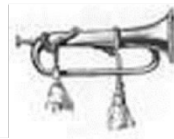




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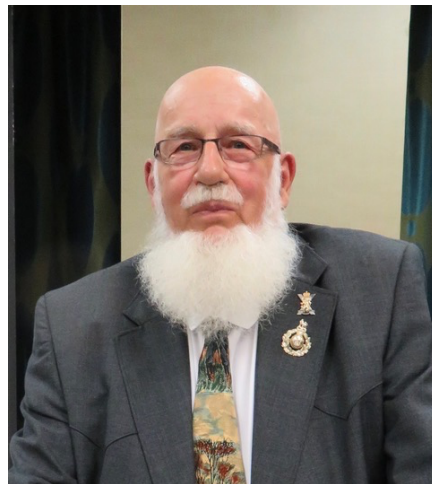
Tuesday, February 27, 2018

Sunset Ballroom, 8th Floor, Holiday Inn & Suites

8787 Reeder Rd., Overland Park, KS 66214

Social Hour - Cash Bar – 5:30p.m.

Dinner - 6:30p.m.



February Speaker

February is Black History Month. Civil War Round Table member, **Arnold Schofield** will be speaking about the Independent Light Artillery Battery Colored. This battery was organized in 1864 and went into action against Confederate General Sterling Price's forces in October of 1864.

The Independent Light Artillery Battery Colored may have been one of the very few, where a black unit was led in combat by a black officer.

Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Please be sure that **Susan Keipp** receives all reservations by **12:00 noon on Thursday, February 22, 2018** along with payment of **\$28.00 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 Thursday before the dinner 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 he will not miss your reservation. <mailto:skeipp@kc.rr.com>

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

Important Reservation Information

At our Executive Committee meeting held on October 21, 2017, it was decided to raise the price of our dinners to \$28.00 per person beginning in 2018. The cost of the dinners goes to pay the Holiday Inn for our meals, service charge, room rental, bartender, and audio/visual equipment.

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.

Dinner Menu

Homemade Lasagna – Italian meat sauce layered with pasta, ricotta cheese and mozzarella cheese. Served with garlic bread sticks and steamed broccoli, salad, bread, 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.

The Civil War Round Table of Kansas City Celebrates our 60th Anniversary this Month

At the dinner meeting on February 27th, we will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of the founding of our Round Table.

The Civil War Round Table of Kansas City was organized during a meeting held at the Bellerive Hotel in Kansas City MO on February 25, 1958. Dr. Bert Maybee was elected the first president of the Round Table. He said the purpose of the Round Table was to afford those interested in the Civil War the chance to get together, take field trips to battle sites, and hear speeches by authorities. Former President Harry S. Truman was the first speaker at a Round Table dinner meeting, which was held on March 25, 1958. Civil War historian and author Bruce Catton was the first recipient of the Harry S. Truman Award in 1959.

In honor of our 60th anniversary, Round Table secretary Judy Smith will bring a special cake that will be sliced, plated, and served to each of the attendees at the dinner meeting. The Holiday Inn has graciously allowed us to bring in our own cake, because they do not have a pastry chef on site.

Meet Our Speaker



Arnold Schofield and his wife Clara

Sergeant Major Arnold W. Schofield is a retired Public Historian with 50 years of public service. He was born and raised in the small village of Newton Upper Falls, Massachusetts, attended college on the GI Bill, and received a degree in United States History. His Public Service includes:

- 6 years in the US Army,
- 10 years as a civilian with the Department of Defense,
- 33 years with the National Park Service, and
- 7 years with the Kansas Historical Society, as Superintendent of the Mine Creek Battlefield State Historic Site.

His National Park Service career included tours of duty at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, the Blue Ridge Parkway, and Fort Scott National Historic Site. While at Fort Scott he was the Site Historian and Cultural Resource Specialist.

Arnold is a recognized lecturer throughout the Midwest on Westward Expansion, the Permanent Indian Frontier, and Bleeding Kansas and the Civil War. Two of his special interests include the roles of the American Indians and African Americans in the Civil War.

Arnold has been involved with Civil War Battlefield Preservation for more than 40 years and is co-founder of the Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation, which has raised more than one million dollars, purchased 326 acres of prime battlefield land, reprinted the only book on the Battle of Mine Creek, assisted in the production of a video on the battle by Curtis Productions, and produced a brochure on Price's 1864 Campaign in Missouri and Kansas.

