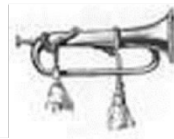




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515th Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 23, 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.



April Speaker

Dr. Bill Piston, from Springfield MO, will be giving a program about General Robert E. Lee and the "Lost Cause." Dr. Piston retired from the Department of History at Missouri State University in 1987, having taught courses on the Civil War and American military history for twenty-nine years.

The Lost Cause of the Confederacy, or simply the Lost Cause, is an American historical negationist ideology that holds that, despite losing the American Civil War, the cause of the Confederacy was a just and heroic one.

Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Please be sure that **Susan Keipp** receives all reservations by **12:00 noon on Thursday, April 18, 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, April 18th

Important Dinner Reservation Information

Please note that the price for a dinner is now **\$29.00 per person**. Dinner reservations are due to **Susan Keipp by 12:00 noon on Thursday, April 18th**. 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.

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

Pork Loin Medallions – Pork medallions roasted with a Fuji apple glaze, served with rosemary roasted new 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. William Garrett Piston retired from the Department of History at Missouri State University in 1987, having taught courses on the Civil War and American military history for twenty-nine years. He received his doctorate from the University of South Carolina, where he studied under Thomas L. Connelly, a noted biographer of Robert E. Lee and scholar of the Lost Cause.

Dr. Piston's first book, *Lee's Tarnished Lieutenant: James Longstreet and His Place in Southern History*, examines the scapegoating of Lee's second-in-command by postwar writers anxious to enshrine Lee's memory. Since moving to Springfield MO, Piston has focused on the Trans-Mississippi and is best known as the co-author of *Wilson's Creek: The Second Battle of the Civil War and the Men Who Fought It*.



April Speaker - Dr. Bill Piston

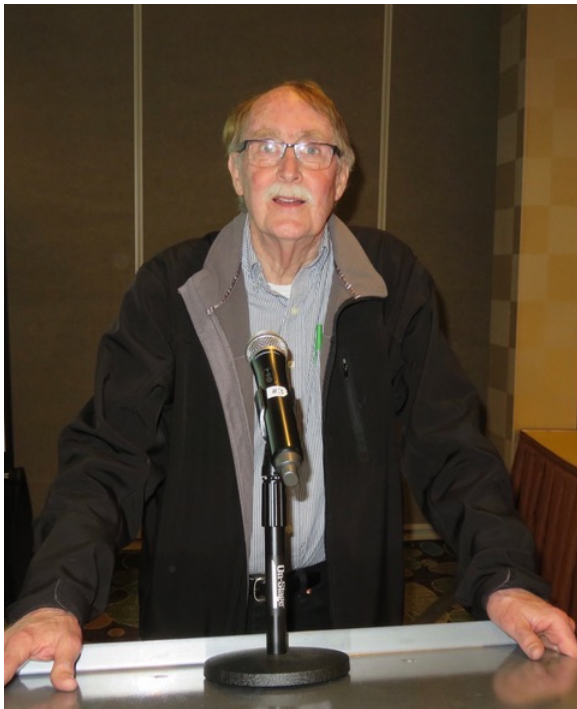
Dr. Piston was the speaker at our dinner meeting held on March 27, 2012. He gave a presentation titled: "The Battle of Pea Ridge, March 6-8, 1862."

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. Last month, the book sales totaled \$202. Arnold will auction the following Civil War books at the April dinner meeting:

- *America's Forgotten Photographer: Timothy Sullivan* by James D. Horan, with dust jacket and in mint condition.
- *President Lincoln Assassinated*; by Harold Holzer, 2014, 1st Edition, with dust jacket and in mint condition.
- *Lee's Lieutenants* (3 volumes); by Douglas Southall Freeman, Hudson River Edition, Scribners Publishing Company, 1970, with dust jacket and in mint condition.
- *Shiloh*, by Larry J. Daniel, 1st Edition, Simon & Schuster Publishing Company, 1997, with dust jacket and in excellent condition.
- *Official Records of the War of the Rebellion, Series: Series I Volume 10* (2 volume set); published by the National Historical Society, Harrisburg PA, 1971. Includes the Battle of Shiloh and is in mint condition.

