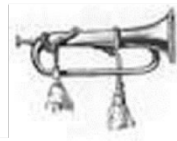




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516th Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 28, 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.



May Speaker

Mr. Jeff Patrick, museum curator at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, will present a narrative based on the diary of a Union hospital steward. The title of Mr. Patrick's program is: "One by One the Boys Pass Away, the Hospital Diary of William Bluffton Miller." In September 1863, Miller was seriously wounded at the Battle of Chickamauga, Georgia, and spent several months recovering in a hospital. Using excerpts from Miller's diary, Jeff Patrick will relate Miller's experiences as both a caregiver and a patient.

Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Please be sure that **Susan Keipp** receives all reservations by **12:00 noon on Thursday, May 23, 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, May 23rd

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, May 23rd**. 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

Chicken Supreme – Baked chicken breast with a mushroom/cream sauce, served with steamed white rice 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

Mr. Jeff Patrick began working for the National Park Service in 1992, and is currently the museum curator at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield in Republic, Missouri. He holds a Master of Arts Degree in History from Purdue University. He is the author or editor of a number of books and articles on American military history. His latest work, *A Machine-Gunner in France: The Memoirs of Ward Schrantz, 35th Division, 1917-1919*, was published in 2019 by the University of North Texas Press."

The title of Mr. Patrick's program is: "One by One the Boys Pass Away, the Hospital Diary of William Bluffton Miller." In 1862, William Bluffton Miller joined the Union war effort as a member of the 75th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Early the following year, Miller served as a hospital steward in Gallatin, Tennessee, treating wounded and sick soldiers. In September 1863, Miller was seriously wounded at the

Battle of Chickamauga, Georgia, and spent several months recovering in a hospital. Using excerpts from Miller's diary, Jeff Patrick will relate Miller's experiences as both a caregiver and patient.



May Speaker - Mr. Jeff Patrick

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 over \$200. Arnold will auction the following Civil War books at the May dinner meeting:

- *First with the Most: Nathan Bedford Forrest*; by Robert Selph Henry; Mallard Publishing Company, 1991. In mint condition with dust jacket.
- *Secret Missions of the Civil War*; by Philip Van Doren Stern; Wing Books, published in 1990. In mint condition, with dust jacket.
- *Lincoln's Avengers*; by Elizabeth D. Leonard; 1st Edition, Norton Publishing Company, 2004. In mint condition, with dust jacket.
- *Stonewall Jackson*; by Robert L. Dabney; Reprint of 1885 Edition, Sprinkle Publishing Company, 1983. In mint condition, with dust jacket.

- Official Records of the War of the Rebellion, Series: Series I Volume 25 (2 volume set); published by the National Historical Society, Harrisburg PA, 1971. Includes the Battle of Chancellorsville and is in mint condition.

Last Month's Program



Last month, **Dr. William G. Piston**, Professor Emeritus, Missouri State University in Springfield MO, gave an excellent presentation titled: "Lee and the Lost Cause Myth." A summary of Dr. Piston's presentation is as follows:

- The term "Lost Cause" was first used by Edward A. Pollard, Virginia journalist and editor of the *Richmond Examiner*, which was very pro-southern, but anti-Jefferson Davis. In 1866, Pollard wrote a book titled: *The Lost Cause: A New Southern History of the War of the Confederates*. In his book, Pollard viewed the war as between two opposing ways of organizing society and saw slavery as a key part of the nobility of the South and a key basis of the difference between the societies.
- Rollin G. Osterweis, professor of history at Yale University, wrote *The Myth of the Lost Cause, 1865-1900* in 1973. He wrote that southerners tried to put a positive spin on the war. Distortion of the truth was not always deliberate.

The "Lost Cause" myth exaggerates some facts and makes southerners blameless as to the cause of the war. The South claimed that states' rights and not slavery was the cause of the war. The South left the Union to keep slavery and maintain white supremacy. The South believed that the Civil War was caused by northern aggression and especially by the abolitionists. Twenty years after the war, there was real nostalgia about the war, which led to *The Century Magazine* publishing a series of articles about battles and leaders of the Civil War.

