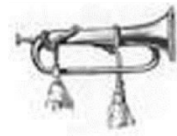




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475th Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

Sunset Ballroom, 8th Floor, Holiday Inn

8787 Reeder Rd., Overland Park, KS 66214

Social Hour - Cash Bar – 5:30p.m.

Dinner - 6:30p.m.

December Speaker



**Round Table member and author
Tom Rafiner, on Missouri's Burn
District, 1854-1870**

A sought after speaker and storyteller, **Tom Rafiner** will speak about latest book, *Cinders and Silence, A Chronicle of Missouri's Burnt District 1854-1870*, at this month's meeting. This book provides the first detailed account of Missouri's "Burnt District."

Tom will have copies of this book for sale at the meeting.

Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Please be sure **Susan Keipp** receives all reservations by **12 noon on Friday December 11, 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 the Friday before the Tuesday meeting.

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

Dave's a Grandfather!

Make sure to congratulate our president, **Dave Pattison**, aka the Old Man, on the birth of his twin granddaughters. No other details available when the newsletter was published.

A Message from Your President

IMPORTANT-PLEASE READ

This is in regard to dinner reservations for our monthly meetings. I would like to thank all of our members and guests that have made dinner reservations by the deadline each month. However, we have had a number of problems this year regarding dinner reservations. Therefore, I want to clarify our dinner reservation policy:

- Our contract with the Holiday Inn requires that we give them a headcount 3 days prior to the dinner meeting. That is so they can order enough food for all of our attendees. **Reservations are due by 12:00 noon on the Friday before the dinner meeting. The Holiday Inn has advised that late reservations will no longer be accepted.**
- Dinner reservations can be made by e-mailing Susan Keipp (skeipp@kc.rr.com) or by calling her (816-333-0025). You can also make a reservation through our website (http://cwrtkc.org/dinner_reservation). There are two online options for reserving a spot for the dinner meeting.
- A dinner reservation requires payment of \$27.00 per person. You can pay by one of the following means: (1) mailing a check to Susan Keipp at 436 W 88th Terrace, Kansas City MO 64114, (2) paying at the dinner meeting, or (3) paying through our website using PayPal. However, if you pay using PayPal, you still need to e-mail or call Susan, to let her know that you have used this service. That way, she will not miss your reservation.
- Once the headcount is turned in to the Holiday Inn, we cannot reduce the number of attendees. If you paid for a reservation, but cannot attend the dinner meeting, we cannot provide a refund, since the Round Table is charged for your dinner.
- If you make a reservation and plan to pay at the dinner meeting, but do not attend the meeting, you are still responsible for payment for your dinner, since the Round Table is charged for your dinner.
- Please do not show up at the dinner meeting without making a reservation for dinner. The Holiday Inn bases their food preparation and table arrangements on the headcount that we provide them 3 days prior to the dinner meeting.

If you show up without a reservation, there is no guarantee that you will have a place to sit or be served dinner.

Our treasurer, Susan Keipp, is doing a wonderful job handling all of the dinner reservations and payments, coordinating with the Holiday Inn, and paying our bills each month. Please help her by adhering to the reservation requirements listed above.

Thank you for your help!

-- Dave Pattison

Meet Our Speaker

Tom A. Rafiner is a member of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City and lives in Parkville MO. Tom holds a B.A. degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia and an M.A. degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. A sought after speaker and storyteller, he has spoken throughout Missouri and Kansas. Tom spoke to our Round Table in September of 2010 about his book titled: *Caught Between Three Fires: Cass County MO, Chaos and Order No. 11*. For that book, Tom spent ten years researching family and community histories buried in the border conflict and the Civil War.

Tom's latest book is titled: **Cinders and Silence, A Chronicle of Missouri's Burnt District 1854-1870**. This book provides the first detailed account of Missouri's "Burnt District." Between 1854 and 1870, three western Missouri border counties plunged from prosperity to devastation, and finally, to oblivion. The border conflict between Missouri and Kansas Territory intensified during the Civil War. Revenge driven, Kansans leveled western Missouri between 1861 and 1863. In August 1863, William Quantrill's retaliatory raid on Lawrence KS triggered General Orders No. 11. Within six weeks, the district suffered depopulation and total destruction. Historical silence shrouded the tragedy for decades. *Cinders and Silence* recovers the history and breaks the silence.

Tom is bringing copies of this book, which you may purchase at the meeting.

To learn more about Western Missouri's Burnt District, visit Tom Rafiner's website, www.casscountyardernol1.com

The Sergeant Major's Book Auction

Arnold Schofield will auction two books at the meeting.

"**Gone With the Wind**" by Margaret Mitchell: 1936, FIRST EDITION, Good condition, New York, Macmillan Company.

