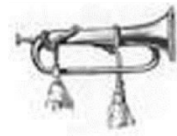




BORDER BUGLE



Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City



470th Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Sunset Room, 8th Floor, Holiday Inn

8787 Reeder Rd., Overland Park, KS 66214

Social Hour - Cash Bar – 5:30p.m.

Dinner - 6:30p.m.

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July Speaker

“The Grand Review of the Armies”

Our speaker will be [Dr. Terry L. Beckenbaugh](#) from the US Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth. Dr. Beckenbaugh will speak 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.

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.

Please be sure **Susan Keipp** receives all reservations by noon on Friday July 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.cwrk.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.

A Message from Your President

Orvis Fitts, long-time member of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City, passed away at the age of 96 on June 18th. Orvis served as a naval aviator in the Southwest Pacific during World War II and achieved the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He was a true hero and part of America's Greatest Generation.

Orvis was a faithful member of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City and the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund and provided outstanding leadership for many years. He was president of the Civil War Round Table in 1983, received the Valiant Service Award in 1986 and 1998, and received the Steve Treaster Civil War Preservation Award in 2012. Orvis served as chairman of the Monnett Fund and was instrumental in the preservation of the Big Blue Battlefield, Byram's Ford Site. He also led bus tours of the Battle of Westport, Mine Creek Battlefield, and other Civil War sites in this area.

During the memorial service at the Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church on Saturday, June 26th, three of Orvis' grandchildren and one of his friends gave very touching and inspirational eulogies. They said Orvis loved God, his country, and his family. Orvis and his wife, Lee, donated a Presbyterian cross that hangs over the fireplace in the Fireside Room at their church. Orvis also loved history, especially Civil War history. He would often print out copies of some article on the Civil War and give them to his friends, to discuss over lunch. During the memorial service, the choir sang the *Battle Hymn of the Republic*.

Orvis will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Orvis was a positive example to others and left a lasting legacy. It made me think: What do I want my legacy to be? What do we, as members of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City, want our legacy to be? We should strive to honor our ancestors that served in the Civil War, but do so in a way that promotes unity and does not dishonor others. I believe that should be our goal as members of the Round Table and as citizens of the United States of America.

-- Dave Pattison

Meet Our Speaker for July

Terry L. Beckenbaugh is an associate professor with the Department of Military History at the United States Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas and worked previously at McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana and for the United States Army Center for Military History prior to coming to Fort Leavenworth. His research focuses on Major General Samuel Ryan Curtis and the Civil War in the Trans-Mississippi. He is currently working on a book focusing on the White River Campaign

in Arkansas in 1862 tentatively titled Pragmatic Abolitionists.

Dr. Beckenbaugh has [written numerous articles](#) for the Kansas City Public Library's [Civil War on the Western Border website](#).

Here's a [link to a YouTube video](#) of a talk Dr. Beckenbaugh gave in 2012 at the Kansas City Public Library entitled "The Politics of War."

Here's a [link to a number of presentations \(audio only\)](#) Dr. Beckenbaugh has given at the Kansas City Public Library.

The Sergeant Major's Book Auction

Arnold Schofield will auction two books at the July meeting.

Four Years with General Lee. by Walter H. Taylor: Intro by Dr. James I. Robertson, Jr., Indiana / Bonanza Books, New York, 1972.

The Preacher's Tale: Civil War Journal of Rev. Francis Springer, Chaplin, U.S. Army of the Frontier. The Univ. of Arkansas Press, Fayetteville, Ark. 2001.

Dinner Menu for June 2015

Cornish Game Hen: Herb crusted Cornish hen finished with an orange glaze, roasted to perfection. Served with asparagus with balsamic vinaigrette drizzle and garlic whipped mashed potatoes. 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 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](#) currently featuring new members **Phil Baker** and **Jan Gippo**.

We are introducing a new feature to the website, [Civil War Site Photos!](#) Dave Pattison visited Galena, Illinois and brought back some photos. [Click on this link to see](#).

We conducted a survey of our members to find out how they used the website. For more information, check out the [detailed website survey results](#) on our website.

Round Table members **Mike Epstein** and **Ron Basel** are working together to take the organization's [Facebook](#)

[page](#) to another level. Why don't you check it out? Make sure you "like" the page.

[Civil War Round Table of Kansas City Facebook Page](#)

Future Programs in 2015

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

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*.

January 26, 2016: Darryl Levings, editor and columnist with the Kansas City Star, will be speaking about "Newspapers in this Area during the Civil War" Mr. Levings is the author of the book, *Saddle the Pale Horse*.

