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452th REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, January 28, 2014

Homestead Country Club

6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas

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

Dinner-6:30p.m.

JANUARY SPEAKER

ARNOLD SCHOFIELD

"WHO, WHAT, WHY, WHEN & WHERE & THE SUCCESS & FAILURE OF THE RED RIVER CAMPAIGN"

Arnold Schofield was born on April 3, and raised in the small New England village of Newton Upper Falls, Massachusetts.

He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army. While working for the Department of Defense, he received a degree in history in 1972.

He is married to Clara Martens Schofield, who is the director of Social Services at the Sisters of Mercy Hospital. They have one son, Austin William.

Arnold was Superintendent of the Mine Creek Battlefield State Historic Site located two miles south of Pleasanton, Kansas for 7 years, (I think). He has now retired from the National Park Service.

Before moving to Kansas to work at Fort Scott National Historic Site, Fort Scott, Kansas for many years, he was the resident blacksmith at Harper's Ferry National Historic Park, Harper's Ferry, WV.

He is our past President of 2003 and has been given the Steven Treaster Civil War Preservation Award in 2012 as well.

You may call him Sergeant Major if you will!

Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

*Please be sure our Treasurer receives all reservations by Friday, Jan. 24, 2014
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 Howard Mann at 816-932-5663.

SPEAKERS 2014

- * **February 2014:** Dan Smith - James Montgomery and the Battle of Olustee, Florida.
- * **March 2014:** Bjorn Skaptason - United States Colored Troops and the Campaign of Brice's Crossroads.
- * **April 2014:** Harold Holzer - Abraham Lincoln.
- * **May 2014:** Mark Christ - The 1864 Camden Expedition and the Battle of Poison Spring, Arkansas.
- * **June 2014:** Don Bates, Sr. – Grant's 45-Day Overland Campaign, Wilderness to Cold Harbor
- * **July 2014:** Battle of Monocacy – Speaker to be determined
- * **August 2014:** Battle of Mobile Bay – Speaker to be determined
- * **September 2014:** Proposed speaker: Walter Busch - Battle of Pilot Knob, Missouri.
- * **October 2014:** Dan Smith - Battle of Westport.
- * **November 2014:** Arnold Schofield - Aftermath of Westport (Price's retreat to Texas).
- * **December 2014:** Dr. Ethan Rafuse – Sherman's March to The Sea

MENU FOR JANUARY 2014

Chef's Choice Salad, Bacon Wrapped Meatloaf
Whipped Potatoes Glazed Baby Carrots Brownie
Sundae, Vanilla Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce.

BATTLE OF WESTPORT 150 COMMEMORATION

Plans are underway for the Commemoration of the Battle of Westport in October, 2014. There will be a series of lead-up events beginning in early 2014, creating excitement, building anticipation, and educating our community about this important event in our shared past. A website is being finalized and will be launched soon along with a Facebook page.

A committee has been formed, chaired by George Vesel, to plan the Commemoration. The committee is meeting monthly at the Harris-Kearney House in Westport. If you would like to become involved, contact George Vesel at 816-797-9452 or BattleofWestport150@gmail.com.

Look for monthly updates in the Border Bugle and be sure to "Like" us on Facebook.

NEW MEMBERS.....

David Merello 2154 SW Forest Park Ct., Lee's Summit MO. 64081, 816-525-3483, merellod@kc.rr.com
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Dr. Sam & Colleen Enna, 5628 Pembroke Lane., Mission Hills, KS 66208 913-384-3662 email colleenenna@hotmail.com

There will be a Civil War Round Table executive committee meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 22, 2014. The meeting will be held at Don Bates Sr.'s office, which is located at the following address:

Reece & Nichols Realtors

7600 State Line

Prairie Village KS 66208

The primary purpose of the meeting will be to discuss programs for 2015.

BATTLE OF WESTPORT

BOW 150 MEETING SCHEDULE 2014

We meet every third Wednesday, 7pm, at the Battle of Westport Museum in Swope Park unless otherwise notified by e-mail. As we get closer to our October event there may be more added to the schedule. We hope that you can make many of them. The list of dates is below. The first few months of 2014 will be critical for us for supporting our reenactment event October 24-26, 2014. If anyone can come forward to assist in fund-raising it would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

George Vesel

Meeting dates-

Jan 15, Feb 19, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21, Jun 18, Jul 16, Aug 20, Sep 17, & Oct 15.

