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## 448th REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, Sept. 24, 2013

**Homestead Country Club**  
6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas  
Social Hour-Cash Bar-6:00p.m.  
Dinner-6:30p.m.

## SEPTEMBER SPEAKER GLENN ROBERTSON "CHICKAMAUGA"

Born in Suffolk, Virginia in 1944, William Glenn Robertson received a BA in History from the University of Richmond in 1966, a MA in History from the University of Virginia in 1968, and a Ph.D in History from the University of Virginia in 1975. After a ten-year teaching career at Hampton Institute, Hampden-Sydney College, the University of New Mexico, and Fort Lewis College, he joined the US Army's Combat Studies Institute as researcher/teacher in 1981. He spent the next thirty years in CSI, holding a wide variety of leadership positions, ultimately retiring as Director in August 2011. He is the author of two major Civil War works: *Back Door to Richmond: The Bermuda Hundred Campaign, April-June 1864*, and *The Petersburg Campaign: The Battle of Old Men and Young Boys, June 9, 1864*. In addition he is the author of numerous published articles and essays on Civil War topics, most involving the Campaign of Chickamauga.

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### Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

*Please be sure our Treasurer receives all reservations by Friday, May 25, 2013  
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.*

Glenn Robertson from Page 1

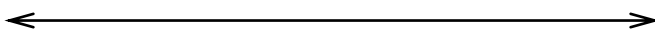
His writings for the Army revolve around leadership themes. He is also the author of the US Army's doctrinal publication The Staff Ride, a teaching methodology that uses battlefield visits to illuminate timeless and universal truths in war-fighting, and has been strongly associated with the re-introduction of that methodology throughout the US Army school system since 1983. He is currently completing the definitive study of the Campaign of Chickamauga for the University of North Carolina Press, forthcoming in 2014.

Glenn received our Truman Award in 1995.



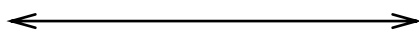
## SPEAKERS 2013

- October 22:** Arnold Schofield - Baxter Springs, KS
- November 19:** Kevin Knapp – Civil War Balloon Corps
- December 17:** Dr. Michael E. Monaco, Civil War Medicine



## MENU FOR SEPTEMBER 2013

House Tossed Salad with Choice of Dressing, Smoked Airline Chicken Breast, Cheesy Potatoes, Baked Beans, and Strawberry Shortcake.

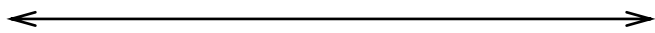


## BATTLE OF WESTPORT 150 COMMEMORATION

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](mailto:BattleofWestport150@gmail.com).

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

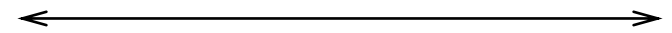


## Battle of Westport Visitors Center and Museum

Alisha Cole has volunteered to manage the Battle of Westport Visitors Center and Museum. The site will be opening for the 2013 season in April. Plans are underway to host a monthly program on topics related to the Civil War. More information will be made available as they become available.

If you are interested in participating in the programming and/or being a docent at the Visitors Center and Museum, please contact Alisha Cole at [amcole2@mac.com](mailto:amcole2@mac.com).

The visitor's center is open April through October, Thursday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. No admission fees. Donations are accepted.



## NEW MEMBERS.....

- Terry J. Moore**, 4529 Liberty St., K.C., MO. 64111-4203, 816-561-7528, [tjmoore\\_wplz@hotmail.com](mailto:tjmoore_wplz@hotmail.com)
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“Order No. 11” by George Calab Bingham

## “The Sergeant Major’s Roar”

*Battlefield Dispatches #374*

## “A Military Necessity”

It has often been said that, “Necessity is the mother of Invention” and this was certainly the case in the Civil War and for that matter in any war. There was a time in the summer of 1863 in western Missouri when after a little more than 2 years of fighting a vicious GUERRILLA war which appeared to have no end that that it was necessary

for the Union Commanding the Department of the Missouri to develop a new strategy for combating the enemy guerrillas or BUSHWHACKERS if one was of the northern persuasion. It did not take long for a new strategy to be conceived and implemented in the District of the Border which included all of Jackson, Cass & Bates Counties and the northern half of Vernon County. This strategy is described in the infamous or famous Order No. 11 which directed the forced removal of all disloyal civilians from the identified counties in the District of the Border. This included men not in military service, women and children. It is not known exactly how many civilians became refugees, but a conservative estimate is approximately 40,000 and their homes, farm out buildings and all their crops were eventually burned to the ground. All of this was done to eliminate the logistical support of food, shelter and sanctuary that the civilians provided the guerrillas as they waged war against the Yankees. The most significant parts of Order No. 11 are described as follows and are located on Page 473 in Series I, Volume 22, Part II Correspondence of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion.

