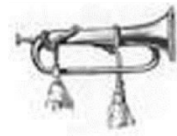




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487th Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Sunset Ballroom, 8th Floor, Holiday Inn

8787 Reeder Rd., Overland Park, KS 66214

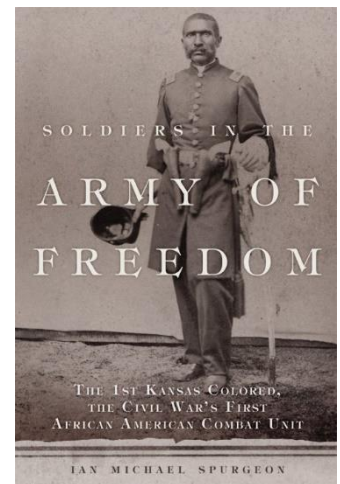
Social Hour - Cash Bar – 5:30p.m.

Dinner - 6:30p.m.

December Speaker

**Ian Michael Spurgeon will be speaking about the 1st Kansas
Colored Infantry.**

Dr. Ian Michael Spurgeon will speak about the 1st Kansas Colored Infantry. Mr. Spurgeon's new book is *Soldiers in the Army of Freedom: The 1st Kansas Colored, the Civil War's First African American Combat Unit*. Mr. Spurgeon lives in Washington D.C.



Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Please be sure **Susan Keipp** receives all reservations by **12 noon on Friday December 16, 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

This is my final message to you as president of the Round Table. The past two years have gone by quickly. I have really enjoyed serving as your president and I have met a lot of wonderful people. I want to specifically thank the following:

- The Executive Committee of the Round Table for their leadership and for awarding the Harry S. Truman Award to **Harold Holzer**, the Steve Treaster Preservation Award to **Dan Smith**, and the Valiant Service Award to **Arnold Schofield**.
- The past three presidents of the Round Table: **Lane Smith**, **Don Bates**, and **Dennis Garstang** for their support and encouragement. They were always willing to help in any way that I needed.
- **Susan Keipp** for doing a great job as treasurer. Susan takes dinner reservations every month, coordinates with the Holiday Inn, pays all of our bills, and prepares our financial reports. Her accounting expertise is second to none.
- **Dick Titterington** for doing an outstanding job as Border Bugle editor and website administrator. The Border Bugle is a first-class publication. Our website has been vastly improved and is very user friendly. Dick also issues the Membership Directory and all of the group e-mails to our members. Thanks to Ron Basel for taking over the website administration and for updating our Facebook page.
- **Arnold Schofield** for bringing books each month for our silent book auction and for doing a fantastic job raising money for the Round Table through his live book auctions each month. Arnold also did a great job of planning the bus trip to Mine Creek Battlefield and Fort Scott KS last year and for serving as our tour guide.
- Reverend **Dave Holloway** and Father **Richard Frank** for giving the invocations at our monthly dinner meetings. They always put a lot of thought into the invocations and their prayers were very meaningful.
- **Judy Smith** for preparing our Executive Committee meeting minutes and for planning, purchasing, and setting up the table decorations for our December dinner meeting.
- **Phil Baker** for planning and coordinating the bus trip to Fort Leavenworth KS next spring.
- All of the speakers at our dinner meetings:
 - Round Table members **Chip Buckner**, **Bill Quatman**, **Tom Rafiner**, **Arnold Schofield**, **Lane Smith**, and **James Speicher** did a fantastic job of speaking at our dinner meetings.

- Twelve of our speakers were by authors who discussed their recent books about the Civil War. They brought copies of their books for sale and signed the books for those that purchased a copy.
- Eight of our speakers came in from out of town.
- Four of our speakers were from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth.

- All of the members of the Round Table. Thank you for supporting our organization, sharing your love of history with us, and inviting others to attend our dinner meetings and join the Round Table. You are all ambassadors of the Round Table. You make this a great organization to be a part of.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season!

-- Dave Pattison

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

In keeping with Christmas, two of the books are about "children" & the third contains stories of Blue & Gray @ Christmas. Also some potential Christmas gifts.

- *The Children's Civil War*, by James Marten, Univ. of North Carolina Press, 1998; Mint Signed 1st Edition with Dust Jacket.
- *Children for the Union*, by James Marten, Ivan R. Dee Publisher, Chicago, Ill., 2004. Mint 1st Edition with Dust Jacket
- *God Rest Ye Merry Soldiers: A True Civil War Christmas Story*, by James McIvor, Viking Publisher, 2005; Exc. 1st Edit. with Dust Jacket.
- Replica Decks of Union & Confederate Playing Cards, Unused, Mint Condition
- Two Cased Collections of 5 Minnie Bullets each. Bullets from vicinity of Trading Post & Mine Creek.

From **Don Bates's** collection

- *The Sable Arm: Black Troops in the Union Army, 1861-1865* by Dudley Taylor Cornish. University Press of Kansas. 1987. First printed in 1956 by the author. Before it was published in 1987, Civil War Times Illustrated said, "One of the one

hundred best books ever written on the Civil War". Book mint condition. Excellent D.J. wrapped in Mylar.

Dinner Menu

Chicken Dinner: When the Border Bugle was published, we did not know whether the dinner would be Chicken Parmesan (with pasta) or Chicken Florentine (with mashed potato). Served with 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 also provide a vegetarian meal and 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](#).