"**14 Volume Set**": Time Life Collector's Library of the Civil War, 1981, 1982 & 1983: (7) Union Classics & (7) Confederate Classics, All Dark Blue leather bindings & covers, Gold Embossed Titles, Marbling inside covers. ALL MINT CONDITION.

Silent Book Auction

Also, don't forget each year in December and May, there is a special emphasis on the Silent Book Auction. We encourage everyone to clear off their book shelves and empty those boxes of history books you no longer want. Please help out the Round Table by bringing your books, your money, and your friends. History books make great holiday presents.

2016 Membership Renewal Reminder

Just wanted to remind everyone it's time to renew your membership for 2016. It's \$30 for an individual and only \$45 for couples. Bring your check to the dinner meeting. You can also mail you check to our treasurer, Susan (her mailing address is on the first page.

Or do what I do and renew using a credit/debit card on the website, http://cwrtkc.org/membership_payment.

Dinner Menu

Sautéed Chicken Marsala: Lightly breaded chicken breast sautéed with mushrooms in a Marsala wine sauce served over pasta with a 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](#).

Future Programs in 2016

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

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. Ethan Rafuse, from the US Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth KS, will be speaking about Union General Joseph Hooker. The title of his talk is: "Fighting Joe Hooker."

June 28, 2016: speaker tbd

July 26, 2016: Robert Walz, from the US Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth KS, will be our speaker. The title of his talk is: "Railroads During the Civil War." According to Mr. Walz, the north did not have that much initial advantage in railroads (especially in the areas where the war was being fought), but managed its assets far better than did the south. In many respects, the south used railroads better tactically than the north initially (First Bull Run), but the north was far better strategically.

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

November Meeting Photos

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



Eric Wittenberg being congratulated for an outstanding presentation by Round Table member Dan Smith.



Round Table members Sam Rabicoff and Roger Stanton who bid competitively for first edition Civil War cavalry books during the live auction.

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 [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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Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield Dispatches No. 440

"Thoughts of Home"

During the Civil War, at Christmas, soldier's thoughts often were of home and their families. This of course is true today as it was then and the following entries from the diary of Captain Charles W. Porter of the 3rd Wisconsin Cavalry echo these thoughts. Also included are several verses from the popular Civil War song "Tenting tonight on the Old Camp Ground" which reflect the feelings of the men who wore the Blue and the Gray and are still valid today.

Thursday, December 25, 1862:

[Northeast, Arkansas]

As today is Christmas, our THOUGHTS were naturally turned **HOMEWARD** to our mothers good Christmas dinners of roast turkey and other nice eatables too numerous to mention here. But we tried to substitute a dinner in my mess by getting up a chicken pot pie and warm biscuits and butter and for supper apple dumplings which was set up to us by our cook William A. Hawes. I think we praised the cook and done our repasts justice. Some of the boys were card playing and other amusements. I spent a portion of the day writing in my journal. Today rainy.

Friday, December 25, 1863:

[Balltown, Missouri]

We received word from the Fort {Fort Scott} than Quantrells troop was expected to attack us. Capt. Vittum sent us to Balltown to notify Capt. Carpenter. J. Doppler accompanied me. I took dinner at Mr. Austins with Capt.

Carpenter and with him spent the afternoon there very agreeably with the ladies. I attended a dance in camp tonight. Today cloudy and rain this evening.

Sunday, December 25, 1864:

[Leavenworth City, Kansas.

This morning at an early hour I fell in company with Major Ketner, 16th, K.V. C. and Alex Crockett and Jack Beaton when we soon decided to make our advance on George Chryslers Strong-Hold [a saloon]. We soon gained an entrance in his castle and he soon surrendered and consented to our demands Egg-Nog was provided and we partook of it quite freely. Soon all of us were getting quite hilarious. Other drinks were taken of a mixed nature which soon got the Major down and I took him to his room and left him to contemplate his own condition. I returned to the castle and found Beaton in engaged a fight with some townsmen. I soon got Jack under control and quiet was restored. I spent a jolly afternoon and did not fall in the contest. Had a good dinner. Day was pleasant.

The following song was very popular during the Civil War and evokes a longing for home which has been in the thoughts of soldiers throughout history and today especially during the holiday season. The song was written by Walter Kittredge in 1863, was first performed in Lynn, Massachusetts. Here are a few selected verses:

Tenting on the Old Camp Ground

We're tenting tonight on the old camp ground,
Give us a song to cheer,
Our weary hearts, a song of HOME
And friends we love so dear.

We've been tenting tonight on the old camp ground,
Thinking of days gone by,
Of the loved ones at home that gave us the hand,
And the tear that said "Good-By".

The lone wife kneels and prays with a sigh
That God his watch will keep
O'er the dear one away and the little dears nigh,
In the trundle bed fast asleep.

We are tired of war on the old camp ground,
Many are dead and gone,
Of the brave and true who've left their homes,
Others been wounded long.

