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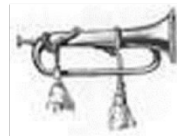
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Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City



## 492nd Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, May 23, 2017**

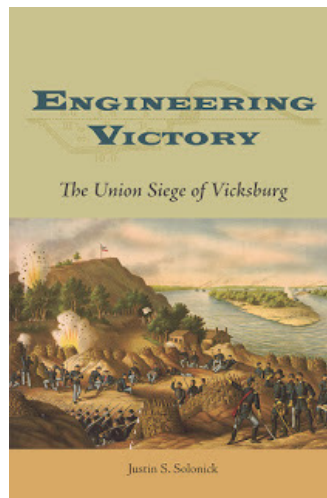
**Sunset Ballroom, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Holiday Inn**

8787 Reeder Rd., Overland Park, KS 66214

Social Hour - Cash Bar – 5:30p.m.

Dinner - 6:30p.m.

## May Program



**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. We recommend purchasing a copy of his book before the meeting, if you would like to have him sign the book at the meeting.

### Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

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

**May 18, 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](mailto:skeipp@kc.rr.com).

**Reservation Deadline: 12:00 noon, May 18th**

## 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!

## May Dinner Menu

**Chicken Supreme** – Baked chicken breast with a mushroom/cream sauce, served with steamed white rice 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



Justin S. Solonick received his Ph.D. in U.S. History from Texas Christian University in 2013. Upon graduation, he taught U.S. History as an Adjunct Instructor at TCU. His latest book, *Engineering Victory: The Union Siege of Vicksburg*, was featured on C-SPAN 2's BOOKTV as part of a larger panel discussion about Mississippi and the Civil War. The book was also a finalist for the Army Historical Foundation 2015 Distinguished Writing Award. Prior to authoring

*Engineering Victory*, Dr. Solonick published a book chapter titled "Saving the Army of Tennessee: The Confederate Rear Guard at Ringgold Gap," which appeared in *The Chattanooga Campaign* also published by Southern Illinois University Press. More recently, Dr. Solonick worked as a Military Historian and Analyst for Prairie Quest Consulting as part of the Iraq Expeditionary Operations Study Team. Together, the team prepared a manuscript for the Army Press (formerly Combat Studies Institute) that examined military logistics during Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and NEW DAWN.

## Overview of the Book: *Engineering Victory*

The following is an overview of Dr. Solonick's book, *Engineering Victory: The Union Siege of Vicksburg*, as provided on the Amazon and Barnes & Noble websites:

"On May 25, 1863, after driving the Confederate army into defensive lines surrounding Vicksburg, Mississippi, Union major general Ulysses S. Grant and his Army of the Tennessee laid siege to the fortress city. With no reinforcements and dwindling supplies, the Army of Vicksburg finally surrendered on July 4, yielding command of the Mississippi River to Union forces and effectively severing the Confederacy. In this illuminating volume, Justin S. Solonick offers the first detailed study of how Grant's midwesterners serving in the Army of Tennessee engineered the siege of Vicksburg, placing the event within the broader context of U.S. and European military history and nineteenth-century applied science in trench warfare and field fortifications. In doing so, he shatters the Lost Cause myth that Vicksburg's Confederate garrison surrendered due to lack of provisions. Instead of being starved out, Solonick explains, the Confederates were dug out.

"After opening with a sophisticated examination of nineteenth-century military engineering and the history of siege craft, Solonick discusses the stages of the Vicksburg siege and the implements and tactics Grant's soldiers used to achieve victory. As Solonick shows, though Grant lacked sufficient professional engineers to organize a traditional siege - an offensive tactic characterized by cutting the enemy's communication lines and digging forward-moving approach trenches - the few engineers available, when possible, gave Union troops a crash course in military engineering. Ingenious midwestern soldiers, in turn, creatively applied engineering maxims to the situation at Vicksburg, demonstrating a remarkable ability to adapt in the face of adversity. When instruction and oversight were not possible, the common soldiers improvised. Solonick concludes with a description of the surrender of Vicksburg, an analysis of the siege's effect on the outcome of the Civil War, and a discussion of its significance in western military history.

