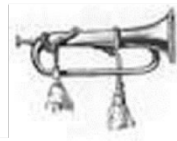




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520th Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Sunset Ballroom, 8th Floor, Holiday Inn & Suites

8787 Reeder Rd., Overland Park, KS 66214

Social Hour - Cash Bar – 5:30 p.m.

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.



September Program

Mr. Bjorn Skaptason will be speaking about the 2nd Colorado Cavalry Regiment, which fought at the battles of Westport and Mine Creek in October of 1864. The title of his presentation is: "The Coloradoes in Missouri: Counterinsurgency and Conventional Warfare in Western Missouri, 1864." Bjorn works as a Producer for *Virtual Book Signings* at the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop in Chicago.

Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Please be sure that **Susan Keipp** receives all reservations by **12:00 noon on Thursday, September 19, 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, Sept. 19th

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, September 19th**. 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. Please do not show up at the dinner meeting without having made a dinner reservation.

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.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Dinner Menu

London Broil – Slices of marinated flank steak, served with garlic mashed 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. However, "smiles are always on the menu."

Meet Our Speaker

Mr. Bjorn Skaptason holds degrees from the University of Kansas and Loyola University Chicago. He worked as a seasonal ranger at the National Park Service's Shiloh National Military Park and Corinth Civil War Interpretive Center for two summers while studying history at Loyola.

Bjorn has published essays on Ambrose Bierce at Shiloh for the *Ambrose Bierce Project Journal*, on the United States Colored Troops in the campaign and battle of Brice's Crossroads for the *West Tennessee Historical Society Papers*, and in the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* on The Chicago Light Artillery.

A dealer in antiquarian books, Bjorn produced and guest hosted *A House Divided* for *Author's Voice®* a live book discussion program webcast from Abraham Lincoln Book Shop in Chicago. Bjorn was the speaker at our Round Table dinner meeting in March of 2014.



**Bjorn Skaptason - Battlefield hike leader,
Shiloh National Military Park**

The 2nd Colorado Cavalry Regiment

The Second Colorado Cavalry regiment came from the Rocky Mountains to Missouri to fly the flag of their U. S. territory in the Civil War. During the summer of 1864, Colonel James Ford's "Mountain Hogs" were stationed in Jackson County, and were responsible for combating guerilla bands operating in western Missouri, including groups led by such bushwhacker notables as George Todd, William Gregg, and Dick Yeager.

The summer bushwhacking season erupted into a vicious and remorseless conflict, and the Colorados found themselves also fighting the "Paw Paw Uprising" north of the Missouri river. In October, Ford's tough guerilla hunters came together to fight in the traditional

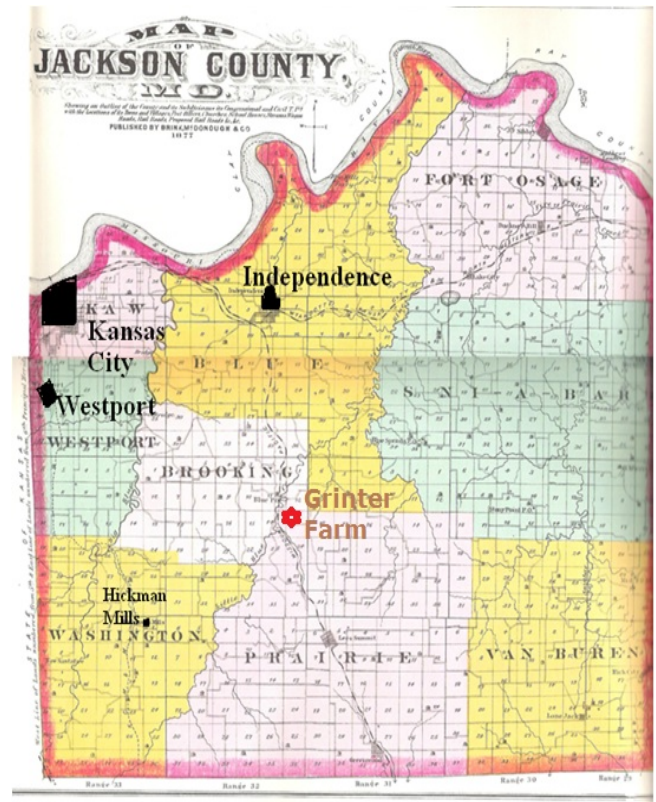
cavalry role against General Sterling Price's invasion at the battles of Westport. This program will introduce Colorado's soldiers in Missouri, examine how they learned to fight the bushwhackers on their own terms, and then show how they helped finally defeat the Confederate cause in Missouri. The Mountain Hogs paid a heavy price for their successes, and the lessons they learned still inform the bloody business of counterinsurgency.

