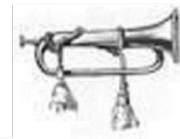




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491st Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 25, 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.

April Speaker



Photo by Anne Kostrevic-Smith

Civil War Round Table member **Lane Smith** will give a first-person presentation on Confederate General Robert E. Lee:

It is the summer of 1869. The Civil War has been over for four years. General Lee has kindly accepted our invitation to speak to our Round Table. Come and listen to what General Lee has to say about his personal life, his military career, and issues such as slavery and national reconciliation.

Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

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

April 20, 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.** Thank you for your cooperation!

April Dinner Menu

Pork Loin Medallions – Pork medallions roasted with a Fuji apple glaze, served with rosemary roasted new potatoes and chef's choice of vegetable. Served with a house salad, freshly baked bread with herbed butter, chef's choice of dessert, coffee, iced tea, 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



Lane Smith was President of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City in 2010-2011 and currently serves as the Sergeant of Arms.

Several years ago, Lane was serving as a member of a committee that was planning a Civil War Expo. The members of the committee wanted to find a General Grant and a General Lee to participate in that Expo. The

committee knew of a General Grant, but no one knew of a General Lee. A member of the committee looked at Lane and said: "You look like him." Lane has since performed as General Lee with General Grant, at many forums and has performed "General Lee, 1869" at an equal number of forums. At our Round Table meeting in March 2015, Lane and Randy Durbin performed a three-part play as General Lee and General Grant at Appomattox.

Lane was born in Detroit MI. His family moved to Missouri, where Lane grew up. He graduated from Northwest Missouri State University in 1966. Lane worked in the insurance industry before retiring in 2006. Lane is a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Sons of Confederate Veterans of the Civil War. Lane likes to say he is an "S.O.B." or "sons of both." Lane and his wife, Anne, have three sons and one grandson.

April Program: General Lee, 1869

The General will speak of his youth and later marriage to Mary Anna Custis.

Historians have many questions concerning the General: Was the war with Mexico a learning experience and did he apply that experience to the recent Civil War?

What were his views on slavery and was the General offered the Union command prior to the outbreak of hostilities?

Did the General commit treason by casting his lot with the South and what were the motives that tied him so deeply with that section?

These and other subjects and questions will be discussed by General Lee at our April Round Table meeting.

The Sergeant Major's Book Auction

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

First Blood: The Story of Fort Sumter by W. A. Swanberg; Charles Scribner & Sons, New York, 1957, 1st Edition, with dust jacket. Very good condition.

April 1865: The Month that Saved America by Jay Winik; Harper & Collins Publishers, New York, 2001, 1st Edition, with dust jacket. Excellent condition.

Witness to Appomattox by Richard Wheeler; Harper & Row Publishers, New York, 1989, 1st Edition, with dust jacket. Excellent condition.

Replica, USCS Map of Charleston Harbor, South Carolina. Reproduced in 1962 from original made by the U. S. Coastal Survey between 1861 and 1865. 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 was issued to all members on March 29th. If you have any corrections to your contact information, please advise Dave Pattison. We currently have a total of 105 members in the Round Table.

Member News

Please welcome new member **Bruce R. Smith**, who lives in Shawnee KS.

Last month was Women's History Month. We would like to thank **Arnold Schofield** for bringing roses for all of the ladies in attendance at the Civil War Round Table meeting on March 28th. That was very thoughtful.

Remembering Joe Louis Mattox



Former Civil War Round Table member **Joe Louis Mattox** passed away, at his home in Kansas City MO, on March 20, 2017. He was 79 years old. The memorial service was held on March 30th and Joe was buried at the Leavenworth National Cemetery.

There was an excellent article about Joe in the *Kansas City Star* on March 22nd. The article states that Joe "spent his life researching, writing, and lecturing about the contributions of African-Americans in Kansas City and throughout the region. Since the early 1990's Mattox was an independent scholar and volunteer at the Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center and State Museum in Kansas City."

Joe was a member of the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund and was a volunteer at the Battle of Westport Museum in Swope Park. Joe was a true gentleman and was recognized as a "Living Historian." Joe will be greatly missed by all those that knew him.

Bus Trip to Fort Leavenworth

The bus trip to Fort Leavenworth KS is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2017. 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.

