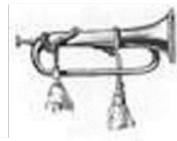




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517th Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 25, 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.



June Speaker

Civil War Round Table member **Gary Nevius** will give us a presentation about Civil War long guns, rifles, muskets, and carbines, using examples from his own collection. The title of his talk is: "Civil War Firearms: A Hands-on Show and Tell."

Gary and his father started collecting Civil War firearms, particularly Civil War carbines, over 20 years ago. He will share with us a part of that collection.

Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Please be sure that **Susan Keipp** receives all reservations by **12:00 noon on Thursday, June 20, 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, June 20th

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, June 20th**. 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

Salmon Filet – Salmon baked with a honey, lemon and dill glaze, served on a bed of almond rice pilaf, with herb roasted russet potatoes and chef's choice of vegetable, salad, bread, chef's choice of dessert, coffee, iced tea, and water. If you do not want to have salmon for dinner, you can order either the vegetarian or the gluten-free option.

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

Gary Nevius joined the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City in 2013. He recently retired after a 44-year career in architecture in the Kansas City area. He is past president of both the Kansas City and Kansas Chapters of the American Institute of Architects. Gary has served on numerous community boards including the YMCA, Overland Park Chamber of Commerce, and United Community Services of Johnson County. He currently serves as a trustee of Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area and is a Color Bearer of the American Battlefield Trust.

Gary was raised in Miami County Kansas, an area rich with Civil War history. He and his family piled into the family sedan and spent summers during the Civil War centennial, visiting battlefields across the eastern

United States. As a member of the Trust, Gary provided professional expertise in the effort to acquire and preserve the Thompson House, Robert E. Lee's Gettysburg headquarters.

Gary has 5 great-great-grandfathers who fought in the war (four for the Union and one for the South). One of his ancestors fought with the 30th New Jersey Volunteers at the battle of Chancellorsville and as a nine-month volunteer mustered out just a week before Gettysburg. Another fought with the 60th Tennessee Mounted Infantry (Confederate) at the battles of Champion Hill, Big Black River Bridge and Vicksburg.

Gary and his father started collecting Civil War firearms, particularly Civil War carbines over 20 years ago. He's here tonight to share with us a part of that collection.



June Speaker - Mr. Gary Nevius

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. Arnold will auction the following Civil War books at the June dinner meeting:

- *Fighting for the Confederacy; General Edward P. Alexander*. Edited by Gary W. Gallagher. Published by the University of North Carolina Press, 1989. In mint condition with dust jacket.

- *War on the Waters: Union & Confederate Navies* by James M. McPherson. Published by the University of North Carolina Press, 2012. 1st Edition. In mint condition.
- *Lincoln's Assassins Trial & Execution*, by James L. Swanson and Daniel Weinberg. Morrow Publishing Company, 2001. In excellent condition with dust jacket.
- *Gray Fox: R. E. Lee & the Civil War*, by Burke Davis. Published by Farifax Press, 1981. In excellent condition with dust jacket.
- *Official Records of the War of the Rebellion, Series* (2 volume set). Published by the National Historical Society, Harrisburg PA, 1971. Includes Appomattox and is in mint condition.

Last Month's Program



May Speaker - Mr. Jeff Patrick

Last month, **Mr. Jeff Patrick** gave an interesting program titled: "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, Mr. Patrick related Miller's experiences as both a caregiver and patient.

Mr. 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."

Upcoming Speaker Schedule for 2019

- **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

Father Richard Frank and Gary Nevius are Color Bearers of the American Battlefield Trust. They attended the American Battlefield Trust's Annual Conference in Lexington KY from May 29 to June 2, 2019. The title of the conference was "Kentucky Bluegrass Turned Red." Battlefield tours included Munfordsville, Perryville, Richmond, Tebb's Bend, Camp Wilder, and Camp Nelson.

Lane Smith, Jim Tucker, Randy Durbin, and Bill Stoker went on a trip to Shiloh National Military Park last month. Lane said they had a wonderful trip: "The trip was from May 17-20. The tour itself was Saturday and Sunday, May 18th and 19th. Our tour guide was General (retired) Parker Hill. When General Parker was in the military he did "staff rides" of Shiloh, so he really knows the battle. He took us places, showed us things, and taught us stuff we would never have seen or studied under others."

In honor of the 75th anniversary of D-Day, **Sylvia Stucky** is in Normandy, France visiting D-Day sites. She will then go on a literary tour of Paris. Sylvia plans to be back for the July CWRT meeting.

