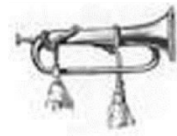




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Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City



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## 467<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting

Tuesday, Apr 28, 2015

Sunset Room, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Holiday Inn

8787 Reeder Rd., Overland Park, KS 66214

Social Hour - Cash Bar - 5:30p.m.

Dinner - 6:30p.m.

## April Speakers

Troy and Liam Strahan

## “Abraham and Tad Lincoln”

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

Find out more about our speaker by reading [Troy Strahan's bio on our website](#).

Join us for an evening of entertainment and education as we continue to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War.



**Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.**

**Note: Paul Gault has transitioned reservation handling to our new treasurer, Susan Keipp.**

Please be sure **Susan Keipp** receives all reservations by noon on Friday April 24, 2015 along with payment of \$27.00 per person. Mail to:

**Susan Keipp, 436 W. 88th Ter Kansas City, MO 64114-2912**

Holiday Inn's deadline for reservation changes is the preceding Friday afternoon, so promptly report any necessary adjustments to Susan at 816-333-0025.

Use your debit/credit card at our website, <http://www.cwrthkc.org>. Go to [Dinner Reservation](#) under the Meetings 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 Susan an email so she will not miss your reservation. [skeipp@kc.rr.com](mailto:skeipp@kc.rr.com).

## A Message from Your President

For the past four years, the Kansas City Public Library has sponsored special events in recognition of the Civil War Sesquicentennial. On April 1, 2015, **Dr. Ethan S. Rafuse** of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, presented a program titled: "Robert E. Lee and the Fall of the Confederacy." The program was held at the Central Library in downtown Kansas City MO and was attended by approximately 180-200 people. During the program, Dr. Rafuse encouraged those who are interested in Civil War history to join the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City. Dr. Rafuse said we meet once a month and are one of the best Round Tables that he has ever been to. **Eli Paul**, Manager of the Missouri Valley Collections at the Central Library, said that we could display our bookmarks and business cards at the library for those that might be interested in the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City. We greatly appreciate the support of our Round Table by Dr. Rafuse and Mr. Paul. I have attended many programs at the Kansas City Public Library. They are always interesting and worthwhile to attend.

Certainly our programs are a major reason that people attend our Civil War Round Table meetings. So far this year, we have had three outstanding programs. On March 24th, **Lane Smith** and **Randy Durbin** presented a play regarding General Robert E. Lee and General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox. Following their program, I received the following e-mail from two of our members:

Dear Round Table Officers,

We just want to express our enthusiastic appreciation for last week's Round Table program. Lane and Randy did an excellent job of portraying Lee and Grant. The play was well done and historically grounded. We were delighted with the engaging presentation and the change in our usual speaker-focused program. In looking at the programs scheduled for the rest of the year, we see other up-coming meetings that will employ a variety of presentation modalities. We are looking forward to attending those meetings!

Many thanks.

I also think having monthly dinner meetings is what makes our Round Table special. By sharing a meal together, we are getting to know each other and having fellowship. I look forward to seeing other members of the Round Table and meeting new people each month. When I attend a program at the Kansas City Public Library, I can visit with the people that I sit next to, but I don't get to know them, except on a superficial basis. When I attend a Round Table meeting, I feel like I am getting together with friends. It is a very nice group of people who share my interest in Civil War history. The Holiday Inn & Suites is a good venue for our meetings and the dinners have been excellent. I look forward to seeing you at our dinner meeting on April 28.

-- Dave Pattison

## Meet Our Speaker for April



Troy Strahan as Lincoln

From an early age, Troy Strahan had an interest in the 16th president. After learning that Abraham Lincoln was the tallest chief executive, this lanky grade schooler's interest grew to complete fascination.

From his hometown of Salina, KS, Troy cultivated a love of all things Lincoln: reading books and researching every aspect of his life. In 1976, at age ten, he delivered the Gettysburg address for the first time in his home-made top hat. After participating in theater, vocal music and public speaking during high school and college; opportunities to portray his favorite president naturally followed.

Since moving to the Kansas City area, Mr. Strahan has portrayed Mr. Lincoln to a wide variety of business and school groups-presenting a myriad of historical reenactments including speeches, scenes and events from Abraham Lincoln's life.

### Dinner Menu for March 2015

**Tortellini Alfredo:** Tortellini pasta stuffed with Ricotta cheese and sautéed in a rich Alfredo sauce. Topped with shredded Parmesan. Served with a house salad, freshly baked bread with herbed butter, chef's choice of dessert, coffee, iced tea & water.

The Holiday Inn & Suites has advised they can provide the following 3 options for dinner:

- The main entree meal as selected by the Civil War Round Table.
- A vegetarian meal as determined by the chef.
- A gluten-free meal as determined by the chef.

