual)* \$45 per year (couple)

Payable to the Civil War Round Table

Individual Name

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