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"The Sergeant Major's Roar"

Battlefield Dispatches #385

"Killing, A Bold Dash & Refugees"

During the Civil War large armies went into "Winter Quarters" waiting for the coming to spring to resume field operations. However, in Missouri and elsewhere pursuing, finding & KILLING the GUERRILLAS was carried on with a vengeance. The following are three brief after action reports that describe

successful scouts or patrols against the “BUSHWHACKERS or GUERRILLAS in the “Shoe-Me-State” & northern Arkansas! These reports are located in Series I, Vol. 34, Reports of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion on Pages 101 & 102.

“January 21- 25, 1864—Scout from Waldon to Baker Springs, Ark. And Skirmish

Abstract from the Record of Events on return of the District of the Frontier (Col. William R. Judson, Sixth Kansas Cavalry, Commanding) for the month of January.

January 21.—Captain E. A. Baker with 100 men from the “2nd Kansas Cavalry” & 40 men from the “6th Kansas Cavalry”, left Waldron, Ark. & marched toward Baker’s Springs, Ark., where he surprised Captain Williamson’s Band of GUERRILLAS , KILLING WILLIAMSON and 5 of his men, wounding 2 and taking 2 Lieutenants and 25 men PRISONERS. On his return he captured 1 Lieutenant & 1 private. Distance traveled, 172 miles. Prisoners taken: 3 Lieutenants & 26 men. Federal Loss, 1 Enlisted Man Killed and 1 wounded. Lieutenant C. J. Williams 2nd Kansas Cavalry, also wounded.”

“Patterson, Missouri;
January 27, 1864.

[To] Colonel Woodson,

Commanding Post at Pilot Knob, Mo.

Sir: Captain Johns has returned safe. He has marched near 300 miles & has been all over the Cherokee Bay. The Captain and the SWAMP SCOUTS [probably civilians] found no force only Reves & 20 men. He KILLED 4 of Reves’ men and chased Reves for miles and run him into the river. Captain Johns learned that a fight had taken place at Batesville, rebels commanded by Colonel Shaver and that they were badly whipped and Colonel Shaver was KILLED and that Jacksonport, [Ark] was evacuated by our forces and that General McRae had taken possession of it. This was “A BOLD DASH” for 24 men.

W. T. LEEPER,
Commanding Post”

“January 23, 1864—Affair at Cowskin bottom, Newton County, Missouri; Report of Captain Milton Burch, 8th Missouri State Militia Cavalry

Neosho, Mo., February 1, 1864.

Lieutenant: I have the honor to inform you of a scout [patrol] I made in the Seneca Nation on the 23rd of January. I learned by one of my scouts that there was a squad of Rebels in the Seneca Nation and on the 22nd of January I started with 30 men of my command and marched 18 miles through the woods to avoid the Rebels getting any information of my approach; halted at 2 a.m., 23rd; then moved to where I supposed I would find the enemy and about half an hour after sunrise I came upon 10 of them at a house. I had 6 men in the advance, which I had charge of. I made a charge on them KILLING 2 of them and wounding several. The balance dispersed in the thick brush in Cowskin Bottom. One of the men we KILLED was a DESERTER from the 6th KANSAS REGIMENT and was a Lieutenant in Stand Watie’s Command. The other man was also one of Stand Watie’s men, a half breed. The DESERTER’S name was Harden Talifaro.

I think there are some 50 Bushwhackers in the Seneca Nation or in that vicinity. They do not stay all together, but are small bands. I am going to make another scout in the Nation before long, but I cannot take many men with me, for it would not be safe to do so. I am confident I can whip 50 of them with 25 of my men. It is a great place for GUERRILLAS to hide in the Cowskin Bottom.

Since my command has been reduced to one Company, I will have to be on the alert. I will have scouts out all the time southwest which will enable me to learn of any approach of the enemy in force. In relation to forage, we are getting full rations of corn and about one third rations of hay. I think I can obtain forage enough to supply my Company until we can work on the grass.

