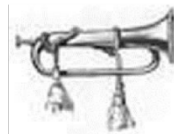




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Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City



498th Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 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.

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November Speaker

Dr. John T. Kuehn, Professor of Military History at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, will be speaking about Gideon Welles, Gus Fox, and the U. S. Naval Blockade.

The Union blockade was a naval strategy employed by the United States to prevent the Confederacy from trading. As part of "Winfield Scott's Anaconda Plan", the blockade was proclaimed by President Abraham Lincoln in April 1861, and required the monitoring of 3,500 miles of Atlantic and Gulf coastline, including 12 major ports.

Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Please be sure that **Susan Keipp** receives all reservations by **12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 22, 2017** along with payment of \$27.00 per person. Mail to:

Susan Keipp, 436 W 88th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64114

Report any necessary adjustments by calling Susan at 816-333-0025 or e-mailing her at: skeipp@kc.rr.com by 12:00 noon on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

Use your debit/credit card at our website, <http://www.cwrk.org>. Go to [Dinner Reservation](#) under the Meetings tab, fill out the reservation form, and then make your payment in the box to the left on that page through PayPal. If you are using this service please send **Susan** an email, so that he will not miss your reservation. <mailto:skeipp@kc.rr.com>

Reservation Deadline: 12:00 noon, Nov. 22nd

Important Reservation Information

Thank you to all of our members, who attended the October dinner meeting, for getting their reservations in on time and helping the reservation process go smoothly.

Please note that if you make a reservation and are not able to attend the dinner meeting, you are still responsible for the cost of the dinner. We have to pay the Holiday Inn based on the number of reservations that we turn in. Also, please do not show up at the dinner meeting without making a reservation. If you do, we cannot guarantee that you will be served a meal.

The cost of the dinners goes to pay the Holiday Inn for our meals, service charge, room rental, bar tender, and audio/visual equipment.

Dinner Menu

Grilled Pork Loin – Pork loin grilled and served with a honey ginger sauce, served with butter mashed potatoes and chef's choice of vegetable, salad, bread, chef's choice of dessert, coffee, iced tea, and water.

The Holiday Inn has advised they can provide the following three 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



Dr. John T. Kuehn

Dr. John T. Kuehn is Professor of Military History at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC). He retired from the U.S. Navy in 2004 at the rank of commander after 23 years, serving as a naval flight officer (NFO) flying land and carrier-based aircraft. He has taught a variety of subjects, including military history, at CGSC since 2000. He authored *Agents of Innovation* (2008), *A Military History of Japan: From the Age of the Samurai to the 21st Century* (2014), *Napoleonic Warfare: The Operational Art of the Great Campaigns* (2015), and co-authored *Eyewitness Pacific Theater* (2008) with D.M. Giangreco, as well as numerous articles and editorials and was awarded a Moncado Prize from the Society for Military History in 2011. His latest book from Naval Institute Press is *America's First General Staff: A Short History of the Rise and Fall of the General Board of the Navy, 1900-1950* (Fall 2017).

Dr. Kuehn will discuss Lincoln's Secretary of the Navy, Gideon Welles, and Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Gustavus Fox, and their role in the U.S. Naval Blockade. Two books that cover these men in detail are: *Lincoln and His Admirals* by Craig Symonds (2008) and *Gustavus Vasa Fox of the Union Navy: A Biography* by Ari Hoogenboom (2009)

The Sergeant Major's Book Sales and Auction

Arnold Schofield will have a Holiday Book Sale table at the November and December dinner meetings. There will be a set price indicated on each book. Members can purchase books for the set price indicated on each book. Arnold will also auction the following books at the November dinner meeting:

History of the Confederate States Navy (2 volumes) by J. Thomas Schaff; 1988 reprint of 1887 Edition; Ayer Publishing Company, Inc., Salem, NH; in mint condition.

Infernal Machines: Confederate Submarines Warfare by Milton F. Perry (deceased Civil War Round Table of Kansas City member); LSU Press, 1965; signed by author; first and only edition, in mint condition.

Commanding Lincoln's Navy by Stephen R. Taaffe; Naval Institute Press, 2009; with dust jacket and in excellent condition.

Shelby and His Men by John Edwards; reprint by General J. O. Shelby Memorial, Waverly, MO; with original wrapping and in mint condition.

The West Point History of the Civil War, by various authors; Simon & Schuster, New York, 2014; with dust jacket and in excellent condition.

