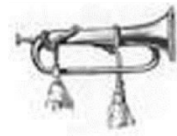




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473rd Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Kansas Ballroom, 1st Floor, Holiday Inn

8787 Reeder Rd., Overland Park, KS 66214

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

Dinner - 6:30p.m.

October Speaker

“Bleeding Kansas, Bleeding Missouri: The Long Civil War on the Border”

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*.



Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Please be sure **Susan Keipp** receives all reservations by **12 noon on Friday October 23, 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, October 23.

Use your debit/credit card at our website, <http://www.cwrtkc.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

There was an excellent article in the Arts + Culture section of the Kansas City Star on Sunday, October 11, 2015. The article was titled: "Keepers of the Confederacy" and was written by **Sarah Gish**. The article was about the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) organization and featured a photograph of **James "Spike" Speicher** and **Lane Smith** from the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City. Spike and Lane are members of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp No. 1920, a local branch of the SCV. Their group seeks to preserve history and not racism. I hope you got a chance to read the article. [If you missed it, you can go online and read the article on the Kansas City Star's website.](#)

We had an Executive Committee meeting of the Civil War Round Table on October 3, 2015. Based on this meeting, there are a number of items that I need to report:

- All future dinner meetings will be held in the Kansas Ballroom located on the first floor of the Holiday Inn & Suites. The Kansas Ballroom has better access and it is easier to see the speaker and their presentation.
- We are no longer able to accept late reservations for dinner. The deadline for making a dinner reservation is 12:00 noon on the Friday before the dinner meeting. Please adhere to the deadline.
- The proposed revisions to the By-Laws of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City have been approved. Please refer to the changes to the By-Laws on our website (<http://www.cwrk.org/bylaws>).
- The nominating committee proposed the same slate of Officers and Directors for 2016 that are currently serving as Officers and Directors. These are as follows:
 - President: Dave Pattison
 - First Vice-President: Chip Buckner
 - Second Vice-President: Ron Basel
 - Secretary: Judy Smith
 - Treasurer: Susan Keipp
 - Assistant Treasurer: Dennis Garstang
 - Director of Preservation: Arnold Schofield
 - Directors: Don Bates, Sylvia Stucky, and Les Theirolf
- Election of Officers and Directors will take place at the annual business meeting of the Round Table, which is the dinner meeting on November 17, 2015.

If you are interested in going on the bus trip to Mine Creek Battlefield and Fort Scott National Historic Site on Saturday, October 24, 2015, I encourage you to sign up.

There are still some seats available on the bus. The bus tours are always fun and interesting. Arnold Schofield will be our tour guide. A buffet lunch will be served. Also, the trees are beautiful this time of year.

I hope to see you at our next dinner meeting on October 27th.

-- Dave Pattison

Meet Our Speaker for October

Dr. Diane Mutti Burke is an Associate Professor History at the University of Missouri Kansas City.

Mutti Burke's award-winning first book *On Slavery's Border: Missouri's Small Slaveholding Households, 1815-1865* is a bottom-up examination of how slavery and slaveholding were influenced by both the geography and the scale of the slaveholding enterprise. *On Slavery's Border* focuses on the Missouri counties located along the Mississippi and Missouri rivers to investigate small-scale slavery at the level of the household and neighborhood. She examines such topics as small slaveholders' child-rearing and fiscal strategies, the economics of slavery, relations between slaves and owners, the challenges faced by enslaved families, sociability among enslaved and free Missourians within rural neighborhoods, and the disintegration of slavery during the Civil War.

Mutti Burke has written a number of articles about slavery, women, and the Civil War in Missouri. She co-edited, with her colleague John Herron, a collection of articles about Kansas City from the Missouri Historical Review called *Kansas City, America's Crossroads*, as well as a new collection of scholarly articles on the Missouri/Kansas Border War called *Bleeding Kansas, Bleeding Missouri: The Long Civil War on the Border*, co-edited with Jonathan Earle (University Press of Kansas, 2013). The articles in this collection were the product of a major public conference on the Civil War on the border held at the Kansas City Public Library in November 2011. In addition, Dr. Mutti Burke is completing an edited and annotated diary of a small-slaveholding Cooper County, Missouri woman named Paulina Stratton and has started work on a monograph about refugee populations during the Civil War.

Mutti Burke is deeply engaged in bringing the history of this region to the public through her role as the Director of UMKC's Center for Midwestern Studies. She regularly speaks to public audiences and consulted with a number of cultural institutions in the region about their Civil War Sesquicentennial programming. She also directs a National Endowment for the Humanities Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshop on the UMKC campus (Summers 2008, 2010, 2012, and 2014). This program brings 80 teachers from throughout the nation to attend the week-long classes on the Kansas and Missouri Border Wars.

