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Menu for Jan. 22, 2001 **SURPRISE!**

353th Regular Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2001
Social: 6:00pm Dinner: 6:30pm
Homestead Country Club
65th and Mission Rd.
Prairie Village, KS

Cash bar – dinner \$20.00

Featured January Speaker Arnold W. Schofield

UNION SCOUTS, SPIES, SCAMPS & SCALLYWAGS

Vignettes of Union espionage in the Trans-Mississippi Theatre of Operations from 1861-1865 which are derived and documented from original reports and correspondence in an obscure record group in the National Archives in Washington D.C. Some of the clandestine episodes include missions behind enemy lines, monitoring field operations, illegal contraband traffic and infiltrating subversive organizations by local men and women in both Union and Confederate occupied cities. Some of the individuals were "Scouts, Spies, Scamps, Scallywags, Rascals and Rogues."

Historian Arnold W. Schofield is currently employed by the National Park Service as the senior research historian at Fort Scott National Historic Site in Fort Scott, Kansas. He is responsible for investigating the 31 period of American History from 1842-1853. This includes "Westward Expansion" (1842-1854), the "Bleeding Kansas Years" (1854-1861), the "Civil War" (1861-1865) and the "Railroad Years" (1865-1873). As a result his investigations. Historian Schofield has become very knowledgeable of the campaigns and battles in the Trans-Mississsippi Theater of Operations and has developed a special interest in the role of the African American and American Indian's participation in the Civil War.

Special Awards to be Presented at January Meeting

And......If you haven't paid your dues, your in luck, we will except your dues until midnight January 31, 2002 and you'll still get into the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City's Roster. "Buck up and pitch in for preservation."

2002...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 in Prairie Village. The dinner charge is now \$20.00. Get your reservations in early!



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Reservations must be received by FRIDAY, January 18, 2002

Mail to: Paul Gault 7118 N. Congress Ave. Kansas City, MO 64152-2948

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: Paul Gault at 816-741-2962 or as an alternative number ONLY, call Steve Harris, 816-444-1747. 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

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

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

Mar. 26: Daniel R. Weinberg: Lincoln Assassins; Their Trial and Execution

April. 23: David C. Hinze: Phillip Sheridan; From Clerk to Colonel: A Look at the Trans-Mississippi career of the soldier and beyond.

May: Dr. William G. Piston

Upcoming Events 2002 and beyond...

March 9-10, 2002: Pea Ridge Preservation March: No battle, no date set as yet, more info to follow

March 30-31, 2002: Morehouse, MO. (near Sikeston): Living history. Skirmish around historical house, two battles, and Saturday dance.

April 4-7, 2002: Confederate Historical Institute Conference, "Jackson's Last Hours". Contact Jerry Russell for more info at, ilrussell@civilwarbuff.com.

April 23, 2002: Book Fair, Civil War Round Table of Kansas City and The Monnett Battle of Westport Fund, a benefit. Please bring you

donations of either book or Civil War artifacts for a silent auction to be held at the meeting. Any Questions, Call Don Bates Sr. at 913-648-5348.

April 27-28, 2002: Missouri Town, Near Kansas City: CROWS Sponsored civilian event; no military. Promoting the 1850's era, first person civilian life.

May 18-19, 2002: Shoal Creek, near Kansas City: Historical structures, amenities, sponsored by Crowley's 3rd MO Infantry. Jim Beckner 322-3100.

Bleeding Kansas

A SERIES OF TALKS AND DRAMATIC INTERPRETATIONS ON THE VIOLENT CONFLICT OVER SLAVERY ISSUE IN Kansas Territory 1854-1861.

Constitution Hall State Historic Site in Historic Lecompton,

February–April 2002, Free Admission, Sundays 2:00 p.m.

Programs

Feb. 3 – Constitution Hall-Topeka by Robert S. Johnson, J.D., Friends of The Free State Capitol Inc.

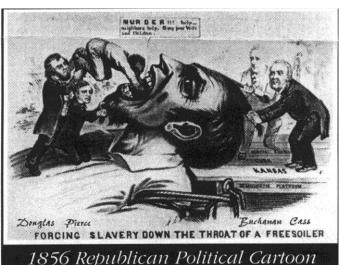
> **Feb. 17** – Lincoln and Kansas: Partnership for Freedom by Carol Dark Ayers, M.L.S., M.A., educator, musician, poet

Mar. 3 – Florella Adair's Story by Mary Florella Buster, M.S., educator and reenactor.

Mar. 10 – "The Free Sons of the North" vs. "The Myrmidons of Border Ruffianism": What Makes a Man in Bleeding Kansas? By Kristen Tegtmeier, Ph.D., assistant professor of history, Millsap College

Mar. 24 – Clarina Nichols: Frontier Freedom Fighter by Diane Eickhoff, editor, author and historian.

Apr. 7 – Ely Moore's Story of Lecompton by J. Howard Duncan, P.E., playwright and director, Lecompton Reenactors





THE MONNETT BATTLE OF WESTPORT FUND

held it's annual meeting on November 113th to elect new officers and to discuss plans for the upcoming year. Dan Smith was elected Chairman, Dandy Ackerson President, Jim Beckner 1st Vice-President, Les Theiroff 2nd Vice-President. Dan is completing a plan of action outlining short and long-range goals regarding the further development of the Big Blue Battlefield. A short synopsis of the plan will be prepared as an informational handout. We hope for a productive year ahead and welcome assistance from any Round Table member who would like to also be a member of the Monnett Fund.



