The 2nd Colorado Cavalry Sources

Dan Smith said there is an excellent account detailing the activities of the Second Colorado Cavalry combating guerilla warfare in western Missouri during the period of January to August 1864, before the Price Missouri Campaign in Douglas R. Cubbison's article titled: "Look Out For Hell Some Place Soon", in the Journal: *Military History of the West*, Vol. 32, No. 1, (Spring 2002), pages 1-24.

At the end of the article, Mr. Cubbison refers to the intense fire-fight between the Second Colorado Cavalry and George Todd's guerillas at a place called the Grinter Farm, on July 2, 1864. Company C of the Second, commanded by Captain S. W. Wagoner, was ambushed by Todd's guerillas about seven miles south of Independence at the Grinter Farm. The company sustained heavy casualties including Captain Wagoner and eight other troopers. They were buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Independence. Members of the regiment immediately collected funds for a monument to be erected to honor their fallen brothers. This monument is stated to be the first Civil War soldiers monument erected west of the Mississippi. There is excellent documentation of the burials and the monument by the SUV found at [http://www.suvcwmo.org/uploads/3/0/9/6/30960503/2nd_colorado_cavalry_monument .pdf](http://www.suvcwmo.org/uploads/3/0/9/6/30960503/2nd_colorado_cavalry_monument.pdf)

At the upper right is a map that Dan Smith prepared for a power point presentation, depicting the location of the Grinter Farm located near present day I-470 and MO 291, north of Lee's Summit, Jackson County MO.



Location of the Grinter Farm in Jackson County MO

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 September dinner meeting:

- *American Scoundrel: The Life of General Dan Sickles* by Thomas Keneally; Doubleday Publishing Company; 2002, New York. 1st Edition. In mint condition with dust jacket.
- *Grant & Lee: The Virginia Campaigns* by William A. Frassanito: A Photographic Essay; Scribners Publishing Company; New York; 1983; 1st Edition. In mint condition with dust jacket.
- *Marching Home: Union Veterans & their Unending Civil War* by Brian M. Jordan, Liveright Publishing Company, New York, 2014. 1st Edition. In mint condition with dust jacket.
- *Landscape Turned Red; the Battle of Antietam* by Stephen Sears; Houghton Mifflin Publishing Company, New York, 1983. 1st Edition. In mint condition with dust jacket.
- *Official Records of the War of the Rebellion, Series I, Volume 6*. Published by the National Historical Society, Harrisburg PA, 1971. Includes the capture of New Orleans. In mint condition.

Last Month's Program



August Speaker - Chris Edwards

At our dinner meeting on August 27th, Round Table member **Chris Edwards** gave a very interesting presentation about William Clarke Quantrill's raid on Lawrence KS on August 21, 1863. Some of the main points of Chris' talk are as follows:

- Chris said he got interested in Quantrill by reading William E. Connelley's book titled: *Quantrill & the Border Wars*. However, Connelley's father fought for the Union and his book is extremely biased against Quantrill. Chris decided to do more research regarding Quantrill's raid to try and find out the truth.
- Chris said there are three sides to every argument: your side, my side, and the truth. The truth is whatever you want it to be. The first casualty of war is the truth.
- Lawrence was defended by Union troops and a series of forts, block houses, and entrenchments. However, Quantrill's Raid was a surprise attack and the defenders could not get to their guns, which were stored in the armory. Many of the troops and local militia were killed on Massachusetts Street.
- The total population of Lawrence was about 2,000. Lawrence was defended by up to 550 local militia and 52 Union soldiers. The Union soldiers consisted of the 14th Kansas Cavalry (22), the 2nd Kansas Colored (20), and the 12th Kansas Regiment (10). In addition, there were officers staying at the Eldridge Hotel.