- Thomas L. Connelly wrote *The Marble Man: Robert E. Lee and His Image in American History* in 1977. Connelly's book was very controversial. He wrote that the Civil War was won in the west. The South lost the war because Lee concentrated on the war in Virginia. The veneration of Lee was not an unconscious act. It was started by Jubal Early, John William Jones (former Confederate chaplain), William Nelson Pendleton, and Edward Porter Alexander. They created the *Southern Historical Society Papers*, which were used to defend Lee's reputation.
- Charles Reagan Wilson wrote *Baptized in Blood: the Religion of the Lost Cause, 1865-1920*, in 1980. Wilson looked at veteran organizations such as the United Confederate Veterans (UCV), which was organized in 1889. The UCV functioned as a fraternal organization and took on the trappings of religion, including ceremonies, uniforms, etc. They deliberately linked southern leaders with Biblical figures. Differing opinions were treated as heresy.
- Dr. Piston wrote *Lee's Tarnished Lieutenant: James Longstreet and his Place in Southern History* in 1987. Jubal Early and others blamed Longstreet for the Confederate loss at Gettysburg. They despised Longstreet and wanted to erase him from Confederate history, because Longstreet dared to criticize Lee and because he became a republican "scalawag." Longstreet was frustrated by being blamed for Gettysburg and was jealous of Lee and Stonewall Jackson later in life. After the war, Longstreet became adjutant general of Louisiana and head of the militia. He accepted that African-Americans would play a bigger role in the legislature and he would work with them.
- Carol Reardon wrote *Pickett's Charge in History & Memory* in 2003. She wrote about the futility of the Confederates charging a strong position. The failure of Pickett's charge resulted in an intense blame game. North Carolina troops believed that they were unfairly blamed

and that Virginia units got all of the press coverage. Southerners absolved Lee by blaming Longstreet. In their opinion, the South was not a failure, but showed unsurpassed valor against overwhelming odds.

- Wallace Hettle wrote *Inventing Stonewall Jackson; A Civil War Hero in History & Memory* in 2011. Hettle said Jackson was viewed as an Old Testament man of wrath and his eccentricities were emphasized.

Dr. Piston said the "Lost Cause" was not something simple. Subsequent writers of "Lost Cause Myth" overviews include Edward H. Bohenkemper, William C. Davis, Gaines M. Foster, Gary W. Gallagher, and Allan T. Nolan. Dr. Piston said there has been a growth of Civil War "memory studies."

In summary, Dr. Piston said the Civil War was a cultural shock, almost beyond our understanding. There was a tremendous loss of life and disruption to both the white and African-American societies.

Upcoming Speaker Schedule for 2019

- **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." Tim received the Round Table's Harry S Truman Award in 2017.
- **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 speaking about the 2nd Colorado Cavalry Regiment.
- **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.
- **December 17, 2019:** Speaker to be determined.

Member News

We would like to welcome new member **Chris Treat**. Chris lives in Kansas City MO and is a friend of Father Richard Frank's.

Special thanks to our members and guest who bid on the live auction books during the April dinner meeting: **Sue Brown, Father Dave Holloway, Rick Manfredi, and Roger Stanton.**

Dick Titterington and his wife have made it safely to Portland ME. Dick said: "We had terrific weather for our trip east. Sunny and a moderate tail wind the whole way. I am getting too old for these long road trips. As we were traveling through downtown Providence RI during the morning rush, we saw an Acela train whiz by us heading north, to Boston I suppose. We will definitely try that train out sometime during our stay."

Dave Pattison attended the 157th Anniversary of the Battle of Shiloh at Shiloh National Military Park on April 5-6, 2019. Highlights of the trip included battlefield hikes, cannon firing demonstrations, cavalry demonstrations, an 1864 rules baseball game, Civil War music played by the 52nd Regimental String Band, and a book signing (*Scapegoat of Shiloh* by Kevin Getchell) at the National Park's book store. The hike leaders were Dr. Jeff Gentsch, professor of history at the University of West Alabama and Bjorn Skaptason of the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop in Chicago.

Meet our Secretary



Judy Smith has faithfully served as our Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary for the past ten years. Judy prepares and distributes the meeting minutes for the Executive Committee meetings, which are held three times a year. Judy also purchases and sets up the table decorations for our December dinner meetings. We asked Judy to tell us about herself and how he got interested in the Civil War. She graciously provided the following information:

Judy attended J.C Nichols School and Southwest High School, and then moved to Cleveland OH and graduated from Rocky River High. Judy moved back to Kansas City in 1959 and attended college at UMKC.

