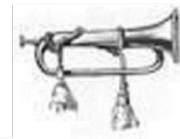




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490th Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Sunset Ballroom, 8th Floor, Holiday Inn

8787 Reeder Rd., Overland Park, KS 66214

Social Hour - Cash Bar – 5:30p.m.

Dinner - 6:30p.m.



March Speaker

John Liepa, Professor Emeritus of History and Political Science at Des Moines IA Community College, will be giving a program about baseball and the Civil War.

John will portray Calvin McVey in his 1869 Cincinnati Red Stockings uniform from the first All Professional baseball league. McVey was Iowa's first professional baseball player.

Baseball season is almost here. So bring a friend and enjoy the evening.

Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Please be sure **Susan Keipp** receives all reservations by **12:00 noon on Thursday,**

March 23, 2017 along with payment of \$27.00 per person. Mail to:

Susan Keipp, 436 W. 88th Terrace, 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.cwrtkc.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.

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.**

Our treasurer, **Susan Keipp**, reports that the Round Table members have been doing a better job of getting their reservations turned in by the new deadline. Thank you for your cooperation!

March Dinner Menu

Chicken Marsala – Sautéed chicken breast in a marsala wine and mushroom sauce, served over pasta 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, and water.

The Holiday Inn has advised they can provide the following 3 options for dinner:

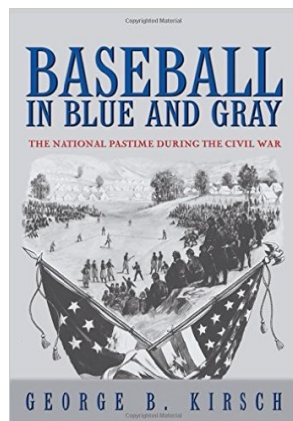
- The main entree meal as selected by the Civil War Round Table.
- A vegetarian meal as determined by the chef.
- A gluten-free meal as determined by the chef.

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

Meet Our Speaker

John Liepa has been a collector of baseball memorabilia since his youth. His subject for our March dinner meeting is "Baseball and the Civil War", a Power Point program John has given to other historical organizations and Civil War Round Tables. As part of his program, John will display a portion of his very valuable collection beginning with baseball cards in the 1860's and 1870's up to the 1950's, to include Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, and many of the players our members grew up with during our youth.

For those interested in the Civil War era, John recommends a book titled: *Baseball in Blue and Gray* (2007) by George B. Kirsch, which gives a very good historical portrayal of baseball during that era. Many of the soldiers both North and South were first introduced to baseball during the war. (You can purchase a copy of this book from Amazon, using our website.)



John is Professor Emeritus of History and Political Science at Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC.) He taught courses in Political Science, U.S., and Iowa History from 1972-2010. Since retirement, John has been teaching courses for the College for Seniors in central Iowa on "Iowa's Role in the Civil War", "Iowa's Ethnic Heritage and Origins", and the "Early History of Baseball in Iowa."

John has a B.S in History and an M.A. in Political Science from Iowa State University.

He received an "Excellence in Education" award in 2001 and was honored as DMACC's "Educator of the Year" in 2004.

He served five terms on the State Historical Society of Iowa's Board of Trustees from 1998 - 2013, having served both as Chair and Vice-Chair; and, on the Iowa Historical Foundation, the fundraising arm of the State Historical Society of Iowa.

John has been an 18-year member and Program Chair of the Des Moines Civil War Round Table and has done presentations on "Iowa's Role in the Civil War."

A life-long baseball card collector, John owns an extensive collection of cards and memorabilia representing Iowa's 217 Major Leaguers, featuring Iowa's seven Hall-of-Famers. A charter member of Iowa's "Field of Dreams" chapter of the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR), he has had numerous articles on Iowa baseball history published. Over the past 3-1/2 years, he has done over 60 presentations on baseball history throughout Iowa, often appearing as Montrose, Iowa's Calvin McVey, Iowa's first professional baseball player.

John lives in Indianola, Iowa with his wife, Dianne, who recently retired after 33 years on Senator Tom Harkin's staff.

The Sergeant Major's Book Auction

Arnold Schofield will auction the following books at the March meeting.

The President's Wife: Mary Todd Lincoln, A Biography: by Ishbel Ross, G. Putnam's & Son, New York, 1973; 1st Edition, with dust jacket, and in very good condition.

With Courage and Delicacy: Civil War on the Peninsula: Women and the U.S. Sanitary Commission by Nancy S. Garrison; Savas publishing Co., Eldorado Hills, California, 1999; 1st Edition, with dust jacket and in mint condition.