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

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

Update on We Remember, Again Book

Fifteen members of the Civil War Round Table have submitted articles regarding their ancestors that served in the Civil War. **Harriett Duff** has done an outstanding job of compiling and formatting the submissions and preparing a cover and table of contents for the book. Harriett indicated that the original *We Remember* book had submissions from 69 members of the Round Table. If you are still interested in submitting articles on your Civil War ancestors, we are extending the deadline to May 31, 2017. The intent is to publish the *We Remember, Again* book this summer.

Upcoming Programs in 2017

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.

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 #474

Chasing Quantrill

On August 21, 1863 Colonel William C. Quantrill and his band of Confederate guerrillas attacked and destroyed much of Lawrence, Kansas. This was one of the, if not the most successful Confederate raids in Kansas during the Civil War. Much has been written about the "sacking of Lawrence", but very little has been published about the pursuit of Quantrill and his band, as they returned to Missouri after the raid. The following edited account of "Chasing Quantrill" has been edited because of its length and was written by Pvt. Albert R. Greene of Company A, 9th Kansas Volunteer Cavalry and was published in Volume XIII of the Kansas Collections on Pages 430 – 451 in 1913-1914.

"I was awakened by someone, "Lawrence is in ashes and every man, woman and child in the town is dead." Our column had halted in the streets of Olathe at the same moment. We had come twenty miles. We all recognized the well-known voice of Captain Flesher of Company E and his cordial, spontaneous, unaffected, fluent, comprehensive, and "VOCIFEROUS CUSSIN"!

From Olathe, we turned back to the south, confirming the belief that Quantrill was retreating. Every man's spirits rose as he thought of the probable success of this move to head off the enemy and punish him, not in Missouri, but in Kansas. There was no more sleeping in the ranks. At Spring Hill, another messenger reached us with the word that no women or children had been killed, but that there was not a living man or boy on the Lawrence town site.

A few miles south of Spring Hill is a prairie ridge ranging north and south. At this time, the road followed the crest of the ridge to its abrupt termination north of where the village of Hillsdale now stands. Just then Major Thatcher rode back and speaking to me said: "Take this [spy]glass and ride up to the top of the hill yonder and sweep the horizon, to see what you can see, but make no sign until you are under the cover of the hill again." I took the glass and rode out as ordered. When I came to the top of the hill, it was not necessary to use the glass, for below me and within a mile was Quantrill's whole command. Something had disturbed the guerrillas before I came into sight. The men were running hither and thither, gathering up horses and saddling them, collecting bundles, and slinging them on other horses and other men, apparently officers, were galloping up and down a line that was being formed, swinging their hats and gesticulating in the wildest manner. Turning the glass on the guerrillas, I saw that nearly every man had an extra horse and that these horses were loaded with plunder of every description, what appeared to be bolts of dry goods, bundles of shoes, clothing, etc.

To the southwest and within half a mile, was Coleman's [reinforcement] column, 200 men strong, hurrying toward us and in our command, not less than 300 men, all spoiling for a fight. It really began to look as if the HOUR OF VENGEANCE HAD COME. By the time Coleman's command had come up, Quantrill was out of sight, over a ridge to the east, but was not more than two miles away and there was yet time to overhaul him before he could reach the woods of the Grand River in Missouri, if matters were pushed.

Doubtless, the exact spot where this command of five or six hundred men threw away the last chance for ANNIHILATING QUANTRILL and his gang is a meadow of pasture, dotted over with white faced cattle, or it may be the site of some stately farmhouse surrounded by trees and vines and other accessories of a happy home, and it may be that the inhabitants of the region never heard of the crime committed there, but if the GHOSTS of the men murdered at Lawrence ever hold indignation meetings to abhor the arrest of the sword of justice and vengeance, it is there. And if the BLACK SPIRITS of the GUERRILLAS ever sally forth for a RESPITE from the TORMENTS OF HELL, they should hold high carnival on that spot.

To the everlasting disgrace of the officer in command, this was not done and as if to make the escape of the guerrillas doubly sure, Colonel Lynde halted the pursuit and called a Council of War! When the men had cursed until they were horse, and Quantrill had been allowed to put a couple of miles between his command and its pursuers, the bugle sounded "Forward" and for the moment hope revived. It was but a moment, however, for when the command reached a favorable spot at the foot of the hill, it was formed into line and the order given, "Prepare to Dismount".

