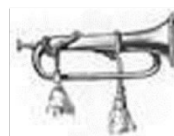




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495th Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 22, 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.



August Speaker

Richard T. Gillespie will be speaking about Colonel John Singleton Mosby C.S.A. and the Mosby Heritage Foundation. Colonel Mosby was known as the "Grey Ghost" and commanded the 43rd Battalion, 1st Virginia Cavalry. This unit became known as "Mosby's Rangers" or "Mosby's Raiders."

Mr. Gillespie is a New England native and graduated from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg VA. He serves as Historian Emeritus for the Mosby Heritage Area Association.

Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Please be sure **Dennis Garstang** receives all reservations by **12:00 noon on Thursday, August 17, 2017** along with payment of \$27.00 per person. Mail to:

Dennis Garstang, 6005 NW 103 Street, Kansas City, MO 64154

Report any necessary adjustments to Dennis at 816-569-1180 (home) or 573-465-2020 (cell/text) 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 **Dennis** an email, so that he will not miss your reservation. <mailto:dgarstang@kc.rr.com>

Reservation Deadline: 12:00 noon, August 17

Important Reservation Information

Our treasurer, **Susan Keipp**, will miss the Civil War Round Table dinner meeting this month. Susan will be attending the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo and will be doing some genealogy research while in Scotland. The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo is an annual series of military tattoos performed by the British Armed Forces. We wish her a safe and fun trip.

Our assistant treasurer, Dennis Garstang, will be handling all of the reservations this month. Therefore, please help Dennis by getting your reservations in early. Dennis says: "Reservations are due at High Noon on August 17th. If you snooze, you lose." Contact information for Dennis is shown at the bottom of Page 1 of this month's *Border Bugle*.

Dinner Menu

Fried Chicken Breast – Fried chicken breast with mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, bread, 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



Mr. Richard T. Gillespie

Rich Gillespie is a New England native who has spent most of his life in Virginia. Educated at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, his first career was spent as a high school history teacher in Northern Virginia (Mosby country), with an emphasis on using regional and local historic sites to bring his teaching alive. Summers were spent working at historic sites including at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, located just 17 miles from his school.

Retiring from the Loudoun County, Virginia Public Schools in 2004, Mr. Gillespie went on to his second career first as Director of Education and ultimately as Executive Director of the Mosby Heritage Area Association, dedicated to educating about and preserving the historical landscape of the five counties on either side of Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains that constitute the Mosby Heritage Area. At fifty years in the field, Mr. Gillespie recently retired for a second time and now serves as the Historian Emeritus for the Mosby Heritage Area Association.

The Sergeant Major's Book Auction

Arnold Schofield will auction the following books at the August dinner meeting:

Mosby's Rangers by James J. Williamson; Reprinted in 1982 from the 1896 first Edition by Time-Life, Collector's Library of the Civil War, no dust jacket, in mint condition.

Mosby's Rangers by Jeffery D. Wert; Simon & Schuster, New York, 1990, 1st Edition, with dust jacket, in mint condition.

Bruce Catton's America: Selections from his Greatest Works, Edited by Oliver Jensen; American Heritage Publishing Company, New York, 1979, with dust jacket, in excellent condition.

In addition, Arnold will bring several copies of the book titled: *Shelby's March*. The book retails for \$28.00. However, Arnold will be selling the book for \$10.00 per copy, in order to raise money for the Round Table.

Returning Member

We would like to welcome back **Kathy Scharplaz** of Minneapolis KS. Kathy was previously a member of the Round Table in 2015 and 2016. Thank you for renewing your membership! We currently have 112 members in the Round Table.

Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the Civil War Round Table will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 21, 2017. The meeting will be held at **Don Bates'** office, located at 7600 State Line Road, Prairie Village KS 66208. All current members of the Round Table are invited to attend. The Executive Committee is in the process of scheduling the speakers for 2018.

Last Month's Program



Mr. George C. Wunderlich

At our Round Table dinner meeting on July 25, 2017, **George Wunderlich**, Director of the United States Army Medical Department Museum in San Antonio, Texas gave an outstanding presentation titled: "The U.S. Army Medical Department: Civil War Lessons Learned, Still in Use Today." Mr. Wunderlich said that in October of 1862, a visionary surgeon named Jonathan Letterman forever altered the flow of medical treatment from battlefield to hospital. As medical director for the Union Army, Letterman created a well-organized system of care that began with triage close to the source of harm and was followed by rapid transportation to a series of clinics, hospitals, and trained specialists. Mr. Wunderlich said those kinds of protocols continue to be essential today. Some of the other topics he covered were:

- The fallacy of soldiers having to "bite the bullet" during amputation. Ether and chloroform were commonly used as anesthetics during the Civil War.
- Experiments were conducted, in order to develop a successful treatment for gangrene.
- Soldiers were inoculated for small pox, but in some cases, soldiers were infected with syphilis through the inoculation process.
- Many soldier during the Civil War died due to dysentery or chronic diarrhea. Mr. Wunderlich explained that the sanitary conditions at Gettysburg during and after the battle were horrendous. There was no safe drinking water and flies were everywhere.

