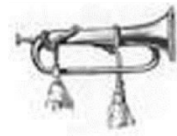




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472nd Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 22, 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.

September Speaker

“The Life and Times of Confederate General Simon Bolivar Buckner”

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).



Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Please be sure **Susan Keipp** receives all reservations by **12 noon on Friday September 18, 2015** along with payment of \$27.00 per person. Mail to:

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

Report any necessary adjustments to Susan at 816-333-0025 by 12 noon on Friday, September 18.

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

This month our speaker will be Chip Buckner, who will be talking about the life of his great-grandfather, Lieutenant General Simon Bolivar Buckner, C.S.A. We are very honored to have Chip as our speaker. Chip, his wife, Deb Buckner, and his father, Bill Buckner, have been members of the Civil War Round for many years. Chip honors his great-grandfather by sharing the life history and stories of General Buckner.

I would venture to say that none of us have as famous a Civil War ancestor as Chip does. However, many of us have one or more ancestors that served during the Civil War. Some of our members, such as Lane Smith and James Speicher have ancestors that served for the Union and ancestors that served for the Confederacy. The fact that you are interested in the Civil War, are a member of the Civil War Round Table, and attend our monthly dinner meetings honors your Civil War ancestors, no matter which side they served on.

I became interested in finding out more about one of my Civil War ancestors in 1982, after I bought the book titled: *Tracing Your Civil War Ancestor*. I wrote to the National Archives in Washington D.C. and requested the Federal pension and military service records for my great-grandfather, Livander W. Pattison, who served in the 2nd Illinois Cavalry. I received a great deal of information, not only about his military service, but also about his personal life. To request information about your ancestor, use National Archives Trust Fund Board forms NATF 85 and NATF 86. To expedite your order, submit it online at: eservices.archives.gov/orderonline.

To begin researching your Civil War ancestor, you need to know the soldier's name and the state of service. You can locate this information through the Civil War Soldiers and Sailors Database (<http://www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm>). You can also find information on your Civil War ancestor through subscription-based services such as Ancestry.com and Fold3.com.

The Kansas City area has three outstanding resources available to genealogists:

- National Archives at Kansas City, 400 West Pershing Road, Kansas City MO 64108.
- Missouri Valley Room at the Kansas City Public Library, Central Library, 14 West 10th Street, Kansas City MO 64105.
- Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 South Lee's Summit Road, Independence MO 64055.

I look forward to seeing you at our dinner meeting on September 22nd.

-- Dave Pattison

Dinner Reservation Reminder

Dinner reservations are due by 12:00 noon on Friday, August 21st. Please adhere to this deadline, because we must turn in our head count to the Holiday Inn on Friday afternoon.

Meet Our Speaker for September

Simon Bolivar "Chip" Buckner IV attended Southwest High School in Kansas City before earning a B.A. in Economics from Williams College and a J.D. from the University of Kansas. He practiced law in Tulsa, Oklahoma, then moved to Jefferson City to join the Missouri attorney general's office, where he had a variety of duties, including responsibility for the state's consumer protection program. While there, he argued cases everywhere from traffic court to the the US Supreme Court. Chip returned to Kansas City to run the legal department and Bartlett and Company, a hundred year-old agribusiness on the Plaza.

In addition to numerous short talks to Rotary Clubs, SCV camps and Civil War Roundtables about mint juleps and the relationship between Generals Buckner and US Grant, Chip was the featured speaker at the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the dedication of the Sterling Price statue in Keytesville, Missouri and shared the podium with former CIA director William H. Webster at the closing of the ceremonies marking the sesquicentennial of the Battle of Perryville.

Chip's first exposure to the CWRT came in the mid-seventies when CWRT member (and later president) Glen Whittaker led a group of Boy Scouts on a 16-mile Battle of Westport hike.

The Sergeant Major's Book Auction

Arnold Schofield will auction two books at the August meeting.

"The Gallant Hood" A biography of Confederate General John Bell Hood by John P. Dyer, 1st Edition published by the Bobbs-Merrill Co, New York, 1950 excellent condition with Dust jacket.