2017 Round Table Officers and Directors

- President: **Chip Buckner**
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- Directors: **Don Bates, Sylvia Stucky, and Les Thierolf**

Future Programs

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

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*, a 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: 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** and Dan edited the Winslow's Civil War memoirs of Edward F. Winslow which they published 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 is not a story of battles, but rather a story of Winslow the man, whose life is 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: Round Table members **Herschel and Jacque Stroud** will give a presentation titled: "Abe and Mary, a Family Portrait." This talk is based on the book written by Harold Holzer and Robert Neely, regarding the Lincoln's family photograph album, which they kept in the White House. The album was lost until 1985, rediscovered, and Holzer and Neely produced their book on the album titled: *The Lincoln Family Album*. Herschel and Jacque will appear in period dress, but not as Abe and Mary, but as Herschel and Jacque, commenting on the book and its ramifications.

Round Table History Notes

We are going to start including brief articles about the history of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City. For this month we bring you an article from the March 26, 1958 issue of the Greenwood, South Carolina, *Index Journal* about a talk President Harry S. Truman gave at the first Round Table meeting in March of 1958.

Says Southern Name Correct

Truman Talks About War Of 1860

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Truman said the war should be known as the "War Between the States." That's the name preferred by the South, which argues that it was a war between sovereign nations—not civil strife between factions of one country.

"My mother died unreconstructed," said Truman. "I didn't join the National Guard until I was 21 years old because I was afraid to wear the blue uniform in the house."

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Of all the war's battles, said Truman, Chancellorsville was the perfect maneuver.

"They teach Gettysburg up at the Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth," he said, "but they ought to teach Chancellorsville. It's far more useful as far as tactics and maneuvers go."

Missourian Truman praised Confederate Gen. Jo Shelby of Missouri as "a cavalryman who stands up with the best of them."

But asked about Jim Lane, leader of Kansas' irregular forces in the border fighting, he said, "I'm prejudiced against Jim Lane. He's that Redleg who burned my house."

Bellerive Hotel

Bellerive Hotel in Kansas City, which is where the CWRT of KC met for many years.



Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield Dispatches #439

Christmas Bells

By Christmas Day in 1863, the Civil War had long since become a long war of attrition that was going to be waged to the bitter end and one side became the totally defeated vanquished foe. Gone were the days and thoughts of a short war where both sides would agree to peace and the United States and the Confederate States of America would live happily ever after! In spite of the war Christmas was Christmas and was celebrated by both sides especially on the home front where there was both joy and sorrow. Joy if the soldier far away from home was safe and sorrow if there was a vacant chair at the dinner table which indicated the soldier was missing in action or had been killed in action.

In the home of Henry Wordsworth Longfellow in Cambridge, Massachusetts there was both joy and sorrow. Joy because his son who was severely wounded in the Battle of New Hope, Virginia had survived and sorrow because his wife had recently died. Then on Christmas Day, December 25, 1863, he heard the peeling of the church bells and wrote the following poem:

“Christmas Bells”

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men!
And thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men!
Till ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime
A chant sublime
Of peace on earth good will to men!
Then from each black, accursed mouth
The cannon thundered in the South,
And with the sound
The carols drowned
Of peace on earth, good will to men!
It was as if an earthquake rent
The hearthstones of a continent
And made forlorn
The households born
Of peace on earth, good will to men!
And in despair I bowed my head;
“There is no peace on earth”, I said;
“For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men!”
Then pealed the bells more loud and deep;
“God is not dead; nor doth he sleep!
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
Of peace on earth, good will to men!”

Now then, “Christmas Bells” as a poem was not published until 1865, it was set to music in 1872 by John Baptiste Calkin who was an English organist and the title was changed to “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”. Thank you Henry Wordsworth Longfellow for one of our

popular Christmas Carols that originated from your and our pain and suffering of our Civil War!

November Meeting Photos

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



Round Table member Roger Stanton and our November speaker, Paul Kahan (right) who presented a program about the Simon Cameron.

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

Kent Johnson will give a talk about “Money in the Old West” at the January 10, 2017 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.

SILENT BOOK AUCTION!

BRING YOUR BOOKS!
BRING YOUR MONEY!
BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

December is one of the two months we ask members to bring books in for the Silent Auction. Please check your house for any books that you can donate to the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City.

We Remember, Again

Articles for the book "We Remember Again" are due by March 1, 2017. E-mail articles regarding your Civil War ancestors to Harriet Duff: hfduff@gmail.com.

Bus Trip to Fort Leavenworth

A bus trip to Fort Leavenworth KS is scheduled for Saturday April 22, 2017. The cost of the field trip is \$30 per person. Send payment to our treasurer, Susan Keipp, in order to reserve your place on the bus.

An Overland Park Boy Goes to War

Round Table member **Debbi Roy**, who is also the editor of the newsletter for the Overland Park Historical Society, wanted to let everyone to know about letters sent home by her uncle while he was stationed in Guadalcanal and Italy during World War II.

To read this five-part series, follow this link to the Overland Park Historical Society's website ...

<http://www.ophistorical.org/an-overland-park-boy-goes-to-war-pt-1.html>

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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Please Renew Your Membership in the Civil War Round Table

Membership renewals for 2017 are due by December 31, 2016. Cost of membership is \$30 for an individual or \$45 for a couple. Send membership renewal form and payment to our treasurer, Susan Keipp.

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