Upcoming Speaker Schedule

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.

January 23, 2018: Round Table member **Lane Smith** will give a program on Confederate President Jefferson Davis. The title of his talk is: "Embattled Confederates."

February 27, 2018: February is Black History Month. Round Table member **Arnold Schofield** will be speaking about the Kansas Independent Colored Light Artillery.

March 27, 2018: March is Women's History Month. Aaron Barnhart and Diane Eickhoff will be giving a program on women soldiers in the Civil War.

April 24, 2018: Eric Wittenberg will be speaking about the Battle of Brandy Station.

May 22, 2018: Speaker to be determined.

June 26, 2018: Dr. Clay Mountcastle will speak on the topic of "Punitive War." This was the subject of his book by that title, published by the University of Kansas Press in 2009, as part of its modern military series. The talk will focus on the interplay of the Confederate insurgency and guerilla operations in the several theaters of the war and the Federal response to the insurgency.

July 24, 2018: Speaker to be determined

August 28, 2018: Dr. Leo Oliva will give a program about soldiers on the Santa Fe Trail in the Civil War and Fort Larned KS.

September 25, 2018: Dennis E. Frye, Chief Historian at Harpers Ferry National Historic Park, will be giving a program titled: "McClellan and Lee: A New Perspective."

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 #478

Chasing Quantrill: "Fire with Fire"

After the successful attack on Lawrence Kansas on August 21, 1863, the "Union" or "Kansas pursuit of the perpetrators, Colonel William C. Quantrill and his confederate guerrillas, was disorganized, but it did not end at the Kansas/Missouri border. Pursuit by the inflamed Kansas Militia was stopped at Paola before it got started, but companies of organized Kansas Regiments did pursue Quantrill and his raiders into Missouri. This included seven companies of the 9th Kansas Volunteer Cavalry, including Company A, which started from Westport on September 10, 1863. Granted, this was approximately three weeks after the destruction of Lawrence. However, this mission was to also provide assistance with the forced evacuation of Jackson, Cass, Bates, and northern Vernon counties of civilians, who were southern sympathizers. The following description of this pursuit into Missouri was written by Albert Greene of Company A and was published on Pages 444-446, 448 and 449 in Volume XIII, 1913-1914 of the Kansas Collections:

"Days of running fights ensued between small detachments of [Kansas] troops and a handful of guerrillas, but the band was broken up and never had the least bit of cohesion after that night attack, so closely did the troops follow them that they could not secrete their plunder and this became conclusive evidence upon which the sentence of death was executed, when men were caught with packs on their saddles. Every man killed, and we finished about one hundred before the pursuit was finally abandoned, had stolen goods strapped to his saddle. Many of the led horses were abandoned in

the flight and all 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 a 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 its saddle. The squad was turned into that by-road and the BUSHWHACKERS, who were being fed at a house near by, ran out just in time to be riddled with bullets. Thus we ranged the counties of Cass, Johnson, Lafayette, Jackson, and Bates. However, this was not done immediately following the pursuit of Quantrill with which I have been dealing.

"To resume the narrative, I may say that on the 24th of August, we dispatched [killed] two guerrillas in the village of Blue Springs, both admitting that they were of the Quantrill Gang, but pleaded that "they were made to go!" On the 27th we returned to Westport. That is, our Company did. I do not pretend to follow the movements of the other companies of the battalion. We had been in the saddle for more than a week and, during that time, had not undressed, had not an hour of sound sleep, and had not eaten a square meal. Those of us who had been on the foot scout preceding the raid, had been under similar hardships for two days more than this, except that we had eaten a full meal on the morning of the 21st at Westport.

"While not properly a part of the so-called pursuit of Quantrill, this is a good place to tell the rest of the story, which leads up to the time the guerrilla chieftain out-generated [General] Blunt and went south to receive a colonel's commission in the Confederate Army, as a reward for slaughtering nearly two hundred noncombatants in and around Lawrence.

