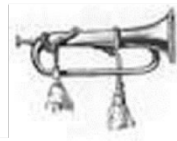




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514th Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Kansas Ballroom, 1st Floor, Holiday Inn & Suites

8787 Reeder Rd., Overland Park, KS 66214

Social Hour - Cash Bar – 5:30p.m.

Dinner - 6:30p.m.



March Speaker

In recognition of Women's History Month, **Mr. Larry Wood** from Joplin MO will be speaking about his book titled: *Bushwhacker Belles: The Sisters, Wives, and Girlfriends of the Missouri Guerillas.*

Sometimes connected by blood, but always united in purpose, these wives, sisters, daughters, lovers, friends, and mothers risked their lives and their freedom to give aid and comfort to their menfolk.

We would like to thank Arnold Schofield for scheduling this speaker.

Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Please be sure that **Susan Keipp** receives all reservations by **12:00 noon on Thursday, March 21, 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, March 21st

Important Dinner Reservation Information

Please note that the price of the dinners has increased to \$29.00 per person for 2019. Dinner reservations are due to Susan Keipp by 12:00 noon on Thursday, March 21st. 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.

The Holiday Inn has advised that they will always remain open. Therefore, our dinner meetings will not be cancelled due to inclement weather. Payment for a dinner reservation is required regardless of whether or not you attend, unless the reservation is cancelled prior to the reservation deadline. Advance payment for a missed meeting will not carry over, but will be applied with the other payments to the meeting for which it was intended, since we have to pay the hotel for that meal, whether or not the person attends. A missed reservation made with payment that was to be made at the door will still require payment.

Dinner Menu

Chicken Marsala – Sautéed chicken breast in a marsala wine and mushroom sauce, served over pasta with 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

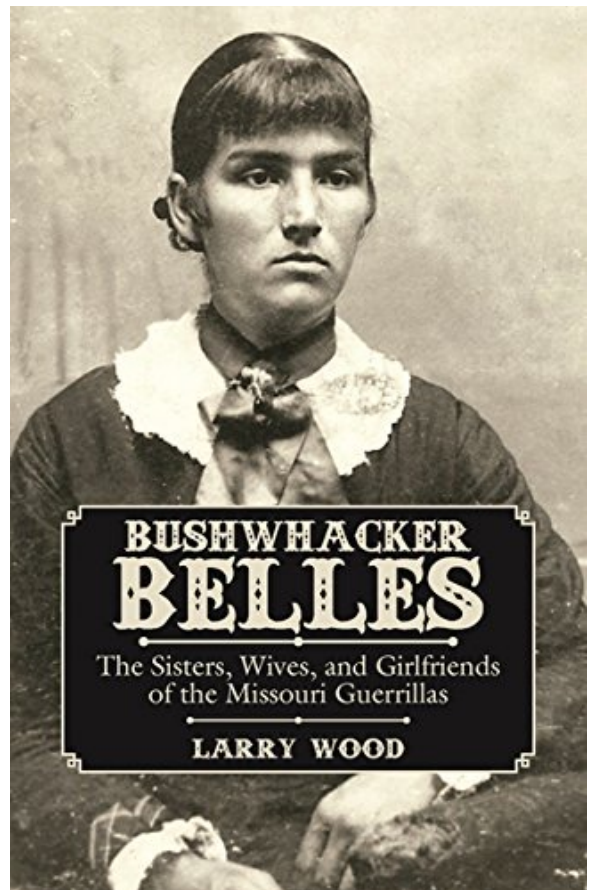
Mr. Larry E. Wood is a retired public school teacher and a freelance writer specializing in the history of the Ozarks and surrounding regions. He has published fifteen nonfiction history books, two historical novels, and over four hundred magazine stories and articles in publications ranging from popular magazines like *Wild West Magazine* to scholarly journals like *Missouri Historical Review*. His books include:

- *Ozarks Gunfights and Other Notorious Incidents*
- *Desperadoes of the Ozarks*
- *Bushwhacker Belles*
- *The Civil War Story of Bloody Bill Anderson*
- *The Siege of Lexington: The Battle of the Hemp Bales*
- *Civil War Springfield*

