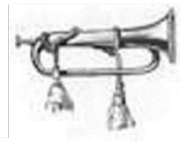




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512th Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

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.



January Speaker

Civil War Round Table member **Arnold Schofield** will be giving a program titled: "Legacies of the Civil War."

Arnold will discuss a variety of subjects related to the post Civil War years, including veterans organizations, the "Lost Cause", Constitutional amendments, Reconstruction, the Jim Crow era, disfranchisement of African-Americans, destruction of industry and agriculture in the South, the firearms revolution, etc.

Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Please be sure that **Susan Keipp** receives all reservations by **12:00 noon on Thursday, January 17, 2019** along with payment of **\$29.00 per person**. Mail to:

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

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

Due to problems with PayPal, Susan would prefer that members pay for their meals either at the dinner meeting or by mailing her a check prior to the dinner meeting.

Reservation Deadline: 12:00 noon, Jan. 17th

Make Your Dinner Reservations Early

Please note that dinner reservations are due to Susan Keipp by 12:00 noon on Thursday, January 17th. Late reservations will not be accepted. By contract, we must turn in our headcount three business days prior to the dinner meeting. The Holiday Inn has to order and prepare enough food and set the tables based on our headcount. If you need to cancel a reservation, please notify Susan as soon as possible, so that someone else can take your place. **Also note that the price of the dinners has increased to \$29.00 per person for 2019.**

Dinner Menu

Chicken Picatta – Sautéed chicken breast in a light lemon/cream sauce. Accompanied with garlic whipped 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



Arnold Schofield and his wife Clara at the CWRT dinner meeting held on December 18, 2018.

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.
- 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 Director of Preservation 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 **Arnold Schofield** for doing an outstanding job of raising money for the Round Table through his live auction and silent auction book sales. Arnold will auction the following Civil War books at the January dinner meeting:

- *In Deadly Ernest* by Phil Gottschalk; The Missouri Brigade CSA; Missouri River Press, Columbia MO, 1991. Signed 1st Edition, with dust jacket and in mint condition.
- *Lee: The American* by Gamaliel Bradford; 1927 Revised Edition, originally published in 1912 by Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston & New York. In excellent condition.
- *Mrs. Lee's Rose Garden: The founding of Arlington Nat. Cemetery* by Carlo Devito, Cider

Mill Press, Kennebunkport ME, 2015; with dust jacket and in mint condition.

- *In Honored Glory: Arlington National Cemetery, The Final Post* by Philip Bigler. Published by Vandemere Press, Arlington VA, 1996; in excellent condition with dust jacket. This is a two-book package.
- *Meet General Grant* by W. E. Woodward, 1st Edition, 1928; Published by the Literary Guild of America; in excellent condition.
- *Official Records of the War of the Rebellion, Series I, Volume 4: Operations in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Southern Virginia*; Published by the National Historical Society, Harrisburg PA, 1985; in mint condition.

Last Month's Program

At our dinner meeting held on December 18, 2018, Jim Beckner gave a very interesting presentation about the history of Santa Claus and other Christmas traditions. Jim came dressed as a Civil War era Santa Claus, as shown on the cover of the January 3, 1863 edition of *Harper's Weekly*.



December Speaker, Mr. Jim Beckner

Jim provided the following information:

- The historical Santa Claus originated from Saint Nicholas of Myra (270-343 AD), who was a Christian Bishop in the town of Myra, located in modern day Turkey. Saint Nicholas is typically

depicted as an older man with a beard, who wanted to help the poor. He also performed many miracles.

- Santa Claus was known as "Sinterklaas" in the Netherlands. He was a legendary figure based on the life of Saint Nicholas.
- Jim said when he was young, he was chastised by his mother for using Xmas as an abbreviation for the word Christmas. However, the use of Xmas dates back to the 16th Century. X comes from the Greek letter Chi, which is the first letter of a Greek word, which in English is Christ.
- Santa Claus was first used in the American press in 1773. Thomas Nast (1840-1902), known as the "Father of the American Cartoon", did the most to give us the image of Santa Claus in a stocking cap. In the January 3, 1863 *Harper's Weekly*, Nast showed Santa giving socks and toys to Union soldiers. Nast was a loyal republican, who helped get Lincoln elected in 1864 and Grant elected in 1868. Nast was a scourge to Democratic Representative "Boss" Tweed and Tammany Hall. He also kept Horace Greeley from getting elected.
- The poem commonly known as "The Night Before Christmas" was originally titled "A Visit from Saint Nicholas" and was published anonymously in 1823. Clement Clarke Moore claimed authorship of the poem in the *New York Book of Poetry*, which was published in 1837.
- Images of Santa Claus were used in advertising by Coca Cola in the 1930's.
- The tradition of Christmas trees was common in the United States in the early 1800's. The first image of a Christmas tree was published in 1836 as the front piece to Hermann Bokum's book *The Stranger's Gift*.
- Stockings were typically hung on the fireplace, in order to dry them after washing.
- Saint Nicholas Day was celebrated on December 6th. The Western Christian Church placed Christmas on December 25th according to the Gregorian calendar. It was introduced by Pope Gregory in October of 1582.
- In the 17th Century, the Dutch Calvinists and English Puritans did not allow celebrating Christmas. They thought it should be a day of prayer and not a day for drinking and partying. Lavish celebrations were not in accordance with their faith.
- The song "Silent Night" is a melody that was composed in 1818 by Franz Xaver Gruber. The lyrics ("Stille Nacht") were written in 1816 by