"Solonick's study of the Vicksburg siege focuses on how the American Civil War was a transitional one with its own distinct nature, not the last Napoleonic war or the herald of modern warfare. At Vicksburg, he reveals, a melding of traditional siege craft with the soldiers' own inventiveness resulted in Union victory during the largest, most successful siege in American history."

### **The Sergeant Major's Book Auction**

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

*Mighty Stonewall* by Frank E. Vandiver; McGraw – Hill Publishers, New York; 1957, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition, no dust jacket, but in excellent condition.

*Chancellorsville: Lee's Greatest Battle* by Edward J. Stackpole, Stackpole Publishing Company, Harrisburg PA; 1958, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition. Distributed by Bonanza Books, a Division of Crown Publications, with dust jacket, and in very good condition.

*SULTANA: The Worst Maritime Disaster in American History* by Alan Huffman, Smithsonian Books, Harper Collins Book Publishers, 2009, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition, with dust jacket, and in excellent condition.

### **Member News**

Please welcome the following new members, who joined the Round Table at our dinner meeting on April 25, 2017:

**Randal L. Durbin** lives in Overbrook KS and is a friend of Lane Smith. Randy and Lane performed a play titled: "Lee and Grant at Appomattox" at our dinner meeting in March of 2015. Randy played the role of General Ulysses S. Grant.

**Hibberd V. Kline III** lives in Kansas City MO and is a friend of Bill Buckner. Hibberd is the author of a Civil War book titled: *Conflicting Loyalties, A Navy Gray Novel of the Civil War at Sea*. This book was published in 2012.

We currently have a total of 107 members in the Round Table.

### **Bus Trip to Fort Leavenworth**

We would like to thank Civil War Round Table member Phil Baker for doing an outstanding job of planning, organizing, and leading the bus trip to Fort Leavenworth KS on Saturday, April 22, 2017. A total of 40 people went on the bus trip. It was a very interesting tour and we all learned a great deal about the history of Fort Leavenworth. In the morning, we visited the Buffalo Soldier Monument, Grant Hall and the clock tower, the Memorial Chapel (built in 1878), the post commander's house, the Syracuse houses, and the Rookery (completed in 1834). Following a delicious lunch in the commissary, we visited the old U.S. Disciplinary Barracks, the Military Prison Cemetery, the

Military Correctional Complex, the Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery, and the Frontier Army Museum. In the National Cemetery, we visited Thomas Custer's grave and the Brigadier General Henry Leavenworth monument. Thomas Custer was awarded two Medals of Honor.



Above: Round Table member and tour guide Phil Baker discussing the history of Fort Leavenworth KS at the Buffalo Soldier Monument. Phil served in the U.S. Army and was sworn in at West Point and sworn out at Fort Leavenworth.

### **Last Call for the We Remember, Again Book**

The deadline for submitting articles for the *We Remember, Again* book is May 31, 2017. Sixteen members of the Civil War Round Table have submitted articles regarding their ancestors that served in the Civil War. **Harriet 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. The intent is to publish the *We Remember, Again* book this summer.

### **Executive Committee Meeting - June 17, 2017**

The Executive Committee of the Civil War Round Table will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 17, 2017. The meeting will be held at Don Bates' office, located at 7600 State Line Road, Prairie Village KS.

### **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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## Upcoming Programs in 2017

**June 27, 2017: Dr. Timothy B. Smith** will be speaking about his latest book titled: *Shiloh, Conquer or Perish*, that was published in 2014. The title of his talk is: "Difficult and Broken Ground: The Terrain Factor at Shiloh." The terrain at Shiloh had a huge impact on the outcome of the battle. 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.

Please note that Dr. Smith will not be bringing any copies of his book: *Shiloh, Conquer of Perish* to the dinner meeting. We recommend purchasing a copy of his book before the meeting, if you would like to have him sign the book at the meeting.