"Lincoln and His Generals" by T. Harry Williams, Alfred A Knopf Publishing, New York, 1952, 1st edition in excellent condition.

Dinner Menu for September 2015

Chicken Da La Cruz: Lightly breaded tender, boneless breast of chicken, sautéed and topped with our own rose sauce. Served over a bed of long grain wild rice and chef's choice of vegetable. 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](#).

Executive Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City at 10:00 am on Saturday, October 3, 2015. The meeting will be held at Don Bates' office, located at Reece Nichols, 7600 State Line, Prairie Village KS 66208

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.

[Civil War Round Table of Kansas City website](#).

Check out the Round Table's Facebook page, and make sure you "like" the page.

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Future Programs in 2015

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

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.

Round Table's 2015 Bus Tour

Save the Date!

Mine Creek Battlefield and Fort Scott, KS

Saturday, October 24, 2015, 8 am – 5:15 pm

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 tour starts at 8:00 a.m. and goes until 5:15 p.m.

The bus tour will cost \$48 per person. Make checks payable to Civil War Round Table of Kansas City. Mail checks to Treasurer Susan Keipp, 436 W. 88th Ter Kansas City, MO 64114-2912.

For a detailed itinerary, download the brochure at

http://u.b5z.net/i/u/10182926/f/Events/2015_CWRT_BU_S_TOUR.pdf

August Meeting Photos

[Link to our website for more photos of Beth Foulk at the August meeting.](#)



Round Table President Dave Pattison presenting Beth Foulk with the Certificate of Appreciation.

Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield Dispatches No. 260
1862 Fort Scott Hospitals

Sometime ago, David Haimerl, who is a very good friend, fellow researcher and historian discovered the following 1862 description of the hospitals in Fort Scott at the end of the second year of the Civil War. One of the joys of studying the Civil War is that most folks who do

this are happy to share the new “old” information they have discovered. Such is the case with the following report which would have remained buried in the pages of the Sept. 26, 1862 edition of the Leavenworth Conservative Newspaper if not for David’s eagle eye and extraordinary patience in reviewing and reading microfilm.

“Report of the condition of the sick at the hospitals at Fort Scott”

To the ladies and Soldiers Aid Society of Leavenworth, Kan.:

As a delegate from your society and in compliance with the request of your officers, seconded by the Sanitary Commission of this department, I have the honor to lay before you a report of the condition of our sick and wounded as I saw them on my recent visit to Fort Scott. In Field & Post hospital, we found nearly 500 sick and wounded; of the latter being in number, owing, I presume to the enemy being, “Like the circle, bounding earth and skies Allurea from far, as yet we follow flies.” Sunstroke, rheumatisms and fevers (typhoid and brain) were the prevailing diseases, mostly contracted on the Southern expedition. IN one company, there was but one reported for duty. Their sufferings on the march were very severe. Without water and exposed to a scorching sun with the mercury at 120 degrees, no wonder that disease thinned their ranks and claimed a greater percentage of victims than has yet the battlefield.

At the Post Hospital, we found not far from 200 patients occupying three separate buildings. These were divided into wards, each containing from 20-25 patients, not including the upper halls which were also filled.

We were accompanied by the surgeon and head nurse. Both seemingly happy to answer all our inquiries, giving us many items of interest. I noticed many countenances brighten at the approach of “Aunt Sally’s” happy face. It seemed to reflect sunshine wherever she turned. She called them “her boys” and said as duty hurried her from one to another, she sometimes found trembling hands grabbing hr skirts, striving to detain her and her heart ached that she could not do more.

How many women in our land are at the present time giving all their strength and energies to this noble work. This is indeed a holy mission — one that angels may love to look down upon, God grant that they by their kind care may be raised from their beds of pain and languishing to again take up arms in defense of “Liberty and Union.”

In conversing with them, they almost universally gave testimony to the good care and attention. To every 10 patients is detailed one male nurse. The wards were clean, and now with open doors and windows, well ventilated. But the thought arose in my mind that in winter, with the present arrangements, it would be impossible to have that free circulation of pure air which is so essential to health.

