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At Arms Michael Epstein 345th Regular Meeting Tuesday, January 23, 2001 Social: 6:00pm Dinner: 6:30pm Leawood Country Club 8901 Sagamore, Leawood, KS (89th Street east of Lee Blvd) cash bar – dinner \$18.00

Featured January Speaker Brayton Harris

The January speaker for the Civil War Round Table will be Brayton Harris. The title of his talk is <u>"Blue and</u> <u>Gray in Black and White: Newspapers in the Civil War."</u> His talk will be an exploration of the individual and collective4 efforts of journalists assigned to newspapers during the Civil War. This is also the title of a book he has written on the subject, The book and his talk will focus on the personalities, politics, and rivalries of editors, the efforts of newspapers to influence military appointments, strategy and tactics; advances in printing technology, formal and informal censorship and most of all the war correspondent themselves.

A retired U.S. Navy Captain, he served as a military censor in Korea and as a coordinator of in-country media activities during two tours in Vietnam. He has also been a printer, a publisher and an editor and is the author of more than 200 articles and seven books.

Copies of Mr. Harris' book, <u>Blue and Grey in Black</u> <u>and White</u>, will be available for purchase at the meeting.



► RESERVATIONS Reservations must be received by FRIDAY, January 19, 2001

Mail to: Dave Landes 1409 SW 9th St Lee's Summit, MO 64081

The price of the dinner is \$18.00. Make checks payable to: *The Civil War Round Table of Kansas City (CWRTKC)*. Please note any special dietary needs with your reservation.

EMERGENCY ONLY

Call: Dave Landes 816/246-5447 or as an alternative number ONLY, call Paul Gault at 741-2962. DO NOT leave duplicate reservations at both numbers. The Round Table is billed for all meals prepared. Members will be charged for reservations not cancelled by the Friday before the meeting.

AN ODE TO THE ARMY MULE

I must tell you about my mule. It is not regarded fashionable here for a QM to ride a horse, so I mount myself on one of the long-eared tribe. Mine has but few faults; one is, a very strong inclination to pick at and eat anything he can find, from a horse's tail to a stick of wood; a second, is to be so absent minded as to (in a fit of hilarity) stick his head down between his fore legs and throw his hind legs in the air.

This movement always necessitates my getting off to examine my saddle, pick up my hat, and get on again. If you ever ride a mule and wish him to appear proud and gay, hit him on the ear; he will arch his neck beautifully, and prance about majestically: you will find also, that by lying on your back in the road you can see his fine points very well.

Lt. Fred Beecher, A.A.Q.M. Fort Wallace, Kansas Feb. 26th, 1867

Civil War Education Association (CWEA) presents upcoming tours and events. Contact CWEA at 800-298-1861 or email <u>cwea@mnsinc.com</u> for more information.

Jan 24-27, 2001 - 9th Annual Sarasota Civil War Symposium, Sarasota, FL Man 22, 24, 2001 - The Irich in the American Civil War: A Symposium and The Irich

Mar 22-24, 2001 – The Irish in the American Civil War: A Symposium and The Irish at Antietam: A Field Tour. Hagerstown, MD

Mar 24, 2001 - How to conduct Civil War Research: An in-depth Workshop

Upcoming Speakers in 2001:

February:	Chris Tabor:	"The Battle of Island Mound"
March:	Orvis Fitts:	"The Life of General James Blunt"
April:	Ed Shutt:	"The Post War Saga of Leading Civil War Figures"
May:	Mike Lawson	: "England's Fascination with the American Civil War"

Upcoming Events 2001 and beyond...

April 5-8, 23rd Confederate Historical given by Ed Bearss. Contact Jim Beckner for more info. **June 21-24**, 125th Anniversary of the Battle of the Little Big Horn. Tour and reenactment. Contact Jim Beckner for more information.

Aug 4-5, Battle of Glasgow, MO (1861 and 1864). Contact Norman Rohlfing, 660-248-3483. Amenities. Sept. 22-23, Battle of Pilot Knob, MO. All amenities. Contact Terry Cadenbach, <u>4mocav@usmo.com</u> Oct. 19-20, Battle of Marshall, MO. Contact Scott Hughes.

Nov. 2-4, Battle of Cabin Creek, OK. Contact Willie Huckabee or Bill Griggs.

May 2002 Battle of Westport (possibly).



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SGT. AT ARMS POSITION OPEN..

Since Mike Epstein has taken the editor position, we need someone to step forward and take on the duties that he was doing. It doesn't take any time at all or much space in your home. Mike would really appreciate it; it's hard enough for him to get it here on time as it is. Please contact either Mike Epstein

Your obedient servant

I just wanted to say, thanks for the support I've gotten from the round table, it's been my privilege to help where I can for such a dedicated group as ours.

I hope to take The Bugle to the next level but it will take time. This issue, I wanted to try to make as close to the past ones, but you will see some changes and I hope you will like them. Please feel free to make constructive criticism any time.

If your submitting a story or info like the dinner menu etc, please use e-mail it'll make it even easier on me.

Happy New Year to everyone, and thank you for this opportunity to serve our organization.



SKUTTLEBUTT.....Orvis Fitts has an article which is a survey o the history of Territorial Kansas in the debut issue of "The Historical Journal of Wyandotte County." This was the printed text of a talk show he gave in October for the

Wyandotte County Historical Society. Ed Shutt has an article in the same journal on the life of the "Shawnee Prophet." Local historian, Loren Taylor, has produced a chronology: "Wyandotte County and the Struggle Against Slavery During 1850-1861." The journal is being published by the Wyandotte County Historical Society.

ATTENTION.... We wanted to let you know, and it is important, that we feel as so does the club, that it is their sound system and not our portion of the system that is not working properly. Their system is quite old and failing at this time and needs updating badly, especially if we are to stay here and continue to use it, I've never been so embarrassed as when Mary Lincoln kept cutting out and we had to turn it off on Tom Broadfoot! We want you to know, it isn't Mike's fault, really!!! So don't go to hard on him. Thanks!

THE FUTURE.... Space permitting, we're going to try and have a photo of a soldier and a bio of him, or her, like the back page of "The Civil War Times Illustrated." We think it might bring the humanity of war a little closer to each of us when we get our **Bugle.** I may also try some variations on the cover design incorporating our logo. Let me know if there is a favorite design of yours.

IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE YOUR DUES PAID BY DECEMBER 31,2000, YOU'RE NOT IN THE ROOSTER THIS YEAR. PLEASE REMEMBER WHEN YOUR DUES ARE DUE.