- Quantrill had a list of men that he wanted to kill during the raid. He primarily targeted well-known abolitionists, militia, and Union troops, especially the "Red Legs."
- Chris believes one of the most accurate accounts of the raid is from Private Cosma Colman of the 14th Kansas Cavalry. Colman reported: "Not one person was shot or killed after the first rush. At least a dozen could have been shot down had the patrol desired."
- There was no indiscriminate killing during the raid. There was no killing of women or children. Quantrill spared the lives of 60 guests that were staying at the Eldridge Hotel.
- The owner of the Eldridge Hotel wanted all guns kept under lock and key. Confiscation of weapons contributed to the massacre at Lawrence.
- The killing was done by less than 50 of the 300 guerillas that took part in the raid. Three fourths of the guerillas probably never fired a shot. Their intent was to burn Lawrence and not to murder. The total number of men killed during the raid was about 180. However, were all of them innocent?
- The former governor of Kansas, Charles Robinson, was spared during the raid. Kansas senator James H. Lane escaped being killed by fleeing through a cornfield.

Upcoming Speaker Schedule for 2019-2020

- **October 22, 2019:** **Eric Wittenburg** will be speaking about the Battle of Brandy Station.
- **November 26, 2019:** **Connie Langum** will speak about the two Battles of Newtonia.
- **December 17, 2019:** **Dr. Ethan Rafuse** with the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College will be speaking about Confederate General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson.
- **January 28, 2020:** **Dr. Harry S. Laver** with the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College will be speaking about Union General Ulysses S. Grant.
- **February 25, 2020:** Round Table member **Arnold Schofield** will be speaking about the "Ebony Militia", the 12th African-American Kansas.
- **March 24, 2020:** **Dr. Jeff Gentsch**, professor of history at West Alabama University, will be giving a program about the use of artillery at the battle of Shiloh.
- **April 28, 2020:** Speaker to be determined.

- **May 26, 2020: Dr. Paul Kahan** will be giving a program about his latest book: *The Presidency of Ulysses S. Grant*.
- **June 23, 2020: Jeffry D. Wert** from Centerville PA will be speaking about his new book titled: *Civil War Barons*.
- **July 28, 2020: Matt Spruill** will give a program about the battle of Chickamauga GA.
- **August 25, 2020:** Speaker to be determined.
- **September 22, 2020: Dennis E. Frye** will be giving a program about Harpers Ferry.
- **October 27, 2020: Judy Cook** will be giving a program dressed in period attire titled: "Life on the Home Front."
- **November 24, 2020:** Speaker to be determined.
- **December 15, 2020:** Round Table member **Deb Buckner** will be giving a program about Libby Custer.

1. What future general lent travel money to U.S. Grant when Grant resigned from the U.S. Army in California?
2. What North Carolinian cried: "Give them the cold steel!" before leading 150 men against Cemetery Ridge?
3. What Kentucky native was appointed to West Point from Louisiana, graduated eighth in the class of 1826, then later resigned from the U.S. Army to become a full general in the Confederate Army?
4. What general gave up poker, as penance, after three of his children died of scarlet fever in a single week during January 1862?
5. What general frequently strolled about camp handing out Sunday school leaflets?

The answers are shown at the bottom of page 6.

Member News

We would like to welcome new member **Ken Hayob**. Ken is a friend of **Dr. Daniel Cudnik** and has come to several of our dinner meetings in the past.

Roger Stanton said he recently suffered a stroke and has been receiving treatment for the past couple of weeks. He was surprised to learn that he had a stroke. However, he is "surviving" and everything is under control. Roger said he will be back eventually and hopes to come to the CWRT dinner meeting on September 24th.

We would like to thank our president, **Dan Dooley**, for planning and organizing the field trip to Lexington MO on September 7th. Highlights included a tour of the Anderson House, the visitor center, and the battlefield in the morning and a tour of the Lexington Historical Museum in the afternoon.

Our treasurer, **Susan Keipp**, will be going on a trip to Egypt in October. The trip is being sponsored by her church and is titled: "Walking in the Footsteps of Moses." It sounds like a very interesting trip and we wish Susan safe travels.