This halt lasted about fifteen minutes, then the disintegrated line assumed shape again and the command moved off in a column of two's, in a southeasterly direction with Company A in the advance. After going half a mile or so, we struck the trail of the enemy. Away we went up the trail. Packages of plunder lined the way. Piles of felt hats nested together, bolts of broadcloth, of silk, of calico; shoes tied in bundles, clothing of all sorts and description, shelf hardware and cutlery, tableware, etc. Our horses shied at it, trampled on it, leaped over it; hundreds of dollars worth of property, but not a man tried to get any of it, for we had business of more importance.

The foregoing, compiled as to dates, names, and places are from a daily journal kept by me during the war, completes what I personally saw and experienced of the pursuit of Quantrill after the Lawrence raid."

Now then, Greene's narrative of the pursuit of "Quantrill" is not finished and its conclusion will be included in next month's *Border Bugle* and, of course, the War Went On!

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American Civil War study and his books: *Lincoln and the Radicals* (1941), *Lincoln and His Generals* (1952), *P.G.T. Beauregard*, *Napoleon in Gray* (1955), *McClellan*, *Sherman*, and *Grant* (1962), and *Huey Long* (1969).

Dr. Thomas Harry Williams (1909-1979) was the fifth recipient of the Harry S. Truman award, which was presented to Dr. Williams at the Round Table meeting held on February 25, 1964. Dr. Williams was an American historian who taught at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge LA from 1941-1979. He is best known for

The following article appeared in the Kansas City Times on February 26, 1964:

Civil War Ranks as Our Greatest Tragedy

Modern weaponry and military strategy notwithstanding, the Civil War stands as the most destructive in terms of human life of any war in which the United States has engaged. In fact, Dr. T. Harry Williams of Louisiana State University said yesterday in an interview, the service deaths in the Civil War – 618,000 – surpasses the total of Americans lost in all other conflicts.

A Wide Knowledge

This is the type of information that Dr. Williams, a Civil War expert, can offer on just about any phase of that American tragedy. Dr. Williams, who is Boyd professor of American history at L. S. U., last night received the Harry S. Truman award for meritorious service in the field of Civil War history at a meeting of the Civil War Round Table at the Hotel Bellerive. Noting there were 370,000 Americans killed in World War II, Dr. Williams equated what the more than 600,000 deaths meant to this nation at the time of the Civil War. "The Federal deaths of 360,000" he explained, "were out of a population of 21,000,000. If we had lost men at the rate the North did (in World War II) there would have been 1,500,000 deaths in World War II. The 258,000 Confederate deaths were out of a white population of 6,000,000. That rate would have meant 4,000,000 deaths in World War II." This was due partly to the fact that technology in arms had raced ahead of communications. The rifle-musket could kill at longer distances – a man could be picked off at 400 to 500 yards, and artillery pieces were far more effective than ever before.

Too Closely Ranked

But the troops had to be kept close together, in sight of the commanders, to be controlled. This made them easy targets, especially in frontal assaults. While it was tragic in terms of human misery, the war also produced some of the outstanding American humor, he said. Among the stories Dr. Williams recounted in the interview was one about General Robert E. Lee. General John Pope, an energetic Union leader, once boasted: "My headquarters will be in my saddle." This reportedly prompted General Lee to retort: "His headquarters are where his hindquarters ought to be." That, said Dr. Williams, was the only humorous quip he has found attributed to General Lee during the war.

Represents Mr. Truman

The presentation of the fifth annual plaque to Dr. Williams last night was made by Dr. Bert Maybee, a founder and former president of the Kansas City Civil War Round Table, sponsor of the award. Dr. Maybee acted in the absence of former President Truman, who could not attend. Previous winners were author-historians Bruce Catton, Allan Nevins, and Edward Bearss, and James Robertson, executive director of the national Civil War Centennial commission. Dr. Williams read a paper in response on an evaluation of General William Tecumseh Sherman. "Sherman," he said, "was a modern-minded general, who inaugurated many aspects of total war, but was not himself a great battle captain. He was one who would not commit his army in a showdown decision. He seemed to lack the iron resolution to do that."

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. Robert Walz will be speaking about Railroad Generalship: Foundations of Civil War Strategy.

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 next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 11th. 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.

National World War I Museum

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the day the United States entered World War I (April 6, 1917), the National World War I Museum has opened a special exhibit titled: "Fields of Battle, Lands of Peace: The Doughboys, 1917-1918." The outdoor exhibit will be open until August 20, 2017.

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