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457th REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, June 24, 2014

Meadowbrook Country Club

9101 Nall Ave., Prairie Village, Kansas 66207

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

Dinner - 6:30p.m.

June Speaker

Don Bates Sr.

"GRANT'S 45-Day Overland Campaign, Wilderness to Cold Harbor"

Donald V. Bates, Sr. presents, "Grant's Overland Campaign, 1864, also known as "Lee's Virginia Campaign of 1864". This was the "first" campaign pitting the Civil War's two greatest Generals. It covers the battles from the Wilderness to Cold Harbor. It will be of interest to those whose loyalties lie with either the North or the South. He will address these iconic generals with anecdotes of their sub-ordinate officers and the men who fought in these battles 150 years ago. Don's interest leading to this presentation began with an identified tintype photograph from his collection of an officer who died at Cold Harbor, 150 years ago. This officer is featured in a book, addressing Union soldiers who had premonitions of their impending death, and sure enough this man was killed at Cold Harbor, May 31, 1864. Don studied history at Westminster College in Fulton, MO where Winston Churchill gave his well known, "Iron Curtain" speech. Don was President of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City in 2002 and 2012.

Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

*Please be sure our Treasurer receives all reservations by Tuesday, June 17, 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

- * **July 22, 2014: Barbara Justice, Park Ranger, Battle of Monocacy**
- * **August 26, 2014: Robert Jones - Battle of Mobile Bay**
- * **September 23, 2014: Walter Busch - Battle of Pilot Knob, Missouri.**
- * **October 28, 2014: Dan Smith - Battle of Westport.**
- * **November 18, 2014: Arnold Schofield - Aftermath of Westport (Price's retreat to Texas).**
- * **December 16, 2014: Dr. Ethan Rafuse – Sherman's March to The Sea.**

A T T E N T I O N !!!

We are now meeting at Meadowbrook Country Club, located at 9101 Nall Avenue, Prairie Village KS 66207.

Dinner meetings will be year-round once we move to Meadowbrook!

We Now Take Your Credit Card!

We have a new service for you, if you want to charge your dinner reservation to your credit card.

To use this service go to our web site <http://www.cwrtkc.org> and hit the Meeting & Event tab fill out the reservation form and then make your payment in the box to the left on that page through PAYPAL If you are using this service please send me an email so I will not miss your reservation. pgault@sbcglobal.net.

Menu for June 2014

Meadowbrook Salad with Blue Cheese, Dried Cranberry, Candied Walnut, Bacon Bits, and Balsamic Vinaigrette with assortment of rolls. Caraway Crusted Port Tenderloin, Mushroom Marsala Sauce, Potato Parmesan Gratin, Straw cut Vegetables with Basil Butter. Pink Peppercorn Panna Cotta with Macerated Berries. My my, I don't know what they just said, but it sounds good!

Battle of Westport

BOW 150 Meeting Schedules 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,

Dan Smith

Meeting dates - Jun 18, Jul 16, Aug 20, Sep17, & Oct 15. battleofwestport150@gmail.com.



"The Sergeant Major's Roar"

Battlefield Dispatches #395

"Exterminate All Bushwhackers"

During the Civil War, throughout Missouri & the eastern border counties of Kansas, the Guerrilla War was consistent & constant. It started right away in the summer of 1861 and continued in Missouri well after the conclusion of the war in 1865. From the very beginning the Union or Northern policy was one of eradicating or exterminating the Confederate Guerrillas or "Bushwhackers". This was justified because the "Bushwhackers" did not conduct themselves or wage war according to the "Articles of War" which were the rules of warfare at that time. Therefore, the "Bushwhackers" were considered to be bandits & outlaws & the best way to be rid of them was to kill them, which the "Union" troops in & who were mostly from Missouri did with a passion. By 1864, this form of brutal, barbaric warfare was as intense as it was previous years of the war and was evident in the following "Union" correspondence which is located in Series I, Vol. 34, Part IV of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion on Pages 511-512 & 525.

"Brookfield, Mo., June 22, 1864.

