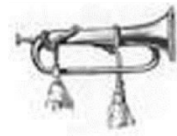




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485th Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

Sunset Ballroom, 8th Floor, Holiday Inn

8787 Reeder Rd., Overland Park, KS 66214

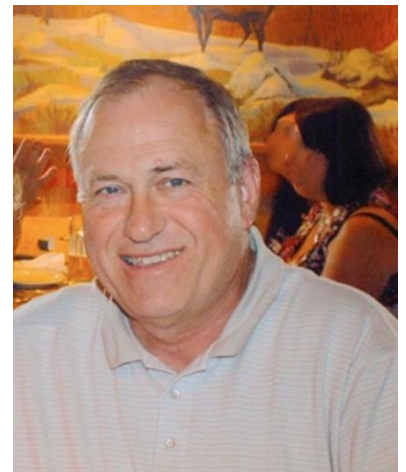
Social Hour - Cash Bar - 5:30p.m.

Dinner - 6:30p.m.

October Speaker

**J. Y. Miller will present a program about the October 15,
1864 Battle of Glasgow.**

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.



Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Please be sure **Susan Keipp** receives all reservations by **12 noon on Friday October 21, 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

We need you! We need you to renew your membership in the Civil War Round Table for 2017. Now is a great time to be a member of the Round Table. We have a great list of programs scheduled for next year:

- Seven of our speakers will be coming in from out of town and will cover subjects such as baseball in the Civil War; the battles of Shiloh, Vicksburg, and South Mountain; the U. S. Army Medical Corps; and Confederate officers Sterling Price and John Mosby.
- Three of our speakers are members of the Round Table, including Arnold Schofield, Dan Smith, and Lane Smith.
- One of our speakers is from the U. S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, who will be speaking about the U. S. Naval blockade.

Thanks to Phil Baker, we will be going on an interesting field trip to Fort Leavenworth on April 22, 2017. We will also be publishing a book about our Civil War ancestors, titled: "We remember Again." Harriet Duff is heading up that effort. Chip Buckner will begin his term as president of the Round Table in 2017 and he will do a great job of leading us. Ron Basel will provide support to Chip as first vice-president.

We currently have a total of 110 members in our Round Table. Most of us attend the dinner meetings to hear an interesting program and to see other members of the Round Table. It is also fun to meet new people, including the speakers. I encourage you to ask your friends, neighbors, and associates that are interested in the Civil War, to attend one of our dinner meetings and join the Round Table. It is a great way to learn more about the Civil War.

From a financial standpoint, the money that we charge for the dinner meetings goes to pay for the room rental and the cost of the meals. However, the membership dues go to pay for the travel costs for our speakers coming in from out of town, as well as our administrative costs. Your support of the Round Table keeps our organization going. Thank you for being a member of the Round Table!

-- Dave Pattison

Remembering Diane Hinshaw

Diane Hinshaw, a former member of the Round Table, passed away on September 17, 2016. Diane lived in Overland Park KS and was 82 years old. She was buried at Highland Cemetery in Junction City KS. Diane will be missed by members of the Round Table.

Meet Our Speaker

J. Y. Miller was born and raised in Armstrong, Missouri. He is married to Mary Elsie Henderson and resides in Glasgow, Missouri. He is a graduate of Central

Methodist College (now University) in Fayette, Missouri. J. Y. began a teaching career in Warrenton in 1966. In 1969 he was drafted into the U.S. Army. J.Y. received a military commission after attending Infantry OCS. He was commissioned in the U. S. Army Signal Corps. J. Y. continued in the reserves after serving on active duty and left the Army as a Major.

After leaving active duty, J. Y. worked as a manager for Ryder Truck Leasing and Rental in New Orleans and Shreveport, LA. J. Y. then returned to Missouri and taught in Caruthersville, MO for 27 years. After retirement from the public school system J.Y. and Mary moved to Glasgow, where they began a second teaching career at St. Mary School. After 12 years there, J. Y. retired again, with 45 years of teaching experience.

J. Y. is active in the Knights of Columbus on the state and local level, having served as State Treasurer and District Deputy and in his own councils as Grand Knight and Financial Secretary. J.Y. is a life member of Lions Club International.

J.Y. is the Adjutant of American Legion Post 211 in Glasgow and a member of the Post Funeral Honors Team. J.Y. is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and a three time President of his Chapter. He previously served as Chapter Secretary and is currently the State Auditor and the State Chairman of the SAR History Teacher Award Program.

J.Y. serves as a Glasgow City Alderman and is a member of the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Walnut Hill Cemetery. He is a life member of the NRA, a member of the Missouri Retired Teacher Association, and a member of the Military Officers Association of America.

J. Y. manages several internet mailing lists and is the Webmaster for Walnut Hill Cemetery, M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR, Lewis Library of Glasgow, and his personal page at: <http://www.jymiller.net/>. He writes a regular column for *Show-Me Missouri*, a Missouri travel magazine.

The Sergeant Major's Book Auction

Arnold Schofield will auction three books at the meeting.