Mutti Burke teaches courses on the Civil War, the U.S. South, U.S. Women's History, and 19th century U.S. social history.

The Sergeant Major's Book Auction

Arnold Schofield will auction two books at the August meeting.

"I Acted from Principle: The Civil War Diary of Dr. William M. McPheeters, Confederate surgeon in the Trans Mississippi" Published by the Univ. of Arkansas Press, Fayetteville, 2002.

"Action Before Westport" by Howard N. Monnett, Signed & Numbered #130, First Edition, Westport Historical Society, 1964, **MINT CONDITION!**

Dinner Menu for October 2015

Pork Loin Medallions: Pork medallions with Fuji flame roasted apple glaze. Served with long grain rice and sautéed green beans with onions and bacon. 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.

[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](#).

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 28, 2016: speaker tbd

July 26, 2016: speaker tbd

August 23, 2016: Civil War Round Table member Bill Quatman will discuss his book titled: *A Young General and the Fall of Richmond: The Life and Career of Godfrey Weitzel*.

September 27, 2016: Col. Kevin Weddle, PhD (Professor of Military Theory and Strategy at the US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks PA) will be speaking about his biography on Union Rear Admiral Samuel Francis Du Pont titled: *Lincoln's Tragic Admiral: the Life of Samuel Francis Du Pont*.

October 25, 2016: speaker tbd

November 15, 2016: speaker tbd

December 20, 2016: speaker tbd

Round Table's 2015 Bus Tour

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.

You can also use your credit/debit card on the [website](#). Use the "Dinner Reservation" page and enter your name in the "Reservation For" field and "2015 Bus Tour" in the "Payment for Meeting Month" field. If you are using this

service please send Susan an email so she will not miss your reservation. skeipp@kc.rr.com.

For a detailed itinerary, download the brochure at http://u.b5z.net/i/u/10182926/f/Events/2015_CWRT_BU_S_TOUR.pdf

September Meeting Photos

[Link to our website for more photos from the September meeting.](#)



Chip Buckner speaking at the September meeting.

Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield Dispatches No. 431
On to Springfield

In March of 1862, the Civil War was less than one year old and in Kansas there was a major reorganization of all the state's volunteer regiments. This was done throughout the "Union" states and in Kansas it was necessary because more new regiments were being recruited and the fact that Lane's Brigade had acquired an unsavory reputation for the way that it continued scorched earth policy of waging war. However, in retrospect, this was how ultimately the Civil War would be conducted, but in March of 1862 it was still believed that the war could be waged as a "Gentlemen's War." Therefore, Lane's Brigade had to be dissolved or broken up and the regiments were assigned to other Kansas brigades. So it was with the 5th Kansas Vol. Cavalry Regiment. The regiment and its surgeon, A. J. Huntoon, were assigned to Colonel Deitzler's Kansas Brigade, which was eventually assigned to General Samuel Curtis's Army of the West stationed at Springfield, Missouri.

The following letters by Surgeon A. J. Huntoon describe the movement of his regiment from Carthage to Springfield, Missouri and are located in the manuscript archives of the Kansas Historical Society.

Hospital, 5th Regt., K. V.,
April 8, 1862,
Camp Deitzler, Carthage, Mo.

My Dear Wife,

I have but little to write you that can be of interest to you. I am confined closely to the hospital as my assistant has not yet recovered sufficiently to return to duty. I learn however, that he is improving. The general health of our regiment is very much improved within the last ten days. I have only twelve patients in hospital and several of them will be able for discharges in the morning.

Your letter of March 18th was received a few days since. The letter you directed to Topeka and Prentiss's picture were all safely received. Many of my leisure moments are spent gazing at his little fat face, feet and hands and thinking how much happier we would be if we were together than separated as we are. Were it not for the hope that we might rejoin each other in our own home before long, I should have but little enjoyment in the hardship and exposure with which I am contending.

You ask if I think I desire to see you as much as you desire to see me. I can only say that I want to see you very much and it alleviates the pangs of our separation much to know that I am ever affectionately remembered. Lizzie, I hope that you don't harbor the idea that you are ever out of my mind after such devotedness and faithfulness as you manifested toward me. It is for you and our boy alone I ask to live and for your happiness I labor. Though we are now separated, I believe our meeting will be one of happiness.

You ask me to be frank with you in regard to your coming to Kansas. I only desire you to act as you think will be most conducive to your contentment and happiness. I believe that you would be more comfortable at some nice boarding place than at Henrys or Cables. I had thought you would enjoy coming to Topeka and furnish your own room and board quite as well as to remain longer in the East. My wish is that you consult your own feelings. I will furnish the means. I would have liked to visit at Uncle Jenisons with you. I would like very much to see their family. Give my respects to them.

