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Menu for Oct. 23, 2001
Three Lettuce Salad w/Toasted Pecans,
Mandarin Orange Slices and Raspberry
Vinaigrette, Sliced London Broil over
Garlic Whipped Potatoes, Red Wine
Shallot Sauce, Green Beans Almondine,
and New York style Cheescake
w/Strawberries.

351th Regular Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2001
Social: 6:00pm Dinner: 6:30pm
Homestead Country Club
65th and Mission Rd.
Leawood, KS
Cash bar – dinner \$20.00

Featured September Speaker Tom Goodrich

"The Wild Side" American History, 1854-1880

Persons, places, and events in Kansas and Missouri during the "Bleeding Kansas" and "Civil War" era.

Historian and author Tom Goodrich was born in Lawrence (the free state capitol of Kansas), raised in Lecompton (the pro-slavery capitol), a love of history came early and easily to Tom Goodrich. After graduating from Washburn University in 1973 with a B.A. in history, he traveled extensively at home and abroad painting watercolors for a living. His many books include: Bloody Dawn: The Story of the Lawrence Massacre (1991), Black Flag: Guerilla Warfare on the Western border, 1861-1865 (1995), Scalp Dance: Indian Warfare on the High Plains, 1865-1879 (1997), War to the Knife: Bleeding Kansas 1854-1861 (1998), and Bloody Bill Anderson: The Short Savage Life of a Civil War Guerilla (1998). All five titles were selections of either the History, Military, or Doubleday Book Clubs. All of Tom's books are still in print and he will have some of them with him if you would like to purchase. To contact Tom Goodrich e-mail at, MTGoodrich@aol.com, or P.O. Box 176, Ararat, VA 24053.

2001..Change of Location and Dinner Charge.

Don't forget and go hungry, we've changed locations. We're back at Homestead Country Club at 65th and Mission Road. The dinner charge is now \$20.00. Get your reservations in early!

P.S. Attire is Business/Casual, Coat and Tie is optional.



RESERVATIONS

Reservations must be received by **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2001**

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

The price of the dinner is \$20.00. 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.

Upcoming Speakers for 2001

Nov. 27: Dr. Steve Collins: "The Rise and Fall of Quindaro."

Jan. 22: Arnold Schofiled: "Scouts, Spies, Scamps, and Scalawags."

Scalawags.

Feb. 26: Thomas P. Sweeney: "Fighting Tom Sweeney in the 1861

Missouri Campaigns."

Mar. 26: Daniel R. Weinberg

Upcoming Events 2001 and beyond...

Oct. 4-7: 27th National Congress of CWRTs, Holiday Inn, Washington, Dulles. Lots of great speakers and a couple of tours led by Ed Bearss. Contact Jerry Russell, 501-225-3996 or jlrussell@civilwarbuff.com.

Oct. 5-7: Lake Village, AR. 14th Annual Civil War Weekend, Chicot State Park. Contact John Morrow, 870-265-5480 or chicotsp@ipa.net. Oct. 5-7: Battle of Marshall, MO. Contact Scott Hughes. Join us for

the first "Battle of Marshall, MO". Over 600 reenactors. Saline Co. Fairgrounds. \$1.00 for shuttle bus to location of battle. Featuring Trans-Mississippi artist, Andy Thomas.

Oct. 5-7: Marengo, IL. 2nd Annual Civil War Weekend. Tim Stratton, 815-568-5268, or Wayne Henson, 815-645-8695.

Oct. 5-7: Princeton, IL. Annual "Shadows of the Blue and Grey". Contact Lt. Col. Mark Williams at 815-872-0362 or MNM18605@udnet.net.

Oct. 6-7: High Ridge, MO., Demaree Fair. Contact Jim Flint Smith, 636-376-7553, 636-671-4420, or 636-671-0630

Oct. 13-14: Living history, Kempsville, IL. Mike Pierce, 314-481-1967 or stlreb@altavista.com.

Oct. 19-21: Danville, MO. Anderson's Guerillas at Baker Plantation. Contact David Overcamp or Mary Ann Crowson, 573-564-1000.

Nov. 2-4: Battle of Cane Hill, Fayetteville, AR. Contact Bill Griggs, 918-492-8365.

Nov. 9-11: 17th Annual West Coast Civil War Conference, Buena Park, CA. Focus on Antietam. Contact Jerry Russell for more info. jlrussell@civilwarbuff.com.

April 4-7, 2002: Confederate Historical Institue Conference, "Jackson's Last Hours". Contact Jerry Russell for more info at, <u>jlrussell@civilwarbuff.com</u>.

May 2002 Battle of Westport (possibly).

SICK CALL

Do you know of a round table member who has taken ill or who is hospitalized? We want to send a cheerful and sunny get well card to them. Give me a call or leave me a message of our comrades name and whether they are at home or the name of the hospital where they were admitted. Also, please let me know when a comforting sympathy card should be sent to a member's home. Our small gesture of friendship and concern will always be warmly received.

J. Carlene Berry, Corresponding Secretary, (913) 649-3062

NEW MEMBERS

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At Antietam Civil War Battlefield, Echoes of Another Day of Horror

By Michael E. Ruane Washington Post Staff Writer Tuesday, September 18,2001;

SHARPSBURG, Md., SEPT. 17 - Here, too, anguished families came when the day was over, searching for missing loved ones.

From field hospital to field hospital, they went: Have you seen my son? They asked. My husband? My father? He was here, and we've had no word.

Very often they, also, learned the worst.

For here, on another dreadful weekday in September, the death toll had been awful: 3,654 in a single cataclysmic event that was, until last week, the deadliest day ever on U.S. soil.