Joseph Mohr in the small town of Oberndorf bei Salzburg, Austria. It was first performed in 1818. The version sung by Bing Crosby is the third best selling single of all time.

- The story of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" was written by Robert Lewis May. The popular song was written by a Montgomery Ward copywriter and was sung by Gene Autry.

Upcoming Speaker Schedule for 2019

- **February 26, 2019:** **Jim Ogle** will be giving a program about the town of Quindaro KS. Jim is the Executive Director of Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area.
- **March 26, 2019:** **Larry Wood** from Joplin MO will be speaking about his book titled: *Bushwhacker Belles: The Sisters, Wives, and Girlfriends of the Missouri Guerillas*.
- **April 23, 2019:** **Bill Piston** will be giving a program about General Robert E. Lee and the "Lost Cause."
- **May 28, 2019:** **Jeff Patrick** will present a narrative based on the diary of a Union hospital steward.
- **June 25, 2019:** Round Table member **Gary Nevius** will provide a discussion of Civil War long guns, rifles, muskets, and carbines, using examples from his own collection.
- **July 23, 2019:** **Dr. Tim Smith** will be giving a program titled: "The Golden Age of Battlefield Preservation."
- **August 27, 2019:** Round Table member **Chris Edwards** will speak about Quantrill's Raid on Lawrence KS.
- **September 24, 2019:** **Bjorn Skaptason**, from the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop in Chicago IL, will be our speaker. The topic is to be determined.
- **October 22, 2019:** **Eric Wittenburg** will speak about the Battle of Brandy Station.
- **November 26, 2019:** **Connie Langum** will speak about the two Battles of Newtonia.

Next Executive Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting of the CWRT Executive Committee at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 16, 2019 at Don Bates' office located at 7600 State Line, Prairie Village KS 66208. All members of the CWRT are welcome to attend.

Please Renew Your CWRT Membership

Please renew your membership in the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City for 2019. Membership dues go to pay for our speaker travel costs, as well as our administrative costs, which include website fees, bank charges, office expenses, post office box rental, etc. Membership renewals were due by December 31, 2018. You can either mail or give your check to **Susan Keipp** at an upcoming dinner meeting. At the end of 2018, we had a total of 110 members in the Round Table.

Meet our New CWRT President for 2019-2020



Dan Dooley is a 30 year-plus resident of the Kansas City area living in Overland Park. He grew up in Dallas TX and graduated from Southern Methodist University in that city. He and his wife Jane moved six times over his career in the insurance/reinsurance industry, before settling in Overland Park in the late 1980s. During that time, he and Jane had three children, all of whom now live in Johnson County KS, and have given them seven (eight in April) grandchildren.

Dan's love for the Civil War began in elementary school during the centennial of the war, and has never abated. He has a collection of war-era books, as well as war relics and related ephemera, including more than a dozen Confederate War bonds and an equal number of pieces of Confederate currency. Dan continues to read current and not-so-current books on the subject of the war and is a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the American Battlefield Trust (formerly the Civil War Trust). His love of history is not confined to the Civil War and Dan is a member of the World War I Museum, the World War II Museum, and the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Dan also volunteers regularly at the Museum at Prairiefire, a natural history museum affiliated with the New York Museum of Natural History.

In Remembrance, 2015-2018

As we enter 2019, we would like to remember the following members of our Round Table who passed away during the last four years:

- Orvis Fitts, June 18, 2015
- Margaret Ann Webb, January 23, 2016
- Diane Hinshaw, September 17, 2016
- Ruth Turney, October 9, 2016
- Sylvia Gault, October 11, 2016
- Charles Kopke, September 29, 2017
- Mike Legg, October 4, 2017
- Betty Ergovich, October 22, 2018
- Purd B. Wright III, November 22, 2018

Member News

Our treasurer, **Susan Keipp**, had left knee replacement surgery on December 10th. Susan said: "What a lucky gal I am to have so many wonderful friends who have sent me cards, phone calls, emails, and well wishes during my knee surgery. I so appreciate all of you. Happy New Year!" Susan said her rehab is going according to schedule, but the pain is ugly.