House of Abraham: Lincoln & Todds, A Family Divided by War by Stephen Berry; Houghton Mifflin & Co., Boston and New York, 2007; 1st Edition, with dust jacket and in excellent condition.

2017 Member Directory

Thank you for joining or renewing your membership in the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City. The 2017 Member Directory will be issued later this month. We currently have a total of 103 members in the Round Table.

Please welcome new member **Daniel Turner**, who is a friend of **David Frensky**.

Member News

We understand that **Tom Rafiner** has moved to Columbia MO.

James Speicher will be moving to Florida. He has closed on a home there, but still has two Honda Pilots to sell before he moves.

Susan Keipp received a very nice e-mail from Phyllis Ergovich-Marshall regarding her mother, **Betty Ergovich**:

"Susan: Mom, Betty Ergovich, had the best time at the January meeting. She was so surprised that "those people are so nice," and she was like a beauty pageant winner with her lovely roses. Please express to all that although Mom does not remember any of the past, she is just so happy that they remember her. Thank you a million times for making my mother so happy."

Betty lives at Villa St. Francis, 16600 West 126th Street, Hall #20, Olathe KS 66062. She would love to hear from our Civil War Round Table members.

Bus Trip to Fort Leavenworth

The bus trip to Fort Leavenworth KS on Saturday, April 22, 2017 is now full. The bus will depart from the Johnson County Community College in Overland Park KS at 8:00 a.m. and will return at 3:30 p.m.

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

Lunch can be purchased at the Army dining facility for \$5.55 in cash.

For security reasons, everyone must carry a photo ID with them at all times.

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.

Upcoming Programs in 2017

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. (Please note that Dr. Solonick will not be bringing copies of his book for sale during the meeting. He recommends that members purchase a copy of his book before the meeting, if they would like to have him sign the book at the meeting.)

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.

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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Battlefield Dispatches #473 **Destruction of Morristown & Osceola,** **Missouri**

THE BATTLE OF MORRISTOWN, MO

During the Civil War, in the fall of 1861, a brigade of Union troops commanded by General James H. Lane conducted a brief campaign of "Retribution, Retaliation and Revenge" in Cass, Bates, and northern Vernon County, Missouri. This campaign was conducted to avenge the acts of destruction and murder committed by the "Missourians" in Kansas during the era of Bleeding Kansas from 1856-1860. The following are the diary entries of Captain William Creitz, who commanded Company A of the 5th Kansas Volunteer Cavalry, which participated in this campaign of destruction:

"On the evening of September 16, 1861, a considerable force left the Kansas line between Barnesville and West Point, [Mo.] for the purpose of capturing or destroying a force of rebels whose place of rendezvous was at Morristown, Missouri.

Ten miles from Morristown the force was divided. Col. [James] Montgomery in command of the 3rd Kansas Regiment and one howitzer [small cannon], taking the route leading into Morristown from the southwest while Col. H. Johnson commanding the 5th Kansas and Captain Moonlight's battery, was by a circuitous route was to approach Morristown from the northeast. The plan determined upon by the two commanders, was to attack the place simultaneously from both directions at daybreak on the morning of the 17th.

Col. Johnson's division arrived on the outskirts of the town at the time agreed upon, but Col. Montgomery by some cause to me unknown failed to make his appearance until the place was taken. Col. Johnson divided his command, stationing Lieut. Colonel Ritchey with the main portion of the regiment on a commanding point north of town. Company A and col. Moonlight's howitzer, under his own immediate command, occupied the road leading into Morristown from the east. While this was transpiring, the Rebels who were encamped in the northern part of town, becoming apprised of our approach, hastily abandoned their camp and occupied a position in a ravine and behind a stone wall in the southern part of town.

Becoming impatient at Montgomery's delay, Col. Johnson directed Captain Moonlight to open on the enemy with his howitzer, but in consequence of a defect in the arrangements of the gun carriage, it could not be placed in a position to do any good.

At this junction of affairs, col. Johnson could no longer control his temper and he ordered a charge. The shrill of the bugle had barely died away before Company A was charging furiously into town. The company had barely proceeded fifty yards before a vivid sheet of fire and flame came forth from the Rebel position and at the same instant a storm of bullets swept through the column.

Col. Johnson fell, pierced by half a dozen bullets, causing his instant death. James M. Copeland of Company A was shot through the head. He died about an hour later. David Parks was severely wounded and ten others of the Company were slightly wounded. The Rebels were eventually routed. Their encampment was captured along with two hundred mules and horses, a number of wagons and also other property. The total loss on our side were two killed, including Col. Johnson and about fifteen wounded, some severely. The rebels lost five men killed and few wounded and about ten captured. After destroying [burning] the main part of Morristown, the command marched to West Point near the Kansas line on the same day.