If you are interested in bidding on one or more of the above books, but are not able to attend the dinner meeting, please e-mail your bid to Arnold Schofield <mailto:arnoldschofield42@gmail.com> prior to the dinner meeting.

Last Month's Program



Speaker, Dr. Kyle S. Sinisi

At our dinner meeting on October 24th, **Dr. Kyle S. Sinisi** gave an excellent presentation titled: "The Aftermath of the Price Expedition of 1864." The following is a brief summary of Dr. Sinisi's presentation from his book *The Last Hurrah*:

"Sterling Price's arrival at Laynesport [AR] did not close the story of the campaign. There was a great deal of unfinished business. Hundreds of Confederate Missourians, long isolated from Price's main body, moved south trying desperately to find and join Price's army. Moving in the opposite direction, worn-out Union troops made a barbarous return march to Kansas and Missouri. Even as these actions took place, over one thousand captured Confederates experienced retribution and a threat of death unlike anything they had seen on the battlefield. And finally, the end of the campaign gave soldiers on both sides the opportunity to engage in bitter public disputes about who either deserved the glory of victory or the responsibility of defeat. Price, himself, would have to face his oldest and most ardent critic [Missouri Governor Thomas C. Reynolds], and in so doing it would bring into the open so many of the controversies associated with the expedition and its historical memory."

Our treasurer, **Susan Keipp**, reported that she turned in a total of 80 reservations for the October dinner meeting. That is the largest attendance that we have had in several years. Round Table members **Bud and Carol Price** brought eight members of the Price family, who are descendants of Confederate General Sterling Price.

Upcoming Speaker Schedule

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: **Dr. Ethan Rafuse** of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth KS, will give a program about Lincoln's Secretary of War, Edwin Stanton.

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 about women soldiers in the Civil War.

April 24, 2018: **Eric Wittenberg**, an attorney from Ohio, will be speaking about his book titled: *The Battle of Brandy Station*. Mr. Wittenberg last spoke to our Round Table in November of 2015.

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: **Bill McFarland**, who lives near Topeka KS, will be speaking about his new book titled: *Keep the Flag to the Front: The Story of the Eighth Kansas Volunteer Infantry*.

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."

October 23, 2018: Speaker to be determined.

November 27, 2018: **Thomas Bogar** will give a program titled: "Backstage at the Lincoln Assassination."

December 18, 2018: Speaker to be determined.

Remembering Michael L. Legg

We are very sorry to report that Civil War Round Table member **Mike Legg** passed away on October 4, 2017 at the age of 70. Mike and his wife Debbie joined the Round Table in 2016. Mike loved history and was a member of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. He served in the Air Force as a KC-135 pilot. Mike is survived by Debbie and their two daughters and one grandson. The funeral service was held on October 9th at the Hoffmeister South County Chapel in St. Louis and interment was at Mount Hope Cemetery in St. Louis. Mike will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Other Member News

We would like to welcome back former member **Jim Volker** who lives in Overland Park KS. Jim is a re-enactor with the 10th Missouri Artillery and taught history for 40 years.

We would also like to welcome new members **Gary and Bonnie Christy** who live in Raytown MO. Gary's great-grandfather served in the Pennsylvania volunteers. We currently have 115 members in the Round Table.

Chris Edwards and **Dick Titterington** have written a new book titled: *Quantrill's Revenge: A Comprehensive Tour Guide to Quantrill's 1863 Raid on Lawrence.* They are offering the book for sale at our dinner meetings for \$20.00.

Round Table member **Colonel Dirk Christian** e-mailed the following update from Jordan on October 10, 2017:

"Dave,

Good morning from Jordan! I wanted to send you a quick note and let you know that I very much continue to enjoy the Border Bugle from half-way around the world.

I am continuing a tour of duty with the 35th Infantry Division (Kansas Army National Guard) as the Chief of Staff for the Combined Joint Operations Center-Jordan.

We should be home in late March or early April and I am looking forward to becoming a more active member at that time.

We are keeping pretty busy, but not too busy to enjoy some light reading. Currently, I am reading "Civil War Command and Strategy" by Archer Jones. My wife is sending me a few books from my collection and I am taking the opportunity to buy a few new books from Amazon.

Staying safe and missing the Midwest, but doing well!