- *The Two Civil War Battles of Newtonia*
- *The Civil War on the Lower Kansas-Missouri Border*
- *Other Noted Guerrillas of the Civil War in Missouri.*

Mr. Wood has won numerous writing awards from organizations like the Missouri Writers' Guild and the Ozark Writers' League. *The Two Civil War Battles of Newtonia* won the Walter Williams Award in 2011, given by the Missouri Writers' Guild for best major work, and Wood has also won the same organization's Best Book about Missouri award four times. In 2016, he was named an honorary lifetime member of the Missouri Writers' Guild. Wood is a former staff writer for *Show Me the Ozarks Magazine*, and he maintains a blog on Ozarks history at www.ozarks-history.blogspot.com. He and his wife live in Joplin MO.

Book: *Bushwhacker Belles*



The following description is from the Amazon website:

"In this fascinating look at an often overlooked subject, historian Larry Wood delves into the hidden lives of the brave belles of Missouri. Sometimes connected by blood but always united in purpose, these wives, sisters, daughters, lovers, friends, and mothers risked their lives and their freedom to give aid and

comfort to their menfolk. They used subterfuge and occasionally sheer luck to feed, clothe, and shelter the guerrillas. These courageous women of every age and station acted as essential go-betweens, scouts, spies, guides, and mail handlers. They often joined in on the bushwhackers' campaigns, assisting them in any way possible. They even received and traded stolen property for their Confederate brethren.

"Many of the women were arrested or banished from their home state of Missouri; many were forced to give an oath of allegiance to the Union in order to gain their freedom; a few were able to carry out their clandestine missions undetected. Wood traces these women through their own diaries and other primary sources from the era. The poignant tales of these women are punctuated by images of many of them; the stiff, posed portraits give silent testimony to their resiliency and strength during tumultuous times."

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 March dinner meeting:

- *Dear Catharine, Dear Taylor: CW Letters from 22nd Iowa, Volunteer Infantry*, edited by Richard L. Kiper. Signed 1st Edition, University of Kansas Press, 2002. In mint condition with dust jacket.
- *Battle Hymns: Power & Popularity of Civil War Music* by Christian McWhirter, University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill NC, 2012. In excellent condition with dust jacket.
- *Mary Chesnut's Civil War*, edited by C. Vann Woodward, 1st edition, Yale University Press, 1981. Winner of 1982 Pulitzer Prize in History; In excellent condition with dust Jacket.
- *Margaret Mitchell's "Gone with the Wind" Letters 1936-1949*, Edited by Richard Harwell; Macmillan Publishing Company, New York, 1976. 1st Edition. In excellent condition with dust jacket.
- *Official Records of the War of the Rebellion, Series: Series I Volume 9*. Includes Hampton Roads, Roanoke Island and Glorieta Pass/Pigeon's Ranch, New Mexico. Published by the National Historical Society, Harrisburg PA, 1971. In mint condition.

Last Month's Program



Mr. Jim Ogle

At our dinner meeting held on February 26, 2019, **Mr. Jim Ogle**, Executive Director of Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area gave a presentation about the historic town of Quindaro, which is located in Kansas City KS. The title of Mr. Ogle's talk was "Quindaro: Remembering Our Past As Lessons For Our Future."

At the start of his presentation, Mr. Ogle said that, 40 minutes earlier, Congress had passed legislation to designate the Quindaro site as a National Commemorative Site. While short of landmark status, the designation will still enable preservation and recognition of the once-bustling Civil War-era port of entry into Kansas and stop on the Underground Railroad.

The bill authorizes the Department of Interior and the National Park Service to enter into financial agreements to help pay for preservation. It's the same federal classification awarded last year to the Indianapolis memorial that commemorates the 1968 speech Robert F. Kennedy delivered in the wake of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination.

The legislation was a small piece of a massive public lands package that designates 1.3 million acres of new wilderness and permanently reauthorizes the Land and Water Conservation Fund, a program that uses offshore oil and natural gas revenue to support conservation projects in every state.

The Senate passed the public lands package earlier in February by a 92-8 margin. It passed the House on February 26th by a 363-62 vote and now heads to President Donald Trump's desk for signature.

