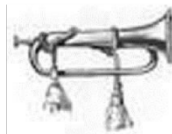




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## 489<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, February 28, 2017**

**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.

## The Story of a Cavalryman

*The Civil War Memoirs of  
Bvt. Brig. Gen. Edward F. Winslow,  
4th Iowa Cavalry*

by Edward Francis Winslow

Foreword by Daniel L. Smith

edited by Dick Titterington and Daniel L. Smith

## February Speaker

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 **Dick Titterington** edited the unpublished Civil War memoirs of Edward F. Winslow and published the book in 2016.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 will not be a story of battles, but rather a story of Winslow the man, kind of a Horatio Alger story.

## Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Please be sure **Susan Keipp** receives all reservations by **12:00 noon on Thursday, February 23, 2017** 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 12:00 noon on the Thursday 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 that she will not miss your reservation. [skeipp@kc.rr.com](mailto:skeipp@kc.rr.com).

## Note New Reservation Deadline!

## New Reservation Deadline

Our Catering Contract with the Holiday Inn requires that we turn in our final head count 3 business days before the monthly dinner meetings, so that they know how much food to order. That means that we have to turn in our final head count by the start of business on Friday morning. **Therefore, our dinner reservation deadline is 12:00 noon on the Thursday before the Tuesday dinner meeting.**

Please be advised that we cannot accept any late dinner reservations. Also, Susan Keipp is the only person from our organization that can contact the Holiday Inn regarding dinner reservations. Do not contact the Holiday Inn directly to make a reservation.

Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

## Dinner Menu

**Homemade Lasagna** – Italian meat sauce layered with pasta, ricotta cheese and mozzarella cheese. Served with salad, garlic bread sticks, steamed broccoli, chef's choice of dessert, coffee, iced tea, and water.

The Holiday Inn 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 indicated they cannot provide a low-carb meal.

## Meet Our Speaker



Civil War Round Table Member Dan Smith received the Steve Treaster Civil War Preservation Award at our dinner meeting in January of 2016.

**Daniel L. Smith** currently serves as chairman of the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund. He was one of the founding members in 1977 of the Westport fund, which is a §501(c)(3) non-profit group, dedicated to the commemoration and preservation of the Civil War battlefields of Kansas City.

Reared a few miles from the Mine Creek battlefield in Pleasanton, Kansas, Dan developed an early interest in history and historic preservation. He has been actively involved in Civil War battlefield preservation efforts since 1970, including nomination applications for the National Register of Historic Places. As a congressional intern in 1969, he performed research on Civil War topics at the National Archives and Library of Congress.

Dan has served as the editor and historical consultant for various works, including *October 25th and the Battle of Mine Creek*, by Lumir F. Buresh and *Border Warfare in Southeast Kansas*, by Murlin G. Welch.

In 2002, Dan authored the study titled “Interpretive and Development Plan for Byram’s Ford Big Blue Battlefield” (<http://www.battleofwestport.org/Plan.htm>). This study has been adopted by governmental agencies in the preservation of the site. Dan and fellow historian Shirley Christian are co-chairs of the “Saving Kansas City’s Battlefield” initiative (<http://battleofwestport.org/Video.htm>) which is reclaiming and restoring the battlefield at the Byram’s Ford crossing. On behalf of the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund, Dan and Alisha Cole collaborated in 2008, to create and establish the Battle of Westport Visitor Center and Museum, located at Swope Park in Kansas City MO. More recently he has served as a speaker and consultant on Civil War topics to the Missouri Humanities Council. In 2010, Dan served as consultant to the National Park Service on matters pertaining to the revision of the Civil War Sites Advisory Committee’s listing for the Byram’s Ford (CWSAC 027) and Westport (CWSAC 028) sites in Missouri.

Dan has also served as president of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City in 1980 and 2005. He is currently an officer of the Westport Historical Society and a life member of the Kansas State Historical Society.

Dan received his undergraduate degree in political science, with honors, from the University of Kansas in 1973. He graduated from Duke University Law School in 1976. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and is listed in Who’s Who in America and Who’s Who in American Law.

Since 1976, Dan has been engaged in the practice of law in the Kansas City metropolitan area, as a trial attorney. He resides in Overland Park with his wife Alana.