Brigadier Gen. C. B. Fisk,

Saint Joseph:

General; I have conversed with Captain Crandall as to his course & the course of his men here 7 believe the facts to be that his men are as good as can be found in this country, temperate & earnest. They have undoubtedly KILLED 3 or 4 of the "BUSHWHACKERS" who entered Laclede & in ferreting them out have visited some disloyal families & no doubt in the hurried & arbitrary searches they have had to make their acts may have seemed rough. While on scouts [patrols] & to some extent for camp purposes, the disloyal have been required to provide for the militia. All these things will inevitably create disturbances, as you know no men now live about here who will swear that they are "Good Union Men" & there is a large class who are probably at heart "Union" men who have no positive character & who would indorse the LOYALTY of the DEVIL!

In fact, these men have many of them been allowed to live in the country heretofore for the purpose of indorsing "Unionism" of the disloyal & helping them out when in trouble. Their own "conservatives" can't help looking on all these men as friends who will help them out at the polls next fall & they must be protected. I am told that even Colonel Williams has said rather than go into a war to exterminate BUSHWHACKERS & Rebels he would recognize the southern confederacy. To my mind General, the time has fully come to set to work in earnest to "EXTERMINATE ALL BUSHWHACKERS" & I think soon, if not now, this should also be EXTENDED TO THOSE WHO CHEERFULLY AID & HARBOR THEM!

I am satisfied from my own experience that compelling disloyal to foot the bills & furnish supplies, so that they shall, as far as possible, feel in their own pockets the effect of these disturbances, is the most effectual way to secure their earnest co-operation to put a stop to such troubles.

If allowed, Mr. Crandall will do this & do it as judiciously as any man you can find, but to suppose that it can be done without complaint is futile. There may be a howl even from a certain class of Union men. Do you believe this marauding can be stopped without pursuing such a course? Captain Crandall knows how every man stands through all this country. It is not guesswork, but much of the knowledge is derived from written testimony & confessions taken when he was Provost Marshal. I am sure that he won't act without good reasons. I feel sure you will fully sustain him in all he does, unless he wants to go farther then you feel you can be yourself sustained. I found him this morning inclined to feel that you were giving too much heed to the complaints of such as must be expected to complain if anything effective is to be done or if what is done is not done by their clique. I have told him you had very properly referred complaints to him to keep posted, that he might be on his guard.

Yours Truly,
Col. J. T. K. Hayward

"Headquarters District of North Missouri,
Saint Joseph, Mo., June 23, 1864.
Col. J. T. K. Hayward,
Hannibal, Mo.:"

I am in receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant. You may be assured that Captain Randall's policy, so far as I know anything about it meets my entire approval. I have not censured him in the least. Tell him to go ahead. He must expect the SNAKES will HISS when they are stirred up. I am quite sure that I have no better officer in the district than Captain Crandall. When complaints are made against him they will be placed before the Captain,

that he may better understand who maybe flanking him. "TELL CAPTAIN CRANDALL TO KILL EVERY BUSHWHACKER HE CAN PUT HIS HANDS UPON" & to make the feeders, aiders & abettors of the VILLIANS sorry for what they have done to help on the iniquity. Let the best discipline be continued among the troops & when they STRIKE, let it be with such FORCE & VENGEANCE that their presence can be felt all along the lines. "No Gloves on Now"! Forward the railway brigade.

CLINTON B. FISK
Brigadier General."

Now then, the Confederate guerillas of Missouri were an elusive & very effective enemy and the "Union" policy of "EXTERMINATION" was never completely successful. However, as the war continued through the balance of 1864 and the spring of 1865 the "Union" occupation of Missouri became stronger and the opportunity for successful "Bushwhacker" operations became less, but they were not eliminated & of course The War Went On!

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, to plan the Commemoration. The committee is meeting monthly at the Harris-Kearney House in Westport. If you would like to become involved go to BattleofWestport150@gmail.com.

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

Sad News.....

Many of you knew Mable Shutt and if you didn't you certainly knew her son Ed. Ed was the President of our Round Table in 1986. I know Mabel was a member for over 20 years and we wish Ed and the family the best in this time of sorrow and need.