Also speaking at the dinner meeting on February 26th was **Ms. Kristen Zane**, who is a member of Wyandot Nation of Kansas. Ms. Zane spoke about the Wyandot Trail of Tears, the town of Quindaro, and her ancestors Ebenezer O. Zane (1824-1903) and his wife Rebecca A. Zane (1827-1916), who were some of Wyandotte County's earliest settlers.



Ms. Kristen Zane

The following are some key points made by Ms. Zane during her presentation:

- The Wyandots departed Ohio in July 1843 and arrived in Kansas in the fall of 1843. A third of the Wyandots died during the journey or during the winter and spring after arrival.
- Ebenezer O. Zane was a member of Wyandot Nation and married Rebecca A. Barnes in 1843.
- On November 1, 1856, the Quindaro Town Company is formed, created from Wyandot Allotments, including those of Ebenezer and Rebecca Zane.
- Quindaro was an abolitionist town, formed by the New England Emigrant Society, Freedmen, Suffragettes, and Wyandots.
- Quindaro is a traditional Wyandot women's name meaning "Bundle of Sticks."
- The Underground Railroad is operational in Quindaro, aiding slaves escaping from Missouri.
- During the Civil War (at one point), Quindaro was the only free port into Kansas.
- Ebenezer owned and operated the Wyandot House Hotel, the first structure from the Missouri River. He lived on the Kansas Wyandot Reservation when moved to Quindaro in 1849.
- Ebenezer was imprisoned in Ft. Leavenworth, along with others, for being an abolitionist and was required to post a \$1,000 bond (approximately \$30,000 in today's dollars).
- Ebenezer and his wife, Rebecca, had to sell most of their property and accept assistance from relatives, in order to make the bond.
- They continued to live in Quindaro and engage in the Underground Railroad.

Upcoming Speaker Schedule for 2019

- **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.

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 dues for 2019 are \$35.00 per individual or \$55.00 per couple. You can either mail or give your check to **Susan Keipp** at the dinner meeting on March 26th. As of March 6th, a total of 90 people have renewed their memberships in the Round Table for 2019.

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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Meet our Second Vice-President



Suzee Oberg was elected Second Vice-President of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City at the dinner meeting held on December 18, 2018. We asked Suzee to tell us about herself and how she got interested in the Civil War. She graciously provided the following information:

"Although I was born in Kansas in the old Bell Memorial Hospital, which is now the KU Medical Center, I grew up in Kansas City MO, as an only child in the 1940's, at 60th and Summit and attended Border Star Grade School until sent for 8th grade to Southwest High School.

"My mother's career took her to Chicago from 1949 through 1951, so those years were spent commuting between my father's home in Kansas City, mother's apartment in Chicago, and summer camp and boarding school in Evansville WI. After my father's death in 1951, I became a boarding student at Barstow School for Girls until transferring and completing high school at Shawnee Mission High School (now Shawnee Mission North) after my mother relocated to Mission KS, and purchased a women's clothing store in November of 1952 and named it Suzee's Fashions for me.

"I attended college at Oklahoma State University until I was needed to help my mother open a second store in a new building in Overland Park in 1958. As a

result, I spent 53 years in that business, except for a few months spent at Fort Hood TX with my first husband.

"I had the advantage of having a brilliant mother, who graduated from KU at the age of 20, with a degree in journalism, and who had been a copywriter for advertising agencies in both Los Angeles and Kansas City and from whom I learned all facets of business. My limited professional writing career is a direct result of learning to write store ads, newsletters, and following her style of writing.

"I had the honor of serving as President of the Downtown Overland Park Business Association during the building of the clock tower pavilion and farmers market, while on the Business Improvement District Board and then was appointed to the Downtown Overland Park Development Review Board. I joined the OP Optimist Club as the first woman member and am now a member and past president of the Valley View Optimist Club.

