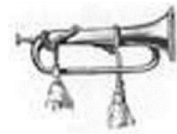




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Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City



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## 478<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, March 22, 2016**

**Sunset Ballroom, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Holiday Inn**

8787 Reeder Rd., Overland Park, KS 66214

Social Hour - Cash Bar – 5:30p.m.

Dinner - 6:30p.m.

## March Speaker

**Col. James “Spike” Speicher will speak about the  
Confederate submarine, *H. L. Hunley*.**

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. Col. Speicher will recount the fascinating and tragic stories of the historic vessel and the lost souls who served her.



### Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Please be sure **Susan Keipp** receives all reservations by **12 noon on Friday March 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 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](mailto:skeipp@kc.rr.com).

## A Message from Your President

One of the most beautiful and historic towns in America is Harpers Ferry, WV. Harpers Ferry is located at the confluence of the Potomac River and the Shenandoah River. It is surrounded by Maryland Heights, Loudon Heights, and Bolivar Heights. If you have not been to Harpers Ferry, I highly recommend going there. You can park at the National Park Visitor Center and take a shuttle bus to the lower town. Touring the lower town is like going back in time to the 1850's.

The Appalachian Trail passes right through Harpers Ferry. Hiking trails lead to the top of Maryland Heights and Loudon Heights for beautiful views of Harpers Ferry and the surrounding area.

Harpers Ferry changed hands several times during the Civil War. You can visit the engine house, where John Brown and his raiders were captured during their ill-fated raid in October of 1859. You can also tour Bolivar Heights, which is where the Union Army surrendered 12,693 men to Confederate General Stonewall Jackson's troops prior to the Battle of Antietam.

Civil War Round Table member **Arnold Schofield** served a tour of duty in the National Park Service at the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. I met Arnold during the John Brown Symposium in October of 2009, which was the 150th anniversary of John Brown's raid. On the evening of October 16, 2009, Dennis Frye, Chief Historian at Harpers Ferry National Historic Park, led a group of 300 people on a 5-mile hike, starting at the Kennedy Farmhouse in Maryland and ending at the engine house in Harpers Ferry. We followed a horse-drawn wagon and hiked during a light rain, which added a sense of realism to the event. Periodically, Dennis Frye would stop and ask us to imagine what John Brown and his men were thinking as they walked slowly toward their ultimate fate. Those men were going to war. That was a night that I will always remember.

Thank you for supporting the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City and sharing your love of history with us.

-- Dave Pattison

## 2016 Membership Renewal Reminder

**Please renew your CWRT membership, in order to be included in the 2016 membership roster. 2016 CWRT membership dues are delinquent if not paid by March 31, 2016.**

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. The website now reflects this change. Thank you for your understanding.

## Meet Our Speaker

**James L. "Spike" Speicher** graduated from The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina in 1968 and entered active duty with the U.S. Army as a Second Lieutenant. He was an Army Green Beret, a Professor of Military Science and a Department Director at the Army's Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth. He retired in January 2001 as a colonel. In September 2004, he became the first Supervisory Intelligence Analyst for the Kansas City Division of the FBI, retiring from that position in January of 2013.

Spike has been a student of the War Between the States since he was about ten. He has been a Confederate reenactor since he was 13 and is currently a member of the 3rd Battery Missouri Light Artillery, CSA. He is a Life Member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, where he is the commander of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 in Johnson County, Kansas.

He is a past president of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City, chaplain for the Monticello Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, and a member of the Special Forces Association.

Spike has had numerous articles published in nationally circulated Civil War magazines. His first book, *The Sumter Flying Artillery: A Civil War History of the Eleventh Battalion Georgia Light Artillery*, was released by Pelican Publishing Company in October of 2009.

## The Sergeant Major's Book Auction

Arnold Schofield will auction three books at the meeting.

*Confederate Women* by Bell I. Wiley, 1975 / 1995 Edition, Barnes & Noble Books, Mint Condition with dust jacket.

*Reminiscences of the Women of Mo. During the Sixties*, compiled & Pub. By Mo. Div. UDC, 1988 Printing by Morningside Press, Dayton, Ohio; Mint condition.

*Reveille in Washington 1860-1865* by Margaret Leech, Harper Brothers, N.Y., 1941, 1st Ed. Exc. Cond. With dust jacket.

## Dinner Menu

**Classic Crock Pot Roast:** Slow-roasted beef with carrots, onions, and celery. Served with roasted new potatoes and special house gravy. 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](#).

## Future Programs

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

**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:** Dick Titterington has proposed that Dan Smith give a program on Edward F. Winslow, 4th Iowa Cavalry, who had operational command of Federal forces at Byram's Ford during the Battle of Westport. Dick has been editing the unpublished Civil War memoirs of Edward F. Winslow and is planning to publish the book sometime this year. Dan is going to write the foreword and has done quite a bit of research on the life of Winslow. Winslow is a fascinating individual. The talk would not be a story of battles, but rather a story of Winslow the man, kind of a Horatio Alger story. Dick would sell copies of his book at the meeting. Proceeds from the book sales would go to the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund.

## "We Remember"

In 1996, The Civil War round Table of Kansas City published *We Remember*, a biographical project about ancestors of round table members. The book contained brief stories of individuals who fought in or were associated with the Civil War, submitted by descendants who were CWRT members at that time. Is there any interest in doing another volume containing the ancestors of current members (possibly as a project in 2017)? Please share your thoughts with any Roundtable Board member.