HELP WANTED.....

Editor for the Border Bugle starting June, 2015, I'm sorry, I mean it this time. It's been an honor and I have received nothing but blessings and compliments and awards, but it's time to move on. Thank you!

1864

Harper's Weekly, June 1864

WHEN THE BOYS COME HOME.

There's a happy time coming
When the boys come home,
There's a glorious day coming
When the boys come home.
We will end the dreadful story
Of this treason dark and gory
In a sun-burst of glory
When the boys come home.

The day will seem brighter
When the boys come home;
For our hearts will be lighter
When the boys come home.
Wives and sweet-hearts will press them
In their arms, and caress them,
And pray God to bless them,
When the boys come home.

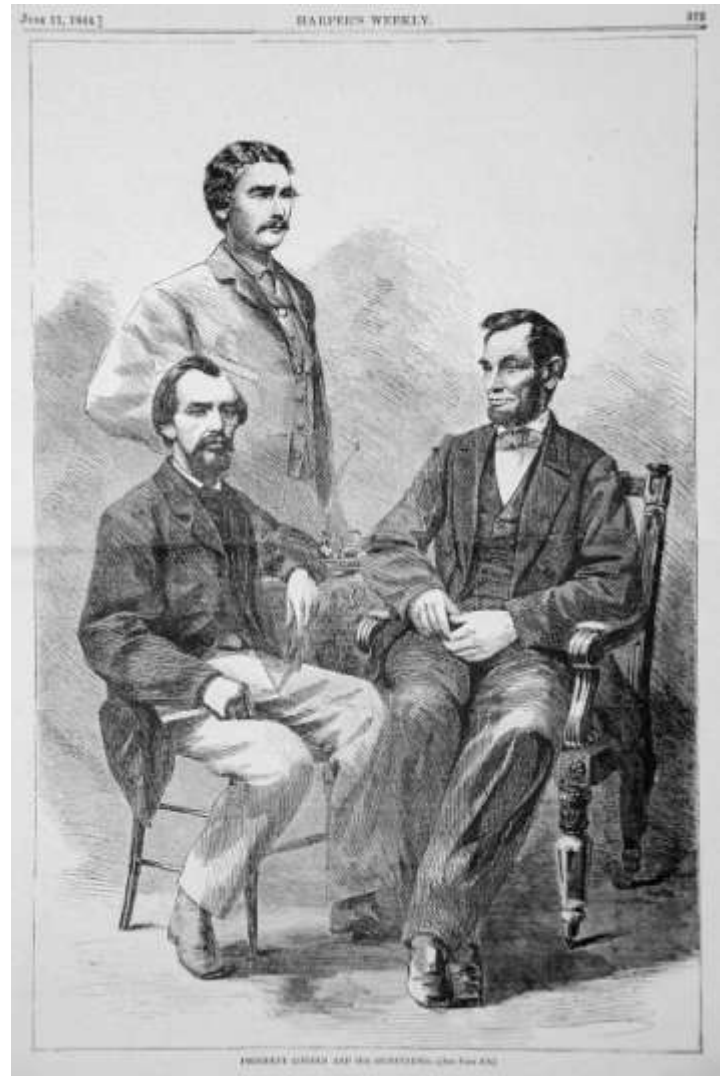
The thinned ranks will be proudest
When the boys come home,
And their cheer will ring the loudest
When the boys come home.
The full ranks will be shattered,
And the bright arms will be battered,
And the battle-standards tattered,
When the boys come home.

Their bayonets may be rusty
When the boys come home,
And their uniforms dusty
When the boys come home;
But all shall see the traces
Of battle's royal graces
In the brown and bearded faces
When the boys come home.

Our love shall go to meet them
When the boys come home,
To bless them and to greet them
When the boys come home.
And the fame of their endeavor
Time and change shall not dis sever
From the nation's heart forever
When the boys come home.

John Hay,

Executive Mansion, Washington.