“General Orders,

Headquarters, District of the Border,  
No. 11.

Kansas City, Missouri; August 25, 1863.

1. All persons living in Jackson, Cass & Bates Counties, Missouri & in that part of Vernon included in this district, except those living within 1 mile of the limits of Independence, Hickman Mills, Pleasant Hill & Harrisonville and except those in part of Kaw Township, Jackson County, north of Brush Creek and west of the Big Blue, are hereby ORDERED TO REMOVE FROM THEIR PRESENT PLACES OF RESIDENCE WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS from the date thereof. Those who, within that time establish their loyalty to the satisfaction of the commanding officer of the military station nearest their present places of residence will receive from him certificates stating the fact of their loyalty and the names of the witnesses by whom it can be shown. All who receive such certificates will be permitted to remove to any military station in this district or to any part of the State of Kansas except those counties on the eastern border of the state. ALL OTHERS SHALL REMOVE OUT OF THIS DISTRICT. Officers commanding companies and detachments serving in

the counties named will see that this paragraph is promptly obeyed.

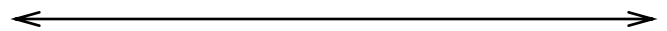
2. All grain and hay in the field or under shelter in the district from which the inhabitants are required to remove within reach of the military stations after the 9th day of September next will be taken to such stations and turned over to the proper officers there and report of the amount so turned over made to the district headquarters, specifying the names of all loyal owners and the amount of such produce taken from them. All GRAIN & HAY found in the district after the 9th day of September next not convenient to such stations WILL BE DESTROYED! .....

By order of Brigadier General Thomas Ewing, Jr.

H. HANNAHS

Acting Assistant Adjutant General.”

Now then, after the destruction was completed this area which encompassed more than 200,000 acres of land became known as the “BURNT DISTRICT” which it is still referred to today and the bitter memories of this scorched earth action still remain 150 years after the fact in this the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War. From a military perspective the implementation of Order No. 11 was a military necessity that was necessary to destroy the logistical or guerrilla supply network and sanctuary. Was it successful? It certainly was, because the “Burnt District” was no longer a guerrilla sanctuary, but it did not destroy the guerrilla operations in Western & Central Missouri. In fact, the guerrilla war became more intensified in central Missouri. Then as now the bitter memory of the “Burnt District” lives on and of course the War Went On!



## COMING EVENTS.....

### **Westport Hysterical(Historical) Society The 1855 Harris-Kearney House**

Got Ghosts? The 1855 Harris-Kearney House Does

Join Heartland Paranormal Investigative (HPI) on Saturday, October 19th for an investigation of the 1855 Harris-Kearney House Museum. The cost is \$25.00 per person and is limited to only 10 individuals.

Here is what you will experience: Starting at 1:00 pm, you will receive instruction on our investigating techniques, and how to use all the equipment deployed for the investigation. You will then help the Team setup the equipment for the investigation and be part of the investigation planning process. We will break for supper at 5:00 pm (supper is not covered by the cost; The Westport Historical Society will provide snacks and drinks) and then reassemble at 6:30 pm; we will begin the investigation at 8:00 pm, ending the investigation around midnight. HPI will provide all the equipment necessary for the investigation, but you are free to bring Digital Voice Recorders, cameras, camcorders, EMF meters, etc.

Wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Bring an open mind and be prepared to participate in a very comprehensive investigation of the house. No prior experience necessary; we will teach you what you need to know.

Book your slot for the investigation early as the 10 slots will fill up quickly! To book your spot for the investigation, contact the museum at (816)561-1821. All proceeds from the investigation go to the Westport Historical Society.

Located at 4000 Baltimore, in Kansas City, MO, the 1855 Harris-Kearney House is the oldest remaining residence in Kansas City. The house was built by the Harris family in 1855, and is now a museum owned and operated by the Westport Historical Society. The WHS was founded in 1950 to promote, preserve, and foster public interest in the significant history of Westport, Missouri, the Town of Kansas, and Missouri, as well as their founders.

The 1855 Harris-Kearney House Museum is open for tours Wednesday-Saturday, from 1-5pm. For more information, visit our website, [www.westporthistorical.com](http://www.westporthistorical.com). Contact us at 816-561-1821, [westporthistorical@gmail.com](mailto:westporthistorical@gmail.com), or find us on Facebook.