CAPTURE OF OSCEOLA, MO

On the evening of September 20th, 1861, all the cavalry and infantry of the so-called Kansas Brigade left West Point, [Mo.] with orders to capture the town of Osceola, Missouri. Osceola was a place of wealth and importance on the Osage River about seventy miles east of West Point.

At 2 o'clock on the morning of the 23rd, an enemy force of about one hundred, concealed in ambush, attacked our advance a short distance from town. The infantry, under the command of Col. Weer, opened fire and with a few shells from Captain Moonlight's howitzer, the Rebel force was soon scattered. The entire town was at the mercy of the Union forces. The troops immediately occupied the town and as soon as daylight arrived, the destruction began in all directions.

General Sterling Price, was at that time, north of the "Osage" [River]. He had established the principle depot of supplies for his army at Osceola. Immense quantities of army stores were stowed away in warehouses that would do credit to St. Louis. These were all for the taking of the Union troops.

Everything that could not be transported and that might give aid and comfort to the Rebel troops was destroyed. Included were about two thousand barrels of liquors, thousands of bushels of salt, about fifty hogsheads of sugar and molasses, large quantities of bacon and clothing, etc. The inhabitants were told that the town would be burned and all those that wished to do so could move their household goods to a safe place.

In the evening, the signal was given to TORCH THE TOWN. Soon, the dense volumes of smoke and flames announced that the town was to be quickly destroyed.

Osceola contained many fine residences. Some would rival homes in larger cities. All were consumed by the fires except a few dwellings belonging to loyal men. The troops then returned to West Point, arriving on the evening of the 26th. Losses were three wounded to the Union troops and three killed and about the same wounded to the Rebel forces.”

Now then, the “Kansas” or Lane’s Brigade’s campaign of waging “total war” on the enemy including the destruction of civilian homes and property was a premonition of what would occur later in the Civil War. However, because of the way it waged war in the fall of 1861, the “Kansas” or Lane’s Brigade was disorganized during the reorganization of all the Kansas regiments in March of 1862 and ceased to exist and, of course, the War Went On!

Miscellaneous Civil War Related Articles

Mike Epstein, former editor of the *Border Bugle*, contributed the following articles:

“A common joke in Civil War Missouri was that the state enjoyed 5 seasons of the year: spring, summer, fall, Price’s Raid, and winter. There was some truth to this. The autumnal cavalry expeditions of Generals Jo Shelby, John S. Marmaduke, and M. Jeff Thompson had since 1862 become almost predictable, as swift-moving cavalry commands of Missouri Confederates exploding out of Arkansas had swept through the state for sustained operations, raiding, recruiting fresh troops, and playing havoc with Union garrisons.”

The above quote is from introduction in Richard J. Hinton’s book, “*Rebel Invasion of Missouri and Kansas, and the Campaign of the Army of the Border Against General Sterling Price in October and November 1864.*”

Winton Spring, With Fog

Ninety-six years later

Here in this pearl-grey morning I perceive—
Dimly, as through on old man’s memory—
Ghosts that the after years of battle leave.
You on the hill there, Colonel! Can you see
Two men approach this spring from separate ranks,
One dressed in blue and one in ill-starred gray,
Each unaware, creep down the sedge-grown banks
For this sweet water on a bitter day?

And do you see one (matters not which one)
Grow tense to see the other fall inert
To take a long sweet draught, then raise his gun
To cut him down? I don’t. I see him skirt
The great spring cautiously, and kneel inside
The ring of waves bewildering and wide.

--Edsel Ford,

In the Ozarks Mountaineer.

Note: Winton Springs is near the scene of the main Battle of Pea Ridge. Both armies fought bitterly for their possession since they were the main source of drinking water.

From the inside page of a small book printed in 1958 I think by Mrs. W.W. Vaught, Fayetteville, Ar. From a diary found on the battlefield of Prairie Grove and only went from the dates of September 5, 1862 to December 7, 1862, the day of the battle, the last excerpt is really something. The cover was missing as was the first 2 pages, and it was cut off mid sentence after about noon on the 7th of December in the middle of battle as he was describing the battle. He was with the 19th Iowa was all that could be discerned, it’s a really cool little book, who knows, maybe it will end up with the Sgt. Major.

Thought this might make a nice reprint, and it’s from Edsel Ford????

Mike

Events Around Town

Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri will hold its April 12th meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the 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!