“HEROES IN BLUE AND GRAY”

"Heroes in Blue and Gray" was the title of a book I begged my father to buy for me in 1965. It was the first of hundreds of works about the Civil War that I have been fortunate to read or own. It was written by Robert E. Alter, and published by the Whitman Company, which produced many great volumes for young readers. The small book had a catchy cover of troops locked in close combat, at what I know now to be the Bloody Angle at Spotsylvania. The chapters feature some historic giants, like Grant, Lee, and Jackson, but also feature interesting choices like the gallant John Pelham. It holds up well as a juvenile read, and I still have the book in my library almost 50 years later, although it is very frail - it was never meant to last that long!

One thing about the book though bothered me then, and bothers me now. The inside cover features a map of the nation from Texas to Maine, showing the North in blue, and the Confederacy in gray. It shows nothing directly above Kansas, and more importantly, it is totally blank where the Indian Territory (Oklahoma) should be.

There WAS a war here. It was brutal and nasty. Thousands bled, starved, or suffered. Battles were fought, and homes were lost. We must not allow that to be forgotten. We need to make sure others, both here and in other states, discover that history as well. If there is a special duty assigned to our organization, that is it. Therefore, we must continue to spread the word as widely as we can that in the history of THIS place, we too, had "Heroes in Blue and Gray".

This is the President's column from the Civil War Round Table of Oklahoma City, OK, May, 2014, his name is Ben Odom. I found this stimulating made me want to stand up and give a big Huzzah for Ben and his group and the state of Oklahoma! We know you're there buddy!

COMING EVENTS IN OUR AREA

And for more, be sure to take your Border Bugle by e-mail!!!

K.C. Posse of Westerners dinner meeting

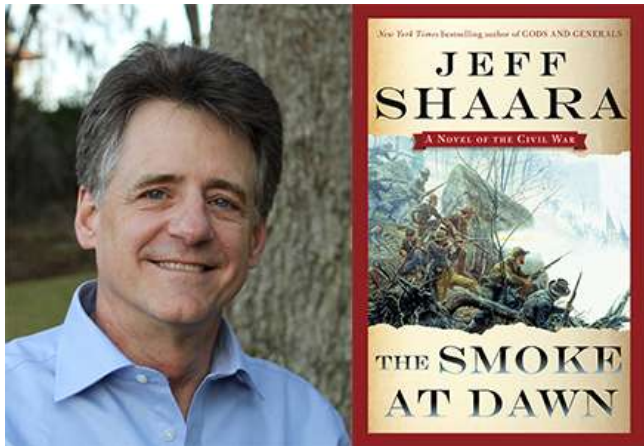
Sam Gill will be giving a talk on Custer and the Little Bighorn on July 8th at the Golden Ox Restaurant, 1600 Genessee. Please arrive by 6:30 p.m. to make your dinner selection. For more information, call 816-569-1180.

Jeff Shaara discusses

The Smoke At Dawn:

A Novel of The Civil War

Start: 6/17/2014 7:00 p.m.



EVENT OVERVIEW: Jeff Shaara will discuss his new book *The Smoke at Dawn: A Novel of The Civil War*.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Jeff Shaara is the New York Times bestselling author of *A Chain of Thunder*, *A Blaze of Glory*, *The Final Storm*, *No Less Than Victory*, *The Steel Wave*, *The Rising Tide*, *To the Last Man*, *The Glorious Cause*, *Rise to Rebellion*, and *Gone for Soldiers*, as well as *Gods and Generals* and *The Last Full Measure*—two novels that complete the Civil War trilogy that began with his father's Pulitzer Prize-winning classic, *The Killer Angels*. Shaara was born into a family of Italian

immigrants in New Brunswick, New Jersey. He grew up in Tallahassee, Florida, and graduated from Florida State University. He lives in Gettysburg.

ABOUT THE NEW BOOK: Summer, 1863.