Many are the hearts that are weary tonight,
Wishing for the war to cease;
Many are the hearts looking for the right,
To see the dawn of Peace."

Now then, here is wishing everyone a joyous holiday season and especially to the veterans, military personnel

currently on active duty and those in harm's way throughout the world. Thank You!



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 in a new location, Village Heights Community of Christ Church, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence, MO. 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 Perkins Restaurant, 3939 S. Bolger Drive, Independence, MO (across from Walmart).

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

January 12 Meeting: Erin Blackshere-Pouppirt will be speaking on Female Espionage 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.

A Visit With Father Christmas!

Join the Harris-Kearney House and the Westport Historical Society on Saturday, December 5th for a visit with Fr. Christmas!

Avoid the lines at the mall and enjoy crafts, cookies and a visit with the Big Guy Himself. Learn about how Kansas Citians celebrated Christmas 160 years ago and enjoy a day with your family.

When: Saturday, December 5th, 2015

Time: 10 am - 4 pm

Where: Harris-Kearney House Museum, 4000 Baltimore, KCMO

A suggested donation of \$2 is appreciated. Proceeds benefit educational children's programming.

Call 913-648-0952 for more information

Big Blue Battlefield Work Day

We are holding a work day in the Big Blue Battlefield Park near Swope Park in Kansas City, MO. Come on out and help us prepare the battlefield for improved interpretation of what happened on October 22 and 23 in 1864.

When: Saturday, December 12, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to whenever

Where: Big Blue Battlefield Park, 5951 Manchester Trafficway, Kansas City, MO 64130

Who: Hardy folks with chain saws, branch loppers, hand saws, work gloves, work boots

What: Cut down trees and clear brush to develop walking trails and restore battlefield to 1864 conditions.

Will reschedule to Saturday, December 19 if the road conditions are bad or it is raining..

New Civil War Period Drama coming to PBS

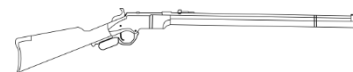
Lindsey Foat, Community Engagement Producer for KCPT will be joining us at the December meeting to tell us about an exciting new program to air on KCPT starting in January 2016.

Based on true stories, "Mercy Street," takes viewers beyond the battlefield and into the lives of distinctive cast of characters — doctors, nurses, contraband laborers and Southern loyalists—realizing the chaotic world of Union-occupied Alexandria, Virginia, and the Mansion House Hospital in the early years of the Civil War. The six-part series will air Sundays at 9:00 pm on KCPT and PBS stations nationwide beginning January 17, 2016.

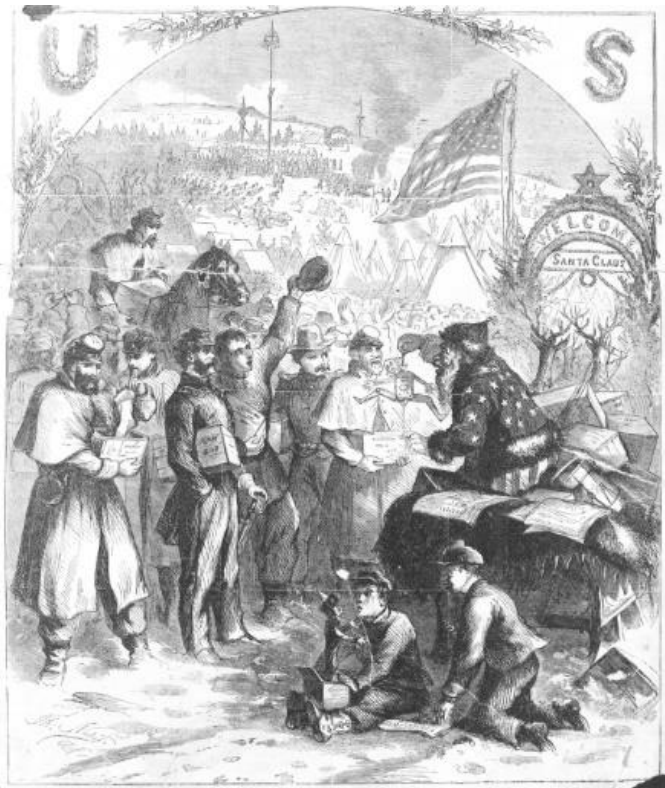
In partnership with the **John Wornall House Museum**, KCPT will host a FREE sneak peek of "Mercy Street," with demonstrations by local Civil War medicine re-enactors on January 14th at 5:30pm and January 16th at 2pm. More info and RSVP at kcpt.org/events.



Nurse Mary Phinney (Mary Elizabeth Winstead) and Jedediah Foster (Josh Radnor). Credit: Courtesy of Antony Platt/PBS



Christmas dinner on out picket line by Edwin Forbes.



Santa Claus giving gifts to soldiers in camp—Harper's weekly, v. 7, (1863 Jan. 3), p. 1

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