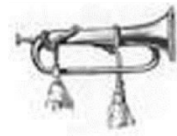




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477th Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

Sunset Ballroom, 8th Floor, Holiday Inn

8787 Reeder Rd., Overland Park, KS 66214

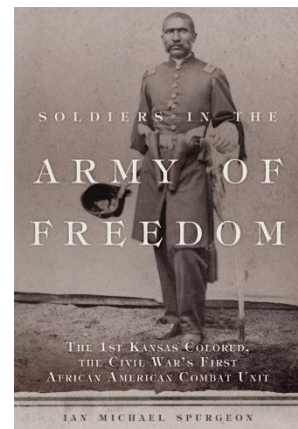
Social Hour - Cash Bar – 5:30p.m.

Dinner - 6:30p.m.

February Speaker

Ian Michael Spurgeon speaking about his book, *Soldiers in the Army of Freedom*

Dr. Ian Michael Spurgeon, military historian with the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, will be speaking about his latest book *Soldiers in the Army of Freedom: The 1st Kansas Colored, the Civil War's First African American Combat Unit*.



Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Please be sure **Susan Keipp** receives all reservations by **12 noon on Friday February 19, 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.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

One of my favorite things to do is visit Civil War battlefield sites. I think the best way to learn about a battle is to read about it first, in order to gain a general understanding of the battle, then visit the battlefield to understand the geography and troop movements, and finally read a more detailed account of the battle. By walking the battlefield, you can visualize what took place. You can also understand the importance of the battle by the monuments, tablets, and artillery pieces marking the battlefield.

What is your favorite Civil War battlefield to visit? My favorite battlefield to visit is Shiloh National Military Park, which is located in southwest Tennessee. Shiloh is one of the most well-preserved and marked battlefields of the Civil War. The Shiloh National Cemetery is a peaceful and beautiful place. An outstanding movie, shown at the visitor center, is titled: "Shiloh: Fiery Trial."

This year is the 154th anniversary of the Battle of Shiloh. The National Park Service is planning to have Living History Weekend demonstrations on April 2nd and 3rd. Battlefield hikes will be conducted on April 5th through April 8th. The hikes are going to be led by Civil War historians and National Park rangers. The hikes follow troop movements during the same time frames as occurred during the battle. I have gone on these battlefield hikes for five years. The hikes are a great way to learn about the battle and the men that fought there. One of the hikes begins at 5:00 am on April 6th and introduces visitors to the opening shots of the battle in Fraley Field. Another hike examines the Confederate attempt to surmount Dill Branch Ravine and threaten Grant's last line of defense on April 6, 1862.

A group of Shiloh "fans" started a website called the "Shiloh Discussion Group." This is a forum where people that are interested in Shiloh can discuss various aspects of the battle. Each November, Shiloh Discussion Group members go on battlefield hikes with Dr. Timothy B. Smith, former Park Ranger and now professor of history at the University of Tennessee Martin. His latest book titled: *Shiloh: Conquer or Perish* was published in 2014.

Corinth, Mississippi is located 22 miles southwest of Shiloh National Military Park. The Corinth Civil War Interpretive Center is also well worth visiting. During the siege and battle of Corinth, Union and Confederate troops constructed miles of earthworks guarding the approaches to Corinth. Many of the earthworks are still there.

After the weather improves this spring, I encourage you to visit a Civil War battlefield. Share your interest in the Civil War with a younger family member. Support the Civil War Trust, in order to help preserve Civil War battlefields for future generations. Thank you for being a member of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City.

-- Dave Pattison

Margaret Ann Webb

Civil War Round Table member, Margaret Ann Webb passed away on January 23, 2016. She was born in Kansas City MO, but grew up in Mayview MO and Concordia KS. Margaret earned a Bachelor's degree at Kansas State University and a Master's degree at Columbus College in Columbus GA. She taught English, reading, and journalism for 44 years. From 1981 until she retired in 1999, Margaret taught in the Turner School District. After retiring, she enjoyed spending time with friends, traveling, watching Indy car races, and researching and teaching genealogy. Margaret will be greatly missed by her family and friends, including the Round Table.

2016 Membership Renewal Reminder

Please submit your 2016 Civil War Round Table membership dues. The cost to renew your membership in the Round Table is \$30 for an individual or \$45 for a couple. You can fill out the attached membership renewal form and return it with payment to our assistant treasurer, Dennis Garstang. The Civil War Round Table member directory will be published in March.