**October** – Kansas City and Civil War Art Exhibit, Sponsored by Westport Frameworks. Open during regular museum hours, (Wed-Sat, from 1-5 pm). Grand Showing on October 4, from 5-8 pm.

**October 26** – Celebrate Old Westport and Re-enactment of Order #11 1855 Harris-Kearney House, 10 am – 4 pm.

## **The Wornall/Majors House Museums**

OCTOBER GHOST TOURS & PARANORMAL INVESTIGATIONS!

All Ghost Tours & Paranormal Investigations are at the Alexander Majors House this year! October 18, 25, 26, and 31

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit: [www.wornallhouse.org](http://www.wornallhouse.org). Advance registration and payment is required. Tickets will sell out fast!

### **GHOST TOURS**

Participate in a lantern-lit tour of the Alexander Majors House (8201 State Line Road) and hear all about the ghosts and legends of the Civil War as well as the strange events and ghosts who are said to still haunt the Majors House and the Wornall House! Tours last one hour.

### **NEW THIS YEAR:**

Chef Shannon Kimball and his ghostly assistants will be onsite each evening (10/18, 10/25, 10/26, and 10/31) starting at 5:30 p.m. to serve a menu that will have you howling with delight! Pumpkin chowder with a side of severed fingers, monster meatballs, broken ribs of beef, bat wings, mulled cider death punch, ghost hunter cake pops and fried worms. These made from scratch, frightening foods are sure to fill your appetite and set the mood for a night of haunting fun! Food will be served until 8:00 p.m.

Tickets:

\$15 Per Person for Tour Only

\$25 Per Person for Tour and Food

### **PARANORMAL INVESTIGATIONS**

Experience a real-time ghost hunt with investigators from ELITE Paranormal of Kansas City and Mid-Continent Paranormal Research Society! Learn how to use equipment, ask questions, and actually try to detect paranormal evidence. This one is okay for young teens (with supervision from a parent/caregiver, as long as the young teens are able to sit quietly in a room and wait for equipment signals), older teens, and adults.

Tickets:

\$50 Per Person

Our Mission: To Engage Community by Bringing History to Life through Hands-on, Innovative Programs and Experiences.

Construction to repair the foundation at the

John Wornall House is now underway with Pishny Restoration Services. For updates on our progress, visit our Facebook page.

Please consider making a contribution to our capital drive to repair the foundation, facade, and interior of the John Wornall House. Click here to read the press release and here to donate.

Become a Member of the Museums. For more information, call (816) 444-1858. Your support is invaluable to our success, especially during this time of growth.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

P.S. Be sure to contact the Wornall/Majors House to thank them for their generosity for allowing us to have our Summer meeting at the Alexander Majors House barn this Summer, it was a great place for the meetings and they allowed us to tour the house once for free and once for half price.

A huge thank you to Emily, Jennifer and Anna Marie!

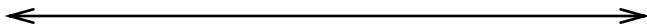


Exhibit: Order No. 11 Arrives at The Box Gallery  
Now through October 25, 2013. Commerce Bank Building, 1000 Walnut St., Ste. 221, Kansas City, MO. Hours are Monday-Friday from 8 am-8 pm. Free and Open to the Public. Order No. 11: Martial Law on the Missouri Border. Civil War-era objects and reproductions, map graphics, original portrait of two Missouri sisters caught in the war, a reproduction sculpture of a Civil War-era handcart, and a video which elaborates on the display.

Quantrill's Mother Portrayed by Barbara Hughes  
Tuesday, September 17, 2013—10 am. Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, MO. Quantrill's mother discusses his exploits, including the Lawrence Massacre, and delves into his private life as she talks about his wife, Kate King. RSVP to 816 252-0950.

Remember the Sultana  
Wednesday, September 18, 2013—2 pm. Red Bridge Library, 11140 Locust St., Kansas City, MO. A descendant of one of the lucky men who survived the tragic end of the Sultana steamship will tell how hundreds of Union soldiers lost their lives due to one man's greed. RSVP to 816 942-1780.

Freedom Festival-John Brown Memorial Park  
Saturday and Sunday, September 21-22, 2013. John Brown Memorial Park, 10<sup>th</sup> & Main, Osawatomie, KS. All weekend: Frontier artisan demonstrations, modern arts and crafts fair, food vendors, special tours of John Brown Museum with Mary Buster, great-great-granddaughter of Florella Brown Adair, the half-sister of John Brown.

