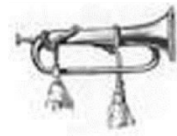




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483rd Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 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.

August Speaker

Bill Quatman will present a program on his book titled, “A Young General and the Fall of Richmond: The Life and Career of Godfrey Weitzel”

“G. William Quatman has written a superbly detailed study of [Weitzel’s] life and Civil War service. The book is deeply researched, well illustrated with maps, and provides an interesting and compelling story of Weitzel’s life and services.” —Blue & Gray



Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Please be sure **Susan Keipp** receives all reservations by **12 noon on Friday August 19, 2016** 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.

A Message from Your President

When we moved into our current house in 2008, my wife decided to decorate our kitchen and sunroom using metal signs. Some of the signs are humorous or motivational such as: "The smartest thing a man ever said: Yes dear." Several of the signs are religious in nature. However, there is one sign that I see every day and pay attention to. It reads: "**Every day is a gift.**"

After I retired, one of the hobbies that I got interested in is genealogy. I have learned a great deal about our family history. The one thing that really hits me is how fortunate we all are to be here. If either of my great-grandfathers who served in the Civil War had been killed or died of disease, I wouldn't be here. If my grandfather had died of typhoid fever in 1900, I wouldn't be here. If my dad, who served in the Navy in the Aleutian Islands during World War II had been killed, I wouldn't be here. Every member of the Civil War Round Table probably has similar examples.

Mike Calvert, the president of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri (<http://www.CWRTWM.org>) wrote an excellent article in the August edition of their newsletter, *The Border Star*. Mike wrote about the impact of wars on our society: the loss of loved ones, the children not born, the inventions not invented, the cures not discovered. He estimated that if one million people died during the Civil War, there could be five million people who do not exist today.

We need to keep in mind that every day is a gift. We need to be thankful for the opportunities and blessings that we have in life. Life is fragile. We need to take advantage of the time that we have remaining. Cherish your loved ones. Help others. Leave a positive legacy.

Thank you for being a member of the Round Table.

-- Dave Pattison

Meet Our Speaker

Bill Quatman is a licensed architect, an attorney, and now a published author of a new Civil War biography titled *A Young General and the Fall of Richmond*. Bill is Senior Vice President and General Counsel at Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America, as well as the Missouri Architect of the Year. He gave a similar talk to the CWRT back in Feb. 2009 while still working on his book, so this may be familiar to those who attended. Bill gave this talk at the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond on April 3, 2015, which was 150 years to the day that General Weitzel entered Richmond and made his residence at the former Confederate White House. C-Span filmed Bill's talk, so if you like what you hear tonight, you can see it again on C-Span. Bill's book was published by Ohio University Press and he will have copies for sale after the talk.



Bill Quatman on a book tour last year in Richmond, Virginia, where Chief Hall of Famer Willie Lanier came to hear Bill's talk at the Museum of the Confederacy, then bought two copies of the book and had Bill autograph them. Bill told his wife, "Get a picture of this ... Willie Lanier is asking for MY autograph!"

The Sergeant Major's Book Auction

Arnold Schofield will auction three books at the meeting.

- *The Devil Knows How to Ride: The True Story of William Clark Quantrill & His Confederate Raiders*. Edward E. Leslie, Random House, New York, 1996; 1st Ed., DJ, Exc. Condition.
- *A True Story of Chas. W. Quantrill & his Guerrilla Band*. J. P. Burch, Vega, Texas; 1923. 1st Ed., Excellent Condition. Scarce & Very Rare.
- and a book donated by Don Bates ...

Don Bates's Book Auction

Don Bates has graciously agreed to donate one of the books from his collection of Civil War books to be auctioned off at the meeting by Arnold Schofield. This month's selection ...

- *Bloody Hill-The Battle of Wilson's Creek* by William Riley Brookshire. Published by Brassey's, Washington & London 1995. Mint with Mylar D.J.

We Remember

The Civil War Round Table of Kansas City will be publishing a book titled: *We Remember* in early 2017. It will be a collection of articles written by members of the Round Table regarding our Civil War ancestors. We encourage everyone who is interested to participate. Harriet Duff and Sandy Ackerson have volunteered to head up this project. An organizational meeting will be held at the home of Harriet and Sandy at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 29th. Anyone who is interested in serving on this committee is welcome to attend. Harriet wants to remind everyone this will be a "working" committee and will involve time and commitment from all members to fulfill tasks. If the committee is too large it will be more unwieldy than useful. Please contact Harriet (hfduff@gmail.com) to let her know if you are planning to attend.