Judy worked her way into banking at City National Bank. She later ran the Straub Construction office. Judy then changed direction and ran Dr. Harlan Burns' office.

Judy met her future husband, **Jerry Smith**, at the Village Presbyterian Church in 1959. Judy and some of her friends met Jerry and some of his friends at an event held at the church one night. Judy said she had her eye on Jerry. They were married on September 14, 1963. Judy and Jerry have one son, named Chris. Chris and his wife live in Overland Park and have three sons: Carson (age 12), Lucas (age 10), and Sawyer (age 6). Judy and Jerry built a new house in Basehor KS and moved there three years ago.

Regarding how she got interested in the Civil War, Judy said:

"In 1995, we met a couple from South Carolina. They organized a trip to the east, to see some Civil War battlefields, etc. There were 15 of us on the trip. We just went along for the ride. Our first stop was the Antietam National Battlefield...what an awesome experience! Then came Gettysburg National Military Park on a grey, misty day. What an incredible, eye-opening event.

"Frederick MD was next on the list, then Harpers Ferry WV. That's what did it! I found a book titled: From the Riot and Tumult: Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, by James V. Murfin, published in 1989. I could not put that book down. I had it almost memorized by the time we got home.

"I immediately looked up someone in our Shriners group that could tell me more about the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City. Sandy Ackerson was the President at that time. Our first meeting was in 1996, held at the Leawood Country Club...and as they say, the rest is History!"

Judy and Jerry Smith are loyal members of the Round Table. They attend almost every meeting and do a great job of making people feel welcome at our dinner meetings. Thank you, Judy for sharing your story with us.

Executive Committee Meeting Next Month

There will be a meeting of the Round Table's Executive Committee at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 15, 2019. The meeting will be held at Don Bates' office, located at 7600 State Line Road, Prairie Village KS.

Proposed Field Trip to Lexington MO

During our CWRT dinner meeting on April 23rd, President **Dan Dooley** discussed a possible field trip to Lexington MO, to tour the battlefield and other sites in town. Tentative plans for the trip are as follows:

- The field trip would be scheduled for a Saturday, either September 7 or 14, 2019.
- People would travel to Lexington in their own vehicles and meet at the visitor center at the battlefield at 9:30 a.m. That would allow us to actually start around 10:00 a.m., since there will probably be a few stragglers. Members and guests would be encouraged to car pool.
- The battlefield site opens at 9:00 a.m. and the first tour of the Anderson House is at 10:00 a.m. The park ranger suggested we view the 20-minute film first, tour the visitor center, then tour the battlefield. The battlefield is only a quarter-mile loop, so it wouldn't take long and would be do-able for most of our members.
- We would then take a guided tour of the Anderson House, an antebellum house on the grounds that was used as a hospital during the battle. The only cost is \$5.00 for the house tour, which the ranger said takes about an hour. That would put us at noon or slightly later.
- We could then let folks go on their own for lunch, with a handout of suggested places to eat in Lexington.
- We would meet back together at 1:30 p.m. at the Lexington Historical Museum, which is housed in an antebellum church, and take a tour. Admission is \$3.00. Presumably, that would put us at around 3:00 p.m.
- We would then release those on the tour to explore the downtown historic district, visit the Wentworth Military Academy museum, other parks and sites in the area, or head back home. We would provide maps and brochures of the other attractions that people may want to visit while in Lexington.

The entire field trip would have no financial cost to the Round Table, and would cost members and guests less than \$20 per person, including lunch. We could set up the tours ahead of time and let people know we're coming. There are plenty of things to see in the afternoon to keep people there beyond our museum tour.

Based on a show of hands at the April dinner meeting, it appears that there is a lot of interest in this field trip. More information regarding the trip will be provided in the coming months.