Arnold served as president of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City in 2003. He received the Steve Treaster Civil War Preservation Award in 2012 and the

Valiant Service Award in 2009 and again in 2016. Arnold currently serves as Preservation Director for the Round Table.

Arnold and his wife Clara have one son, named Austin. They live in Fort Scott KS. Arnold also writes a column for the Fort Scott Tribune.

The Sergeant Major's Book Sales and Auction

We would like to thank **Sergeant Major Arnold Schofield** for doing an outstanding job of raising money for the Round Table through his silent auction and live auction book sales. At our dinner meeting on January 23rd, Arnold raised \$330 for the Round Table through his book sales.

Arnold will auction the following books at the February dinner meeting:

The Gallant Hood: by John P. Dyer; Bobbs & Merrill Publishing Company, Indianapolis IN, 1950; First Edition; in excellent condition with dust jacket.

The Hour of Peril: by Daniel Stashower; Minotaur Books, New York, 2013; First Edition, in excellent condition with dust jacket.

Grant & Twain: by Mark Perry; Random House Publishing Company, New York, 2004; First Edition, in excellent condition with dust jacket.

Army Life In a Black Regiment: by Thomas Wentworth Higginson; Collector's Library of the Civil War; Time Life Books Publishers, 1982; Leather Bound, 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

At our dinner meeting on January 23, 2018, Dr. Ethan S. Rafuse, Professor of Military History at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth KS, gave an interesting program about Lincoln's Secretary of War, Edwin M. Stanton. Some of the key points that Dr. Rafuse made were:

- Prior to the Civil War, Stanton was a prominent lawyer and became very wealthy. He argued several high profile suits including the *State of Pennsylvania vs. Wheeling and Belmont Suspension Bridge* and *McCormick vs. Manny*.
- In 1859, Stanton defended Daniel Sickles, who killed his wife's lover. However, Sickles was acquitted after using temporary insanity as a legal defense for the first time in U.S. history.
- As a politician, Stanton tried to play both sides against each other.



Dr. Ethan S. Rafuse spoke at our dinner meeting held on January 23, 2018

- Stanton served as Secretary of War from 1862-1865. Stanton and Union General George B. McClellan had a bitter relationship. During the Peninsula Campaign, Stanton ordered McClellan to send one corps east to defend Washington. Dr. Rafuse said Stanton was disruptive to Abraham Lincoln's overall war effort.
- Union General William T. Sherman negotiated a peace deal with Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston. Stanton publicly criticized Sherman over this deal, which made Sherman look bad. As a result, Sherman refused to shake Stanton's hand during the Grand Review of the Armies.
- After Lincoln was assassinated, Stanton organized the manhunt for Lincoln's killer, John Wilkes Booth.
- Following the Civil War, Stanton remained as Secretary of War under President Andrew Johnson. However, Stanton opposed the lenient policies of Johnson toward the former Confederate States. Johnson's attempt to dismiss Stanton ultimately led to Johnson's impeachment.
- Stanton died in 1869, shortly after his nomination as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court was confirmed by the Senate.

Upcoming Speaker Schedule

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: Speaker to be determined.

May 22, 2018: Dr. Phillip R. Kemmerly, Professor Emeritus and geologist will be giving a program titled: "Shiloh Controversies." Dr. Kemmerly will discuss three controversies about Shiloh, all related to the effects of the flooding on the Tennessee River at the time of the battle.

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: Matt Spruill will be speaking about his new book titled: Decisions at Stones River: The Sixteen Critical Decisions that Define the Battle.

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

December 18, 2018: Speaker to be determined.

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

To date we have a total of 84 members in the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City. If you have not already done so, please renew your membership in the Round Table 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.). Submit your membership dues to our treasurer, **Susan Keipp**. Membership dues must be received by March 1st, in order for members to be included in the 2018 Civil War Round Table Member Directory.

Remembering Don Bates' Wife Lindy

We are very sorry to report that **Don Bates'** wife Lindy passed away on January 29th. Lindy's memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 17th at the Village Presbyterian Church, located at 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village KS 66208. Please keep Don and his family in your hearts and prayers.

Executive Committee Meeting

Please note the following change: The Executive Committee of the Civil War Round Table will meet at **10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 24, 2018.** 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.

Hello From Colonel James Speicher

Colonel James Speicher, a long-time member of our Round Table, has moved to Tampa FL. He sent the following e-mail on February 6th:

"Hi Dave:

...I really appreciate you keeping me on the e-mail list for the Round Table. I still have some very strong ties with y'all.

