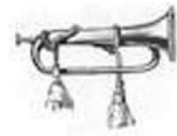




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464th REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, Jan 27, 2015

Sunset Room, 8th Floor, Holiday Inn

8787 Reeder Rd., Overland Park, KS 66214

Social Hour - Cash Bar - 6:00p.m.

Dinner - 6:30p.m.

January Speaker

Dr. Ethan S. Rafuse

“The Petersburg Campaign and Siege”

Ethan S. Rafuse received his Ph.D. at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and is professor of military history at the US Army Command and General Staff College. He is the author, editor, or co-editor of eleven books, including Guide to the Richmond-Petersburg Campaign, the latest volume in the US Army War College's distinguished battlefield guide series.

This talk will look at the grueling series of operations that took place around Richmond and Petersburg that began in June 1864 and ended April 1865 with only a week of life left in Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. It will illustrate how the campaign, often dismissed as a dull siege with little—aside from the curiosity of the Crater battle of July 1864—of interest to the student of the Civil War, not only played a decisive role in the outcome of the war, but was characterized by a remarkable diversity of operations that make it one of the most interesting as well as important campaigns of the entire nineteenth century.

Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

PRICE INCREASE in 2015 to \$27!

Please be sure our Interim Treasurer receives all reservations by Friday January 23, 2015 along with payment of \$27.00 per person. Mail to:

Paul Gault, 7118 N. Congress Ave., Kansas City, MO 64152

Holiday Inn's deadline for reservation changes is the preceding Friday afternoon, so promptly report any necessary adjustments to Paul at 816-741-2962 or 816-522-8021.

Use your credit card at our website, <http://www.cwrtrkc.org> and hit the **Meeting & Event** tab fill out the reservation form and then make your payment in the box to the left on that page through PayPal. If you are using this service please send Paul an email so he will not miss your reservation. pgault@sbcglobal.net.

A Message from Your President

I am honored and humbled to be the next president of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City. I joined the Round Table in the fall of 2009 after being invited to attend one of the dinner meetings by **Arnold Schofield**. My first impressions of the Round Table were the interesting programs, the nice people who attended the meetings, and the strong leadership of those in charge. Since I have been a member, **Howard Mann, Lane Smith, Don Bates, Sr.** and **Dennis Garstang** have done an outstanding job serving as your president. Their leadership and encouragement have inspired me.

I became interested in the Civil War during the Civil War Centennial in the 1960's. I love history and have had a life-long passion for studying the Civil War. I attend the Round Table meetings every month for two reasons: (1) To learn about some aspect of the Civil War and (2) to see the people that make up the Civil War Round Table. I have met a lot of wonderful people who share the same love of history that I do. The wealth of knowledge within the Round Table, regarding the Civil War, is amazing.

We have a great group of programs and speakers planned for 2015. The executive committee tries to schedule a mix of speakers from out of town, from the local Kansas City area, and from our own Civil War Round Table. We are very blessed to have speakers available from the U. S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, KS. **Dr. Ethan S. Rafuse** will be our speaker again this month and will discuss the Petersburg Campaign and Siege. Next month, the executive committee will begin planning the programs and speakers for 2016. If you have a subject you would like to know more about or a speaker that you think would be interesting, please let us know.

Last month, we honored three individuals who have spent many years serving the Civil War Round Table: Treasurers **Paul and Sylvia Gault** and the Editor of the Border Bugle, **Mike Epstein**. Their commitment and dedication have helped to make the Round Table what it is today. **Dick Titterington** has volunteered to be the new Editor of the Border Bugle and is off to a great start. We are now looking for a new treasurer and assistant treasurer. If you have any interest in serving in one of these positions, please let us know. This is your opportunity to serve the Round Table. We need you!

I look forward to a fun and exciting year. Thank you for being a member of the Round Table.

Dave Pattison

Membership Renewal for 2015

If you haven't sent in your membership fees for 2015, please do so. Membership fees are \$30.00 per individual or \$45.00 per couple. The fees go to help pay the travel costs for our out-of-town speakers.

Price Increase for Dinner in 2015

Our new location at the Holiday Inn requires that we increase the price for dinner to \$27.00. This goes to pay for the cost of our meals and the room rental.