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Historian Schofield is a "Blue Belly Billy Yank." He was born and raised in the small river village of Newton Upper Falls, Massachusetts, served proudly in the U.S. Army from 1960- 1966. After being discharged from the Army, he worked for the Department of Defense for ten years, attended college on the G.I.Bill & received a degree in History and is a career public servant. He started his career with the National Park Service at Harpers Ferry National Historic Park in 1972 as a forging blacksmith, served on the Blue Ridge Parkway from 1978-1980 as a Cultural historian and has been stationed at Fort Scott NHS since 1980. He is married to Clara Martens Schofield who is the Director of Social Services at mercy Hospital in Fort Scott. Their eleven year old son, "Austin", wants to be a "Fighter Pilot", Archeologist, Paleontologist or of all things a "Historian".

\overleftrightarrow{x} This Week in Civil War History \overleftrightarrow{x}

Jan 22- Jan 29, 1861: The arsenal at Augusta, Ga. falls into state hands. Federal troops from Fort Monroe, Va. are sent in to reinforce Fort Pickens. An ordinance of secession passess the Louisiana State Convention 114-17. In Savannah, Ga., both Fort Jackson and the Oglethorpe Barracks are taken by state troops. Washington, Kansas, with a constitution that prohibits slavery, receives the necessary congressional approval to become the Union's 34th state. This action is the outcome of several years of bitter fighting between pro- and anti-slavery factions in that former territory.

Jan 22- Jan 29, 1862 Martial law in St. Louis provides for seizure of pro-South property in the event that its owners have refused to support pro-Union fugitives. General Halleck, who has strengthened these martial law orders, allows for the arrest of persons attempting to subvert the law. Another group of stone laden ships is sunk in Charleston Harbor to prevent Confederate shipping from entering the port. After months of delay and frustration, President Lincoln issues General War Order Number One: "that the 22nd February 1862, be the day for a general movement of the land and naval forces of the United States against the insurgent forces." The President does this only after exhortations by military and civilian advisors and in hope that the Union armies as well as the Gulf naval forces will come to some conclusive action with the Confederates.

Jan 22 – Jan 29, 1863: General Burnside, faced with extremely bad weather and mud everywhere, prepares to pull the Army of the Potomac back from its position - an admission that the Fredericksburg, Virginia, mission was not to be fruitful. Known as the 'mud march,' this withdrawal is described by a private in the 118th Pennsylvania Volunteers: Further progress was impracticable . . . It was some twelve miles back to the nearest camp. Pontoons, artillery trains could not be moved.' General Grant takes over- all responsibility for Union troops in the region of Arkansas and its general vicinity. The upcoming push to take Vicksburg, Mississippi, is the goal of General Grant and he begins the preparations by resuming Federal efforts to dig a canal through the marshy area across from Vicksburg. In an abrupt and stinging move. Washington In a meeting with General Burnside, President Lincoln discusses the general's plans for the dismissal of General Hooker, Franklin, Newton and Brooks. Later, the president confers with his cabinet and with General Halleck. The outcome is the removal of General Burnside from the command of the Army of the Potomac. In his place, General Joseph Hooker is appointed as general in chief of the Potomac Army. Burnside is apparently not displeased with this change, and will assume military responsibilities in the West. General Joseph Hooker, 48-years-old and a West Point graduate, officially assumes command of the Union Army of the Potomac. It is hoped by the president as well as by the soldiers themselves, that Fightin' Joe' will prove to be both able and assertive, qualities which seemed lacking in the sincere but militarily inept General Burnside. In a message to Georgia Governor Brown, President Jefferson Davis makes note of the urgent need to step up the cultivation of cotton and other produce. 'A short supply of provisions presents the greatest danger to a successful . . . war. Defense of Vicksburg, Mississippi, is uppermost in President Jefferson Davis' mind, since this city is critical to the control of an important stretch of the Mississippi River. Accordingly, the president sends a cable to General Pemberton at Vicksburg asking, 'Has anything or can anything be done to obstruct the navigation from Yazoo Pass down?' The Confederate president is well aware that General Grant means to press his Union troops on the city as soon as possible.



Jan 22-Jan 29, 1864: Lincoln Gives his approval to a plan for dealing with freed slaves in which they will be hired for pay to work for their former masters. Shelling continues on Confederate Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor, South Carolina, the bombardment having been nearly continuous since 12 August, 1863. Braxton Bragg is called to Richmond to confer with

President Davis, 'if health permits.' Bragg suffers from serious headaches and has been accused of leading battles when both he and his troops would be better off if he were home in bed.

Jan 22-Jan29, 1865: The confederate Congress approved a new position of general in chief and is to be filled by General Lee. In Mississippi, General Richard Taylor assumes command of the Army of Tennessee. Many troops were transferred back east leaving the troop strength at 18,000. Although Sherman intends to march his army to Goldsboro, North Carolina, he wants to deceive the enemy as to his real objective by sending out an expedition to create a false lead. Davis appoints A.H. Stephens, R.M.T. Hunter and John A Campbell, Secretary of War to represent the South in upcoming peace talks with President Lincoln.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: ATTENDANCE REQUIRES DINNER RESERVATION, THANK YOU

The Civil War Round Table of Kansas city has a new web site and it's up and running, so those of you with internet connections, please visit and leave us a comment about the site. You can visit us at: www.geocities.com/westport64/CWRT.htm.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City Book Fair at the meeting April 23rd when **Dan Weinberg**, owner of the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop in Chicago will be our featured speaker. Any person wishing to donate on or more books or Civil War artifacts for the benefit of the **CWRT of KC** and **The Monnett Battle of Westport Fund** is encouraged to do so by the March meeting so the books can be displayed for a silent auction at the meeting on April 23rd. Any questions, please call Don Bates, Sr. at 913-648-5348. Thank you.

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