The Holiday Inn & Suites indicated they cannot provide a low-carb meal.

Check out the Round Table's website for the [2015 menu selections](#).

## The Sergeant Major's Book Auction

150 years ago, Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox. Two books on this topic will be auctioned off by the Sergeant Major.

1. *A Stillness at Appomattox* by Bruce Catton, 1st edition with dust jacket, near mint condition, published by Doubleday & Company, New York, 1954.
2. *To Appomattox; Nine April Days, 1865* by Burke Davis, 1st edition with dust jacket, excellent condition, published by Rineheart & Company, New York; 1959.

Twentieth Century books with dust jackets can increase the value from 75 to 90% depending on condition of the jacket & book.

## The Round Table's Website

Embedded throughout our emailed newsletter are links to the website. Just click on those links and find out what great information is available on the website.

Check out **Member News** on the [Home page](#) featuring Round Table member, **Joe Mattox**.

We're very excited about the [Mystery Photo](#). See if you can figure out who is pictured in the mystery photo. **Do you have a mystery photo that will stump the Round Table's members? Let Dick Titterington know.**

We are introducing a new feature to the website, [Civil War Site Photos](#)! Each month or so we will add a gallery of photographs taken by members of historical sites in the United States. First up is Fort Davidson State Historic Site in Pilot Knob, Missouri. [Click on this link to see.](#)

There is a new menu item called **Events**, which will highlight events sponsored by the Round Table and [Events Around Town](#), which may be of interest to our members. Space limitations do not allow us to include all the events in The Border Bugle so check the website frequently.

If you have any Civil War related stories or photographs that you would like to post on the website, please contact Dick Titterington.

## Website Survey

Fifty-two folks attended our March 2015 meeting and 24 of them filled out the survey. Half of the respondents have never visited the website. Just under half responding are not at all familiar with the website.

Seven respondents said they visit once a week. These folks primarily visit the [Home Page](#), [Next Meeting](#), [Current Newsletter](#), [Dinner Menu](#), [Dinner Reservation](#), and [Scheduled Meetings](#) pages.

Just over half of the respondents said they have Facebook accounts.

For more information, check out the [detailed website survey results](#) on our website.

## Future Programs in 2015

Visit our website to see the list of [Scheduled Meetings](#).

**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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*.

## March Meeting Photos



Lane Smith and Randy Durbin





Lane Smith and Randy Durbin



Dave Pattison presenting Certificate of Appreciation to Lane and Randy

[Visit our website see more photos.](#)

## Battle of Westport Visitor Center and Museum Civil War Lecture Series

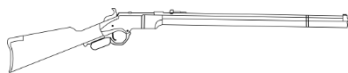
**When:** April – October 2015, 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.

**Where:** Battle of Westport Visitor Center and Museum, 6601 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO

The Battle of Westport Visitor Center is pleased to announce a new lecture series about the people, places and events which happened in Missouri, Kansas and Arkansas during the American Civil War period in the 19th Century. Each lecture is scheduled to last approximately 90 minutes.

Join us as friends of the Battle of Westport Museum share what they have learned about these tumultuous times. There is no charge to attend, but the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund would appreciate any donation you care to give.

[For more information, visit the Round Table's website.](#)



## Events around Town

[Many more events on our website.](#)

## 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!

## Independence Civil War Study Group

Meets every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Exchange, a restaurant across from the Historic Truman Courthouse in Independence. The address of the Courthouse Exchange is 113 W. Lexington Avenue, Independence, MO. [Topics listed on the website.](#)

## Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

Topeka historian Deb Goodrich will speak on Vice-President Charles Curtis, a Kansan and the first American of Indian ancestry to reach high office. Tuesday, May 12, at the Golden Corral restaurant (near the Home Depot), 8800 NW Skyview Avenue, Kansas City, Mo. 64154. Dinner at 6 p.m. from the buffet menu. Cost is \$12 or less and non-members are welcome. For more information, see **Deborah Buckner** or **Dennis Garstang** or call (816) 569-1180.

## Kansas City Public Library

**Effect of Order No. 11** – Tom Rafiner, 2:00 pm, Sunday, May 17, 2015.

**Why the North Won the War** – Dr. Ethan S. Rafuse and Dr. Terry L. Beckenbaugh, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, 6:30 pm, Tuesday, May 26, 2015.