Using PayPal to Pay for Dinner

The use of PayPal for making dinner reservations costs the Round Table \$1.08 per reservation. Therefore, beginning March 1, 2016, we will have to charge \$28 for dinner reservations made using PayPal. Thank you for your understanding.

Meet Our Speaker

Dr. Ian Michael Spurgeon is the author of *Soldiers in the Army of Freedom: The 1st Kansas Colored, the Civil War's First African American Combat Unit* and *Man of Douglas* and *Man of Lincoln: The Political Odyssey of James Henry Lane*. He holds a Ph.D. in history from the University of Southern Mississippi, and is currently a military historian with the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency in Washington, D.C.

The Sergeant Major's Book Auction

Arnold Schofield will auction two books at the meeting.

Army Life In A Black Regiment by Thomas W. Higginson; Time Life Reprint 1982 of 1870 Edition. 1st South Carolina Vol. Mint Condition.

Abraham Lincoln 1809-1858 (2 Vol's) by Albert J. Beveridge, Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston, Mass., 1928 1st Ed. Exc. Condition.

Dinner Menu

Lasagna: Italian sausage, ricotta, mozzarella and shredded Parmesan cheeses layered between pasta, covered with marinara sauce and mozzarella. Served with garlic bread and Italian green beans. 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 [2016 menu selections](#).

A Story from Darryl Levings

Our speaker last month, **Darryl Levings**, apologized for forgetting to tell us one of his favorite jokes during his presentation. Darryl said putting it in the newsletter could work fine, although it's better in the telling because of his fine Irish brogue.

"It seems that a few days after Second Bull Run, three Civil War foreign correspondents met in a fly-blown, Washington saloon to compare experiences. One was an Englishman from the London Times, another a Scot from the Edinburgh Express, and the third a fellow from the Dublin Sentinel.

"Well, the beer was poor stuff, but they ordered three glasses. The flies were crawling everywhere and one alighted in the foam of the Englishman's drink. 'Eww,' he says in his posh accent, and poured it out, with a bit of the brew, onto the sawdust of the floor.

"The Scot sees this and shrugs, then notices the same thing has happened to his drink. 'Ach,' he says, and carefully blows off the head of the brew, taking the insect with it.

"The Irishman looks aggrieved, but then, when his own beer is placed before him, wouldn't you know it? Again! There was a drowning fly. Grabbing the tiny creature by its wings, he shouts: 'Spit it out, ye little bastard, spit it out now!'"

Future Programs

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

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: **David G. Moore** will be speaking about Union General William S. Rosecrans. Mr. Moore's book titled: *William S. Rosecrans and the Union Victory* was published in 2014. He has spoken at several Civil War Round Tables and Civil War battlefields and museums.

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: Round Table member Arnold Schofield will present a program titled: "The Frontier Guard." Arnold's talk will be based on James P. Muehlberger's book: *The 116: The True Story of Abraham Lincoln's Lost Guard*. This book was published in December of 2015 and is the definitive account of the Frontier Guard who defended President Lincoln from a kidnapping and assassination plot in the opening days of the Civil War.

November 15, 2016: Paul Kahan will be speaking about Abraham Lincoln's Secretary of War, Simon Cameron. Mr. Kahan's book titled: *Amiable Scoundrel: Lincoln's Scandalous Secretary of War*, will be published in July of 2016.

December 20, 2016: speaker tbd

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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December Meeting Photos

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



Speaker Darryl Levings.



Dan Smith received the Steve Treaster Preservation Award.

Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield Dispatches No. 442
"King Mud"

Well now, with this recent cold weather it appears that "winter" has finally arrived. To date there has been very little snow, sleet, freezing rain or ice. However, the recent "rains" created a good bit of MUD until the ground became frozen. Just wait until it warms up a bit and there will be more MUD. Such was the case in the winter of 1863 when correspondent from the "Leavenworth Daily Conservative newspaper described his visit to Fort Scott

on February 28, 1863 which was published a week later on March 6, 1863.

From Fort Scott

A brief sojourn at this military post enables me to jot down a few notes that maybe of interest to some of your readers. In summer, when the trees are clothed with foliage and the earth a carpet of green and beautiful flowers, this may be a lovely spot for a home. Now "KING MUD" has possession of all things indoors as well as out, his bottomless majesty bidding defiance to all ordinary locomotion and neatness.

Shawnee Street [in Leavenworth City] is like a paved walk compared with these avenues. This was once a military post, but previous to the present war was sold by Buchanan's Administration to the town company -it sold for almost nothing- and now it is found necessary to re-purchase these buildings or to build and fortify others for government purposes.

