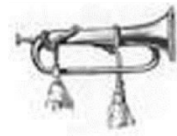




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484th Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 27, 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.

September Speaker

**Kevin Weddle will present a program on his book titled,
*Lincoln's Tragic Admiral: the Life of Samuel Francis Du Pont***

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*.



Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

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

The Executive Committee of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City is pleased to announce that **Sergeant Major Arnold Schofield** will be presented the Valiant Service Award at our dinner meeting on Tuesday night, September 27, 2016.

The Valiant Service Award was established in 1983. The criteria for the presentation of this award is as follows:

1. Recipient must be a long-term member of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City.
2. Recipient must have made a substantial contribution in terms of time, effort, and talent to the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City or to the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund, Inc.
3. Recipient must have served as an officer of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City or of the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund, Inc.
4. The Award cannot be given on more than one occasion each year, but may be given at a longer time interval. It can be presented to more than one recipient on each occasion.

We would like to honor Arnold for the outstanding work that he has done for the Round Table including:

- Serving as president of the Round Table in 2003 and currently serving as preservation director.
- Providing outstanding leadership while serving on the Executive Committee.
- Helping to preserve the Mine Creek Battlefield site. Arnold received the Steve Treaster Civil War Preservation Award in 2012.
- Raising money for the Round Table through the silent auction and live auction book sales.
- Being a regular speaker at our dinner meetings.
- Helping to schedule speakers and programs for our dinner meetings.
- Writing articles titled: "Sergeant Major's Roar" for our monthly newsletter, the *Border Bugle*.
- Planning the bus trip to Mine Creek Battlefield and Fort Scott KS in October of 2015 and serving as our tour guide.
- Helping to promote interest in the Civil War and the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City by speaking at other venues throughout Kansas and Missouri.

Arnold joined the Round Table in the late 1980's. He began attending our dinner meetings with his friend, Dudley Taylor Cornish, who was a professor of history at Pittsburgh State University and author of *The Sable Arm: Black Troops in the Union Army, 1861-1865*. Mr. Cornish passed away in 1999.

Arnold said the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City is a special group and the best Round Table that he has belonged to. He said we are a "cosmopolitan" Round Table. Because our Round Table is located on the border between Kansas and Missouri, Arnold said we welcome speakers representing both sides of the Civil War.

We are truly blessed to have Arnold Schofield as a member of our Round Table. Please join me in congratulating Arnold for receiving the Valiant Service Award.

-- Dave Pattison

Important Notice

Please note that we are no longer able to accept late reservations for our monthly dinner meetings. Reservations for this month's meeting must be e-mailed or telephoned to our treasurer, Susan Keipp, by 12:00 noon on Friday, September 23, 2016. So as not to be disappointed, please get your reservations to Susan prior to the deadline. Susan said she can accept payment at the dinner meeting.

Meet Our Speaker

Colonel (Retired) Kevin J. Weddle, Ph.D. is Professor of Military Theory and Strategy at the US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. He is a native Minnesotan, graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, and served 29 years as a combat engineer officer. Throughout his career he worked in a variety of command and staff positions in the United States and overseas and he is a veteran of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Colonel Weddle's assignments included service as a platoon leader, assistant battalion operations officer, company executive officer, company commander and tours of duty at West Point, Germany, the Defense Intelligence Agency, and the Pentagon. He also served as operations officer for the 555th Combat Engineer Group, battalion commander of the 299th Engineer Battalion, 4th Infantry Division, and was selected for brigade command before joining the US Army War College faculty. At the War College he was the director of the Advanced Strategic Art Program, served as the Deputy Dean of Academics, and held the General Maxwell D. Taylor Chair in the Profession of Arms. He has also earned the Army War College's Excellence-in-Teaching Award.

He has led numerous military and civilian groups to battlefields in the United States, Europe, and the Mediterranean, including Gettysburg, Antietam, Grant's Overland Campaign, Vicksburg, Saratoga, Normandy, Dunkirk, Ypres, Agincourt, Waterloo, the Somme, Gallipoli, Sicily, and Anzio.

Colonel Weddle holds masters degrees in history and civil engineering from the University of Minnesota and a Ph.D. in history from Princeton University. He has

written numerous articles for popular and scholarly journals and his first book, *Lincoln's Tragic Admiral: The Life of Samuel Francis Du Pont* (University of Virginia Press, 2005), won the 2006 William E. Colby Award and the Army War College's faculty writing award, and was runner up in the Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt Naval History Prize competition. He is currently writing a strategic history of the Saratoga campaign for the Oxford University Press. He is also a licensed professional engineer.

He is married to the former Jean Buechner of St. Paul, Minnesota and they have one daughter, Anne.

The Sergeant Major's Book Auction

Arnold Schofield will auction three books at the meeting.

- *Antietam: the Battle that Changed the Course of the Civil War*. James M. McPherson, Oxford Press, 2002, DJ, Mint Cond.
- *General Stephen D. Lee*. Herman Hattaway, Miss. Univ. Press, 1976, DJ, Signed 1st Ed. Mint Condition.
- 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 ...

- *The Shipwreck of Their Hopes: The Battles for Chattanooga* by Peter Cozzens, University of Illinois Press. Excellent condition with Mylar wrapped Dust Jacket.