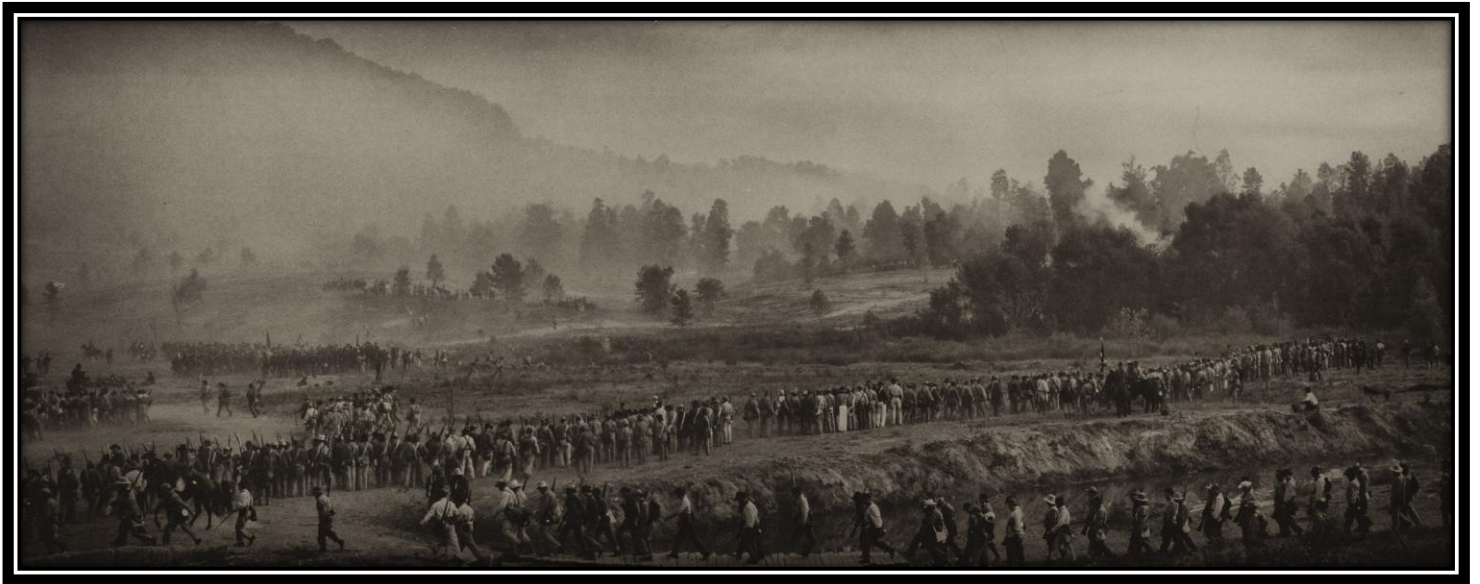
Saturday only: 10 am-Civil War weapons and drill. 11 am-Professor Farquar-The Great American Medicine Show. Noon-Weapons and Drill. 1 pm-Professor Farquar. 2 pm-Kansas River Gang-Wild West Gunfight. 3 pm-Professor Farquar. 4 pm-Reenactment of the Battle of Osawatomie. Dusk-Night artillery and rifle firing.

Sunday only: Noon-Grady Atwater-"John Brown, Saint or Sinner?" 1 pm-Reenactment of a battle between Union troops and Confederate partisans. 2 pm-Gospel concert. 3 pm-Mary Buster-Portrayal of Florella Adair. 4 pm-Kansas River Gang-Wild West Gunfight.

Journalism during the Civil War  
Thursday, September 26, 2013—7 pm. Trailside Center, 9901 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO. Sponsored by the Kansas City Press Club. Darryl Levings of the Kansas City Star will discuss reporting in the Civil War period and his book Saddle the Pale Horse. Free.

A Wicked War: Polk, Clay, Lincoln and the 1864 U. S. Invasion of Mexico  
Tuesday, October 1, 2013—6:30 pm. Central Library, 14 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Kansas City, MO. The Mexican-American War paved the way for the Civil War and led to the political rise of Abraham Lincoln. Historian Amy S. Greenberg discusses her book A Wicked War. RSVP to 816 701-3400.

**Exhibit through end of 2013 - Columbia, MO**  
Walters History Museum, East Gallery: Missouri's Civil War 1863: Divided at Home. Boone County Museum, 3801 Ponderosa St., Columbia, MO. Thurs.-Sun. (12:30-4:30 pm.). Sat. (9:30 am-4:40 pm.) \$2.00. Artifacts, clothing, authentic weapons, and personal effects from the tumultuous time of 1863 in Missouri.



Chickamauga Re-Enactment, Chickamauga Battlefield, Georgia, 1998  
By Mike Epstein

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