Dick Titterington has done an outstanding job of updating our website, including current news, upcoming programs, dinner menus, previous newsletters, speaker biographies, dinner meeting photographs, etc. Check out the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City website: <http://www.cwrtkc.org>

Don Bates is presenting a 30-minute talk titled: "Daniel Boone's Life with His family in Missouri, His Final Chapter and Most Eventful One." The wrap up will be Don's family's connection on his maternal side with the Callaways. Flanders Callaway married the Boone's daughter, Jemima Boone, and she was the last woman to attend to him during his final days and passing. The presentation will be at the Trail Side Center, 99th and Holmes, Kansas City MO, at 7:00pm on Thursday, January 31st.

Blair Tarr highly recommends the World War I movie titled: *They Shall Not Grow Old*. The movie was made from old British war films. Using current technology, the films were restored, adjusted to the correct speed, and colorized. The movie is narrated using first person accounts of the men who served in the Great War. The sounds of machine guns, tanks, artillery, and explosions were added for dramatic effect. In some cases, lip readers were used to determine what the soldiers in the old movies were actually saying. The movie shows what it was like to serve in the British army on the Western Front. The movie depicts life in the trenches and shows some graphic images of the dead.

The movie was directed and produced by Peter Jackson and was shown on a limited basis in Kansas City on December 17th and 27th.

This is a correction to last month's *Border Bugle*: **Mike Epstein** is helping an older lady sell her set of four Civil War decanters, featuring Confederate Generals Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, and J.E.B. Stuart and President Jefferson Davis. Mike said she is offering to sell the set of four decanters for a total of \$100. If you are interested, please contact Mike at 913-831-6225 or <mailto:cwrtkc@att.net>.

The Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield Dispatches #545

Discharges of Canister

During the Civil War, one of the most deadly and devastating artillery ammunitions was "Canister"! It was normally used when an attacking enemy was within close quarters or range. It consisted of a large tin can filled with iron balls and when it was fired from cannon at close range, the effect was similar to firing a shotgun. The results were deadly and every attacking enemy shoulder was instantly killed and normally severely dismembered. The modern equivalent would be to imagine a large coffee can filled with golf balls! The following after action report describes the use of "Canister" in repelling a Confederate attack on a Union position. It is located on Pages 781 and 782 in Volume 22 of the *Official Records of the War of the Rebellion*.

"Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation,
December 23, 1863

"Sir:

"I have the honor to report, in compliance with your instructions, I marched from Fort Gibson at 3:30 p.m., December 17, with a force of about 290 infantry, consisting of details from the First, Second and Third Infantry Regiments and one howitzer [small cannon]. I took the Park Hill road and passing that place, went into camp at the crossing of the Illinois [river] at midnight. By inquiry at Park Hill, I learned that Col. S. B. Watie's [Confederate] force, variously estimated at from 500 to 800 men, after plundering Murrel's house and burning the Negro cabins at Chief Ross's place, had moved during the afternoon towards the Illinois River, stating their intention to camp in the Illinois bottom that night.

"Morning came and I was still ignorant of the exact whereabouts of the Rebels, though satisfied that their camp was not far distant. I moved out of camp between

7 and 8 o'clock in the morning, taking the road leading to the Barren Fork. During the morning, two small parties of Rebels, one of ten and the other of five men, approached our column, mistaking us for their own men. They were fired upon and one was killed; but not having mounted men to pursue them, the remainder escaped.

"I now became satisfied that we were in close proximity to the Rebel force. The road lay first on one and then on the other side of Barren Fork, the valley of which was narrow and covered with thick timber and underbrush and walled in on either side by precipitous hills. About three quarters of a mile beyond Sheldon's place the advance guard reported the enemy in force just ahead. I proceeded to the front and discerned, through the thick undergrowth of brush, their line, formed in a heavy timbered ravine, of dismounted men, the right resting upon the road and the left reaching up the ravine onto the hill on the right of the road. I immediately brought forward the howitzer, supported by 95 men of the First Indian, under the command of Captain Willets and placed it in a position on the right of the road and deployed the Cherokees, under the command of Lieutenant L. F. Parsons, Third Indian Regiment, still farther to the right, between the howitzer and the foot of the hill.

"These preparations were not completed when the enemy opened on us a heavy fire from small arms. This was replied to by our men with promptness and spirit. As soon as the howitzer opened upon the Rebels, their line was completely broken and they retreated in some confusion up the ravine to the top of the hill. The Cherokees, under the command of Lieutenant Parsons followed them and drove them about a quarter of a mile beyond the crest of the hill where they again formed and were a second time routed by our men.