The Federal triumph at Vicksburg has secured complete control of the Mississippi River from the Confederacy, cementing the reputation of Ulysses S. Grant. Farther east, the Federal army under the command of William Rosecrans captures the crucial rail hub at Chattanooga. But Rosecrans is careless, and while pursuing the Confederates, the Federal forces are routed in north Georgia at Chickamauga Creek. Retreating in a panic back to Chattanooga, Rosecrans is pursued by the Confederate forces under General Braxton Bragg. Penned up, with their supply lines severed, the Federal army seems doomed to the same kind of defeat that plagued the Confederates at Vicksburg. But a disgusted Abraham Lincoln has seen enough of General Rosecrans. Ulysses Grant is elevated to command of the entire theater of the war, and immediately replaces Rosecrans with General George Thomas. Grant gathers an enormous force, including armies commanded by Joseph Hooker and Grant's friend, William T. Sherman. Grant's mission is clear: Break the Confederate siege and destroy Bragg's army. Meanwhile, Bragg wages war as much with his own subordinates as he does with the Federals, creating dissension and disharmony in the Southern ranks, erasing the Confederate army's superiority at exactly the wrong time. Blending evocative historical detail with searing depictions of battle, Jeff Shaara immerses readers in the world of commanders and common soldiers, civilians and statesmen. From the Union side come the voices of Generals Grant, William Tecumseh Sherman, and George Thomas—the vaunted "Rock of Chickamauga"—as well as the young private Fritz "Dutchie" Bauer. From the Rebel ranks come Generals Bragg, Patrick Cleburne, and James Longstreet, as well as the legendary cavalry commander, Nathan Bedford Forrest. A tale of history played out on a human scale in the grand Shaara tradition, *The Smoke at Dawn* vividly recreates the climactic months of the war in the West, when the fate of a divided nation truly hangs in the balance.

DATE & TIME: Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

LOCATION: Unity Temple on The Plaza, Sanctuary, 707 W. 47th Street, Kansas City, MO 64112.

EVENT FORMAT: Jeff Shaara will discuss his life and new book *The Smoke at Dawn*. A book signing will follow the discussion. Tickets are sequentially numbered in the order they are purchased.

ADMISSION PACKAGE: \$28.00 plus tax, includes one Hardcover copy of *The Smoke at Dawn*, One Stamped Autographing Admission Ticket and One Guest Ticket (if needed). It's your choice, for the same Price.

The Battle of Island Mound

Saturday, June 14, 2014—10:30 a.m.-noon. Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center, 3700 Blue Parkway, Kansas City, MO. Joe Mattox, local historian, convenes this Communiversity Class—"The Battle of Island Mound: Black Soldiers and White Officers." United States Colored Troops (USCT) fought at Island Mound in Bates County, MO on Oct. 29, 1862. Screening of a new documentary called "The Battle of Island Mound." Special guests will be descendants of Cpl. Rufus Vann and Lt. Bethuel Hitchcock. Class Fee of \$10. Class #2802A. Can register on-line at www.umkc.edu/commu/signup using Visa, MasterCard or Discover; by mail using a check or credit card to Student Union, Office of Student Involvement, 5100 Cherry, #320, Kansas City, MO 64110. Payable to "Communiversity." In person by cash, check or credit card at Student Union, 5100 Cherry, #320; or by phone to 816 235-1407. Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dedication at Wakarusa River Valley Heritage Museum

Saturday, June 14, 2014—1-5 p.m. Museum located in Bloomington Park, Clinton Lake, Kansas in Douglas County. Dedication of addition to the two-story exhibition gallery. Cake and punch will be served. Free.

Slavery by Another Name

Saturday, June 14, 2014—2 p.m. Westport Library, 118 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO. Film screening of "Slavery by Another Name." Shawn Leigh Alexander, Associate Professor, University of Kansas History Dept. and director of the Langston Hughes Center, will lead a discussion of Radical Reconstruction after the Civil War, the prison lease system, and other topics related to the new kind of bondage faced by blacks after the passage of the 13th amendment to the U. S. Constitution. Sponsored by the Westport Historical Society. Free.