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

The Tuesday, March 14th meeting of the K.C. Westerners will feature Larry Short, who will be speaking on the "Santa Fe Trail." 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.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City History



Dr. James I. "Bud" Robertson, Jr. was the fourth recipient of the Harry S. Truman Award. He was presented the award at the Civil War Round Table meeting held on February 26, 1963.

Dr. Robertson is the founding executive director of the Virginia Center for Civil War Studies research and education. He is considered the preeminent scholar on Confederate Lieutenant General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson and has authored 18 books on the Civil War. In 1961, President John F. Kennedy nominated Dr. Robertson to serve as the executive director of the U.S. Civil War Centennial Commission.

The following article is from the Kansas City Times dated February 22, 1963:

Civil War Expert to Talk.

Dr. James I. Robertson, Jr., Washington, an authority on the Civil war, will speak at 8 o'clock Tuesday at a meeting of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City, at the Hotel Bellerive.

At a dinner before his talk, the Round Table will give Dr. Robertson the Harry S. Truman award for meritorious service in Civil War history.

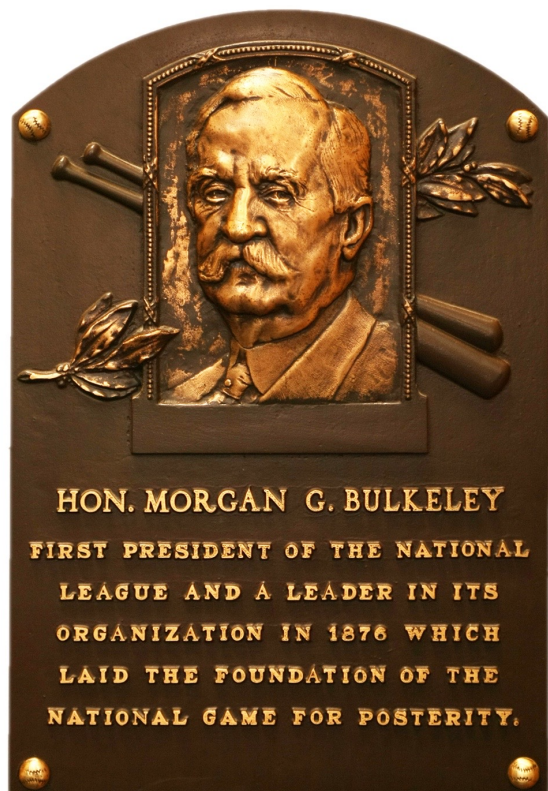
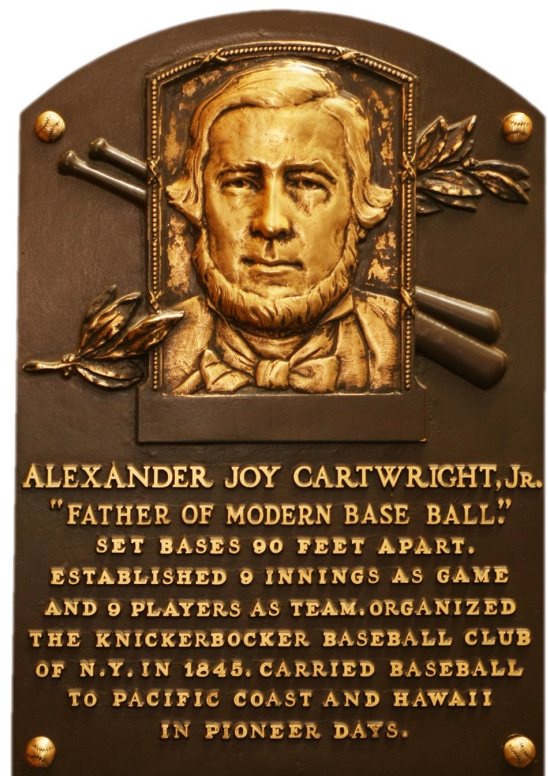
Dr. Robertson is executive director of the United States Civil War Centennial Commission and a professor of history at George Washington University. He has written many books and articles on Civil War history.

He will speak on fraternization between Union and Confederate soldiers during the Civil war. He will also speak at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday morning at Kansas City Junior college.