But the Civil War's Battle of Antietam, whose 139th anniversary was marked today, now appears eclipsed by the terrorist airplane attacks last Tuesday at the Pentagon, in New York and in Pennsylvania.

More than 4,900 people are missing and presumed dead just in the World Trade Centers assault, authorities have said, and the total death count will likely be well over 5,000. Today, as Americans across the country sought to resume their lives after last week's disaster, about 50 people gathered here on a cool and sun-washed morning to walk the battlefield together, to reflect, and, perhaps, they said, to draw some comfort from the past.

"By going back to their story," Bob Wilhelm, 57, one of the group, said of Antietam's participants, "it helps us sort out what we're going through.

"Time disappears," he said.

They gathered outside the National Park Service visitor center at 9:30 a.m. and gazed out over the rocky fields of bleached corn stalks, damp clover and yellowing soybeans where the battle was fought.

Crickets sang where 87,000 Union soldiers battled 40,000 Confederates to a draw from dawn to dusk on Sept. 17,1862, and swallows darted over the sunken farm lanes where soldiers perished by the hundreds.

The pilgrims, in jeans and T-shirts, fanny packs and ball caps, had come from Ohio, Maryland, Pennsylvania and other places.

There was a banker, a steelworker, a Web manager and several retirees. Some carried binoculars, books and battlefield maps. Some said they visited regularly; others had never been before. Many had never been on the anniversary of the battle.

Park rangers pointed out to them that just as there is a kind of media saturation surrounding last Tuesday's tragedy, Antietam was a media sensation in its day: Photographer Alexander Gardner's grisly pictures taken a few days after the battle were the first ever to show the U.S. public the horrors of war.

The death toll, combining both sides, was in addition to more than 17,000 wounded, the Park Service noted. And Antietam would be followed by other savage struggles at places like Fredericksburg, Gettysburg and Spotsylvania.

The group, lead by rangers Mike Weinstein and Keith B. Snyder, made its first stop at the towering obelisk monument to the Philadelphia Brigade, a Union outfit that lost 545 men that day.

Weinstein paused to remind the walkers of the hundreds of family members who traveled here after the battle in search of missing soldiers, or their graves. "I must tell you," he said quietly, "that when I watched the TV news and saw the people of New York traipsing around the city, going from hospital to hospital looking for their loved ones, all I could think of was the battlefield at Antietam and all those stories about people wandering around this battlefield" seeking missing relatives.

He then read the account of a New York man, Lemuel Stetson, who, after searching, had found his son, John, buried on the battlefield. "I found the burial rude and imperfect, like all soldiers graves upon the field," the father wrote.

He gathered a burial party and reburied his son in a more dignified way, covering the grave with brownstones and boughs cut from oak trees shot down during the battle.

"I stood among strangers, the rank and file of the army, to make my grateful, heartfelt acknowledgments for their kind assistance," Stetson wrote. "You may in all times of affliction rely on the human and generous sympathy of the common soldier."

The listeners stood hushed in the grass.

It was interesting, Snyder noted, that last week's disaster may also have helped people understand the emotions of 1862. "I think it helped people connect with the emotion and the feeling of the tragedy here," he said. "It certainly did for me. You have an immediate understanding of that feeling in your gut."

Jeff Baldwin, 35, of Hagerstown, said he felt it clearly, as he stood with the group at the edge of the infamously bloody part of the battleground known simply as "the cornfield."

"The people here would have thought at the time: It's changed America forever. It'll never be the same. We will never recover from the death.' Everything you hear now, you'd have heard right after this. The country will be different forever.

"With hindsight, you can see that the country was better after it. We can look back now and say, 'Why were you worried?' Maybe in a hundred years someone will look back [on today] and say. It all ended okay.' "

The walkers spoke quietly as they brushed past the purple berries of the pokeweed and bright blue chicory flowers that have always grown here. It was warm and bright, and there seemed to be solace in the surroundings and the story.

Bob Wilhelm said he planned to stay with the walk, which covered the entire day's conflict, until it ended at sunset.

"I hope, at the end of the day, when we get to the end of the battle, there's a little bit of closure," he said. "We're not going to have that closure with the bombing — not for a while."

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MEMBERSHIP DUES!!!!!

It's that time again, time to pay your dues. Please pay your dues by the end of December, or your name won't appear in the membership roster for the year 2002. Dues are \$25.00. **MORE NEWS ITEMS...."IT HAPPENED HERE: KANSAS AND THE CIVIL WAR.**" Don Coldsmith, presenter. Sunday, Oct. 21, 2001, 2:15pm. Antioch Library, 8700 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Merriam, KS. Call (913) 261-2326 for info.

- World War II People And Materials Featured In October Archives Month Celebration. Programs, Workshops and Collections at the Kansas History Center. KSHS (Kansas State Historical Society) Archives Month activities, "Your Place in History," October 14-18, whexih highlight World War II collections and themes through programs and workshops, will be presented at the Kansas History Center in Topeka. Contact: Bobbie Atho, (785) 272-8681, ext. 262, or e-mail: bathon@kshs.or, and, www.kshs.or.
- If you missed last months meeting, you may not have heard the very sad news. Steve Treaster has been diagnosed with cancer and we're afraid he's not doing well. It has been suggested that we all give Steve our best but refrain from using the phone. His address is: Steve Treaster, 21516 W 72nd Street, Shawnee, KS 66218. Please feel well Steve.
- Tom Goodrich and Deb Hiebert are collaborating on two new projects: *The Day Dixie Died*, which will follow events from Robert E. Lee's surrender until the final collapse of the Confederacy, and a study of the Wild West. They are also the founders and operators of Midwestern History Tours.

NEW ADDRESS... The Civil War Round Table of Kansas City has a new address, please note: P.O. Box 6202, Leawood, KS 66206.

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