We had a bit of a cold spell last week - it was in the 60's but back into the 70's today.

I am attempting to see if there is a Round Table here in Tampa. I'll let you know if I find one.

Give my best to everyone at the next meeting.
Spike"

Bus Trip to Glasgow MO is Being Planned

The Civil War Round Table of Kansas City is planning a bus trip to Glasgow MO this spring. Round Table member **Gary Nevius** has graciously agreed to coordinate this effort.

The bus trip is tentatively being scheduled for Saturday, May 12th. The bus trip will be limited to 40 people. **J. Y. Miller** of Glasgow MO will be our tour guide. You may remember that J. Y. was the speaker at our dinner meeting on October 25, 2016 and gave a program about the Battle of Glasgow MO. Lunch will be at a local Glasgow restaurant. More details and signup information will be provided next month.



Father Richard Frank of Jefferson City and

J. Y. Miller of Glasgow MO

(Photo taken October 25, 2016)

Independent Light Artillery Battery Colored

The subject of Arnold Schofield's program this month is the Independent Light Artillery Battery Colored. The following information is from the Museum of the Kansas National Guard's website:

In the Civil War, 178,975 black men enlisted into the Union Army, but less than 100 of them were commissioned officers, mostly chaplains and a few surgeons. With few exceptions, black units were commanded by whites. The Independent Colored Kansas Battery was one of the exceptions. It may have been one of the very few, where a black unit was to be led in combat by a black officer.

The formation of this unit began with the following correspondence from Major General Samuel R. Curtis, who was stationed at Fort Leavenworth:

Honorable E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, June 29, 1864

"...Am all right, but troubles with bushwhackers and Indians increase. Need another infantry regiment, which could probably be raised as 100-days' men. Would like to have permit to raise negro battery, officered with negroes to be commissioned by yourself."

S. R. Curtis,
Major-General

Secretary Stanton responded quickly:
War Department, June 30, 1864
Major-General Curtis,
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas:

"You are authorized to call on the Governor of Kansas for a regiment of 100-days' men...to wit, the term of service to be 100 days, reckoning from the date of muster into the service of the United States, unless sooner discharged.... You are also authorized to raise a negro battery, to be officered in the manner proposed in your telegram, and organized according to the regulations of the service."

Edwin M. Stanton,
Secretary of War

To hear the rest of the story about the Independent Light Artillery Battery Colored, please come to the dinner meeting on February 27th.

Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield Dispatches #507

"Lots - of- Water"

What's in a name? And before one asks the title of this column is not an Indian name, even though it may look and sound like one. During the Civil War, or for that matter in any 19th Century conflict, a new cavalry recruit was often assigned to a well-trained horse and you guessed it: The title of this column was indeed the nickname of a well-trained cavalry horse who consumed large quantities of water, whenever it had the opportunity to do so.

This and the next few monthly columns are the from the memoir of Private Albert R. Greene, who served in Company A of the Ninth Kansas Volunteer Cavalry and his memoir is titled: "Campaigning in the Army of the Frontier" which was published in Volume XIV 1915-1918 of the Kansas Collections. Private Greene was from Lawrence KS and enlisted in the 9th Kansas when he was eighteen years old, early in 1862, and his description of "Lots-of-Water" is as follows:

"For a mount I had been given a superannuated OLD BEAST that had belonged to a soldier who had recently died (a natural death) named Lanterwasser. The boys nicknamed him (the horse) "Lots of Water" which I learned to be most appropriate. If that horse could get lots of water he could get along swimmingly without other forage (such as hay or grain). However, I must not disparage that dear old horse, for HE TAUGHT ME MORE than any drill master ever did and without SWEARING AT ME! He knew the difference between the bugle calls of "right about" and "left about" and that's saying a good deal for the intelligence of a dumb brute and more than can be said for some veteran soldiers.

I enlisted at Lawrence, but was given a furlough the same afternoon to go back home and put on the "ORNERIST CLOTHES" that I could scare up, for they were to be given or thrown away as soon as I donned the uniform of Uncle Sam. In two days I met the Company at Big Springs, in Douglas County, where they had camped for the night on their way from Fort Leavenworth to Fort Riley.