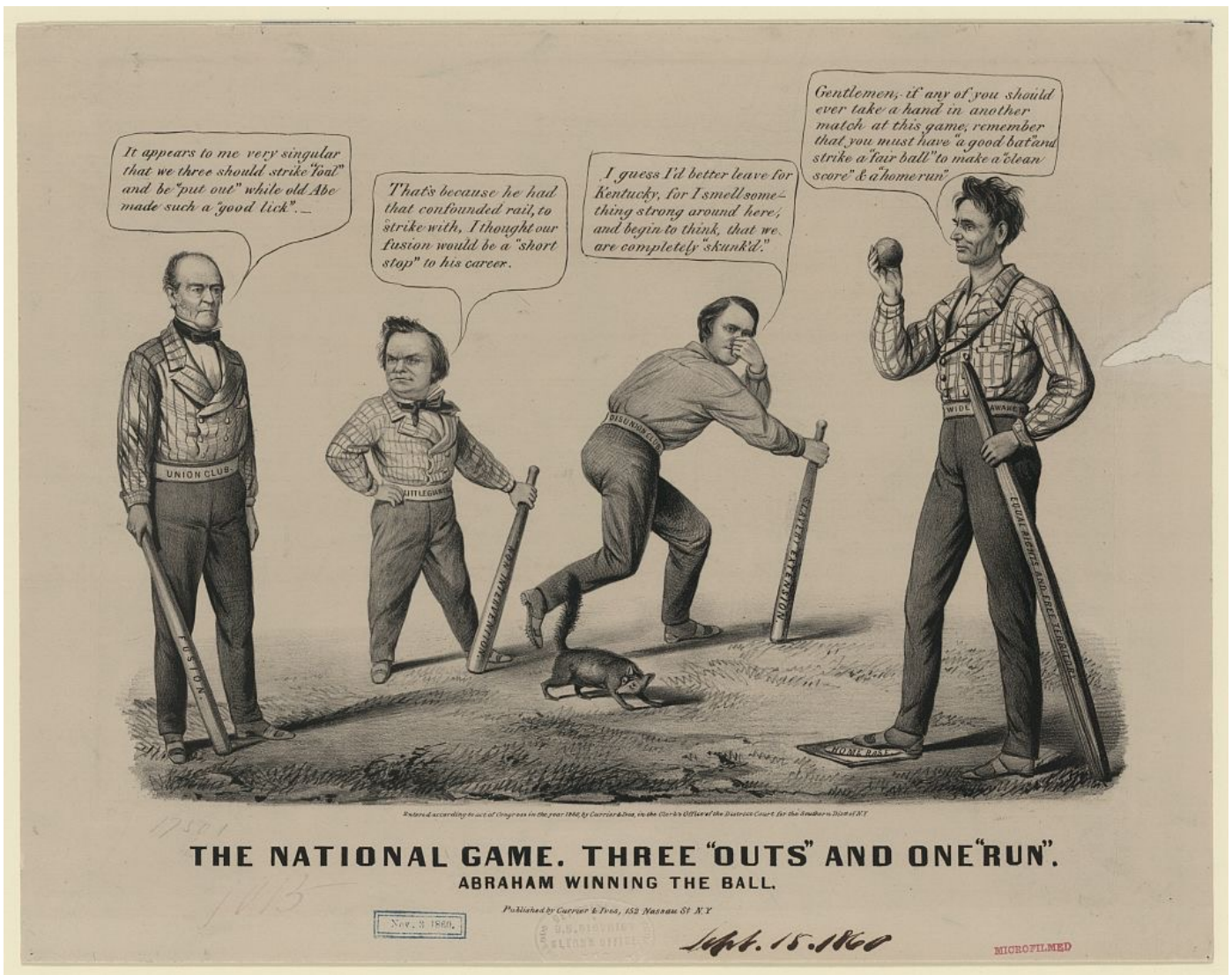
National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum

The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum is located in Cooperstown NY. The Hall of Fame was established in 1939. Two members of the Hall of Fame are shown at right. Alexander Joy Cartwright, Jr. is known as the "Father of Modern Baseball."

Morgan Gardner Bulkeley was the first president of the National League and is the only member of the Baseball Hall of Fame that served during the Civil War. He served in the 13th New York Volunteer Heavy Artillery during the Peninsula Campaign in 1862.



Photos courtesy of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.



The National Game, Three "Outs" and One "Run" - Abraham Winning the Ball

This political cartoon was created by Louis Maurer, Currier and Ives, New York and published in 1860. A description of the cartoon is as follows: John Bell. Stephen A. Douglas, John C. Breckenridge, and Abraham Lincoln are on the baseball field. They are saying:

- Bell: "It appears to me very singular that we three should strike "foul" and be "put out" while old Abe made such a "good lick."
- Douglas: "That's because he had that confounded rail, to strike with. I thought our fusion would be a "short stop" to his career."
- Breckenridge: "I guess I'd better leave for Kentucky, for I smell something strong around here, and begin to think that we are completely "skunked."
- Lincoln: "Gentlemen, if any of you should ever take a hand in another match at this game, remember that you must have "a good bat" and strike a "fair ball" to make a "clean score" & a "home run."

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