We Remember, Again

The Civil War Round Table of Kansas City is soliciting articles for the book titled: *We Remember, Again* to be published in 2017. It will be a collection of articles about the Civil War ancestors of current members of the Round Table. It will be the second volume published to celebrate and memorialize the heritage that is personal for each member. This will be a limited edition publication to share with family and friends. See attached submission criteria. Members that are interested in participating in this project need to e-mail the articles on their Civil War ancestors to Harriet Duff (hfduff@gmail.com) no later than March 1, 2017.

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. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss financial results, select officers for next year, and determine future programs and speakers.

Save the Date: April 2017 Bus Tour

Phil Baker is planning a Civil War Round Table bus trip to Fort Leavenworth KS for Saturday, April 22, 2017. Fort Leavenworth was built in 1827 and is the oldest active U.S. Army base west of Washington D.C. Phil has already reserved the bus and is working on the itinerary for our trip. Phil will make sure that we have security clearance and will serve as our tour guide. It should be a very interesting field trip. The proposed itinerary is as follows:

- 8:00 Depart Johnson County Community College on tour bus.
- 9:00 Arrive at Ft. Leavenworth.
- 9:00-12:00 Bus/Walking tour of Ft. Leavenworth.
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch at soldier Dining Facility on Ft. Leavenworth.
- 1:00-2:30 Continue tour of Ft. Leavenworth.
- 2:30 Depart Ft. Leavenworth enroute to Johnson County Community College.
- 3:30 Return to Johnson County Community College.

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

Chicken Da La Cruz: Lightly breaded tender, boneless breast of chicken, sautéed and topped with our own rose sauce. Served over a bed of long grain wild rice and 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 [2016 menu selections](#).

Future Programs

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

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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Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield Dispatches No. 452 Horses, Horses & more Horses

During the Civil War it is estimated that more than 2 million horses and mules were used, worn out in public service and or were killed. Like many very large or huge statistics it is very hard to visualize this number. It is the smaller numbers of say less than one hundred that are easier to relate to. The following letter from Captain J. D. Walker of the 11th Kansas Vol. Cavalry to his wife describes the severe losses of the horses from his company during and after the pursuit of General Price's Confederate forces in Missouri, Arkansas and the Indian Nation (present Oklahoma) in the late fall of 1864.

Paola, Kansas
December 13, 1864

Dear Kate,

We have just returned from our trip South and the latest letter I have from you is about a month ago. I wrote you at Fort Scott on our way down and at Fort Gibson on our way up [to Ft. Scott] but you may not receive them for a considerable length of time. We had a pretty hard trip of it on the men and an extremely hard one on our horses. We lost more than half of them from nothing else but starvation.

I had as good horses as ever a Kansas regiment was mounted with & out of 75 that I started from fort Scott with, I returned with (30) thirty and twenty of them were harnessed to the guns [cannon]. The rest were driven before the men or lead by them, a gay outfit. We came back with, but we had a campaign of two months and one day. And traveled almost every day and over a month of that time we were almost entirely without feed except what grass they could get while we were in camp at night.

We followed Price down through Missouri and Arkansas through all our old battle grounds of Prairie Grove, Cane hill, and Fort Smith. We camped one night on the battleground of Prairie Grove and the next day traveled through Cane Hill and from there down through the Cherokee Nation to the crossing of the Arkansas River and stopped there between Fort Smith and Fort Gibson. From there we went down the river to Fort Smith. We stayed there about ten days starving our horses and then started up to Fort Gibson. A route on which there was no feed to be had on. At last we got back with from 14 to 35 horses to the company. We lost more on account of having to haul our howitzers (small cannon) with horses that should not have had anything more to do than to carry the saddles. I did not ride ten miles on the route from Fort Smith to Fort Scott, but lead a horse through that was just able to carry my saddle and blankets. The last part of the route I was afraid to get on him to ride across a stream.

Kate, I know that before now you are in the need of money, but I have not been paid for nearly six months. I want to see Morton as soon as I can and if he has been paid, I will get some from him and send it to you. Write and let me know just how you are getting along. If I have a chance to get it to the river or the railroad at Lawrence before winter is over I will send you some blankets and other things that would be of use to you if you had them.

I would like to go to see you or have you to come here for a short time at least, but I am going to be very busy for some time. As being two months away has put us behind with all our reports so that we will have to work to get things straight again.

Give My Love to All and

Kiss the children for me.

I got two letters from you when I got here.

Your Husband,

J. D. Walker

Now then, the high attrition rate of lost horses in Captain Walker's Company was common in both the Union and Confederate cavalry throughout the Civil War.

Eventually, the lost horses were replaced with new ones many of whom would be worn out in public service or killed and of course the War Went On!

August Meeting Photos

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



Our August speaker, Bill Quatman delivered a talk entitled "A Young General and the Fall of Richmond: The Life and Career of Godfrey Weitzel"

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:

- 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 Oct. 11 **Dr. Jeff Broome** will speak about "Incidents from Cheyenne War: Indian Raids on the Roads to Denver, 1864-1869." He is an author and historian. He currently teaches philosophy at Arapahoe Community College in Colorado. 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.



Midshipman Samuel Francis DuPont



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