"The road being clear in front, I ordered the men back and moved on about a quarter of a mile to take a better position, where there was higher ground and several log buildings for the protection of our infantry. We had no sooner taken this position, than the Rebels, rallying, renewed the attack. A FEW "DISCHARGES OF CANISTER" AND SHELL from the howitzer drove them out of the valley and they took possession of the adjoining hill, which was heavily timbered. Sheltering themselves here behind trees and rocks, the Rebels open a long range fire upon our men, who replied from the cover of the log houses. The fighting lasted here for more than two hours without any decided advantage to either party. I saw that to drive the enemy from the crest of the hill by a charge would be difficult and hazardous.

"I also knew that if they came over the hill into the valley to fight, that we had decidedly the advantage of them. Thinking to draw them out, I ordered the command forward on the road, as if to abandon our position. It had the desired effect. The enemy

supposing, doubtless, that we were retreating came over the hill, all dismounted and in large numbers than they had before shown themselves and advance towards the [log] houses we were leaving. Our men were immediately rallied and returned to their former position on the double-quick [increased marching pace, but not running]. The howitzer was quickly brought up and opened fire on the advancing enemy, who withstood the shock but one moment and then turned and fled. Our men pursued them, driving them over the hill and beyond it nearly a mile. The rout of the Rebels was now complete. They did not again make the least attempt to rally.

"Our casualties during the engagement were comparatively light. I regret that I must record the loss of Captain Willets of the First Indian Regiment who fell mortally wounded, while gallantly leading his men in the early part of the engagement. Private Arch Benner, Company H, Third Indian Regiment and _____, Company F First Indian Regiment, received severe, but it is thought not fatal wounds. Two of the howitzer horses were wounded, one so badly that it had to be abandoned on the road and also two mules belonging to the six mule team were wounded, one of which had to be abandoned.

"As my instructions were to proceed with all possible dispatch to reinforce Major Foreman at Rhea's Mill, [Arkansas], I resumed the march as soon as I was satisfied that the enemy had no attention of returning. I went into camp at Duncan's place about sundown, having accomplished a march of about 18 miles. The next morning, we were again in motion at daylight and without further hindrance or incident worthy of note, joined Major Foreman at Rhea's Mill that evening.

"In conclusion, I must be allowed to compliment the soldiers of my command upon their constancy and endurance in accomplishing, without murmur or complaint, this difficult march, in weather at times bitterly cold and all the while scantily supplied with food. I am Colonel,

"Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

A.C. SPILMAN, Captain, company B, Third Indian Regiment, Commanding Detachment."

Now then, "Canister" was used extensively by both the Union and Confederate forces throughout the Civil War, as it proved to be deadly and destructive of the attacking enemy and, of course, the War Went On!

Events Around Town

Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

The January 2019 Membership Meeting has been cancelled, so that the Board can meet separately for a planning meeting.

The February 2019 Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Heights Community of Christ fellowship hall, located at 1009 Farview Drive, Independence MO. This will be the annual Show & Tell, when members can tell us a little about their Civil War ancestor, share a book or topic they have been researching, or bring a physical artifact to share. Check in with Mike Calvert before the meeting starts so that he can schedule the presentations. If you have any questions, please call **Beverly Shaw** at 816-225-7944.

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Steve Sitton will give a program titled: "The Thomas Hart Benton Historic Site." The meeting will be held at the Golden Corral restaurant (located 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.

Bleeding Kansas Program Series 2019

The following programs will be held at the Constitution Hall State Historic Site in Lecompton KS. The programs will begin at 2:00 p.m. on the following Sundays:

- January 27: "Kansas Day" by United States Representative Steve Watkins and Jim Ogle, Executive Director, Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area
- February 3: "Stop the Presses! Late-Breaking News from Bleeding Kansas" by Liz Leech, former journalist and adjunct instructor at Northwestern University and The University of Kansas and Bill Noll, professional land surveyor & director, Jefferson County Kansas Public Works Department.
- February 10: "War on the Border 1854-1865: Kansas & Missouri" by Ralph A. Monaco, II, Esq., author, historian, living historian, and past president and current treasurer of the Jackson County Missouri Historical Society. Books signing follows presentation.
- February 17: "Do Not Hurt: The Early Animal-Rights Movement and 1856 Kansas Free State Vegetarian Settlement" by Diane Eickhoff and Aaron Barnhart, authors and historians. Books signing follows presentation.

- February 24: "The Battle of Mine Creek: Border War Brutality" by Dr. Carl Graves, historian and educator.

Photos from the Dinner Meeting in December



Chip, Jordan, and Deb Buckner



Chip Buckner presenting Valiant Service Award to Dave Pattison



Dennis Garstang and Lane Smith



Rudy and Fannie Wrobel



Peggy Wright, Carol Price, and Bud Price



Austin H. and Austin C. Turney



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