February 23, 2016: Ian Spurgeon will be speaking about the 1st Kansas Colored Infantry. Mr. Spurgeon's latest book is titled: *Soldiers in the Army of Freedom: The 1st Kansas Colored, the Civil War's First African American Combat Unit*.

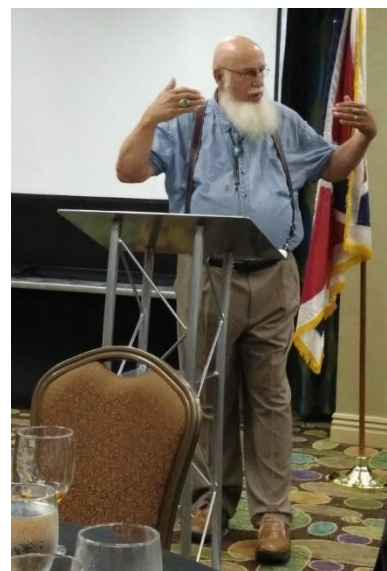
March 22, 2016: Civil War Round Table member **James Speicher** will present a program titled: "The H. L. Hunley and Her Crews." The H. L. Hunley was a Confederate submarine that became the first submarine to sink an enemy warship. Mr. Speicher will recount the fascinating and tragic stories of the historic vessel and the lost souls who served her.

April 26, 2016: Civil War Round Table member **Arnold Schofield** will present a program titled: "Gardens of Stone." Mr. Schofield will discuss the burial of our Blue and Gray Patriots, with a special focus on the National Cemetery System.

May 24, 2016: Dr. James F. Gentsch, associate professor of history at the University of West Alabama, will be presenting a program on the role of geography on military operations such as Shiloh.

June Meeting Photos

[Link to our website for more photos of Arnold Schofield at the June meeting.](#)



Round Table's 2015 Bus Tour

Save the Date!

Saturday, October 24, 2015

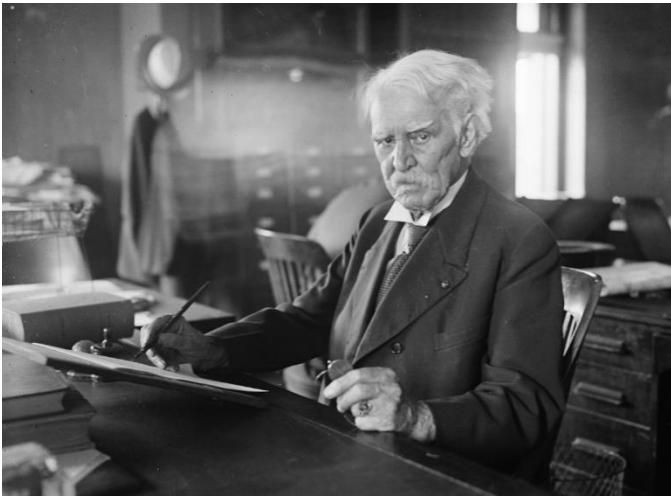
Arnold Schofield will be leading a bus tour following the general route taken by Sterling Price's Confederate Army of Missouri in its retreat after the Battle of Westport. The tour will also include a visit to the Fort Scott National Historic Site and the Fort Scott National Cemetery. The bus tour will cost \$48 per person.

- Depart from Kansas City at 8:00 a.m.
- Arrive at Trading Post Rest Area around 9:15 a.m. and depart around 9:45 a.m.
- Arrive at Skirmish Line around 9:45 a.m. and depart around 10:00 a.m.
- Arrive at Mine Creek Battlefield around 10:15 a.m. and depart around 11:15 a.m.
- Arrive at Fort Scott, KS around 11:45 a.m., eat lunch, and depart around 1:00 p.m.
- Arrive at Fort Scott National Historic Site around 1:15 p.m., guided tour, and depart around 2:30 p.m.
- Arrive at Fort Henning Site around 2:40 p.m. and depart around 3:00 p.m.
- Arrive at Fort Scott National Cemetery around 3:15 p.m. and depart around 3:40 p.m.
- Arrive at Kansas City around 5:15 p.m.

Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield Dispatches #422
A Civil War Surgeon's Letters

The following letter is one of a series of letters written by Dr. Andrew Jackson Huntoon who served as the Assistant Surgeon and Surgeon of Kansas's Lane's Brigade from the summer of 1861 until April of 1862. The original letters are located in the "Huntoon Collection" in the Kansas Historical Society in Topeka, Kansas. Dr. Huntoon and his wife Elizabeth came to Kansas from New England in 1857 and settled south of Topeka in Williamsport, Shawnee County. During the civil War his wife and small son returned to their former home in New England and rejoined Dr. Huntoon in Kansas after the Civil War was over. After the civil War they lived in Topeka and Dr. Huntoon became very active in public affairs until he died in 1902. Sometime after his death a street in Topeka was named Huntoon Blvd. to recognize and honor the public service of Dr. Huntoon.



Dr. Andrew Jackson Huntoon (Library of Congress)

The following letter is the first of a series that provide previously unknown information on the history of Fort Scott and Bourbon County during the Civil War. This letter was written at Fort Lincoln which was located approximately 12 miles north of Fort Scott and a few miles west of Fulton, Kansas on the north bank of the Little Osage River. It includes an excellent description of the Battle of the Mules and the possibility that Gen. Lane was going to "BURN" Fort Scott to the ground, rather than let it (Fort Scott) be captured by Confederate forces commanded by Major General Sterling Price who were advancing north through western Missouri to the Missouri River.

Camp Lincoln,
Sept. 2, 1861,

Headquarters of Lanes Brigade.

My Dear wife,

You will see by the date of this that I have changed camp since my letter of Sunday last was commenced. Within one hour after I had stopped writing, an alarm was given in our

camp that 2000 Sesesh [Confederates] had come upon a heard of mules about 5 miles from camp in care of four herds men, killing two of the herders & taking 70 mules belonging of Col. Wier of the 3rd [Kansas Infantry] Regiment. Our regiment was on the move immediately and in one hour was on the ground & drawn up in the line of battle opposite the enemy.

Our regiment only engaged them that evening & Capt. R's Co. being all that were armed with "Sharps Rifles" did the fighting. His company was divided in two squads & skirmished on the right and left flank of the enemy with good effect. Not over 600 of our men were engaged with 3,000 secessionists. They drove the rebels 12 miles and night compelled them to return to the fort [Fort Scott]. I was ordered to remain in charge of the Hospital and Dr. Johnson went on to the field.

About sundown Gen Lane ordered our camp to pack up & move into town. I put my charges numbering 16 patients aboard the ambulances and accompanied the train. Upon arriving at Lane's headquarters we were ordered to repair at once to Fort Lincoln, situated on the Little Osage River, 12 miles north of Fort Scott. A new point where our forces have been fortifying for the month past where we arrived about 2 A.M. I had tents pitched and disposed of my patients just as day was breaking and started back to Fort the Fort to assist in taking care of our wounded, but not a man of ours was injured. They had several horses killed and 17 Sesesh were left dead on the field.

Monday morning our forces gathered to the number of 3,500 & moved south 5 miles where the enemy were found 10,000 strong were drawn up in line of battle, having 5 pieces of cannon which we had only 2. Our first shot silenced one of their guns [cannon]. I returned to Fort Scott. They fought most of the day and our forces left the field, but were not pursued. Two of Ritchey's men were wounded and they slightly. The wounded arrived at our camp about midnight Tuesday. Only 2 killed and 8 wounded of our men and of the enemy we know nothing of.

Our men retreated to town [Fort Scott] and moved all their Infantry to this point [Camp / Ft. Lincoln] and our supplies have been transported hither. The Cavalry remained and have been skirmishing all of the day today, but we have not heard with what result.

I was called to consult with the Surgeon of the 3rd regiment as to the propriety of AMPUTATING on one man wounded in the knee & another in the forearm. Decided to postpone the operation for the present. In my hospital rounds this morning I prescribed for 36 patients of our own Regiment and 17 from others in absence of their Surgeon. Fever, Ague, Diarrhea, Bilious Fever, Colds and Sore Throats and Cough are the chief difficulty. Do not consider any dangerous, as my worst cases are improving.

I must close. My duties keep me busy all the day. We expect our men in at any hour and are making preparation for an attack on this point. Fort Scott is evacuated by all but our Cavalry. Fagots [bundles of straw and kindling] are piled in every house in the place and will be fired if our men are compelled to retreat.

In great haste I am truly yours,
A.J. Huntoon.

P.S. Kiss P & remember Pa does not forget him. A Kiss for My ever Dear Lizzie.