"For nine days after our return to Westport, we rested and awaited further orders. During this time an incident occurred which will illustrate the way it became necessary to fight 'FIRE WITH FIRE!' One day, Corporal Huston came to the orderly sergeant and asked for a detail of six men, to "go on a little lark into the country." The two went to Captain Earl's headquarters and had a talk, with the result that the corporal got his men. At dark, the seven men rode away and in two days they came back, and meantime, this was what happened. Quantrill's gang had been reduced in numbers by the loss of six men. It seems that Houston had been doing a little detective work on his own account, down in Kansas City, which was then and during the war ulcerated with treason to the Union. What disguise he adopted and the details of the places he pursued, I do not pretend to know, but he found out the rendezvous of a band of BUSHWHACKERS and learned their names and was

told of their exploits in killing unarmed recruits in Lawrence. Satisfied of his ground and acting on the principle in this case, that the end would justify the means, he matured his plans. By riding at night and hiding during the daytime, he came with his squad to the headquarters of the BUSHWHACKERS early in the night of the second day. Leaving their horses at a safe distance, they crept to the brink of the ravine, where the outlaws were carousing and wiped out the band, six in number, with a single volley.

"On the 10th of September, seven companies of cavalry set out again after Quantrill. We marched to Pleasant Hill [MO], thence to Lone Jack, thence to Chapel Hill, where we found the Eleventh Missouri Cavalry. On the 13th, we broke camp before daylight and marched to Blue Springs and on the following day returned to Pleasant Hill. By consulting the map, it will be seen that we had described a circle of fifteen or twenty miles in diameter. Quantrill's favorite hiding place was in this exact locality and just east of there, along the breaks of the Blackwater River.

"When we returned to Pleasant Hill, we found that he [Quantrill] had been following us and burning and killing in retaliation for the punishment he had received and for Order No. 11 [that had forced the evacuation of all Confederate sympathizers from Jackson, Cass, Bates, and northern Vernon Counties]. Union men who had established their loyalty under the terms of that order, had been slaughtered like wild animals, and their houses and property destroyed.

"On the 15th, we made a night march and surprised a band of guerrillas at breakfast at a house in the Sni Hills. It was hardly a surprise either, for the barking of a dog flushed the game and they made a break, over the bank on which the house stood, and escaped down a cliff, where it was impossible to follow them, leaving their horses and booty behind. There was enough dry goods, clothing, boots, shoes, hats, etc. in the house and on the captured horses, to have stocked a fair-sized country store. It was put in a pile and ruthlessly burned. On the 17th we returned to Westport.

"On the 23rd, we again took the field, to help enforce Order No. 11. Three days later, we had a skirmish with a band of Quantrill's men on Hog Island, in the Osage River in Bates County, killing one of them, and having several of our men wounded, one severely. The man killed was riding a large dapple-gray horse, which was recognized as belonging to a livery stable in Lawrence. Pressing a wagon into service and making our wounded as comfortable therein as possible, we returned by easy marches to the Kansas line, camping near Trading Post, at the site of the Maris des Cygnes Massacre.

"On October 4th, we were over in Bates County again and ran into the rear guard of Quantrill at the mouth of

the Little Miami [River]. We exchanged a few shots without effect and they got away.

"How they got away may be worth telling. We sighted the game in the wide river bottom and at once gave chase. The country was all open at that time and the rank, wild grass was as high as the backs of the horses. Suddenly, the Rebels swung to the left and seemed to be flanking us. Instantly, our column swerved to the left to make a short cut across the base of the semicircle, and came "on left into line", in anticipation of opening fire, but kept at full gallop. Then something happened.

"We came to an open ditch, twenty feet across and nearly that in depth, which had been fully hidden by the tall grass. Only one horse made it, all the rest recoiling, bucking, or tumbling halfway to the bottom, with the momentum. Sergeant Myers' race mare, "Black Bess", took it like a bird and won a cheer of admiration, even from the Rebels, which served to palliate the offensive epithets that they heaped upon the rest of us. That's how they got away.

"Quantrill was marching by a column of fours and his trail could be followed as easily as any highway. On the 6th of October, we came to a deserted camp near Nevada [MO], where four hundred horses had been fed. After a careful examination of the camp, it was decided that the trail was too cold to follow, and the pursuit of Quantrill was finally abandoned and the troops returned to their stations along the Kansas line. On the very day we turned back, Quantrill annihilated General Blunt's bodyguard at Baxter Springs. During the two days between our attack on his rear guard and this fight, he had marched at least eighty miles."

Now then, as recorded, some of Quantrill's guerrillas were caught and killed, but Colonel Quantrill and the balance of his raiders managed to escape and fight another day. In fact, as they were traveling south to winter in Texas, they discovered, attacked, and almost completely destroyed the Union column commanded by General James G. Blunt at Baxter Springs, Kansas on October 6, 1863 and, of course, the War Went On!