## General Edward F. Winslow

Edward F. Winslow was a rugged Yankee individualist, cavalry commander, captain of railroads, and diplomat.

At the age of 27, Winslow became a general and the military governor of Atlanta. A native of Augusta, Maine and of humble circumstances, Edward Winslow achieved a remarkable career.

While most of his contemporaries commanding Federal cavalry had graduated from West Point, he enjoyed outstanding success as a self-taught cavalry commander during the Civil War.

He was integral in the transformation of the Federal cavalry forces in the last two years of the war. The role of cavalry evolved rapidly into an effective independent offensive force, which would set the way for the next fifty years, until the World War I. His own transformation as a cavalry commander is a fascinating testament to personal fortitude, confidence, and impetuosity. In the course of his military career, Winslow garnered the admiration, support and friendship of General William T. Sherman.

On a local note, Winslow's presence at the Battle of Westport in October 1864, for a period of less than 24 hours, resulted in the decisive victory for the Federal forces. His gallantry and severe combat wound at the Battle of Byram's Ford, resulted in his obtaining the rank of brevet general.

Unlike some Civil War commanders, General Winslow enjoyed enormous prestige and wealth in civilian life. Despite having no formal engineering training, his civilian career as a builder and manager of railroads was built upon an intense self-taught study, to educate himself in the construction of railroads. With only a high school education, he audaciously obtained his first contract to build a railroad in Illinois, at the age of 21, in 1859. In his career, he built railroads from New York to Arizona and served as president of nearly a dozen railroads. His railroad career is a fascinating tale of transformation of the man and the positive fruits of the American Civil War.

The last of his life was spent largely abroad. He was a pillar of the American colony in Paris, which was composed of American professionals and business people. Rather than living abroad because of disdain for the United States, Winslow and his compatriots sought to bring American know how and practices to Europe and conduct profitable business transactions. As a consequence, Winslow performed many informal diplomatic tasks, in conjunction with his good friend and business associate General Horace Porter, who served as U. S. ambassador to France during the McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt administrations.



Edward F. Winslow, age 26, shown here as the colonel of the 4<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry regiment and commander of the cavalry of the 15<sup>th</sup> Army Corps in fall 1863.

### Winslow Book Available For Purchase

**Dick Titterington** will bring copies of his book *The Story of a Cavalryman* for sale at the February meeting. The price of the book is \$25.00. Proceeds from the sales will go to support the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund.

### The Sergeant Major's Book Auction

**Arnold Schofield** will auction the following books and map at the February meeting:

*Abraham Lincoln*, by Carl Sandburg, 1936-1939, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition, (4) Volume Set, Harcourt & Brace Company, New York, Excellent Condition.

*Abe Lincoln's Stories & Speeches*, Edited by J. B. McClure, "1898", Rhodes & McClure Publishing, Chicago, Illinois, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition, Very Good Condition.

*Confederate Generals: Life Portraits*, by George Cantor, Taylor Trade Publishing, Dallas, Texas, with Dust Jacket, Mint Condition.

*Replica USCS Map of the Attack on Fort Fisher, North Carolina in 1865*, and companion piece illustrates the attacking Union Naval Squadron with named vessels. 1962, Excellent Condition.

### Special Book Sale:

The CWRT of KC is fortunate to be able to offer to its members 4 copies of the book: *Lincoln, Life Size*, by Philip B. Kunhardt III, Peter Kunhardt, and Peter W. Kunhardt Jr., published by Alfred A Knopf in 2009, on a first-come, first-served basis at our February meeting for \$15.00. Originally the book sold for \$50.00.

The book contains photographs that cover a span of nearly 20 years, from 1846-1865, and contains a brief, but detailed description of each photograph.



## Please Renew Your Membership in the Civil War Round Table

To date, a total of 85 people have either joined or renewed their memberships in the Civil War Round Table for 2017. If you have not already done so, please renew your membership in the Round Table. The membership dues are the same as they have been for the past several years: \$30.00 per individual or \$45.00 per couple. Attached is the 2017 Civil War Round Table membership renewal form. Please submit your membership renewal form and dues to our treasurer, **Susan Keipp** by March 1, 2017, in order to be included in the 2017 Membership Directory and to continue to receive the *Border Bugle* newsletter. Thank you for being a member of the Round Table!