Now then, from this letter Dr. Huntoon was a loving father and husband. His enemy figure of 10,000 was an exaggeration which was not uncommon by both sides during the Civil War. The "Kansas Cavalry" did evacuate Fort Scott, but Col. Jewell refused to fire or burn the town as the enemy continued marching north to the Missouri River and did not attack Fort Scott. Additional letters will appear in future Battlefield Dispatches and of course the War Went On!



Events around Town

Check out the Round Table's [Google Calendar of events on the website](#).

Saturdays at the Museum

When: August 8, 2015, 10:00 a.m.

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

Please join Civil War Round Table of Kansas City's Sergeant-at-Arms **Lane Smith** for a "*Conversation with Robert E. Lee*."

For over a year, an intrepid correspondent for the New York Times has been trying to get an interview with Confederate General Robert E. Lee, but has never been able to cross into Virginia. When he hears rumors about Lee's invasion of the north, the correspondent travels to Cashtown, Pennsylvania, hoping to track down the general. Much to his delight, the correspondent finds Robert E. Lee around 8 a.m. on July 1, 1863. Lee agrees to talk with the correspondent.

Listen in on this conversation Robert E. Lee has with the correspondent, as Lee talks about his family, training at West Point, military experience, and what's happening on the morning of July 1.

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!

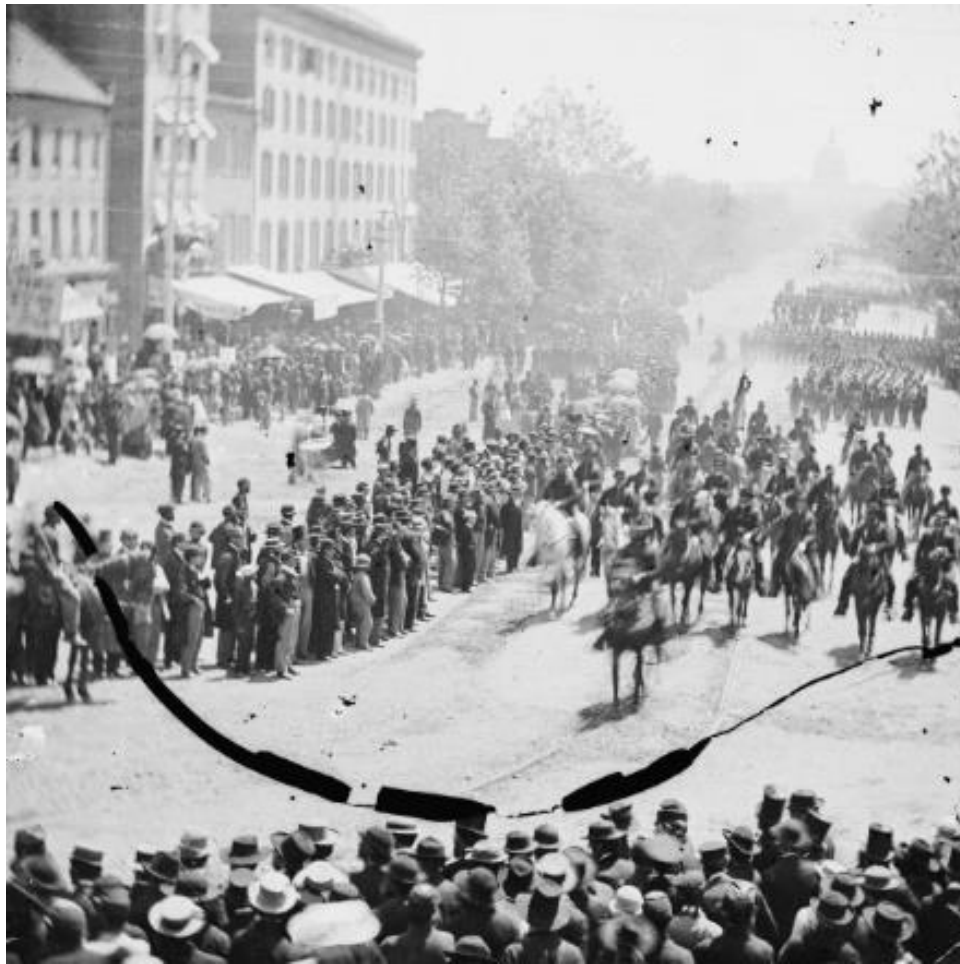
Independence Civil War Study Group

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 our website](#).

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

Gary and Margaret Kraisinger, nationally known experts on the Great Western Cattle Trails will be

speaking on Tuesday, August 11, 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.



Frank Blair's 17th Army Corps on Pennsylvania Avenue during the Grand Review of the Armies

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