A fine brick hotel, built by Mr. Dimon has just opened here. It is named in honor of our M.C., the "Wilder House" [and was located on the southwest corner of present Wall & main Streets]. It is not surpassed by any first class hotel in the state.

The city is built upon the south bank of the Marmaton [River], which has lately been bridged by the energy of Captain M. H. Insley. North of this creek and near the bridge the Colored Regiment is in camp. Col. J. M. Williams dispenses discipline to the officers and soldiers, all of whom say that he is their Colonel and no other man can command them. I attended a Dress parade of this regiment and am much gratified in being able to testify that for discipline and military bearing, this Black Battalion cannot and is not surpassed by anybody of men with the same experience.

Parts of the Wisconsin third, the Kansas Ninth and the Kansas Twelfth are stationed here in camp. Outside of these camps the Refugees have their tents.

Capt. M. H. Insley, in the Quartermaster's Department and Capt. R. W. Hammer, in the Commissary have proved themselves to be the right men in the right place. I do not believe that the business of any other military post in the country, where equal difficulties are to be contended with is managed with more economy and skill in these departments than is done here. They are untiring in their efforts to serve their country well and much of their success is doubtless owing to their wise selection of the best men for clerks and assistants. Each man has his own proper duties to perform and all move like machinery of the clock.

Both, too, show their good sense in selecting their employees from among their loyal friends and consequently Leavenworth is largely represented. [Not before the war, Capt. Insley lived and was business man in Leavenworth City]. Dr. J.B. Woodward, a surgeon of the Kansas 10th, is the Post Surgeon. He is highly spoken of by the soldiers and officers about the Fort and the patients in the hospital testifying to his tenderness and care. He is in a most responsible position and whoever fills it with skill and humanity, is emphatically the soldier's friend. There are 236 patients now here, a large proportion of whom are suffering severely from wounds received in battle.

The Post Carpenter informed me that in the last week he had finished twenty-five coffins, several of which were, however, for Union Refugees. I attended yesterday two funerals at the Military Burying Ground – one an employee of the government, the other a refugee from Arkansas – buried with Masonic Ceremony.

I subjoin [attach] a list of the several regiments represented in the hospital and the number from each.

Major Henning has command of the Post and is occasionally in chases after Livingston [a prominent Confederate guerrilla], who is yet at large.

Report of sick and wounded in the General Hospital at Fort Scott, Kansas, February 27, 1863.

Regiment	No.	Total	Regiment	No.	Total
Kansas	1	1	Ohio	2	1
Kansas	2	29	Indian	1	2
Kansas	5	1	Indian	2	6
Kansas	6	23	Indian	3	2
Kansas	9	10	Rabb's Battery		3
Kansas	10	28	Allen's Battery		6
Kansas	11	46	Blair's Battery		6
Kansas	12	7	Q M Dept		3
Kansas	13	42	Prisoners		1
Wisconsin	3	13	Colored	1	1
Wisconsin	9	4	Missouri	4	3
Wisconsin	20	2	Total		236

The offering of your citizens to the 'Union Refugees' here was very timely and very and very much needed. Many were ready to perish and hundreds have been made to rejoice that amid the desolation of war the poor are not altogether forgotten.

Yours,

Occasionally."

Now then as now, KING MUD was always periodically present throughout the winter and spring months 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 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).

- February 17, 2016--Jennifer Kerr will speak about the history of the Masonic College in Lexington and the part it played in the battle.
- March 16, 2016--Ralph Monaco will speak about Order #11 with details about some of the people directly involved.
- April 20, 2016--James Speicher will present "What it was like to be a Civil War soldier."

Beyond the above we are also scheduling the following:

- July 20, 2016--Laura Mielke, a professor at K.U., who will talk about antebellum and Civil War plays.
- September 21, 2016--Mary Ellen McVicker, a historian from Boonville, will speak about George Caleb Bingham, covering both his life and his art.
- December 21, 2016--We will once again enjoy the music of Dave Para and Cathy Barton for our Christmas dinner.

The other dates will be filled in later.

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

March 8 Meeting: Historian Sam Gill will talk about "Ishi, the last Native American.". The Westerners meet 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.

More Photos from December's Meeting



Col. James M. Williams, 1st Kansas Colored Infantry.



A two-gun sections from the Independent Battery, U.S. Colored Light Artillery, formed at Fort Leavenworth in 1864. Commanded by Captain H. Ford Douglas, the complete unit also was known as Douglas's Battery. One section from this battery, Lt. Patrick H. Minor commanding, fought during the Battle of Westport on October 22-23, 1864.

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