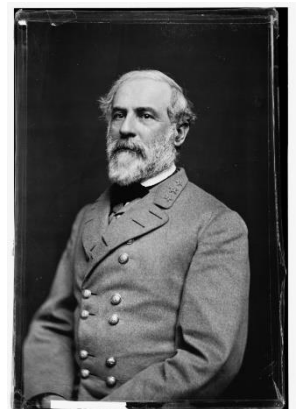


## The Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield Dispatches #418

Honor Answering Honor

Thursday, April 9, 2015 was the 150th Anniversary of what according to our history books was the end of our Civil War. It was on that day, April 9, 1865, that Union General U. S. Grant accepted the surrender of the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia from its commanding officer, General Robert E. Lee, in a small Virginia town named



Appomattox Courthouse. Much has been written about the actual surrender so it will not be described here. However, what occurred on April 10th and 12th completed the surrender ceremony. On the 10th of April, General Robert E. Lee issued his final order that is considered to be a literary masterpiece to the soldiers of

the Army of Northern Virginia which in reality was his farewell address and is as follows:

After four years of arduous service, marked by unsurpassed courage and fortitude, the Army of Northern Virginia has been compelled to yield to overwhelming numbers and resources.

I need not tell the brave survivors of so many hard fought battles, who have remained steadfast to the last, that I have consented to the result from no distrust of them.

But feeling that valor and devotion could accomplish nothing that would compensate for the loss that must have attended the continuance of the contest, I determined to avoid the useless sacrifice of those whose past services have endeared them to their countrymen.

By the terms of the agreement officers and men can return to their homes and remain until exchanged. You will take with you the satisfaction that proceeds from the consciousness of duty faithfully performed and I earnestly pray that a Merciful God will extend to you His blessing and protection.

With an increasing admiration of your constancy and devotion to your country and a grateful remembrance of your kind and generous considerations for myself, I bid you all an affectionate farewell.

General Robert E. Lee

Commanding Army of Northern Virginia

On April 12, 1865, three days after the surrender, "Union" General Joshua L. Chamberlain of the 20th Maine, recorded the final act of capitulation as the soldiers of the Army of Northern Virginia surrendered their weapons and battle flags. The following is an abbreviated description of this ceremonial surrender



It is now the morning of the 12th of April and I had been ordered to have my lines formed for the ceremony at sunrise. It was a chill gray morning, depressing to the senses. We formed along the principal street, from the bluff bank of the stream to near the Court House on the left, to face the last line of battle and receive the last remnant of the arms and colors [flags] of the great army which ours had been created to confront for all that death can do for life.

Our earnest eyes scan the busy groups on the opposite slopes, breaking camp for the last time, taking down their little shelter tents and folding carefully as precious things, then slowly forming ranks as for unwelcome duty. And now they move. The dusky swarms forge forward into gray columns of march. On they come, with the old winging route step and swaying battle flags, crowded so thick, by thinning out of men, that the whole column seemed crowned with red.

Before us in proud humiliation stood the embodiment of manhood; men whom neither toils and sufferings, nor the fact of death nor disaster nor hopelessness could bend from their resolve; standing before us now, thin, worn, famished, but erect and with eyes looking level into ours, waking memories that bound us together as no other bond.

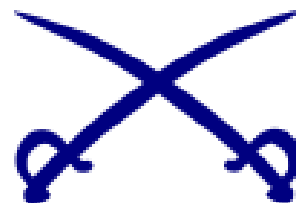
I ordered our soldiers to "order arms" in that deepest mark of military respect. [Confederate General] Gordon at the head of the column, riding with heavy spirit and downcast face, catching the sound of shifting arms looks up and taking the meaning, wheels superbly, making himself and his horse one uplifted figure, with profound salutation as he drops the point of his sword to the boot toe. Gordon ordered his men to respond in kind – "HONOR ANSWERING HONOR." On our part not a sound, but an awed stillness rather and breath holding, as if it were the passing of the dead.

As each successive division masks our own, it halts, the men face inward towards us across the road, twelve feet away; then carefully "dress their line". They fix bayonets, stack arms and then hesitatingly, remove cartridge boxes and lay them down. Lastly, reluctantly, with agony of expression they tenderly fold their flags, battle worn and torn, blood stained, heart holding colors and lay them down.

Now then, this official surrender at Appomattox Courthouse, Virginia on April 9, 1865 historically has been construed as the official end of our Civil War. However, here in the Trans-Mississippi Theater of Operations the WAR CONTINUED as the final battle of our Civil War was fought in Texas. This was the Battle of Palmito Ranch that occurred on May 12- 13, 1865 east of Brownsville, Texas which is located in extreme southern Texas and was a Confederate victory. The last Confederate General to surrender was Brigadier General Stand Watie who surrendered his forces at Doaksville, Indian Territory [present Oklahoma] on June 23, 1865.



However, In Missouri the blood feuds and bitterness that were created in the Civil War between southern and northern Missourians be they former soldiers or civilians continued well into the 1880's and of Course the War Went On!





Tad Lincoln (left), Abraham and Tad Lincoln (center), and Troy Strahan as Lincoln (right).

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