**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.

## Sergeant Major's Roar

### Battlefield Dispatches #475 Chasing Quantrill, Stragglers Die

The following column is a continuation of "Chasing Quantrill" by Union "Kansas" troops after the Confederate Colonel William Clark Quantrill and his guerrillas successfully attacked and destroyed Lawrence, Kansas on August 21, 1863. In this attack 200 loyal "Union" men were killed and most of the town was burned to the ground. Company A of the 9<sup>th</sup> Kansas Volunteer Cavalry was part of the pursuit of Col. Quantrill and his guerrillas and the following description of chasing "Quantrill" is from the journal of Private Albert R. Greene, who was a member of Company A. The journal is located in Volume XIII, Pages 430 – 451 of the 1913-1914 Kansas Historical Collections.

According to a very special friend by the name of Mr. Webster, a STRAGGLER is defined as "one who falls behind" and it was often fatal to be a straggler in the Civil War or for that matter any war. A single straggler or two could be and were often vulnerable to the pursuing enemy and depending on their previous action or actions the stragglers could be taken prisoner or KILLED ON THE SPOT as most were in revenge for what they had done or been a part of. Such was the case when a number of stragglers of Quantrill's command were captured and killed by troopers of Company A, which was described by Private Greene as follows.

"Away we went up the trail. Packages of plunder lined the way. Piles of felt hats nested together, bolts of broadcloth, of silk, of cotton, shoes tied in bundles, clothing of all sorts and description; shelf hardware and cutlery, table ware, 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 chief thought in my mind was, and I think this was the thought of others, that if our horses could hold out, we must shortly come up with the enemy. They were impeded by their lead horses, and if they stopped to change mounts, it would be to our advantage. Then too, the packs on their horses must add to their embarrassment and this might account for the mass plunder that was being cut loose and abandoned. Furthermore, a majority of our men and horses were fresher than theirs. To offset these advantages to an extent, they were full of liquor and desperate and in this condition would urge their horses as long as they had breath in them.

"When we had made our first mile and slowed down to blow the horses, we came bump against a DRUNKEN

BUSHWHACKER in the middle of the trail. He had dismounted and was playing circus with a calf that was picketed near a settler's cabin. This fellow had pulled up the picket pin and was exercising the calf by making it run in a little circle, after the manner of the prize horses at a country fair. He was a picturesque specimen of the BORDER BANDIT and gotten up a style that must have made him the envy of the whole gang. His red topped boots would have befitted a stage villain, his coat was turned wrong side out and thereby displayed the flamboyant linings, around his swarthy neck flowed a red handkerchief, and on his shaggy head perched a stack of felt hats as high as a joint of stovepipe.

"As we came up, he uttered a hiccup and a watery smile and in attempting a bow, lost his balance and fell headlong. Then he let out a wild shriek, which proved to be his last, for on looking back, I saw a grinning soldier putting a smoking revolver in his holster and a DEAD REBEL on the grass, still holding onto the end of the rope. Not a word was said and I do not recall that the incident was ever referred to afterward.

"The road led around the field in semicircular form with a rail fence on the left and a small tributary of the Grand River on the right, until it came to the main stream, which at this point was little more than a creek near the northeast corner of the field. At the ford, we ran into the rear guard, which was covering the escape of a carriage with the wounded [guerrillas] and which seemed to have trouble to get up the bank. In the skirmish that followed, one of our men was slightly wounded, but laughed at it. The carriage turned off soon after getting across the stream and followed a wood road down the river. We learned afterwards that two men from our main command, when it came up and saw the tracks of the carriage, and followed them and overtaking the carriage, KILLED the wounded men [GUERRILLAS] in their bed. In the fury over the outrages which had been perpetrated in Lawrence, it [this killing] was condoned.