Dinner Menu for January 2015

Chicken Picatta: Lightly breaded chicken breast sautéed with capers and sun-dried tomatoes in a light cream sauce. Served with garlic whipped potatoes and chef's choice of vegetable, house salad with dressing, freshly baked bread with herbed butter, chef's choice of dessert, coffee, iced tea & water.

Meeting Time and Location

Our monthly dinner meetings in 2015 will be held at the Holiday Inn & Suites located at 8787 Reeder Road, Overland Park, KS 66214. Our meetings will be held on the fourth Tuesday of every month except in November and December. In November and December, our meetings will be held on the third Tuesdays of those months.

Executive Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 7, 2015. The meeting will be held at Don Bates' office: Reece Nichols, 7600 State Line Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208.

We Need a New Treasurer!

We are looking for a new Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. Paul and Sylvia Gault have agreed to serve as interim treasurers until we find their replacements. If any member of the Round Table has an interest in serving as our new Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer, please let us know.

December Meeting Highlights



President Dennis Garstang presents a Certificate of Appreciation to our speaker Dr. Ethan S. Rafuse, for his presentation on Sherman's March to the Sea. December 16, 2014.

December Meeting Highlights (cont'd)



President Dennis Garstang presents an award to Treasurers Paul and Sylvia Gault, for their many years of service to the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City. December 16, 2014.



President Dennis Garstang presents an award to Mike Epstein, Border Bugle Editor, in appreciation for Mike's many years of service to the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City. December 16, 2014.

Programs for 2015

January 27, 2015: Dr. Ethan Rafuse, of the US Army Command and General Staff College, will speak about the Petersburg Campaign and Siege. Dr. Rafuse recently published his *Guide to the Richmond-Petersburg Campaign*.

February 24, 2015: Harold Holzer will be speaking about his book titled: *Lincoln and the Power of the Press: The War for Public Opinion*.

March 24, 2015: Appomattox Courthouse. Civil War Round Table member **Lane Smith**, along with **Randy Durbin**, will present a two-part play about Appomattox.

Part 1 of the play is titled: "*April 9, 1865 - Road to Appomattox*." Part 2 of the play is titled: "*April 10, 1865 - Road from Appomattox*." Lane will portray General Lee and Randy will portray General Grant.

April 28, 2015: Troy Strahan and his son, Liam, will be giving a first person presentation on Abraham Lincoln and Todd Lincoln. Troy and Liam will re-enact the famous photo of Abraham Lincoln and Todd Lincoln looking at a book together. Using this scene, Abraham and Todd Lincoln will be discussing famous people and the events that took place near the end of the Civil War.

May 26, 2015: Daniel Weinberg, owner of the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop in Chicago, IL, will be speaking about his book titled: *Lincoln's Assassins: Their Trial and Execution*.

June 23, 2015: Civil War Round Table member **Arnold Schofield** will be speaking about the *Battle of Palmito Ranch, Texas*, which took place on May 13, 1865. This was the last battle of the Civil War and involved U.S. Colored Troops.

July 28, 2015: Dr. Terry L. Beckenbaugh of the US Army Command and General Staff College will be speaking about the Grand Review of the Armies. The Grand Review of the Armies was a military procession and celebration in Washington D.C. on May 23 and 24, 1865 following the close of the Civil War.

August 25, 2015: Beth Foulk of Genealogy Decoded has agreed to speak about Civil War women and their organizations. The title of her talk is "*Up Close & Personal*."

September 22, 2015: Civil War Round Table member **Chip Buckner** will present a program about his great-grandfather, Confederate General Simon Bolivar Buckner. General Buckner also served as the 30th governor of Kentucky (1887-1891).

October 27, 2015: Dr. Diane Mutti-Burke, professor of history at UMKC, will speak about the book that she co-authored with Dr. Jonathan Earle titled: *Bleeding Kansas, Bleeding Missouri: The Long Civil War on the Border*.

November 17, 2015: Eric Wittenberg, an attorney from Ohio, will be speaking about the Battle of Brandy Station. He has written several books on the Civil War, including cavalry officers and battles. Eric's latest book is titled: *The Battle of Brandy Station*.