There is a great difference between the climate here and where you be. Peach, cherry and plumb trees are all in blossom. Grass is green and little wild flowers are all over the ground. I am greatly in love with this section of the country. I would like to go around eating sugar with you this spring.

We may be ordered to Springfield any day as it is rumored that General Price is advancing on that point. Should this prove true a battle will be inevitable within ten days. We are only about 50 miles from Curtis's and Sigel's Army. Three regiments are at Springfield guarding commissary Stores. Fred seems to enjoy camp first rate. I think that I will have to make a soldier out of him. I don't think that Joel will go into the service. Received a letter from T. U. Thompson a few days since. They have a little girl. Born I think in December. Says Julia has suffered most of the winter with a bad cough. At Mrs. Johnson's where I board they have a little girl born on the same day Prentiss was. We get plenty of excellent apples here, as finer fruit as I ever saw. I will not write more tonight for I must retire. With much love and many kisses. I am most Truly Yours,

A. J. Huntoon, Surgeon, 5th Regt. K. V.

April 9, 1862

My Dear Lizzie,

I have received orders to have all things in the Medical Department of the Regiment in readiness to move by 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. We are going to Springfield. I will write you from there on our arrival. Should you not receive as many letters as formerly from me you may attribute it to irregularity in the mails. For I shall write at every opportunity. Direct your answer to this to Springfield, Mo. Write often for I love to get your letters dearly. With Many kisses and much love, I am Truly Yours,

A. J. Huntoon

Camp near Springfield, Mo.,
April 13, 1862,
Sunday Evening.

My Dear Wife,

It is with the greatest pleasure that I hasten to improve a few leisure moments of this fine Sabbath Evening by penning a few lines to my beloved.

We arrived and camped within about four miles of town last evening. Great cheering and enthusiasm prevailed through our camp on learning that Island No. 10 was really in the hands of the Federals and that our army has been successful in winning a hard fought field, but a splendid victory at Pittsburg Landing on the Tennessee River. I think that Secession is rapidly on the decline.

Today I visited in company with our Colonel, Major-Adjutant and three Captains the battle ground of Wilson's Creek, near 8 miles from our present camp. Found a rough looking battlefield. I secured several trophies in the form of shot, shell and ball, etc. Stood upon the ground where the noble Gen. Lyon fell at the head of his valiant band, faithful to the last in discharging his duty to his country. The life of many good and true men is being sacrificed for maintenance of those principles upon which our government is based. "Freedom & liberty and the right of the majority legally express to rule!"

The health of the regiment has been very much improved of late, have but eight in my hospital tent.

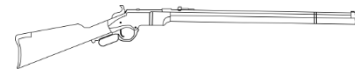
Immediately on our leaving Carthage, the Secesh began to gather in and with three hours there was a hundred in who had been staying about in the brush. They run up a Secesh Flag and started [drove] off a few Union men that were left. And before they were aware of it five hundred of the 2nd Ohio Cavalry Regiment had the town surrounded and nabbed the gentlemen. We felt sure of getting some of them by the movement. It is the general opinion that we will be ordered south, but nothing positive or definite in relation to our future movements

I hope you will continue to write to me very often for your letters are the sources of my greatest enjoyment. I shall improve every leisure opportunity to write even a few lines to you even if I have but little to interest you. Direct the answer to this Springfield, Mo., Surgeon, 5th Kansas. I enjoy Prentiss picture very much. I would love to see the dear boy and hope I may soon. Secure yourself while you can, sheets, pillow cases, clothing and such necessary articles as you need. Should think the Peck place of which

you spoke sold cheap. If you would like to invest your dowry in your father's estate in a nice place somewhere there do so. I should have no objections. Your happiness and welfare with that of Prentiss is all that I seek. With much love and many kisses I am Truly Yours,

A. J. Huntoon

Now then, it was not unusual for both Union and Confederate soldiers to visit former battlefields and collect some trophies or souvenirs and this was what Surgeon Huntoon and his fellow officers of the 5th Kansas did when they visited Wilson's Creek Battlefield near Springfield, Missouri. Since this battle occurred on August 10, 1861 only nine months before Huntoon's visit it is not surprising that the battlefield was "rough looking" for one does not easily or quickly recover from the carnage of war 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.

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

November 10 Meeting: Teacher/historian **Mark Armato** who will present a program on Jesse James. Meets on Tuesday, Nov 10, 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.



Constitution Hall State Historic Site.



Jesse James in an iconic guerrilla shirt.

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