Last Month's Program



March Speaker - Mr. Larry Wood

At the dinner meeting on March 26th, **Mr. Larry Wood** from Joplin MO gave an interesting presentation 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. A number of the women were arrested and sent to jail or prison.

The term "Bushwhacker Belles" was first used in 1891 in the *St. Louis Globe Democrat* newspaper. Most of Mr. Wood's research came from Union Provost Marshal Records. Some of the key questions that Mr. Wood addressed during his presentation are as follows:

What was the political climate in Missouri, which gave rise to guerilla warfare?

- The average Missourian needed a reason besides slavery to support the Southern cause.
- Because Missouri was a slave state and a border state, the pro-southern men must protect the State against a Federal invasion. Sexual imagery was used to promote this narrative.
- The State was seen as female, but individual citizens were male. The guerillas must protect women symbolically as well as literally. There was an unwritten guerilla code.
- The creation and disintegration of the Missouri State Guard.
- The myth of a noble warrior protecting hearth and home had a powerful allure, but the myth

was challenged by the realities of war. Women were left alone, were no longer dependent, and were forced to deal with the Federals on their own, which put them in danger, but also empowered them. The Union treated the women as outside of the war at first, but this gradually changed, especially by 1864.

- The counties along the Missouri River were known as the "Little Dixie" area. That was the predominant clash area and included Boone, Howard, Saline, Lafayette, and Jackson counties. Until 1863-1864, the women were not taken seriously. The Union Army was slow to realize that guerilla warfare was a real threat.

Who were the women that were arrested for aiding the Missouri Guerillas?

- Almost all had southern roots.
- Most were young (in their late teens, early 20's).
- Most came from the "Little Dixie" counties.
- Most were arrested in 1864, which was the peak time for guerilla warfare.
- Tended to come from well-established families.
- They were fairly well educated.
- They considered themselves ladies.
- Most came from households headed by a woman. Most women were arrested for aiding the guerillas, because the men were not there to protect the women.
- Not all were equally guilty, ranging from those convicted of serious crimes to those who should never have been arrested to begin with. Most were arrested for feeding and harboring guerillas.
- Their punishment varied and their fates often hinged on factors beyond guilt or innocence, such as: who their family was and how pretty and charming they were.

How did the women behave when arrested?

- They were defiant at first.
- They adopted survival lies.

If not coerced, why did the women help the guerillas?

- Helping the guerillas was usually an act of love, not an act of war.
- The Civil War empowered the women who helped the Missouri guerillas. It forced the Federals to take them seriously. But it was an empowerment that most did not even want.

Mr. Wood told us stories about several Bushwhacker Belles, including: Eliza Gabbert, Ella Mayfield, Sarah Waitman, Fannie Houx, Annie Fickle, Nannie Harris, Charity Kerr, and Sarah Jane Smith.

Upcoming Speaker Schedule for 2019

- **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.

Thank You for Renewing Your Membership

Thank you for renewing 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. As of March 31st, our Round Table has a total of 101 members.

Meet our First Vice-President

Father Dave Holloway was elected First Vice-President of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City at the dinner meeting held on December 18, 2018. We asked Father Dave to tell us about himself and how he got interested in the Civil War. He graciously provided the following information:

"I was born on June 13, 1950 in Chillicothe MO (home of sliced bread). I spent some time in the summers on the farms of both grandparents near town. Dad was an electrician, eventually retiring from the old GM plant in the Leeds District of Kansas City. Mom was a book-keeper working for various small companies, including Wild Woodys in Independence MO.

"I attended Bishop Hogan Memorial Catholic grade school and St Joseph Academy, both small parish schools in Chillicothe. I graduated from High School in 1968 and was a member of Boy Scout Troop 121, St. Columban's Parish and the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.



Father Dave Holloway

"I attended Rockhurst College (now University) in the fall of 1968. Studies were interrupted by the draft, somewhat of a long story, and enlisted in the U.S. Navy for four years from September of 1972 to September of 1976. I was an Interior Communications Electrician Second Class (equivalent of a Sergeant). I served on two ships: USS BROWNSON DD-868, a destroyer of WWII vintage, and a Destroyer Tender (repair ship) USS SIERRA AD-18, also of WWII vintage.