## February Meeting Photos

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



Arnold Schofield speaking about the "Badger Boys on the Border."



## 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. 445  
"Adapt & Improve"

During the Civil War or for that matter in any war unexpected situations often develop that are not standard operations or for which soldiers have been trained to respond to. When this occurs, the creativity of those involved usually responds to the situation and whatever the problem is normally solved. Here are four situations described in Captain Charles W. Porter's Civil War Journal that required creative solutions to solve critical problems. At that time Captain Porter's Company F of the 3rd Wisconsin Cavalry was on an expedition into enemy territory in northern Arkansas in the winter of 1862 and the spring of 1863.

## An Alternative Means of Transportation

December 31, 1862, On the March

Fred A. Copeland of our Company lost his horse and was obliged to appropriate a "DONKEY" for his use. The only way he could keep the lazy beast up with the Company was to put an ear of corn on the end of a cane stalk and hold it in front of the animal, when he would hasten to overtake it. The boys gave Fred the name of "Barlarn", a name he did not fancy and in order to get rid of the accursed name he disposed of the beast on arriving at Camp!

## Removing Refugees

January 10, 1863, Elm Springs, Arkansas

A large train with REFUGEES and a large number of Negroes left camp this morning for Fort Scott, Kansas. Men, Women and Children White and Black made up the freight of the train.

Note: Civilian refugees were a constant problem for both sides during the Civil War, especially in a combat zone. Therefore, in this situation, they were loaded into empty supply wagons that formed an escorted refugee wagon train that traveled more than 125 miles returning to Fort Scott which had become a safe haven for refugees away from the combat zones of war.

## Descending a Steep Bluff

March 21, 1863, In the Field

This morning I was detailed to take command of 41 men as an Escort to a Forage Train [Note: Empty wagons used to gather hay or corn]. We took an early start and soon commenced ascending a mountain country what is called the Ozark Range. We kept on this elevated land during the day without a farm to gladden our eyes or a possibility of

getting down in the valleys. We resolved to make the descent at sunset. SO WE TOOK THE TEAMS FROM THE WAGONS AND LET THE WAGONS DOWN THE PRECIPICE WITH ROPES, soon after we crossed the James River.

## Crossing a River

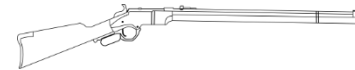
March 27 & 28, 1863, On the March

Early this morning our command was moving towards Forsythe, [Mo.], our course was down the [White River]. Marched 6 miles and camped. We CONSTRUCTED a FERRY on the river to ferry wagons and other property over. Commenced ferrying this afternoon. The day was cloudy and chilly indicating rain soon.

The FERRY was kept in active operation DURING the NIGHT transporting Commissary Stores across the river and the ferrying continued during the day. I was an idle spectator to the labor this forenoon. This afternoon our company baggage was all ferried over and we swam our horses over the rapid current at 4 o'clock P. M. and camped near the crossing.

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Now then, all of these creative solutions solved problems not addressed in any manual or by any training and attest to the ability of Union soldiers to adapt and improvise when necessary to accomplish their mission and of Course the War went On!



## Events around Town

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

## Celebration of Blue River: History Day

**Friday, April 8, 2016, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

### Battle of Westport Museum and Byram's Ford

The Kansas City Water Services Department and the Army Corps of Engineers are sponsoring a month long celebration of the Big Blue River. They have been working for 40 years to mitigate flooding along the Big Blue River.

As part of this celebration, the Monnett Battle of Westport is holding a "History Day" at the Battle of Westport Museum and down at Byram's Ford on the Big Blue Battlefield.

At the museum we will be holding a series of short presentations about the history of the Big Blue River.

- Saturday, October 22, 1864: Attack at Byram's Ford
- Sunday, October 23, 1864: Attack at Byram's Ford
- Sunday, October 23, 1864: Price's Wagon Train and McNeil's Attack near Russell's Ford

Although not confirmed yet, we hope to have someone who can talk about the Santa Fe Trail crossings on the Big Blue River.

Throughout the day, we will be conducting tours of the battlefield down near Byram's Ford on the Big Blue River.

### 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).

- 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

**April 12 Meeting:** Mark Kelly will talk about "The Tale of Jedediah Smith's Death - Fact or Fabrication." 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.



Replica of the *H. L. Hunley* at Pier November in Charleston, SC in 1968.

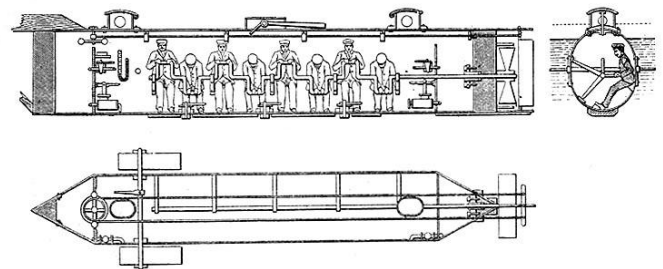


Fig. 175 à 177. — Le *David* de Hunley reconstitué d'après les dessins de M. William-A. Alexander (1863).

Cutaway drawings of the *H. L. Hunley* published in France, based on sketches by William A. Alexander, who directed her construction.



The Confederate submarine *H. L. Hunley* sits in a conservation tank at a conservation lab in North Charleston, S.C.





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