## New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members: Brian Cooper, James Edgington, Marlene Natoli, Gordon Schmittling, and Colin Woods. In addition, we would like to welcome back former Round Table members Tom Chychota and Ross Marshall.

## Executive Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Round Table's executive committee at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 18, 2017. The meeting will be held at Don Bates' office, located at 7600 State Line Road, Prairie Village KS 66208.

## Bus Trip to Fort Leavenworth

**Susan Keipp** said the bus trip to Fort Leavenworth, scheduled for April 22nd, is now full. She currently has a waiting list of five more people that would like to go on the tour. If you signed up, and have not paid for your reservation, please do so as soon as possible. If you made a reservation, but can no longer go on the tour, please notify Susan so that someone else can take your place. The cost of the tour is \$30.00 per person.

**Phil Baker**, who will be our tour guide, advises the following:

For security reasons, it is always a good idea to carry some sort of photo ID with you! Phil indicated that on the flyer for the bus trip, but wanted to remind everyone.

The Fort Leavenworth Visitor Control Center has reiterated that the procedure in effect requires Phil to vouch for everyone on the bus, using his military ID. However, they sometimes add: "But it's always good to have some sort of photo ID on you, 'just in case' something weird is going on at that moment, that has heightened security".

With regard to the security issues, Phil can only vouch for those who are physically on the bus, as it enters the gate. He cannot vouch for anyone following the bus through the gate.

## 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. Visit the [CWRT Website Home Page](#) for 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](mailto:hfduff@gmail.com)) no later than March 1, 2017.

## January Meeting Photos

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



On January 24, 2017, Arnold Schofield gave a program about James H. Lane and the Frontier Guard.

## Future Programs

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

## 2017 Speaker Schedule

**March 28, 2017: John Liepa**, Professor Emeritus of History and Political Science at Des Moines IA Community College, 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.

## 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 #472

#### A "Kansas" Diary

During the Civil War, many soldiers of the Blue & Gray kept personal diaries of their experiences in that conflict. One Kansas officer was Captain William Cretiz, who was the commanding officer of Company A of the 5<sup>th</sup> Kansas Volunteer Cavalry. The following entries from his diary describe the field operations of his company during the summer and fall of 1861, in eastern Kansas and western Missouri.

"On the 18<sup>th</sup> of July, 1861, having been mustered in, armed and equipped, the company left Fort Leavenworth for Kansas City, Missouri where it arrived on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

On the 21<sup>st</sup>, the Company marched to the relief of Major Robert Van Horn who in command of a small detachment of Missouri troops, was threatened by a superior Rebel force near Harrisonville, Mo.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> the company returned to Kansas City, having in the mean time relieved Major Van Horn and captured Harrisonville without suffering any loss.

About this time, General Nathaniel Lyon with a small but gallant army was in the vicinity of Springfield, Missouri and a large Rebel army was threatening him in front, his source of supplies was cut off and his men were on half rations. To relieve him from his critical situation the U. S. Government fitted out an immense [supply] train at Fort Leavenworth – loaded with commissaries, arms, ammunition and clothing. The total value of which was estimated to be at a million dollars.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of July, this train left Kansas City bound for FORT SCOTT. Companies A and F escorted this train under the command of Col. William Weer. The train reached FORT SCOTT on the 11<sup>th</sup> of August. This train had been intended to be forwarded on to General Lyon by the way of Lamar and Greenfield, [Missouri] with a strong escort. Before the necessary arrangements could be made, the news of General Lyon's death at Wilson's Creek, near Springfield was received. With the army in retreat towards Rolla, it was unnecessary to have the train proceed any further.

From the time the Company reached FORT SCOTT, KS., to the first of September, they were almost constantly engaged in scouting through the counties bordering the Kansas and Missouri Border. There were occasional skirmishes with the enemy, without suffering and losses.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Kansas Regiment was permanently organized at FORT SCOTT, KANSAS on August 20<sup>th</sup> with Colonel H. P. Johnson as the commander.