Executive Committee Meeting

There will be an Executive Committee meeting of the Civil War Round Table at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 15th. The meeting will be held at Don Bates' office located at Reece Nichols, 7600 State Line Road, Prairie Village KS.

April 2017 Bus Tour

Phil Baker is planning a Civil War Round Table bus trip to Fort Leavenworth KS for April of 2017. Fort Leavenworth was built in 1827 and is the oldest active U.S. Army post west of Washington D.C. The bus trip will include a tour of the U.S. Army base and lunch in the cafeteria. More information regarding the bus trip will be presented in the coming months.

Executive Committee Officers Wanted

The Civil War Round Table of Kansas City is looking to fill the following positions beginning January 1, 2017: Second Vice President, Border Bugle Editor, and Historian. If you are a member of the Round Table and are interested in serving on the Executive Committee, please let us know. You do not have to be an expert in Civil War history in order to serve on the committee.

Dinner Menu

Country Fried Chicken: Hand breaded chicken breast seasoned to perfection. Served with parsley buttered potatoes 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 [2016 menu selections](#).

Future Programs

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

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: **J. Y. Miller** of Glasgow MO will give a program about the Battle of Glasgow MO, which was fought on October 15, 1864 as part of Confederate General Sterling Price's Missouri Expedition. Glasgow MO was occupied by Confederate forces from October 15-18, 1864.

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: **Dr. Ian Michael Spurgeon** has been rescheduled to speak about the 1st Kansas Colored Infantry. Mr. Spurgeon's new book is titled: *Soldiers in the Army of Freedom*. Mr. Spurgeon lives in Washington D.C.

2017 Speaker Schedule

January 24, 2017: Round Table member **Arnold Schofield** will give 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.

February 28, 2017: Civil War Round Table member **Dan Smith** will give a program on Edward F. Winslow, who led the 4th Iowa Cavalry brigade at the Battle of Westport. Dick Titterington has edited the unpublished Civil War memoirs of Edward F. Winslow and is planning to publish the book sometime in 2016. Dan wrote the foreword for the book 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.

March 28, 2017: John Liepa, sports editor from Des Moines IA, will be giving a program about baseball in the Civil War.

April 25, 2017: Round Table member **Lane Smith** will give a first person presentation on Confederate General Robert E. Lee.

May 23, 2017: Dr. Justin S. Solonick will be discussing his book titled: Engineering Victory, The Union Siege of Vicksburg. This book was published in April of 2015 and deals with the implements and tactics that Grant's soldiers used to achieve victory. Mr. Solonick is a former adjunct instructor in the Department of History and Geography at Texas Christian University.

June 27, 2017: Dr. Timothy B. Smith will be speaking about his latest book titled: Shiloh, Conquer or Perish, that was published in 2015. Dr. Smith is a former National Park Service Ranger at Shiloh and currently teaches history at the University of Tennessee at Martin. He has written numerous books on the Civil War.

July 25, 2017: Rev. George C. Wunderlich, Assistant Director for Human Formation at Mount St.Mary's Seminary, will be speaking about the U. S. Army Medical Corps. Rev. Wunderlich previously served as Executive Director of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick MD.

August 22, 2017: Rich Gillespie will be speaking about Confederate cavalry officer John S. Mosby and the Mosby Heritage Foundation. Colonel Mosby was known as the "Grey Ghost" and commanded the 43rd Battalion, 1st Virginia Cavalry. This unit became known as "Mosby's Rangers" or "Mosby's Raiders."

September 26, 2017: John Michael Priest will be speaking about the Battle of South Mountain, which was the prelude to Antietam. Mr. Priest is a Civil War historian/author and a tour guide at Antietam National Battlefield.

October 24, 2017: Dr. Kyle S. Sinisi, Professor of History at The Citadel, will be speaking about his book titled: The Last Hurrah, Sterling Price's Missouri Expedition of 1864 that was published in July of 2015.

November 28, 2017: Dr. John T. Kuehn, the William A. Stofft, Chair of Historical Research at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, will be speaking about Gideon Welles, Gus Fox, and the U. S. Naval Blockade.

December 19, 2017: Speaker to be determined. **Dan Smith** will contact **Eric Wittenberg** about speaking about the Battle of Brandy Station.