Kind Regards,

Colonel Dirk Christian"

Please Renew Your Membership in the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City for 2018

It is time to renew your membership in the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City for the calendar year 2018. Membership dues are the same as they have been for past several years: \$30.00 per individual or \$45.00 per couple. The membership dues go to pay for our speaker travel expenses, as well as our administration costs (website fees, corporation fees, post office box rental, postage, printing, etc.). Please submit your membership renewal form and membership fees to our treasurer, **Susan Keipp**, by December 31, 2017.

We have a great list of speakers lined up so far for 2018. The January dinner meeting will be the 500th regular meeting of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City. In February, we will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City by former president Harry S. Truman and his dentist, Dr. Bert Maybee. The first meeting of the Round Table took place at the Hotel Bellerive in Kansas City MO on February 25, 1958.

In 2018, we plan to present the Harry S. Truman Award to one of our speakers, who is a distinguished Civil War author and historian. We also plan to present the Valiant Service Award to two of our long-time Round Table members. We will be issuing the book: *We Remember Again*, which contains articles written by members of the Round Table regarding their Civil War ancestors. A Civil War bus trip to Glasgow MO is being considered for the spring of 2018.

As **Lane Smith** used to say: "This is a great time to be a member of the Round Table."

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 #466 **A National Day of Thanksgiving**

Thursday, November 23rd will be the 154th Anniversary of our first National Day of Thanksgiving, which was established as a result of a proclamation signed by President Abraham Lincoln on October 3, 1863. The proclamation designated a National Thanksgiving Day to be celebrated on the final Thursday in November. However, before this date "Thanksgiving" had been celebrated on a variety of days in November. President George Washington was the first president to declare a special day of "Thanksgiving" in 1789 and he was followed by President Madison in 1814. A day of Thanksgiving was annually appointed by the Governor of New York in 1817 and by 1858 "Thanksgiving" Proclamations were issued by the governors of 25 states and two territories.

During the Civil War many Union and Confederate units celebrated Thanksgiving with special dinners, the number of which was increased by the Union troops after President Lincoln's proclamation. The following are some of the highlights of his proclamation:

"The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and beautiful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added which are of so extraordinary a nature that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart, which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God.

"Needful diversions of wealth and strength from the peaceful industry to the national defense have not arrested the plough, the borders of our settlements and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battlefield and the country rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years, with large increase of freedom.

"No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.

"It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as

with one heart and voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.

"And I recommend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.

"In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the City of Washington, this third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three and of the Independence of the United States the eighty- eighth.

Abraham Lincoln
President of the United States."

Now then, "Thanksgiving" is traditionally a wonderful family holiday, however let us not forget to remember those folks who have lost a loved one or who have a family member serving in our armed forces who cannot be home for the holidays. Today, each branch of our military services will continue the tradition of providing "Thanksgiving Dinner" for our soldiers, sailors, marines, coast guard, and air force personnel. However, it will not be the same as being home with their families. Thank you one and all and hoping you have the best "Thanksgiving" possible.

Events Around Town

Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

November 2017 Membership Meeting: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Village Heights Community of Christ Church, located at 1009 Farview Drive, Independence MO. Robert Walz will be speaking about the Confederate Railroad.

December 2017 Holiday Luncheon and Speaker: The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri would like to invite you to a special program presented by Alicia Scott called "Remember the Sultana." She is a great-granddaughter of Wesley Lee, one of the lucky survivors of the explosion of the steamboat Sultana on April 27, 1865.

The program will be given at 1:00 p.m. at the Loose Park Garden Center, 5200 Pennsylvania, Kansas City MO on Saturday, December 2, 2017. You are welcome to come at noon to share a potluck luncheon with the Round Table and the Union Cemetery Historical Society by bringing a dish to share.

Early in the morning hours of April 27, 1865 the steamboat Sultana exploded and sent hundreds of Union soldiers into the cold, dark, flood-swollen waters of the Mississippi. For many, this would be the tragic end to months of hell as prisoners of war in either Andersonville or Cahaba. For others it would mean that, even though they had survived incarceration in the prison camps and the explosion of the boat's boilers, they would face the rest of their life disabled by a senseless act of greed on the part of the boat's captain. Based out of St. Louis, the boat was owned in part by Captain Jay Cass Mason, also of St. Louis.

This program is presented in cooperation with the Missouri Humanities Council.

If you have any questions, call **Beverly Shaw** at 816 225-7944.

Picture at right: 1861 characterized map of General Winfield Scott's Anaconda Plan (courtesy of Wikipedia).

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

The Tuesday, November 14th meeting of the K.C. Westerners will feature Tom Leroy who will be portraying Father Christmas. 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.



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