Hail to the Chiefs: John Quincy Adams

Wednesday, June 18, 2014—6:30 p.m. Plaza Library, 4801 Main St., Kansas City, MO. Fred Kaplan: John Quincy Adams: American Visionary. Kaplan sheds light on this sometimes overlooked president whose progressive values helped shape the course of the nation. Adams was a leading abolitionist and fervent Federalist who championed both individual liberty and the government's role in driving progress and prosperity.

Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, June 18, 2014—7 p.m. Southview Manor Apartments, 2600 A Hub Drive, Independence, MO. Tony Meyers and Keith Nelson: Divided Loyalties—Civil War Soldiers of Clay County. The authors are volunteers with the Clay County Archives in Liberty, MO and will speak about their research.

Family Fun Night at the Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm

Thursday, June 19, 2014—6-8 p.m. 1200 Kansas City Road, Olathe, KS. "Border War." Hands-on activities. Free admission but some small fees for activities. Stagecoach rides are \$2 for ages 3 and up.

The Battle of Westport Led to Freedom for Slaves in Missouri

Saturday, June 21, 2014—10:30 a.m.-Noon. Battle of Westport Museum and Visitor Center, 6601 Swope Parkway (west entrance to Swope Park). Joe Mattox, the Lt. William D. Matthews Scholar at the Battle of Westport Museum, will discuss "Blacks and the Fourth of July" and "Blacks at the Battle of Westport" on Oct. 23-25, 1864. \$10 registration fee to Communiversity for Class 2803A. See details for "The Battle of Island Mound" on June 14, 2014.

Brady Lecture at the Historic Truman Courthouse

Saturday, June 21, 2014—1 p.m. Brady Courtroom, 2nd floor of the Historic Truman Courthouse, 112 West Lexington Ave., Independence, MO (elevator available). Dr. Diane Mutti-Burke: On Slavery's Border: Missouri's Small Slaveholding Households, 1815 to 1865. Free optional tour of the historic courthouse on the Square including Truman's office and Courtroom and the Jackson County Museum of George Caleb Bingham paintings.

Battle of Westport: Memory and Legacy

Sunday, June 22, 2014—2 p.m. Central Library, 14 W. 10th St., Kansas City, MO. Dan Smith takes a ground-level look at the "Gettysburg of the West," a bloody clash in October, 1864 between Gen. Sterling Price's Confederate army and a Union force under Gen. Samuel Curtis. RSVP to 816 701-3407.

Battle of Camden Point 150th Remembrance

Saturday, June 28, 2014. Around 1 p.m. on Saturday and perhaps another in the early afternoon on Sunday. For more info contact the Camden Point Landmarks Society at www.camdenpoint.wordpress.com.

Bluegrass Music at Historic Pharis Farm-Clay County, MO

Saturday, June 28, 2014—5-8 p.m. Historic Pharis Farm, 20611 EE Highway, Liberty, MO. An evening of music. Bring your own lawn chair, picnic blanket, snacks and drinks. Free

Thank you to Beverly Shaw and the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri for the use of the coming events.



American Civil War June 1864

The plight the South found itself in was highlighted when the Confederate government ordered that men up to the age of 70 could be conscripted into the army. Grant lost a considerable number of men at Cold Harbor but they could be replaced. Any loss for the South now was of much greater harm.

June 1st: The Battle of Cold Harbor started. Grant attacked Lee's position near to the 1862 Seven Days battlefields.

Sherman sent out nearly 7,000 troops (3,000 cavalry and nearly 4,000 infantry) to hunt down the cavalry of Bedford Forrest, who continued to be a serious problem along Sherman's supply lines. It was Bedford Forrest's cavalry that was associated with the Fort Pillow, Tennessee, incident.

June 2nd: Grant spent the day improving the entrenchments of his army.

Having captured the Allatoona Pass, Sherman was able to speed up his drive to Atlanta.

June 3rd: At 04.30 Grant launched a major attack on Lee's positions at Cold Harbor. However, Lee's men were well dug in and in just one hour the Union force lost 7,000 men. The Confederates lost 1,500 men. At 12.00 Grant called off the attack. If the attack had been successful nothing would have stopped Grant and the Army of the Potomac getting to Richmond – just eight miles away. Those living in the city could hear the cannon fire.