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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July Meeting Photos

[Link to an archive of Prior Meetings for more photos](#)



Our July speaker, Bob Walz delivered a talk entitled "Railroads during the Civil War"

Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield Dispatches No. 450 A Lady's Dangerous Occupation

During the Civil War women as well as men were employed by both sides as civilian scouts and spies. This was done because they could travel more freely, arouse little suspicion and the fact was that they often were more familiar with the roads and countryside through which they traveled than any of the local soldiers. The following report was submitted by a 'Union' scout by the name of "Miss Kate Smith" who conducted various missions in southwest Missouri in late 1864. This report is located in Record Group #110, Records of the Provost's Marshal's Office, Entry 36, Box 5 in the National Archives in Washington, D. C.

To: Brigadier General E. B. Brown,
Rolla, Missouri
Jefferson City, Mo.
January 20, 1865.
General:

I have received these vouchers [enclosed] from Captain Case, but there is nothing said about the voucher for the twenty five (\$25) Dollars promised and the night I went out for you with Captain Ames. When I spoke to you about it, you told me that you would have it attended to and that is the last I ever heard of it.

General, was it the understanding that I was to pay my own expenses while employed by you! The six dollars paid to me by your order was taken out of my wages when the vouchers were made out. That of course was all right and you gave me ten dollars at Brownsville while I expected to pay you back to you, but from that time until I returned my traveling expenses were \$102.55 cents. My transportation from Cassville to Springfield to Jefferson City was twenty eight dollars and eighty cents (\$28.80) and the board at the different places I was at was seventy three dollars and seventy five cents (\$73.75) making the sum total of \$102.55. Now, General; what I want to know is this, Must I lose all that I receive and more besides? I left a Carpet Sack with General Sanborn with Twenty Dollars' worth of clothing which was lost during the Campaign. I could not carry it further than Cook's Store and had to leave it while I went forward with (carrying) dispatches.

I supposed that I was to receive a Scout's Pay, but I see I DO NOT RECEIVE HALF as much as the other Scouts! General Sanborn paid me Five Dollars a day for the time I was on his roll. General blunt offered me Ten Dollars per day as long as I would belong to his Department, but I did not know what to do about my affairs here so I declined the offer. He and General Curtis received dispatches from me three different times while I was a prisoner and said that it was worth what they offered me to go with them.

By going last fall with the Army, I AM NOT SAFE ANY MORE AT HOME and dare not remain there. Already there have been measures taken to ENTRAP me which I have avoided as yet, but do not know how long I may be able to [escape]. If you think you can do anything for my case please write and let me know for I must do something soon and that to go where I will be sure of Military Protection.

I remain,
Your Obedient Servant,
Katie Smith,
Jefferson City, Missouri."

Now then, this report was a combination of many things. To begin with Scout Smith was asking for travel expenses that were normally paid to a scout over and above his or her daily or monthly salary. In addition to this she was making a statement bringing into consideration the fact that for this period of time she was only being paid half of what her male counterpart scouts received in salary! It is not known if Scout Smith ever received the requested travel expenses which she was due or that she ever received equal pay, but one thing is certain and that was the War Went On!

Events around Town

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

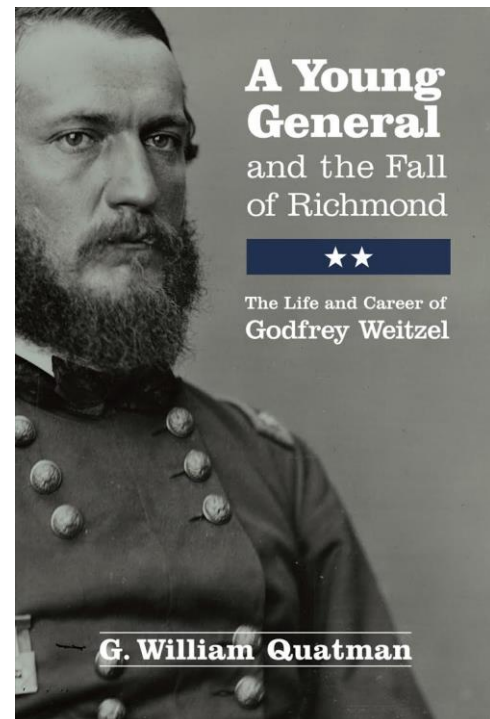
Meets every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Perkins Restaurant, 3939 S. Bolger Drive, Independence, MO (across from Walmart).

Upcoming meetings:

- 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.

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

On Sept. 13 **Jim Beckner** will give a talk on the Younger brothers. 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.





President Abraham Lincoln riding through Richmond, Virginia on April 4, 1865.

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