"Many of the guerrilla's lead horses were abandoned in the flight and all of these had bundles strapped on the saddles. Side-saddles, calico, and men's hats predominated. I recall how one of these bundles led to the discovery of a couple of bushwhackers, who otherwise would have escaped. One morning we were passing through thick woods with underbrush and had just come to the end of an obscure wood road, when a horse that was tied at the side of it backed out into the open way, and we saw a bundle of dry goods strapped to the saddle. The squad was turned into the by-road and the BUSHWHACKERS, who were being fed at a house nearby, ran out just in time to be riddled with bullets."

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Now then, as indicated, it appears that any STRAGGLERS from Quantrill's Guerrillas, who on their way back to Missouri were unfortunate enough to encounter Kansas, were killed on the spot. It will probably never be known how many of these guerrillas died in Kansas and never returned to the Show-Me-State and of course the War Went On. Next month's column will describe a NIGHT ATTACK in Kansas while Chasing Quantrill.

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

Mr. Everette Beach Long (1919-1981) was the sixth recipient of the Harry S. Truman award, which was presented to Mr. Long at the Round Table meeting held on March 23, 1965. The following article appeared in the Kansas City Times on March 22, 1965:

#### **E. B. LONG TO GET A TRUMAN AWARD**

Illinois Historian Will Be Honored

Tomorrow at Hotel Bellerive

#### **IN CIVIL WAR HISTORY**

He Is Doing Research for

3-Volume Work on Conflict



Mr. Long

The Harry S. Truman award for meritorious service in the field of Civil War history will be made tomorrow night to E. B. Long, Oak Park, Ill. Long, who will be honored by the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City at ceremonies at the Hotel Bellerive, is working with Bruce Catton on a 3-volume history of the war. Two volumes of the set have been completed. For this project, Long has collected and arranged more than 9 million words of notes. Most of the material was obtained from original manuscripts, diaries and records. He visited more than 125 libraries, universities and archives. Previous Truman awards have been given to Catton, editor of "American Heritage"; Allan Nevins, historian and chairman of the National Civil War Centennial commission, and Dr. T. Harry Williams, American history professor at Louisiana State University.

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Mr. Long died on March 31, 1981. The following obituary appeared in the Washington Post on April 7, 1981:

## E.B. Long, Was Historian, Lecturer on Civil War

Noted Civil War historian and lecturer E. B. (Pete) Long, 61 died Tuesday in Chicago of an apparent heart attack.

Mr. Long, a professor of American studies at the University of Wyoming, died at a downtown hotel. He was in Chicago to address the Chicago Press Club and the Civil War Round Table with his latest book, "The Saints and the Union: the Utah Territory during the Civil War", a study of the Mormons during that conflict.

He was perhaps best known for his detailed, definitive record of the North-South conflict called "The Civil War Day by Day", on which he was helped by his wife, Barbara. It was a distillation of the 9 million words on 26,000 pages that he had compiled on that war after visiting 125 universities and libraries throughout this country.

Mr. Long was born in Whitehall WI and attended Miami University in Oxford OH, and Northwestern University. He did not finish all the requirements for a degree, because of his dislike for the foreign language he was studying. Nevertheless, from 1967 to 1969, he served as visiting lecturer in history at the University of California in Riverside and at San Diego, and at the University of Illinois in Chicago.

Before that, beginning in 1955, Mr. Long had served as director of research for the renowned historian Bruce Catton's project, the centennial history of the Civil War.

He also worked for historian Allan Nevins on the eight-volume work, "Ordeal of the Union."

Mr. Long had earlier worked for the Associated Press in Chicago and the Chicago Tribune. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, of Laramie WY.

## Events Around Town

### Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri will hold its May 10th meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Heights Community of Christ Church, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence MO. Diane Eichoff's program is titled: "If It Walks Like a Man." She will be telling the story of women who disguised themselves as men, in order to fight in the Civil War.

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, May 9th. 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 visitors are always welcome. Phil Young will speak about the history of Plentywood MT. For more information, see **Deborah Buckner** or **Dennis Garstang** or call (816) 569-1180.

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