The next day, we were on the road at what seemed to me an unearthly hour for a march of less than twenty miles. We forded the Kansas [River] at Topeka and camped for the night at Indianola along side of the stage station. From Indianola to St. Mary's Mission there was not a white inhabitant in the valley. We made our noon camp at silver lake, just on the rim of the old river bed, that had received that designation from the Indians or some other poetically inclined people, who had more regard for euphony than appropriateness. Manhattan did not appeal to us but, Ashland, where several of the boys lived, we were assured was to be the metropolis of the upper valley. However, Ogden was the place that appealed to us still more, for the BREWERY was there and quite a stop was made to enjoy the scenery! Also, Jim Lane was making a speech there that day and got to the place in his remarks where he was wont to shed his "duds" or most of them, just as we arrived. As our officers were all "agin" Lane and for Robinson, [the governor of Kansas], the BREWERY had the greater attraction for them.

When we struck the military reservation of Fort Riley we were admonished that we must brace up and make as good an appearance as possible. To this end the boys, who had been riding side-saddle fashion and had stored their carbines in the mess wagons along with their sabers, got those traps and "cast their eyes to the front".

I have always thought, from that day to this, that Fort Riley is the show place of all Kansas. As soon as I could I went up to the Ogden monument and took a good look. [The Ogden monument was dedicated to Quartermaster Ogden who died at Fort Riley]. It seemed to as if the whole of the dear state was in view from that point. If ever the capital of the United States is relocated, the committee ought to be unanimous in favor of Fort Riley.

Now then, next month's column will continue to follow the Civil War adventures of Private Green and his trusty mount: "Lots – of – Water"!

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City History

In 1994, **Sandy Ackerson** became the first woman president of the Civil War of Kansas City. Sandy also served on the Executive Board of the Round Table for ten years. The following article appeared in the *Kansas City Star* on July 8, 1995:

Past is Precious to Civil War Researcher - "Your history is your identity," Sandy Ackerson says.

By Andale Gross, Staff Writer

Sandy Ackerson grasps a miniature of a cannon. The model resembles the weapon soldiers fired during the Civil War. She holds on tight to her cannon statue, a symbol of the history she vows to never forget.

History is her forte. Ackerson, a Blue Valley resident, recently finished her term as the first woman to hold the office of president of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City.

"Your history is your identity," says the 58-year-old Olathe North High School history teacher and Overland Park resident.

"Without your history, you're no one."

Ackerson researches history steadfastly, sharing what she learns.

In her spare time, she visits Civil War sites: Vicksburg, Chickamauga, Shiloh, and Gettysburg.

"It's my idea of a fun time," Ackerson says. "History is what I'm interested in. And I'm particularly interested in the Civil War, because it's our war. It was an all-American war. Two of my great-grandfathers fought in that war."

She has taught history for 15 years in Olathe. Her involvement in the Civil War Round Table came about eight years ago, when friend and member Jean Johnson invited her to join.

The Civil Round Table of Kansas City is an organization made up of Civil War devotees "from all walks of life," Ackerson says. The group dates to the late 1950s. It was formed by Harry S. Truman and is one of several Round Table organizations nationwide. The Kansas City organization has 200 members.

"We're one of those large organizations around the area that no one knows about," Ackerson says.

The growing group meets monthly. Members hear from guest speakers and conduct question-and-answer sessions on the war.

In April, the group helped the Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department acquire a battlefield site in the Byram's Ford Historic District, just north of Swope Park. "We also do a lot of outside work to preserve Civil War history," Ackerson says. "We work with the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund Inc. to preserve battlefields in the area."

Troops fought there in October 1864 during the Battle of Westport.

Ackerson says she and her fellow war enthusiasts are looking to preserve Mine Creek Historical Park, the site of Kansas' largest Civil War engagement between uniformed troops.

Round Table members also are thinking of producing a videotape on the Battle of Westport. It would be sold to schools, libraries, Historical Society groups, and Round Table organizations across the country.



**Former Round Table Presidents
Sandy Ackerson and Harriet Duff**
(Photo taken June 28, 2016)

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.

[Civil War Round Table of Kansas City Facebook Page](#)

Events Around Town

Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

The next Membership meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14, 2018. The meeting will be held at the Village Heights Community of Christ Fellowship Hall, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence MO. John Moloski will be giving a program titled: "Missouri Boys at the Battle of Franklin." If you have any questions, call **Beverly Shaw** at 816-225-7944.

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

The Kansas City Posse of the Westerners will meet on Tuesday February 13, 2018. The meeting will be held 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, call **Deb Buckner** at 913-338-5689 or **Dennis Garstang** at 816-569-1180.



Battery of Light Artillery En Route, by William Thomas Trego, Detroit Publishing Company, 1900
 (Photo courtesy of the Library of Congress)

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