The first of September, C. S. A. General Sterling Price with an army of ten thousand men appeared near Dry Wood, a point 12 miles east of Fort Scott. General

Stein, with 800 Cavalry was ordered to secure the position of our forces at Fort Scott. In doing so, he also captured 80 mules.

When the presence of the Rebel forces became known, all available men of the 5<sup>th</sup> Kansas were ordered in pursuit of the Rebels. The Rebels retreated rapidly towards their main army. The Union forces made a rapid movement around their flanks and they were overtaken and forced to make a defensive action on the banks of a creek about 8 miles east of Fort Scott. A skirmish ensued, lasting about 15 minutes, the enemy then fled again. Since the battle was so close to the main army, the skirmish was broken off. The Rebels suffered losses of several men killed and a number wounded. The loss of the 5<sup>th</sup> was none. The regiment returned to Fort Scott on the same day. Company A took a prominent part in the day's proceedings.

### **The Battle of Drywood**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September, the Cavalry at Fort Scott consisting of the 5<sup>th</sup> Kansas and a portion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Kansas Regiment were directed to proceed to Drywood and ascertain the Rebel position.

About 4 o'clock, P. M. after crossing the Drywood, while ascending a gradual slope from the ford, the Rebel position first became visible. They were drawn up in order of battle behind the brow of a ridge running from east to west – calmly awaiting our approach.

Companies A and F began the attack by dismounting immediately in front of the rebel line and acting as skirmishers occasionally supported by portions of other companies, Company A occupying the extreme right of our lines. Scarcely had our men taken a position when the sullen boom of five pieces of cannon from the Rebel position, admonished our commanders, that hot work was before them. Captain Thomas Moonlight with commendable alacrity, brought his mountain howitzer [a small cannon], the only cannon we had, into position and by his skill and intrepidity, materially aided by our Sharps Rifles, speedily silenced one of their batteries, driving the gunners from their posts. But the large Rebel force massed near it for support and the handful of men engaged on our side, rendered it imprudent for us to venture the capture of the guns. The unequal contest was maintained by three hundred men on our side against ten thousand Rebels for two hours. Our commander at length became aware of the folly of protraction of the struggle and ordered a withdrawal of our forces from the field.

This movement had in truth become a necessity, for during the progress of the battle the Rebel commander had sent large masses of cavalry and infantry around our flanks to cut off our retreat at the crossing of the Drywood. Suddenly our men retreated from the field. A short distance from the ford of the Drywood, a force of Rebels concealed behind fences and trees opened a

terrific fire upon our company, but incredible as it may seem, not a man was killed. The company soon after crossed the creek and rejoined the command without the loss of a man on that day.

The loss on our side this day was four killed and about ten wounded. The casualties of the enemy as reported by our prisoners in their hands at the time were twenty killed and fifty wounded. On the evening of the same day our forces returned to Fort Scott.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of September while the regiment was encamped near Barnesville, Kansas an election was had by the company officers for Lieut. Colonel and Major, resulting in the election (on certain conditions) of John Ritchey as Lieut. Colonel and J. H. Summers as Major. About this time, scouts into the enemy's country [Missouri] were almost a daily occurrence and Company A figured prominently in nearly all of them."

So ended Captain Creitz's description of the Battle of the Drywood on September 2, 1861. A future column will feature his description of the destruction of Morristown and Osceola, Missouri later in September of 1861 and, of course, the War Went On!

### **Civil War Round Table of Kansas City History**



Dr. Allan Nevins (1890-1971) was an American historian and journalist renowned for his extensive work on the history of the Civil War. He wrote two Pulitzer Prize winning biographies and the eight-volume, comprehensive history of the Civil War: *Ordeal of the Union*.

The following article appeared in the Kansas City Times on Monday, February 27, 1961:

### **Civil War Likened To Vast Industry**

THE Civil War has become a vast industry today, and the products of the industry—books, movies and television plays —generally are efforts at truth, Allan Nevins, distinguished historian, author and professor, observed yesterday.

But myths and fabrications are to be found in the Civil war "history" that is being produced at a record rate in this centennial period, Nevins said.