"After the service, I returned to study at Rockhurst and graduated in May of 1976 with a degree in History and Political Science. Despite my degree and thanks to my Mom's teaching, I worked as a cost accountant for a year and a half before being accepted by the Catholic Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, for study as a priest. I went to St. Thomas Seminary in Denver CO and was ordained as a priest on June 5, 1982. I served at St. Catherine's in south Kansas City for four years and then at Holy Cross in the Northeast section of Kansas City, for a year as an associate pastor.

"In June of 1987 I entered the U.S. Navy again as a Chaplain. My assignments had me at the Marine Corps Air Station in Iwakuni, Japan; the USS WASP LHD-1, Naval Support Activity, in La Maddalena, Sardinia, Italy; the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center in Petaluma CA; on the USS HARRY S TRUMAN CVN 75; and finally at the Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach VA. I retired from the Navy in 2004 and returned to Kansas City. I am a veteran of the First Gulf War.

"I was assigned as pastor of Christ the King in Kansas City, then as pastor at St. Bernadette in Kansas

City, and then given an additional parish, Our Lady of Lourdes in Raytown, in addition to St. Bernadette where I am presently residing.

"My interest in history and the Civil War began at an early age and was especially sparked by attending the centennial celebration and reenactment of the First Battle of Lexington in 1961.

"I enjoy the round table immensely and am glad to serve as Chaplain.

"God Bless,
Father Dave Holloway"

Thank you, Father Dave, for serving our country, for serving as our chaplain, and for serving on the Executive Board of the Round Table. We look forward to your leadership during the next few years. As First Vice-President, Father Dave will assist our current president, Dan Dooley. Father Dave will then move into the role of president of the Round Table in 2021-2022.

The Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield Dispatches #557

Before Vipers Come Forth

Mr. Webster, one of my best resources, defines "Viper" as a venomous or poisonous snake or a malicious or treacherous person! And thus the word VIPERS, was the word and label that "Union" Major General Samuel Ryan Curtis used to describe the BUSHWHACKERS of Missouri. General Ryan believed that this was most fitting, because guerrillas commanded by Colonel William C. Quantrill killed his son, Major Zarah Curtis at the second battle of Baxter Springs on October 6, 1863! One of the most effective ways to combat the Bushwhackers by the Union Army was to employ civilian "detectives" who could, would and did successfully infiltrate enemy territory, to gain information on and the location of the bushwhackers and their camps. The following correspondence describes the hiring and report of one of these detectives and is located in *Volume 34, Part II, of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion* on Pages 374-377.

"Headquarters, Fourth Sub-District, Central Missouri,
February 19, 1864

[To] Capt. J. H. Steger, Assistant Adjutant General

Sir:

I respectfully request that Brigadier General E. B. Brown, Commanding the District of Central Missouri, that he would allow me to EMPLOY TWO DETECTIVES on secret service on this [the Missouri – Kansas] border. There are so many inducements for thieving and running off property over the border into Kansas, which if properly watched in a small way will do a great deal toward breaking up this lucrative branch of plundering. In connection with this request, I would also ask that the recompense allowed to such be stated, if the request be granted to employ them.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant,

JAS. H. FORD,

Col. 2nd Colo. Cav., Commanding, 4th Sub-Dist., Dist. of Cent. Mo."

"Headquarters, Olathe, Kansas,
February 19, 1864

Colonel Chipman

Dear Sir:

I respectfully submit the following brief report:

I have just returned from a five-day scout, within which time I traveled the middle and south part of Grand River and over a portion of Pawnee Fork, Deer Creek, Elk Fork and Big Creek. I did not come in contact or see any Bushwhackers, but had abundance of evidence that there was quite a number in the country. On Pawnee Fork I found a bushwhacking encampment consisting of flour, cooking utensils, clothing and one English carbine. The outward appearances of horse tracks indicated about 15 in number and they had been there for some time. Within a one-half of a mile from said encampment, I found corn and oat straw, which I destroyed as well as their camp.

I stopped at a house where Jim Weddington, a NOTORIOUS BUSHWHACKER, had stopped over night with 22 men. I saw another man, Henry Hedge, who lives five miles from Harrisonville, in Missouri, who stated that ten men took supper with him on last Wednesday night, who claimed to be part of Dick Yeager's Gang. I also received information from a

reliable source that a Mrs. Wilson, who lives on Big Creek, was noted in that country for keeping BUSHWHACKERS. Stated on Saturday night that 12 men of Todd's men staid at her house on Tuesday night previous; that they thought the abolitionists of Kansas thought that the massacre of Lawrence was a terrible thing; that it was only a foretaste of what they would get this summer. While they were watching the front, they would come [attack] on them in the rear.