Civil War Trivia Questions

This is a new feature in the *Border Bugle*. **Arnold Schofield** suggested having a monthly trivia section in our newsletter with questions and answers from the book titled: *2,000 Questions and Answers About the Civil War, Unusual and Unique Facts About the War Between the States*, by Webb Garrison, 1992. The following questions pertain to Fighting Men of the C.S.A.:

The Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield Dispatches #559 A New Supply Line

By the Spring of 1864, Fort Smith, Arkansas and Fort Gibson up the Arkansas River in the Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) were added to the Department of Kansas that was commanded by Major General Samuel Ryan Curtis. Supplying these forts with the means of waging war such as food, ammunition, weapons, etc. from the main supply depots at Fort Leavenworth was a major problem for General Curtis, because they were approximately 250–300 miles south of Fort Leavenworth. The established method of supplying Fort's Smith and Gibson was by sending supply trains consisting of 100–200 mule drawn wagons down the "Old Military Road" from Fort Leavenworth past Fort Scott to either Fort Smith or Fort Gibson. This journey would normally take 20–25 days if the weather was good or longer if the road was in bad shape because of inclement weather. This simply took too long and a quicker supply line had to be found. The answer was to use the river highways and ship some of the supplies by steamboats down the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers and up the Arkansas River to the respective forts. However, there was also the problem of where to find the steamboats. To answer this problem, General Curtis turned to Captain M. H. Insley, one of his best Quartermasters, who was stationed at Fort Scott, and ordered Captain Insley to go to Saint Louis, find the steamboats and establish this new supply line to Fort Smith and additional supply line to Forts Smith and Gibson. The following letter from General Curtis to

Captain Insley describes this mission and is located in *Volume 34, Part II of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion* on Page 468:

“Headquarters Department of Kansas,
Fort Leavenworth, February 29, 1864.
Capt. M. H. Insley, Quartermaster, Fort Scott, Kansas

Captain:

Immediate efforts must be made to send provisions to Fort Gibson. For this purpose you will repair to Saint Louis and try to ascertain what provisions have been made for having light draught steamboats to run [up the Arkansas River] above Little Rock. You should have one or two under your own control. Such boats should run up to Fort Gibson when they can, but when they can go no further, the supplies for points above should be stored at Van Buren. It is only a few days or weeks in a year that the upper Arkansas can be navigated. On such occasions we must avail ourselves of the cheapest mode of carrying such provisions as high up the Arkansas as possible.

Also inquire of the Chief Commissary what are the prospects of commissaries at Little Rock or elsewhere. We ought to have a year's supply for 10,000 to 15,000 men above Van Buren, deposited as high up the Arkansas as possible. But until we can certainly start the river line and until that has placed troops beyond a peradventure [doubt] as to provisions at Fort Gibson, you will run [supply] trains between FORT SCOTT and that POST [Fort Gibson] with the utmost energy and prudence.

The boats, which you run on the Arkansas, must have plain plank protections to guard the pilot house and engineers against sharpshooters and each boat must have two small howitzers [cannon] with fixed ammunition on their decks.

Having been with me during my recent reconnaissance through the upper Arkansas Country and heard my views more fully expressed in my conversation, your own judgment will be exerted in every possible arrangement to transport full rations for our troops in that country. You will confer with Colonel Myers, at Saint Louis and the Quartermaster General freely in respect to such arrangements so as to avoid doubt or conflicting action. But as far as possible avoid depending on the hazardous and uncertain opinion of others, where your judgment and energy can bear execution.

I am, Captain, very truly, Your Obedient Servant,
S. R. Curtis, Major General.”

Now then, did this new waterways supply line succeed in providing some of the necessary means of waging war to Fort Smith and Fort Gibson? Yes it did. But it did not completely eliminate the use of 100 to 200 wagon supply trains traversing the “Old Military Road” past Fort Scott to the posts on the Arkansas River and, of course, the War Went On!

Events Around Town

Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

The September Membership Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at the Village Heights Community of Christ fellowship hall, located at 1009 Farview Drive, Independence MO. The speaker will be **John Moloski**, who will be giving a program titled: "Jo Shelby, U.S. Marshal."

The October Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2019. The speaker will be **Ted Stillwell**. The program topic is still to be determined. 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, September 10, 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. **Jim Two Crows Wallen** will be giving a program titled: "Economic Aspects of the Santa Fe Trail."

The October meeting of the Westerners Group will be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019. Robert Jones will be giving a program titled "Famous Women of the Old West." For more information, call **Deb Buckner** at 913-338-5689 or **Dennis Garstang** at 816-569-1180.

Answers to the Civil War Trivia Questions

1. Simon Bolivar Buckner.
2. Brigadier General Lewis A. Armistead.
3. General Albert Sidney Johnston.
4. James Longstreet.
5. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson.



Mural of the Battle of Westport on Display at the Missouri State Capital. Painting by Newell Convers Wyeth.

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