- *Civil War on the Western Border*. Jay Monaghan, Crown Publishers, DJ, Exc. Cond. Classic Study.
- *This Hallowed Ground*. Bruce Catton; Doubleday & Co. 1956, DJ, Excellent Condition, A Catton Classic!
- *Lady of Arlington: The Life of Mrs. Robert E. Lee*. by John Perry. Book is in mint condition, mylar wrapped dust jacket, and formerly in the collection of CWRTKC Past President in 1983, which of course all of you know is **Don Bates**.

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.

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

Pork Loin Medallions: Pork medallions with Fuji flame roasted apple glaze. Served with long grain rice 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](#).

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 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 2014. 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 43d 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.

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. 453 Dangerous Ammunition

Any ammunition, be it small or large when properly handled is safe. However, if it is not handled properly and in fact is mishandled, it can be very dangerous and deadly. Such was the case during and after the Civil War when scrap hunters, who were looking for scrap iron or steel on a battlefield, discovered artillery shells and or cannon balls. Normally cannon balls were solid shot and were and are still often discovered in the fields around Fort Scott when farmers are during their spring plowing. These of

course are harmless and often make good doorstops. Artillery shells be they round or conical shaped on the other hand, can be very dangerous if they are complete and the fuse is intact!

Some years ago when I was stationed at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, my Chief Ranger, who had been an Emergency Ordnance Disposal Sgt. in the U. S Marine Corps, received a call from a park neighbor who said that she had some cannon balls that she wanted to get rid of and was the "Park" interested. So he asked me to go and pick them up. Come to find out that they were six complete round 12 pound artillery shells with their fuses in place! They were all properly packed up, turned over to a Federal Alcohol, Firearms and Tobacco Agent who had them detonated at a firing range.

In 1869, two young brothers located an artillery shell on the Mine Creek Battlefield and carried it home in their small wagon. Then curiosity got the best of them and they tried to open it and the shell exploded, killing them both.

The following is an article published in Fort Scott Daily Monitor on February 18, 1880 which has a happy not tragic ending when some "live" artillery shells were discovered in the scrap yard of the Fort Scott Foundry that was formerly located on the south bank of the Marmaton River near the present entrance to the Riverfront Road.

Since the recent advance in iron every scrap of that commodity has been picked up by small boys and sold. The Fort Scott Foundry has furnished a good market in this city and the pile of old junk accumulated embraces a little of everything for which iron is used and much of it has been brought in from long distances.

Yesterday, in company with our friend Walburn, the proprietor, we were wandering around the assortment piled up in back of the Foundry, when Al picked up a SIX POUND [Artillery] SHELL and upon examination, it was found to be LOADED! A further search revealed TWO TEN POUND CONICAL SHELLS and one of them was in COMPLETE WORKING ORDER, with percussion cap and all. They were promptly tossed in the [Marmaton] River.

When the gentleman could get his breath, he gave a glance toward the new four hundred dollar cupalo on the foundry [roof] and then his hair stood out, metaphorically speaking, "like quills upon a fretful Porcupine." In a subsequent conversation with the weighing clerk, he insisted that all ordnance supplies [ammunition] should be religiously excluded. The clerk said, "Why those shells wont burst, the stuffin is all out of them." "Yes", Al replied, "that's all so, but it's the empty shell that always explodes and I don't want any of that kind."

Now then, a few years ago I received a telephone call from a friend who asked me to go with him and look at some cannon balls that an elderly lady's family wanted to get rid of. We went to a small house on the east side of Fort Scott and discovered four complete 12 pound round artillery shells and two solid shot cannon balls. The folks

were very happy to have all the “cannon balls” out of their house.

We removed the said “cannon balls”, turned them over to proper authorities who destroyed them.

Before leaving, I asked where had they been found and was told the following story. It seems they were discovered in a farm well that her husband and a friend were cleaning out on the north side of the Marmaton River not far from Slick Rock Ford, and then they asked why would they have been put in a well?

I suggested that during the Civil War an army that was being pursued by the enemy would often discard heavy items such as artillery ammunition in wells to prevent it from being discovered and used by their enemy. In this case, the farm was located along the route of Price's Confederate Army as it traveled back to Missouri after the Battle of Mine Creek in 1864 and the quickest safest way to dispose the cannon balls was to put them in the well and of course the War Went On!

September Meeting Photos

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



Our September speaker, Kevin Weddle who presented a program on his book titled, *Lincoln's Tragic Admiral: the Life of Samuel Francis Du Pont*.

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

Kaw Nation spokesperson **Erin Pouppirt** will give a talk on the Plains Indians at the Nov. 8 meeting of the Westerners. 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.

Hurricane Matthew Uncovers Civil War-era Artillery Shells



These Civil War-era artillery shells were discovered on Folly Beach in Charleston County, South Carolina, after being uncovered by Hurricane Matthew. A US Air Force Explosive Team safely exploded the ordnance.

Arnold and Clara Schofield



Arnold received the Valiant Service Award at the September 2016 meeting for his outstanding service to the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City.



Col. Chester Harding, Jr.



Brig. Gen. John B. Clark, Jr.

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