Battlefield Dispatches #560

A General's Farewell

During the Civil War, or for that matter any war, commanding officers normally thanked their troops for a job well done by way of a "Farewell" address or a written letter when they were being transferred or the conflict had ended. Wednesday April 10th was the 154th anniversary of such a "farewell." However this was a bit different, because it was from General Robert E. Lee to his troops, who on April 9, 1865 had surrendered his Army of Northern Virginia to General U. S. Grant, which has become the official end of our Civil War. This "farewell" has become a classic example of a military goodbye and I have often wondered about the particulars of how it came about. The conclusion of this column provides, to quote the late Paul Harvey, "The Rest of the Story" and the beginning contains General Lee's "Farewell."

"Headquarters, Army of Northern Virginia,
April 10, 1865.

General Order No. 9

After four years of arduous service marked by unsurpassed courage and fortitude, the Army of Northern Virginia has been compelled to yield to overwhelming numbers and resources. I need not tell the survivors of so many hard fought battles, who have remained steadfast to the last, that I consented to the result from no distrust of them. But feeling that valor and devotion could accomplish nothing that could compensate for the loss that must have attended the continuance of the contest, I have determined to avoid the useless sacrifice of those whose past services have endeared them to their countrymen.

By the terms of the agreement, officers and men can return to their homes and remain until exchanged. You will take with you the satisfaction that proceeds from the consciousness of duty faithfully performed and I earnestly pray that a merciful god will extend to you his blessing and protection.

With an unceasing admiration of your constant and devotion to your Country and a grateful remembrance of your kind and generous consideration for myself I bid an affectionate farewell.

R. E. Lee, General."

On April 10, 1865, the day after the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia, this "farewell" order was composed by Colonel Charles Marshall, who was a member of General Lee's staff. Marshall described the drafting of "Order No. 9" in response to a letter from a former fellow Confederate Officer, in a letter dated September 27, 1887. The following is that portion of the letter that describes the circumstances and the writing of order No. 9:

"General Lee's order to the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox Court House [Virginia] was written the day after the meeting at McLean's house, at which the terms of surrender were agreed upon. That night the General sat with several of us at a fire in front of his tent and after some conversation about the army and the events of the day, in which his feelings toward his men were strongly expressed, he told me to prepare an order to the troops.

"The next day it was raining and many persons were coming and going, so that I was unable to write without interruption until about 10 o'clock, when General Lee, finding that the order had not been prepared, directed me to get into his ambulance, which stood near his tent and placed an orderly to prevent anyone from approaching me.

"I sat in the ambulance until I had written the order, the first draft of which (in pencil) contained an entire paragraph that was omitted by General Lee's direction. He made one or two verbal changes and then I made a copy of the order as corrected and gave it to one of the clerks in the Adjutant's Office to write it in ink. I took the copy, when made by the clerk, to the general who signed it and other copies were then made for transmission to the Corps Commanders and the staff of the army. All these copies were signed by the General and a good many persons sent other copies which they had made or procured and obtained his signature. In this way many copies of the order had the General's name signed as if they were originals, some of which I have seen."

Now then, we are fortunate that Colonel Marshall's letter survived the passage of time. Because, if it did not, we may have never known the rest of the story of General Lee's beautiful "Farewell" to his beloved troops of the Army of Northern Virginia and, of course, the War Goes On in the memory of those who study it!

Events Around Town

Civil War Round Table of Cass County

There will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14th at Pearson Hall, Cass County Library, 400 E Mechanic, Harrisonville MO. Jay Roberts will give a presentation titled: "The Life of Joseph Lea."

Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

The June Membership Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at the Village Heights Community of Christ fellowship hall, located at 1009 Farview Drive, Independence MO. 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, May 14, 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. Keith Nelson will give a program titled: "The Chouteau Family and Kansas City." For more information, call **Deb Buckner** at 913-338-5689 or **Dennis Garstang** at 816-569-1180.

Westport Historical Society

There is a quilt exhibit at the Harris-Kearney House, located at 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City MO. The quilt exhibit runs through Saturday, June 29th. Exhibit hours are 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, call 816-561-1821 or 913-231-6749.

Photos from Previous CWRT Dinner Meetings



Jeff Hill (photo taken December 19, 2017)



Les Thierolf (photo taken April 26, 2016)



George Leff (photo taken March 22, 2016)



Blair Tarr (photo taken Sept. 27, 2016)



**Petersburg VA, Hospital Stewards, 2nd Division, 9th Corps
(photo courtesy of the Library of Congress)**

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