I wish you to call the attention of the Commanding General to the large number of CITIZENS [REFUGEES] that are absent from the BORDER COUNTIES and from what I can learn would come back if they had any encouragement to come. It would be a great advantage to the State [of Mo.] for the LOYAL FAMILIES to come back and repair their farms and raise all the grain they can. THERE ARE SOME 50 FAMILIES OF NEWTON AND JASPER COUNTIES WHO ARE NOW IN “KANSAS, NEAR FORT SCOTT” WHO WOULD COME BACK IF THE Commanding General would give them some encouragement to come back to their homes.

I am, with much respect, your most obedient servant,

MILTON BURCH,
Capt. Commanding Detachment,
Eight Cavalry, Mo. State Militia.”

Now the, it is not known if the 50 families from Newton & Jasper Counties ever returned to their homes.

However, Captain Milton Burch and the Eighth Missouri State Militia Cavalry continued to wage an effective war against the GUERRILAS of the “Southern Persuasion” in Missouri until the end of the war and of Course the War went On!

CLAY COUNTY COMPILES ITS CIVIL WAR GRAVES

Dec. 28, 2013

By Brian Burnes, Kansas City Star

If he's likely the most familiar Civil War veteran buried in Clay County, he's not alone. The considerable company he keeps has been detailed in a new book, “Divided Loyalties — Civil War Soldiers Buried in Clay County, Missouri,” just published by the Clay County Archives and Historical Library.

Volunteers with the longtime nonprofit organization in Liberty compiled the book in observance of the Civil War's 150th anniversary. It contains biographical narratives for 812 Civil War soldiers buried in the county —Union, Confederate, guerrilla and “Home Guard” units formed primarily for protection in Clay County. Details include their birth and death dates, unit and rank, and place of burial.

That's the key credential.

“These soldiers didn't have to be born in Clay County to be included,” said Stuart Elliott, Clay County Archives president. “But they did have to be buried here.”

The archives' volunteer researchers learned by doing. It was common, they learned, that 19th-century parents would honor other family members by naming children after them. That meant researchers more than once followed trails leading to the wrong Moses, Gabriel or Isaac. Then again, archival materials detailing one soldier often would contain clues regarding others. In one week, researchers added 120 names to their list.

The book includes more than 600 photos of the soldiers or their grave markers. There also is a list of 69 county cemeteries.

“The book even gives you the GPS coordinates for the cemeteries,” Elliott said.

All proceeds from book sales benefit the all-volunteer archives. For information, go to claycountyarchives.org.

The loss of a friend is always difficult at best and so it is with my friend Dewey Ballard. Dewey was always interesting to talk to. He had plenty of stories of his sorties in WWII. He flew a P-38 Lightning with a camera in the nose and did reconnaissance, was shot down three times over Europe in the ETO and suffered daily from the wounds received over Monte Casino I believe it was he told me. He even did recon for the talks

at Yalta, a request directly from the President himself. Dewey will be missed.

Mike

Lt. Col. Dewey E. Ballard, USAF, ret., age 93, Prairie Village, KS, passed away on December 2, 2013 from complications of Alzheimer's disease. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to The City Union Mission. Col. Ballard was born on September 29, 1920 in Nashville, TN. A highly decorated [WWII](#) and [Korean War](#) pilot he served 20 years in the Air Force followed by a distinguished career of 17 years with the Federal Aviation Administration in Kansas City. An avid aviation enthusiast and longtime member of the Experimental Aviation Association, he turned his hobby of building remote control airplanes into building his own Starduster I biplane that he flew until he was 81 years old. He was highly sought after by other aircraft owners for his meticulous attention to detail in aircraft repair and even building planes for other stunt pilots. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister. Survivors include his wife of 62 years Mary Frances Ballard, daughters Mary Lynn (David) Carrillo, Kari (Mark) Ziblut, sons Eugene and Charlie VanEtten, grandsons Evan and Chris VanEtten, granddaughters Melanie Yager, Alisa Moore, Ashley Ziblut and Yvonne Ziblut and two great grandchildren. Fond memories and condolences for the family may be left at www.johnsoncountychapel.com (Arrangements by D.W. Newcomer's Sons Johnson County Chapel, 11200 Metcalf Ave, Overland Park, KS 66210. (913)451-1860) Published in Kansas City Star on Dec. 8, 2013

“THE BLACK-EYE PEA STORY”

"The Real Story of eating black eye peas on New Years Day is interesting and has gone untold in fear that feelings would be hurt. It's a story of war, the most brutal and bloody war this nation has ever seen, military might and power pushed upon civilians, women, children and elderly. Never seen as a war crime, this was the policy of the greatest nation on earth trying to maintain that status at all costs. An unhealed wound remains in the hearts of some people of the southern states even today.