December 15, 2015: Civil War Round Table member **Tom Rafiner** will be speaking about his latest book titled: *Cinders and Silence, A Chronicle of Missouri's Burnt District, 1854-1870*.

Monnett Battle of Westport Fund

The annual meeting of the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund held their annual meeting on December 20, 2014. Chairman Dan Smith reviewed the Battle of Westport 150 Commemoration held in October 2014, calling it a "smashing success." There were an estimated 5,000 attendees over the three day event. This was similar to the

attendance at the Battle of Franklin 150 in Tennessee, which had greater financial support and more national coverage. Congratulations to all of you who helped make it a great success.

Work continues to restore and update the interpretation and presentation of the Battle of Westport. The *Preservation and Restoration of the Big Blue Battlefield* was adopted as official City land use policy by the Kansas City Council in September 2014.

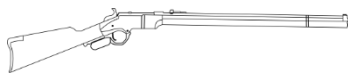
A section of the Historic Byram's Ford Road east of Hardesty Avenue was quite overgrown and has been cleared recently of brush. You can access this section of the Historic Byram's Ford Road where it crosses Hardesty Avenue about ¼ mile north of 63rd Street. Wear sturdy shoes, for the original roadbed is rough and uneven.



Historic Byram's Ford Road before brush clearing.



Historic Byram's Ford Road after brush clearing.



“The Sergeant Major’s Roar”

Battlefield Dispatches #412
Wheels, Wagons, Horses & Mules

Recently, there has been a UPS ad that suggests that one of the main reasons for the company's success and customer satisfaction is good LOGISTICS. This makes sense because Mr. Webster defines logistics as “The procurement, maintenance, distribution and replacement

of personnel and material.” Hence, UPS and other such companies have a very successful distribution system that is based on rapid delivery and transportation. During the Civil War or for that matter in any war, the success of an army in the field or on campaign depended on successful logistics or being supplied with the necessary material to wage war. The major organization that accomplished this was the Quartermaster Department. The following Quartermaster Report is located on Pages 570-571 in Series I, vol. 53 of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion and describes the amount of supplies issued and transported to various locations in the Department of Kansas for one year.

Quartermaster's Office

Fort Leavenworth, September 21, 1863

General M. C. Meigs,
Quartermaster General, U. S. Army,
Washington, D. C.

General: In obedience to instructions contained in your General Orders, No. 13, of July 22, 1863, I have the honor to report that during the year [starting on July 1, 1862 &] ending on the 30th of June, 1863, I was stationed at this place, attending to the various duties pertaining to the Quartermaster's Department at this Depot.

During the year I have promptly furnished the necessary transportation for all the troops, subsistence, quartermaster's, ordnance and medical stores required for all the troops serving in Utah, New Mexico, Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, the Indian Country west of the State of Arkansas as far south as the Arkansas River, the two western tiers of counties of the State of Missouri north of the 38th parallel and south of the Missouri River and the western tier of counties of the States of Missouri and Arkansas south of the 38th parallel and to the Arkansas River.

With railroads and water communications, the supply of the section of the country referred to would be a small undertaking, but the magnitude and labor of duties I have performed can be better understood when you recollect that the troops scattered over this vast extent of country have been supplied by COMMON ROAD WAGONS OVER UNIMPROVED ROADS, OBSTRUCTED BY HIGH WATER IN SUMMER AND BY THE ICE IN WINTER and the most of them passing through a perfect wilderness, where there is no forage or other supplies except grass.