June 5th: The South suffered a major defeat at Piedmont in the Shenandoah Valley. A Confederate force of 5,000 suffered 1,500 casualties, including the loss of their commanding officer, General W E Jones. The Confederate army was incapable of sustaining a 30% loss.

June 6th: Union troops commanded by Major-General David Hunter destroyed much private property in the Shenandoah Valley.

June 8th: Lincoln received the nomination from the National Union Convention to stand for president in the forthcoming election. The party platform was that there should be no compromise with the South.

June 10th: The Confederate Congress introduced military service for all men in the South aged between 17 and 70.

Bedford Forrest defeated a large Union force at Brice's Cross Roads, Mississippi. Forrest had 3,500 men under his command while the Union cavalry force, commanded by General Samuel Stugis, stood at 8,000. The Union army suffered over 25% casualties (a total of 2,240) to Forrest's total loss of 492 men.

June 12th: After some days of military inactivity, the Army of the Potomac moved out of its lines at Cold Harbor. However, while the army had not been fighting, it had been constructing better roads and pontoons to allow for the swifter movement of men and supplies. Such planning paid off.

June 13th: Lee withdrew his army to Richmond in the belief that Grant had built the roads and pontoons to allow his army to get behind the Army of Northern Virginia and attack Richmond. Lee was wrong in his assessment.

June 14th: The South lost one of its top generals, Leonidas Polk. Killed by artillery fire on Pine Mountain, Polk was not a great strategic commander but he was popular with his men and his loss was a bitter blow to the morale of the Army of the Tennessee.

June 15th: The North started a major assault on Petersburg, the 'backdoor to Richmond'.

June 16th: More units from the Army of the Potomac joined the attack on Petersburg. Against the odds, the defenders held out.

June 17th: The defenders of Petersburg managed a counter-attack. It was not successful, but it did stop the Union troops from advancing any nearer to Petersburg.

June 18th: Lee's main army arrived at Petersburg to bolster the city's defences. The North carried out the last of its attacks – the four days fighting for Petersburg had cost the Union 8,000 men.

June 20th: Grant decided to besiege Petersburg. He concluded that even the Army of the Potomac could not sustain further heavy losses.

June 21st: President Lincoln paid a visit to the Army of the Potomac. Grant enlivened the command of the army by appointing new generals. He hoped that new blood would invigorate the way the Army of the Potomac is

led. One of his appointments was General David Birney who was given the command of II Corps.

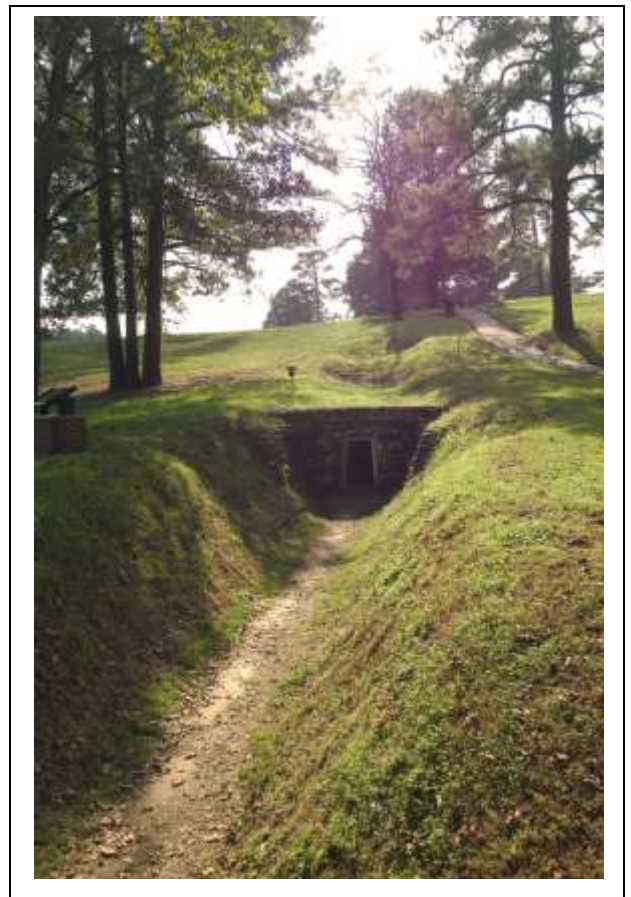
June 22nd: The Confederates launched a ferocious attack on Birney's II Corps at Jerusalem Plank Road. Birney lost 604 killed, 2494 wounded and 1600 captured. The Confederates lost in total 500 men.