You will recollect what you heard while here of Yeager and some of his men were seen out west on the Santa Fe road. From the above statement and having seen a number of fresh horse tracks working up those branches toward the Kansas line, I think it quite probable that they may be concentrating somewhere west on the Santa Fe road for the purpose of interfering with the trains going west or making a raid down through the state [of Kansas] toward Missouri. At least from the facts, I think that they should be looked after in that direction.

Another idea I would suggest and think of great importance, is that if the border counties of Missouri are not attached to this Department, that you request of the General in command of that department to issue Special Orders to troops stationed at Pleasant Hill, Harrisonville, Clinton and Germantown to be more active. They are living at these places, faring sumptuously and to all appearances doing nothing. If the same order is issued to our troops at Santa Fe, Aubrey, and Cold Water Grove to keep out scouting parties every day from the different commands, they can prevent a concentration in that direction, consequently there would be no raid into Kansas from that direction. I have other matters to call to your attention to which I will defer till my return.

Yours Very Respectfully,
S. W. CARPENTER,
Scout Detective

P. S.: I have hurt myself, so I will not be able to ride for four or five days. I wish you to inform me by the bearer whether I shall remain here longer or return to Fort Leavenworth."

"Headquarters, District of Central Missouri,
Warrensburg,
February 23, 1864

Respectfully returned to Colonel Ford, who is authorized to employ TWO DETECTIVES, the compensation not to exceed \$60 per month.

By order of Brigadier General Brown,
JAS. H. STEGER,
Assistant Adjutant General."

"[Endorsement]
Fort Leavenworth,
March 2, 1864

Respectfully referred to Major General Rosecrans, for his information.

This relates to the BUSHWHACKER COUNTRY, near the border, where the eggs should be crushed BEFORE the VIPERS COME FORTH in the SPRING.

S. R. CURTIS,
Major General."

Now then, were the eggs of the vipers crushed before the Bushwhackers launched their spring offensive in Missouri? No, they were never completely eliminated. But the civilian detectives, if they survived and many did not, often provided reliable information for a successful Union counter-offensive and, of course, the War Went On!

Events Around Town

Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

The April Membership Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at the Village Heights Community of Christ fellowship hall, located at 1009 Farview Drive, Independence MO. The speaker will be Keith Nelson, who will be giving a program titled: "History of Missouri and the Chouteau Family."

The May Membership Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8, 2019. Jim Ogle of Freedom's Frontier will be giving a program titled: "History of the State of Kansas."

The June Membership Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2019. The speaker will be Jim Beckner, who will be giving a program titled: "The Story of the Confederate Veterans Home at Higginsville MO."

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, April 9, 2019. 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. The cost is \$12.00 or less and non-members are welcome. Becky Ray will give a program titled: "Ghosts on Jesse James' Farm in Kearney MO."

For more information, call **Deb Buckner** at 913-338-5689 or **Dennis Garstang** at 816-569-1180.

Shiloh National Military Park

National Park Service Rangers and Civil War historians will be leading battlefield hikes and car caravans on the 157th anniversary of the Battle of Shiloh, April 5-8, 2019. There is no charge, but reservations are recommended. Call 731-689-5696. For more information regarding the hikes and car caravans, please visit their website at: <https://www.nps.gov/shil>

Civil War Round Table Member News

Bill Buckner has volunteered more than 500 hours of service to the National World War I Museum and Memorial. Bill is featured under Donor Spotlight on the National WWI Museum and Memorial's website: <https://www.theworldwar.org>

Lila Aamodt will miss the April dinner meeting. She will be going on an African safari in southern Africa. We wish her safe travels.

Photos from Previous CWRT Dinner Meetings



Jim Borthwick (photo taken May 24, 2016)



Dorothy Rezac (photo taken September 27, 2016)



Susan and Scott Richart (photo taken Oct. 25, 2016)



**Karen and Pat Wiederaenders
(photo taken March 27, 2018)**



Terry Moore (photo taken December 19, 2017)



Jim Voelker (photo taken October 23, 2018)

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