

The Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

SUMMER SCHEDULE AND NEWS
Civil War Round Table of Kansas City and the
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SUMMER SESSIONS 2003

Homestead Country Club, 65th and Mission Rd.
Prairie Village, KS
7:00pm

Speakers for the Summer:

June: Roy Bird, Roy works for the Kansas State Library and recently wrote and published a book titled "In His Brother's Shadow," about Tom Custer. Roy will speak on Tom Custer and the Civil War. *(Did you know Tom Custer won two medal of honors? He also used to get in little brotherly fights with George and George would say, "why didn't you become General," and Tom would answer, "I didn't have to, I won all the medals.")*

July: Colonel Jim Speicher, "The Exhumation of Confederate Soldiers in Charleston, South Carolina."

August: Ronald Smith, "The Sherman, Ewing, and McCook Law Firm of Leavenworth."

There is no food served at the summer sessions and casual dress is fine. Be sure to bring your friends to these meetings, they are free! Coffee, tea and water is served. The speakers are always great. See you there!

GRAND OPENING OF BRANDY STATION BATTLEFIELD PARK

(Brandy Station, Va. 06/06/2003) - At a news conference today, the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) and the Brandy Station Foundation announced the grand opening of Brandy Station Battlefield Park. The press event marked the beginning of a three-day weekend of festivities to commemorate the 140th anniversary of Brandy Station, fought on June 9, 1863.

Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation, May, 2003



The unveiling of the painting went as planned on May 24th, 2003. I got there a few minute late and had to keep stepping in front of people to get the photos you see here but it's a really nice painting and have reserved a copy for myself.

The painting captures the moment the Union forces reach the center of the Confederate line, where a four-gun battery is deployed. Kip Lindberg, author of several articles on Mine Creek, has viewed the painting and feels it is historically accurate and is one of Andy's best works. The 60"X40" painting will be displayed at the Mine Creek Visitors center. Prints will be available by the middle of the summer and can be acquired at the battlefield or through the Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation.



From Left to right..

Gil Bergman,
sorry I
don't know,
Doctor John
Spencer, Andy
Thomas, and
Arnold Schofield.

New Member:

Richard Hodgman, 4111 W. 90th Terrace, Prairie Village, Kansas 77207



Confederate Memorial Day Services were held at the Confederate Memorial State Historic Site

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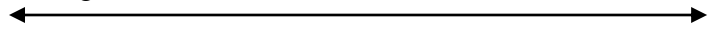
in Higginsville, Missouri, June 1, 2003. Chapel services started the day's activities, then a tour of the cemetery with stories of ten real people buried there. At 1:00 was the service itself, this reporter is sorry to say that he had other commitments and couldn't stay for the services or the Quantrill Society

membership and business meeting at 2:30.

The park, located just outside of the town of Higginsville, Mo, is a beautiful piece of land. The park has 4 fishing ponds that I noticed and some of the original buildings including the chapel and one of the houses used by the veterans.

Opened in 1891, the Confederate Home provided refuge to more than 1600 veterans and their families for nearly 60 years. The very last of these former rebel soldiers, John T. Graves, died at the home in 1950 at the age of 108.

Higginsville is approx. one hour east of Kansas City off I-70, north on Hwy 13 toward Lexington.



Don't forget the 28th annual National Congress of Civil War Round Tables in Richmond October 2-5, 2003. The theme will be "The Battles

for Richmond" and the tours (The Seven Days Battles, North Anna to Cold Harbor, and The Retreat Through Richmond) will be led by Ed Bearss. A special guest will be Alan Stone as Robert E. Lee.

Ed Bearss And The Indian Wars 25th Annual National Assembly, Order Of The Indian Wars (Established 1979)Two days of tours to the Sand Creek Massacre, Beecher Island, the Kidder Massacre, Fort Lyon and Bent's Old Fort And an Optional Tour of Fort Union (New Mexico) Featuring An Outstanding Line-Up of Speakers including Ed Bearss, Chief Historian Emeritus NPS. September 4-7, 2003 / the weekend after labor day Colorado Springs, Colorado