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City History

In 1975, members of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City formed the Howard N. Monnett Battle of Westport Fund, Inc. Since 1979, the Fund's preservation efforts have focused on the reclamation of the Big Blue Battlefield at Byram's Ford site. The following article appeared in the Kansas City Star on July 21, 1993:

Civil War Buffs in Area Fighting the Good Fight Battlefield Protection Program Lauds Work at Battle of Westport Site

On some days, the Battle of Westport still is being fought.

Consider a recent morning when Orvis Fitts, past president of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City, toured an isolated stretch of Hardesty Avenue north of Swope Park. Nearby, two armies squared off nearly 130 years ago in the Civil War.

Just where historic Byram's Ford Road cuts through brush and tangle at modern-day Hardesty Avenue sat three damp, dingy and decidedly non-historic mattresses.

Fitts flinched, taking the sight like a Civil War Minie ball through the shoulder.

"I just can't imagine how people can do that," said Fitts, 74, a retired Naval Reserve aviator and former Amoco Oil Co. employee.

For a decade, Fitts and other area Civil War buffs have fought trash, weeds and other enemies to preserve Byram's Ford. The ford was a strategic crossing during the Battle of the Big Blue, one of several actions making up the larger October 1864 Battle of Westport.

Now - despite the occasional debris - their efforts will be acknowledged.

The preservation of Byram's Ford will be singled out in Kansas City this weekend during the second annual Battlefield Protection Conference as a case study in what volunteers can accomplish.

"Byram's Ford has been handled well in preserving what has been left," said Connie Slaughter, who coordinates the National Park Service's protection program in the Midwest region.

The conference, scheduled at the Hilton Plaza Inn, is sponsored by the National Park Service. The Civil War Round Table of Kansas City and the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund, the round table's nonprofit preservation arm, will act as hosts.

A recent victory in the Byram's Ford effort was scored in September by the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites, the nonprofit group, based in Fredericksburg, Va., acquired about 40 acres east of the Blue River, north of 63rd Street.

"If not for the obvious good work done in Kansas City, we would not have been motivated to come out there," said A. Wilson Greene, the association's executive director.

"There is so much need for battlefield preservation, and so many more battlefields out there worth saving than there are dollars with which to save them, that we are careful about where we spend our money.

"The key ingredient is partnership with a good, local group," Wilson said.

The newly acquired property includes a narrow, tree-canopied remnant of Byram's Ford Road, a 19th-century highway down which men and materiel from both sides raced during the Battle of Westport.

To acquire the site, the preservation group issued a challenge grant to the local Monnett fund, which raised half of the \$42,600 purchase price.

The parcel is separate from more than 50 acres, west of the Blue River, that the Monnett fund already owned.

All 90 acres eventually will be donated to the Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department, pending agreement on future development.

When the U.S. Interior Department listed 25 battlefield sites in 1990 that it sought to protect from development, the Byram's Ford site was the only one in Missouri.

The Interior Department's American Battlefield Protection Program aims at developing preservation efforts through public and private partnerships.

Local preservationists' efforts at Byram's Ford have been under way for some time. In October 1989, they succeeded in placing the site on the National Register of Historic Places. And in the mid-1980s, they rescued the historic ford when the city and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced plans to control flooding along the Blue River.

"Byram's Ford itself would have been lost under the original plan," Fitts said.

Preservationists hope to donate all the land soon to Kansas City's parks department. A meeting is scheduled in August to hammer out a development plan with the parks department and nearby property owners. The National Park Service has issued a \$15,000 grant to assist planning.

"There has been some opposition in Virginia between property owners and preservationists, and we want to avoid that here," Fitts said. "We must have a consensus on the future of the area. " Meanwhile, the preservation effort continues.

"When I got into this, I never dreamed of the time and effort that would be necessary," Fitts said. "It's very fortunate that I'm retired. "