### **Cites A Case.**

For instance, there was a television special a week ago called "The Lincoln Murder Case" that implied that Secretary of War Stanton had a part in the assassination of President Lincoln.



“There is no evidence to support that innuendo,” Nevins said. “It is the quintessence of melodrama to suggest that a cabinet member would plot to assassinate the President, if melodrama is what you want. But there is no evidence to support it as history.

“And I noticed that once again this year the stale myth of the Anne Rutledge romance with Lincoln has been revived. This originally was a Carl Sandburg story which Sandburg since has repudiated.”

Nevins arrived in Kansas City to lecture last night as a visiting scholar at Rockhurst College. He will address the Civil War Round Table tomorrow night at the Hotel Bellerive and will be given the Harry S. Truman medal for outstanding contribution to the history of the Civil War.

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The following article appeared in the Kansas City Times on Wednesday, March 1, 1961:

### **Early Writers Knew and Understood Civil War**

A PULITZER prize-winning historian, Allan Nevins, last night evaluated early historians of the Civil war and selected a French nobleman as one of the best.

Nevins spoke at the annual awards dinner of the Civil War Round Table at the Hotel Bellerive, where he was presented the second annual Harry S. Truman award for meritorious service in the field of Civil war history.

#### **First Was a Newsmen.**

The first Civil war historian was Horace Greeley, Nevins told his audience of about 170, Greeley deserved credit for his 2-volume “popular narrative” on “The Great American Conflict,” Nevins said.

“It is an accurate history of a political and military character and is still worth reading today,” Nevins said.

Two other journalists who contributed worthwhile histories, Nevins said, were Benson J. Lossing and William Swinton.

Lossing’s “Pictorial History of the Civil War” and Swinton’s “History of the Army of the Potomac” cannot be ignored.

A new type of Civil war historian was the way Nevins described the last three writers he discussed. Included was the Comte de Paris, son of Louis Philippe, whose 10 volumes in French, translated into four volumes in English, were the best history of the Civil war ever written, according to Nevins.

#### **Called a Shrewd Work.**

“A shrewd history by a French expert in military affairs,” Nevins said of this work.

John Codman Ropes’s 2-volume “Story of the Civil War” was cited as the best military history of the war until the middle 1890s.

The greatest historian of the half dozen discussed, Nevins said, was James Ford Rhodes, a Cleveland businessman, who gave up a fortune to write “The Civil War From the Great Compromise in 1850.” Nevins called this the best history especially for its grasp of the political situation, both national and international.

The 1960 award was presented Nevins for the second volume of “The War for the Union,” published last year. After the meeting he flew back to Los Angeles to continue work on his 10-volume history, “The Ordeal of the Union.” In the absence of Mr. Truman, the presentation was made by Dr. Bert Maybee, program chairman. Bruce Catton, author, received the award last year.

## **Events Around Town**

### **Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri**

The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri will hold its March 8th meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Heights Community of Christ Church, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence MO. The program will be: “The Story Behind the Civil War Note Cards” by Tom Beard.

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!

### **Kansas City Posse of the Westerners**

The Tuesday, February 14th meeting of the K.C. Westerners will feature historian Toby Giese speaking on “1880 West Point graduate John F. Blake and the 6th Cavalry Apache Campaign of the 1880s and 90s.” The Westerners meet at the Golden Corral restaurant (near the Home Depot), 8800 NW Skyview Avenue, Kansas City, Mo. 64154. Dinner is 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.

### **Mid-Continent Public Library**

Kristen Oertel, author of *Harriett Tubman: Slavery, The Civil War, and Civil Rights in the 19th Century*, will present “The Life of Harriett Tubman” at three Mid-Continent Public Library locations on February 12th and 13th. For more information, visit the Mid-Continent Public Library’s website at: (<http://www.mymcpl.org>).

### **National Archives at Kansas City**

On Monday, February 27th at 6:30 p.m., the National Archives, in partnership with Park University, will host a moderated discussion about the Underground Railroad. The National Archives is located at 400 West Pershing, Kansas City MO. To make a reservation, call 816-268-8010 or e-mail at: ([kansascity.educate@nara.gov](mailto:kansascity.educate@nara.gov)).

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