We accepted the invitation to go to supper with the nurses and convalescent. It consisted of tea, coffee, veal stew, bakeria bread, butter, apple and plum sauce and rice. There was an abundance well served with neatness, but I could not eat. The pale, wan faces of the sufferers above

filled my mind. My heart was sad and not even for “appearance sake” could I do more than sip my coffee.

In the field hospitals we found many living in open tents upon the ground, some with and some without palate of hay or straw. But in these field tents it is their choice to remain. They have a horror of the post hospital. They are separated from their companions and have many dark forebodings that if they enter its portals they can never come forth alive. Here are sent the most aggravated cases, therefore, a greater number of deaths and hence the impression filling the mind of the man weakened by disease.

In general hospital, they have more comforts than they possibly under the most favorable circumstances receive in the field.

One great need I discovered in all hospitals — pure water and ice. Who has not, when burning with fever been haunted with the thought of some favorable spring or “iron bound bucket” from which they drank in early childhood the cooling draught? Think of these poor men attempting to quench their thirst from a river so low that it stands in muddy pools and this without what we have learned to consider an indispensable luxury. Does it not in such emergency prove to your minds the propriety as far as in our power of providing substitutes? Domestic wines, pure brandies, syrups, jellies, canned and dried fruits are particularly needed. Also Farina, corn starch and sago. The surgeon informed us that they were at present well supplied with clothes and bedding. But cold weather was approaching. In the coming month, there would be a huge horde of fever patients and the supplies would be exhausted. They would gladly look to the benevolent in our community for night wrappers, shirts, drawers, stockings, slippers, sheets, pillow cases, bed ticks and comforters. Old linen and half-worn sheets are especially needed.

Several of the men expressed a desire for reading material — they long for news. Greater effort should be made to supply them with books and papers of the day, both circular and religious.

The canned fruits so generously donated by the ladies of our society to the Commissioner (Jr. Brown) were distributed by him and most eagerly and thankfully received. To all he seemed a welcome valter, particularly to the boys of the 2nd Ohio, with which he was personally acquainted.

Surgeons Woodward and Carpenter are laboring with an unceasing energy for the welfare of those in their charge and seem fully awake to the responsibility of the trust committed to them. Their tenderness and skill are so generously acknowledged that we may have entire confidence that our gifts will be faithfully dispensed to those for whom they are desired.

This brief and very imperfect report is submitted with the hope that it may encourage us to continue the good work, laboring for those who are sacrificing the comfort to the society of friends, health and often life and the glory of our common country.

Mrs. J.H.V.?

Eventually, the General U.S. Army Hospital at Fort Scott consisted of five buildings and when they were all

filled to capacity with patients that included placing beds in the hallways of each building, additional wards were created in large tents that were pitched on Carroll Plaza. And, of course, the war went on!



Events around Town

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

Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month. Meeting place to be announced. Call Beverly Shaw at 816 225-7944 for details. 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

October 13 Meeting: Retired post historian John Reichley will get us in a Halloween mood with true tales about Haunted Ft. Leavenworth. Meets on Tuesday, Oct 13, 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.

Living History Day at Battle of Westport Museum

This will be an exciting day for the whole family. It is planned as a casual, fun day of learning and fun. This event is free and open to the public. Donations are always welcome. This event is scheduled for September 26 from 10 am to 4 pm. The event will take place at the Battle of Westport Visitor Center and Museum, 6601 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO (just inside the east entrance to Swope Park).

For more detailed information, visit a detailed description of the event at the following web page:

<http://battleofwestport.org/living-history-20150926-2d.html>

Hiram Bledsoe (MSG, CSA)

A Kentucky native, Hiram Bledsoe was living in Pleasant Hill, Missouri at the start of the Civil War. Joining the Missouri State Guard in 1861, Bledsoe organized what came to be known as Bledsoe's Battery.

Mike Epstein sent the following about Hiram Bledsoe:

From Sam Smith, Lee's Summit, Mo. (no date)

"The marker at the grave of Hiram Bledsoe is time-worn. I recall when I took a similar picture about 40 years ago; the Star had an artist fill in the lettering.