"As a founding member of the Overland Park Historical Society, I have served on the board and as Past President and helped with funding by writing a book for their financial benefit. I do day trips for the Historical Society members as well as for my fellow members of the Johnson County Genealogical Society. I am also a member of the Greater Kansas City Alumnae Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

"My initial interest in the Civil War stems from a 1957 Oklahoma battle ground dedication, in which my American History college professor involved me. Two other students and myself were taken to the site and we sang a series of appropriate songs for the time, which were recorded and buried in a time capsule. We all got A's in his class. That same year, my grandfather died and left his soldier father's collection of diaries, letters, and various other memorabilia from the war and more memorabilia came from my grandmother's veteran father, who was an organizer of the Old Soldier reunions at the turn of the century.

"I first went to Civil War Round Table meetings many years ago and I am very happy to have returned to the meetings these last several years and look forward to helping in any way that I am able."

Suzee SoldanEls Oberg

Thank you, Suzee, for serving on the Executive Board of the Round Table. We look forward to your leadership during the next few years. As Second Vice-President, Suzee will be in charge of new members and guests at our dinner meetings.

Member News



Dick Titterington said the March dinner meeting will be his last for a while. Dick and his wife, Lynne, will leave for Portland, Maine on April 27th. They expect to be back sometime in May of 2020. Dick served as *Border Bugle* editor from 2014-2016 and currently serves as our website administrator. Dick has edited, co-edited, authored, or co-authored the following Civil War books:

- *The Story of a Cavalryman - The Civil War Memoirs of Bvt. Brig. Gen. Edward F. Winslow, 4th Iowa Cavalry* (edited).
- *We Remember, 60th Anniversary Edition* (co-edited).
- *Quantrill's Revenge - A Comprehensive Tour Guide to Quantrill's 1863 Raid on Lawrence* (co-authored with Chris Edwards).
- *Battle of the Big Blue, October 23, 1864 - A Walking Tour of the Big Blue Battlefield in Kansas City MO* (authored).

We will miss seeing Dick at our dinner meetings and we wish him and his wife safe travels.

The Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield dispatches #548

A Flag of Truce

During the Civil War, or for that matter in any war, A FLAG OF TRUCE, if granted, means a temporary halt of hostilities for a designated amount of time. If granted, most of the time, this was honored by both sides to gather and care for the wounded, bury the dead, and or

exchange prisoners. Normally this was for a relatively short period of time, for a few hours. Usually, during the Civil War, a Flag of Truce was between armies in the field and not between Union forces and Confederate Bushwhackers. However the following after action report describes such a "Truce" that occurred in northern Arkansas in December of 1863 and is located on Pages 780 and 781 in *Volume 22 of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion*.

"Springfield, Missouri,
January 3, 1864.

"Major: the force of the first Arkansas that left Fayetteville on the 15th of December last has returned, after marching through Carroll, Marion, Searcy, and Madison counties. Captain Worthington, in command, reports that he had skirmishing nearly every day and hard fighting on the 23rd, 24th, and 25th. On the first two days, the enemy numbered about 200, and were routed in confusion. On the 25th they were reinforced by 800 men and fought in Searcy County on Richland Creek, with great determination, charging his howitzers [small cannon] and losing 30 men killed and the usual proportion of wounded.

"After these affairs, the force came back to Fayetteville, bringing all material except two wagons left on account of the roads. Our loss is seven killed and eight wounded and one officer wounded.

"I think that this Rebel force is Colonel Love's. I will endeavor to dispose of this force in a few days, if the weather is such that I can move the troops. Our force at Neosho has had quite a success in destroying bands of Rebels. Full report will be sent in due time."

"JOHN B. SANBORN
Brigadier General."

"Fayetteville, Arkansas,
January 8, 1864.

"Major: Acting under orders from colonel Harrison, Commanding troops in the field, I marched on the 16th day of December 1863, with 112 men of the first Arkansas Cavalry and one gun [cannon] of the howitzer battery attached to the regiment. My orders required me to scout [patrol] the counties of Carroll, Marion, and Searcy. I reached Carrollton [County Seat of Carroll County] on the 19th, after skirmishing slightly with a few BUSHWHACKERS. On the 22nd, we marched to Stroud's Store, having dispersed and broken up all the

small bands of the enemy that infested Carroll County, killing eleven men and losing two, who were wounded; neither dangerously. On the 23rd, at daybreak, we resumed our march in the direction of Yellville and had not proceeded more than a quarter of a mile, when our advance was fired upon, and we soon after encountered a Rebel force of 200 or 300 men under the command of Captain Marshall. Dismounting 75 men, I attacked and routed and pursued him through the brush for about 5 miles, driving him from every position and scattering his men in every direction.