Lila Aamodt recently went on an African safari trip. Lila said: "My marvelous trip to southern Africa included five safari locations, seeing 37 different animals and 62 different birds, being well fed at beautifully-set tables outdoors, sitting to eat and sitting on game drive vehicles (*read: little walking*), stopping wherever we were at sundown to enjoy drinks and snacks, seeing Victoria Falls from a helicopter, and learning about game hunting and poaching!" Lila had a couple of unfortunate accidents on the trip. She broke a bone in her left wrist and broke two toes on her right foot. However, Lila said the trip was a great adventure!

Our treasurer, **Susan Keipp**, left for Germany on May 28th. We hope she has a wonderful trip. We would like to thank **Dennis Garstang** for filling in for Susan at the May CWRT dinner meeting.

Blair Tarr, Curator of the Kansas Historical Society Museum in Topeka, pointed out that there are 56 current Kansas counties that are named for someone having a Civil War connection. Another nine counties are named for someone having a territorial connection. Twelve defunct counties were either named for someone with a Civil War connection or for someone with a territorial connection. Kansas has a total of 105 counties.

Civil War Collection for Sale

Don Bates, Sr. is selling items from his Civil War collection of 54 years: (1) Model 1861 Springfield rifled musket, 58 caliber, battlefield used, and accompanied by a 58 caliber U.S. cartridge box, (2) Model 1860 cavalry sabre, in extra fine condition, and (3) books including his Abraham Lincoln book collection and other books from his Civil War book collection. If you are interested, please call Don at 913-488-9350.

New Book on the Battle of Westport

Civil War Round Table member **Dick Titterington** has recently published a new book about the Battle of Westport. It is available for sale at the Harris-Kearney House in Kansas City MO and on Amazon. The following is a write-up about the book:

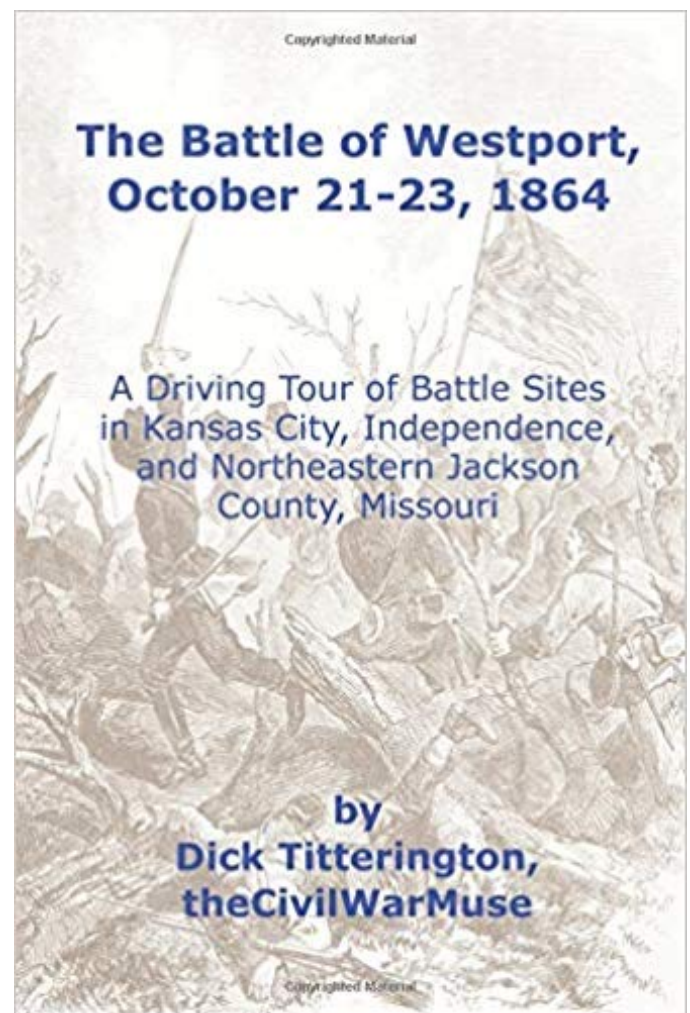
"Trans-Mississippi Musings Press is pleased to announce that Dick Titterington, aka: theCivilWarMuse, has published a new book, *The Battle of Westport, October 21–23, 1864: A Driving Tour of Battle Sites in Kansas City, Independence, and Northeastern Jackson County, Missouri*.

"The three-day Battle of Westport took place over an area encompassing 35 square miles. This guide contains a comprehensive driving tour of sites tied to the key events during the largest battle that took place west of the Mississippi during the American Civil War.

"The Battle of Westport began on October 21, 1864 along the Little Blue River about seven miles northeast of Independence, Missouri. Over the next three days the fighting shifted west to the Big Blue River and Westport before ending about 14 miles south of Kansas City near a small town called New Santa Fe.

"There are 65 tour stops in the tour. You can complete this tour with only an automobile. But to become more immersed in the events of October 1864, I have included a number of optional tour stops you can only reach by walking. To help understand the events for each tour stop, there are battlefield maps depicting the general positions of Union and Confederate forces throughout the day on October 21–23."