I say this is no small undertaking when you take the above circumstances into consideration, together with the DISTANCES of the POINTS to be SUPPLIED from this DEPOT. That you may understand this, I will give you some of the principal points to which I have had to send large quantities of supplies and their distances from this Depot, with the weight of the stores sent to each, viz:

Post or Station	Miles from Ft Leavenworth	Stores Transported (lbs.)
Salt Lake City, Utah Territory	1,837	662, 720
Fort Union, New Mexico	735	6,364,263
Fort Laramie, Nebraska	600	832,134
Fort Lyon, Colorado	500	440,000
Fort Larned, Kansas	266	811,956
Fort Kearny, Nebraska	275	592,206
Fort Scott, Kansas	125	} 8,106,501
Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation	300	
To Other Posts and Stations		1,801,664

There was shod at this Depot during the year 11,101 mules, and 5,058 Horses; 2,500 wagons and ambulances have been repaired in the shops under my charge. In addition to my other duties I have conducted two very large Government Farms on which was cultivated and secured for the use of your department 2,200,000 pounds of Timothy Hay, 749 Bushels of Corn, 650 Bushels of Oats, besides furnishing pasturage for a large number of public animals. The repair of tents, wagon covers, harness, tent poles, & etc., I have no count of, but they have been large.

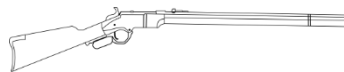
Transportation has been furnished for the supplies and equipage of a large number of troops moving from one point to another. Means furnished was Government Wagons which returned to this Depot and I have no account of the number of troops so transported. Their means of transportation, clothing, equipage, & etc., have been excellent and the character of their artillery and cavalry horses superior.

I hope at least to obtain credit for industry, attention to duty and at all times having the best interest of the service in view and laboring constantly to that end.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant,
L. C. EASTON,
Major and Quartermaster, U. S. Army.

Now then it appears according to the above chart that “8,106,501” pounds of military supplies were shipped to Fort Scott and Fort Gibson between July 1, 1862 and June 30, 1863. How much of this actually remained in Fort Scott is unknown because it was a transient post for supplies *en route* to Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

However, a large portion was probably used to supply Fort Scott and its’ surrounding posts in Kansas and Missouri.



Coming Events around Town

Starring Abe Lincoln

Theatre for Young America honors the legacy our greatest President when it presents Starring Abe Lincoln from February 3, 2015 through February 14, 2015. Performances take place on the H&R Block City Stage located on level B in Union Station. Union Station’s address is 30 W. Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64108. <http://tya.org/show/starring-abe-lincoln/>

Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at the Villages of Jackson Creek (lower level), 3980-A South Jackson Drive, Independence, MO. Check their Calendar (<http://www.cwrtwm.org>) to verify the date, location and find out about the next program topic. Visitors are always welcome!

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

Information about February’s meeting was not available when this issue was published. January’s meeting featured our own Dennis Garstang, who spoke about “The King of the Cowboys.” The Posse meets at 6:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information, please contact Dennis Garstang, (816) 569-1180 or <mailto:dgarstang@kc.rr.com>.

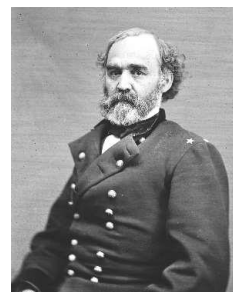
Bleeding Kansas 2015 Series

A series of talks and dramatic interpretations on the violent conflict over the slavery issue in Kansas Territory 1854 – 1861. Held from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday at Constitution Hall State Historic Site, 319 Elmore, Lecompton, KS. Check out this website for topics.

<http://ksks.org/event/constitution-hall-bleeding-kansas-2015-series/18992>

National WWI Museum

Okay, I know this is not Civil War related. But it is the centennial of the War to End All Wars. The National WWI Museum has posted their 2015 events on their website at <https://theworldwar.org/visit/upcoming-events>. Every history buff will want to check this out.



Quartermaster General Montgomery C. Meigs

2015 MEMBERSHIP DUES 2015

The Membership Dues for 2015 remain the same as last year. As you are aware, it is our annual dues that cover expenses associated with obtaining quality speakers, principally for transportation and lodging, as well as for the mailing and printing costs of the Border Bugle and Annual Membership Roster. Please complete the form below to insure that we have the correct information for the membership directory.

2015 CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF KANSAS CITY DUES

Dues deadline is December 31, 2014

\$30 per year (individual)* \$45 per year (couple)

Payable to the Civil War Round Table

Individual Name

Spouse (if Couple membership)

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

email (IMPORTANT)

* Non-resident memberships are \$10, which covers receiving the Border Bugle.

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

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