"On the 24th, the enemy was constantly in sight, but kept out of range. On the 25th, while encamped on the Buffalo River, in Searcy County, the enemy having been re-enforced by Major Gunning with 200 men from Yellville, aided Colonel Freeman with 500 men from Izaard County, advanced upon us, driving in two parties that I had out foraging and to gain information of the movements of the enemy. In this affair we lost four men killed and four wounded, making our total loss to this date of ten men killed and wounded.

"At 3 p.m. I received "A Flag of Truce" from the enemy, asking for a suspension of hostilities until daylight the next morning, for the purpose of burying the dead and taking care of the wounded and exchanging prisoners. My wounded having fallen into the enemy's hands, this I refused; but GRANTED A TRUCE of one and a half hours and then sent and brought the wounded into camp and buried the dead. I learned from the enemy that they had lost during the day nine killed and five wounded.

"Finding that Major Gunning, with his own force and Marshall's men, was encamped within a mile below my camp, while Colonel Freeman's command was about 2 ½ miles above and intending to attack me at daybreak the next morning, I immediately determined to assume the offensive and attacked Major Gunning about 8 o'clock at night and after fighting ten or fifteen minutes, routed him, with a loss of 14 killed and between 30 or 40 wounded. The whole Rebel force, as I have since learned, fell back during that night and the next day to Clapper's Mill, in Carroll County. We then returned without any further interruption, by way of Newton County, Arkansas to this place, which we reached on the 31st day of December 1863, our whole loss being four killed and six wounded.

"After leaving King's River, we found an abundance of forage. During the past season, a large quantity of corn and wheat was raised in the counties of Carroll, Marion, and Searcy. In the vicinity of Marshall's Prairie, Marion County, in a circuit of 10 miles, there are corn and oats enough to supply a regiment of cavalry for twelve months. Flour mills, wheat, and pork are also obtainable to an extent sufficient for the same purpose. The same remark will apply to the country east of

Carrollton and north of the mountains, as far east as Fulton County. The country is filled with REFUGEE MISSOURIANS, who are committing all kinds of mischief, plundering the families of soldiers who are serving in our regiment and the first Arkansas Infantry.

"There is no part of Arkansas where loyal sentiment was stronger at the commencement of the war than in these counties. At the first call for volunteers, men left their homes and joined the Federal Army and their families are now at the PREY to the REFUGEE REBELS of MISSOURI! A Post in the vicinity of Marshall's Prairie would completely break up this REBEL RENDEZVOUS and do more, I respectfully submit, toward restoring peace to that section of Arkansas than anything else that could be done.

"In conclusion, let me say that the men of my command behaved in a manner highly creditable to their coolness and courage."

"I have the honor to remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

JOHN I. WORTHINGTON,

Captain, Company H, First Arkansas Cavalry,
Commanding"

Now then, this "Flag of Truce between Union Forces and a command of Confederate Bushwhackers was the exception and not the rule. This was probably done to obtain the release and return of some Union troops that became prisoners of the Bushwhackers. Otherwise no quarter would be given as the standing order of the Union troops was to take no prisoners and kill the bushwhackers on the spot rather than taking any of them as prisoners and of Course the War Went On!

Events Around Town

Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

The March Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Heights Community of Christ fellowship hall, located at 1009 Farview Drive, Independence MO. Doug Richardson will be speaking about Fort Donelson.

The April Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2019. The speaker will be Keith Nelson, who will be giving a program titled: "The History of Missouri and the Chouteau Family."

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

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

There will be a meeting of the Westerners group on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. Sandy Slusher will give a program titled: "Santa Fe Trail through Lexington MO."

On April 9, 2019, Becky Ray will give a program titled: "Ghosts on Jesse James' Farm in Kearney MO."

The meetings 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.

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