The story of THE BLACK EYED PEA being considered good luck relates directly back to Sherman's Bloody March to the Sea in late 1864. It was called The Savannah Campaign and was lead by Major General William Tecumseh Sherman. The Civil War campaign began on 11/15/64 when Sherman 's troops marched from the captured city of Atlanta, Georgia, and ended at the port of Savannah on 12/22/1864.

When the smoke cleared, the southerners who had survived the onslaught came out of hiding. They found that the blue belly aggressors that had looted and stolen everything of value and everything that could be

eaten, including all livestock. Death and destruction were everywhere. While in hiding, few had enough to eat, and starvation was now upon the survivors. There was no international aid, no Red Cross meal trucks, no disaster relief, no FEMA. The Northern army had taken everything they could carry, eaten everything they could eat and destroyed what they couldn't. But they couldn't take it all. The devastated people of the south found that Sherman's bloodthirsty troops had left silos full of black-eyed peas.

At the time in the north, the lowly black-eyed pea was only used to feed stock. The northern troops saw it as the thing of least value. Taking grain for their horses and livestock and other crops to feed themselves, they just couldn't take everything. So they left the black-eyed peas in great quantities assuming it would be of no use to the survivors, since all the livestock it could feed had either been taken or eaten.

Southerners awoke to face a new year in this devastation and were facing massive starvation if not for the good luck of having the black-eyed peas to eat. From New Year's Day 1866 forward, the tradition grew to eat black-eyed peas on New Year's Day for good luck."

HARPER'S WEEKLY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1864

THE NEW YEAR

We have the right to wish our friends a Happy New Year, for a year never opened more full of promise for the country and the cause, dear to all faithful hearts. No man who truly comprehended the magnitude of our war, or who has thoughtfully studied its development, could have expected that we should stand at this time with so firm a hold upon the future as we have. Forced to learn to fight while we were fighting, we have patiently learned our lesson, amidst the doubts of friends and sneers of foes, until at last the fidelity, tenacity, and courage of the people begin to tell against their enemies, and the great experiment of free popular government, victorious in domestic as it has always been in foreign war, was never surer of its triumphant vindication than on New-year's Day eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

This confession is extorted from the bitter lips of our steadiest enemies at home and abroad. Directly, by its words, the British, aristocratic jealousy of a republic concedes that, without foreign intervention, we shall prevail in the contest; and, indirectly, by their acts the

rebels allow the desperation of their cause. The late law of the rebel Congress compelling every private soldier, non-commissioned officer, and musician to serve for the war, regardless of the conditions of enlistment; the law forcing those who have supplied substitutes to take place in the ranks by their side, the demand that the rebel currency shall be reduced by force, the terrible revelations of Memminger's report, with the wild rancor of abuse in the message of that "accomplished statesman," Jefferson Davis, and the resolutions offered by Foote in the rebel Congress—all these are signs that the greater resources and unquailing energy of the American people directed in the interest of humanity, civilization, and law, against a colossal conspiracy of crime and anarchy, begin already to be successful.

Surely the year may be hailed as happy that opens upon such a prospect—happy though a thousand hearts ache, and America, like Rachel, weeps for her children, who shall return no more. But dead, they yet speak, and shall speak forever. Unseen they hold as fast in love and honor to the holy cause for which they fell. The young, the brave, the true, who by night and day, through summer and winter, on land and sea, have died that we may live, have consecrated us all to their own heroic fidelity. The land mourns—it is full of graves; but what the President so simply and solemnly said of Gettysburg is true also of the country's "The world will not note nor long remember what we say here, but will never forget what they did here."

The year that begins brings us nearer to the end of great military operations, and to the settlement of the war. Standing upon its threshold, with hearts saddened for those who are gone and hopeful for those who are to come, let us take care through this year and through all years, to stand as fast for the victory our brothers in the field have won as they stood firm in winning it.



2014 MEMBERSHIP DUES 2014

The Membership Dues for 2014 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.

2014 CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF KANSAS CITY DUES

Dues deadline is December 31, 2013

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

Payable to the Civil War Round Table

Individual Name

spouse (if Couple Membership)

Address

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IMPORTANT *email*

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

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