June 25th: Union forces started to build a tunnel underneath one of the main Confederate redoubts in Petersburg.

June 27th: Sherman launched a major attack against Confederate positions at Kennesaw Mountain. The North's forces were stopped just short of the Confederates front line. Union losses were 2,000 killed or wounded out of 16,000 men.

June 28th: Though they held Sherman at Kennesaw Mountain, the South knew that it was only a matter of time until it fell, such was the size of the force they were facing. Their commander here, Johnston, decided to pull back to the Chattahoochee River.

The Crater, Petersburg, Virginia, Mike Epstein 2005





Mike Epstein, 2005

Petersburg Courthouse, Mike Epstein 2005

A Grave in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond

Margaret Junkin Preston, 1820-1897

*I read the marbled letter name,
 And half in bitterness I said,
 "As Dante from Ravenna came,
 Our poet came from exile-dead."
 And yet, had it been ask of him
 Where he would rather lay his head,
 This spot he would have chosen. Dim
 The city hum drifts o'er his grave,
 And green above the hollies wave
 Their jagged leaves, as when a boy,
 On blissful summer afternoons,
 He came to sing the bids his runes,
 And tell the river of his joy.*

*Who dreams that in his wanderings wide
 By stern misfortunes tossed and driven,
 His soul's electric strands were riven
 From home and country? Let betide
 What might, what would, his boast, his pride,
 Was in his stricken mother-land,
 That could but bless and bid him go,
 Because no crust was in her hand
 To stay her children's need. We know
 The mystic cable sank too deep
 For surface storm or stress to strain,
 Or from his answering heart to keep
 The spark from flashing back again!*

*Think of the thousand mellow rymes,
 The pure idyllic passion flowers,
 Wherewith, in far-gone, happier times,*



Sam Watson's Grave in Blanchard Church Cemetery, Petersburg, Virginia. The church was built around 1737. Sam Watson wrote "Co. Aytch."

*He garlanded the South of ours.
 Provencial-like, he wandered long,
 And sang at many a stranger's board,
 The tenderest pathos through his song,
 We owe the Poet praise and tears,
 Whose ringing ballads send the brave,
 Bold Stuart riding down the years.
 What have we given him? Just a grave!*

The Civil War Roundtable of Kansas City
invites you to the
BATTLE OF WESTPORT
150th Anniversary of the Confederate Invasion of Missouri

A GUIDED BUS TOUR
Saturday September 13, 2014 - 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Bus leaves 8:30 am SHARP from: The Battle of Westport Visitor Center & Museum
Meyer Blvd entrance into Swope Park (plenty parking)

--Tour includes the following:

- *A driving tour of the entire site of the Friday, Oct. 21 Battle at Little Blue River*
- *Drive thru Independence and a stop at the National Frontier Trails Museum*
- *Walking and driving tour of Saturday's Battle of Byram's Ford*
- *Brief stop at Mockbee Farm near 7850 Holmes*
- *Driving tour and stops at the Sunday Battle of Loose Park*
- *Brief walking stop at the Wornall House*
- *Driving tour of exit routes of retreat - Shelby's units and the wagon train*

- Lunch and visit at the Battle of Westport Visitor Center and Museum
Plus a talk on *Civil War Guns and Weapons* by Carl W. Listrom, Jr.

--In addition, as we travel, we will see and/or discuss:

- *Overview of Gen. Sterling Price and his Missouri life and Civil War battles*
- *Overview of the 1864 Confederate Invasion Campaign in Missouri*
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