"Bledsoe went to the Mexican War, undoubtedly with Doniphan's Missourian's.

"When the State Guard was mobilized to protect the state against Union troops in the Late Unpleasantness, Bledsoe was called up and, because he was a veteran of the Mexican War, he was asked to form a battery of field pieces taken from the Liberty Arsenal.

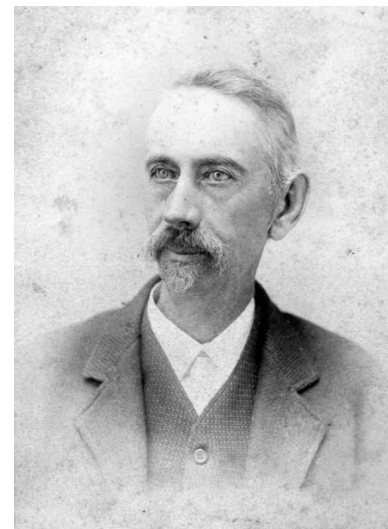
"His battery was in action throughout the war. He eventually was issued Parrots and one Confederate general officer called him the greatest artilleryman in the world. Protecting Hood's rear on the retreat from Nashville, he captured a Union cavalry unit without firing a shot. The unit rode into his ready guns in a defile in fog.

"After the war, he returned to Pleasant Hill, Mo., where he served as the town Marshall until his death.

"The veteran's type marker gives his name and rank in the 6th Inf. Mo. State Guard and beneath it the initials C.S.A."



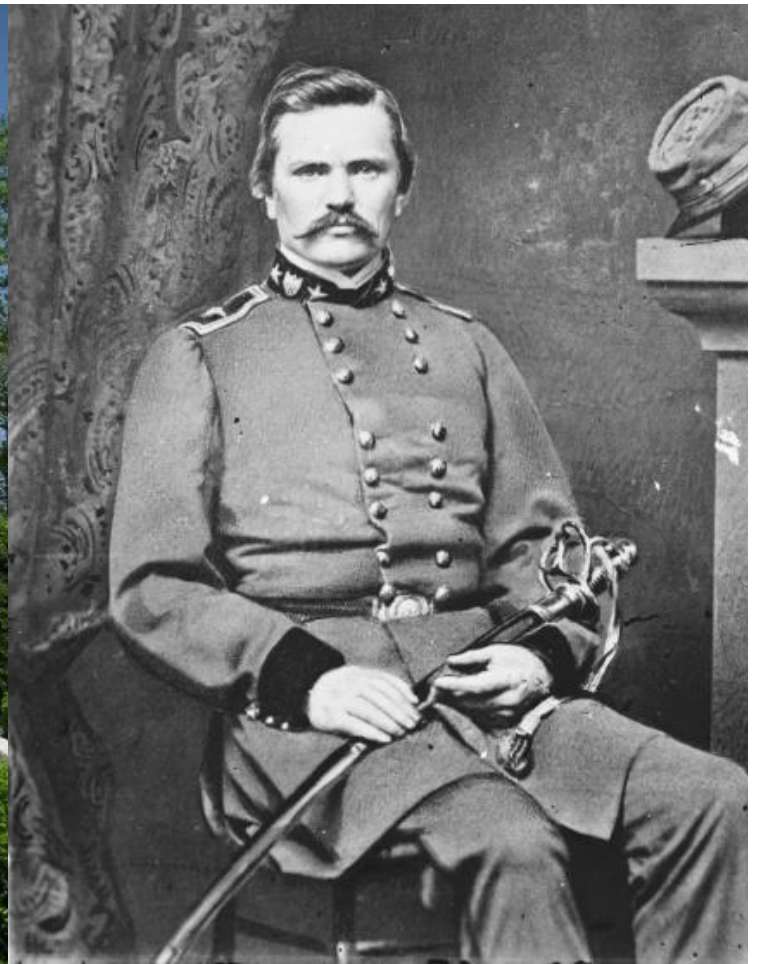
Hiram Bledsoe's Grave Marker



Hiram Bledsoe



Sterling Price statue located in Keytesville, Missouri.



Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner

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