The book sells for \$25.00 and is available for sale at the Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City MO and on Amazon: <https://smile.amazon.com/Battle-Westport-October-21-23-1864/dp/1718761996>



Executive Committee Meeting on June 15th

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 the Overland Park Historical Society office located at 7319 West 79th Street, Overland Park KS. The office is located two blocks west of Metcalf, in a strip center on the south side of 79th Street, between Marty and Santa Fe. The office is located back from the street. Parking is free.

One of the main topics that will be discussed during the meeting is the speakers for next year. All current members of the Round Table are invited to attend.

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.

The Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield Dispatches #553

Troublesome Guerrillas and Bushwhackers

Throughout the Civil War, especially in the entire state of Missouri, "GUERRILLAS" and "BUSHWHACKERS" were a constant and "Troublesome" menace to the occupying Union forces. One of the main reasons for this was that the Bushwhackers had a support network of civilians who were southern sympathizers that supplied them with shelter, food, and information about the enemy. The following correspondence describes this never ending situation in southwest Missouri and is located in *Volume 34, Part II - Correspondence of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion* on Pages 280 -281:

"Headquarters, District of Rolla, Mo.

February 9, 1864.

"Major O. D. Greene,

Assistant Adjutant General.

"I deem it my duty to inform you that "GUERRILLAS" and "BUSHWHACKERS" are getting very "TROUBLESOME" in this District in the last few days. I hereby advise you of some of their doings.

"One man by the name of Robert Wade, a good, inoffensive Union man, living 25 miles west of here on Spring Creek was attacked by a band of seven Rebels and received two mortal wounds near his own house. On receipt of this intelligence, I sent a scout with an ambulance and had him brought to this place. The man was buried today. The scout was not successful in capturing any of the scamps. On the 4th instant, one

Private on duty as Provost Guard, on his way from here to Little Piney to serve a subpoena, was captured by a party of four men about seven miles from here. They relieved him of his horse and equipment, arms, and a portion of his clothing and released him and allowed him to return here.

"On the 6th instant, an extra stage coach from Springfield was stopped and robbed of the mail one mile west of Little Piney. They stripped a soldier who was on the stage of his clothing and money and allowed them all to proceed on their way. A party of laborers, employed by the Quartermaster, were attacked, dispersed and robbed of their provisions while at work about eight miles southwest of here.

"I have just been informed of an attack made upon a party of Union men on their way to this place with their teams; one of them was killed and one was mortally wounded. I dispatched a scouting party after them immediately and will send another after them tonight in a different direction. I hope that they will be successful in killing some of the gang before they return. This last gang numbered about ten men and they were DRESSED IN FEDEERAL UNIFORMS. This same gang attacked and plundered another party of road repairers.

"You will see from the enclosed report of Major Fisher, from Waynesville, that his neighborhood is infested by these MARAUDERS in the same manner. By report of Lieutenant Bates you will also see that he was successful in killing seven of them and wounding several more and capturing a lot of property. A sergeant, just in from Waynesville, informs me that a small escort belonging to that Post en route from Gasconade to Waynesville and nine miles west of the latter place, were attacked and one man was severely wounded and one was captured. I shall be able to give the particulars when a scout, now after them, returns.

"This list of depredations will show that there is plenty of work for one small command to attend to. I have at the present time six scouting parties out in this district and shall endeavor to hunt down and EXTERMINATE these bands wherever they may be found, but I anticipate a continuance of these depredations as long as the weather will permit these bands to lie out in the woods. The country south of the Springfield Road is exhausted of nearly all kinds of supplies. These bands are therefore compelled to rely on their robbing and waylaying wagons on the roads for subsistence. WE have a large number of REBEL SYMPATHIZERS living in this district, who are on EVERY OPPORTUNITY ADDING AND ABETTING these MARAUDERS, otherwise it would be impossible for them to do all their mischief.

"As this communication is somewhat lengthy, I hope that I have not intruded too much on your patience. I

shall continue to keep you advised of things transpiring in this district during my term of command.

"Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,

JOSEPH A. EPPSTEIN,
Lieutenant Colonel, Commanding District."

Now then, as indicated before, the "TROUBLESOME" GUERRILLAS and BUSHWHACKERS were a constant, consistent plague on the Union troops in Missouri from 1861 to 1865. They, the Guerrillas, were never completely defeated and some always managed to fight another day and, of course, the War Went On!

Events Around Town

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, June 11, 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. **Deb Buckner** will be giving a program titled: "John Mackay, the Bonanza King." For more information, call Deb 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.

National World War I Museum and Memorial

"Taps" will be played at the Tower each night at sunset from June 16-22, 2019. The event links the beauty of "Taps" with the symbolism of our nation's WWI memorial. The event is free to the public.

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