Events Around Town

Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

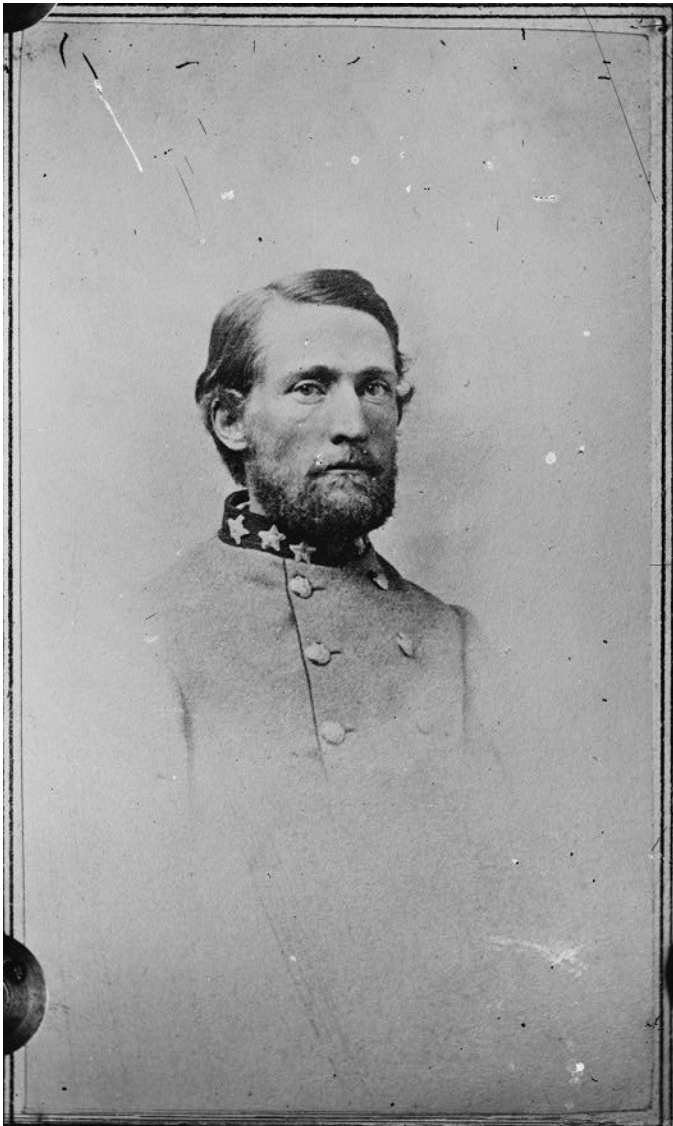
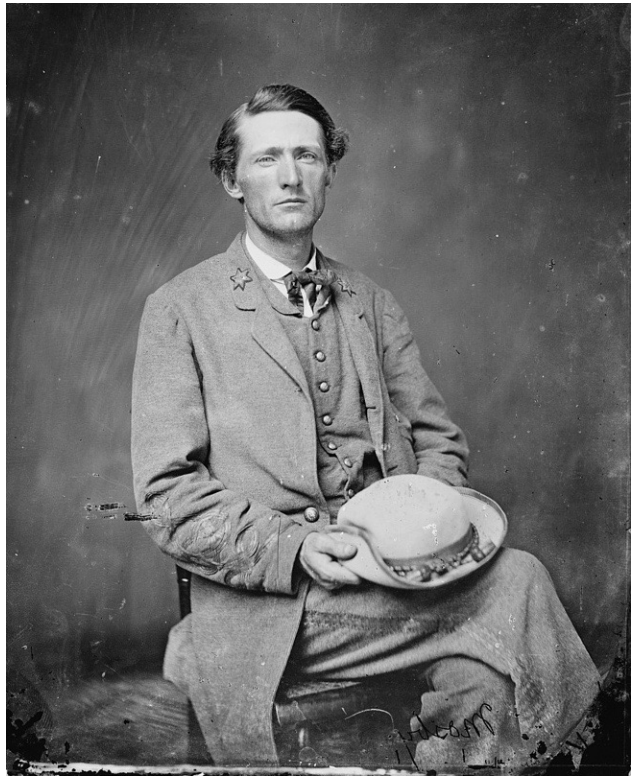
The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri will hold its Wednesday, August 9th meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Heights Community of Christ Church, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence MO. The program will feature Ted Stillwell, who will be speaking about the history of Independence MO.

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.

The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri is also planning a trip to Wilson's Creek National Battlefield the weekend of October 7-8, 2017. More details will be provided at a later date.

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

The Tuesday, August 8th meeting of the K.C. Westerners will feature Terry Elliott, who will be giving a program titled: "The Rebel Yell and Its Western Connections." The Westerners meet at the Golden Corral restaurant (near the Home Depot), 8800 NW Skyview Avenue, Kansas City, Mo. 64154. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. from the buffet menu. Cost is \$12.00 or less and non- members are welcome. For more information, see **Deb Buckner** or **Dennis Garstang** or call (816) 569-1180.



Colonel John S. Mosby C.S.A.
(Photographs courtesy of the Library of Congress)



Colonel John S. Mosby and some members of his Confederate Battalion

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