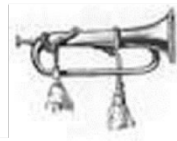




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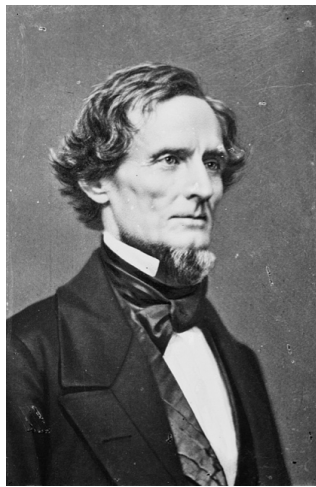
Tuesday, October 22, 2019

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.



October Program

Round Table member **Lane Smith** will be giving a presentation titled: "The Trial of Jefferson Davis and the Issue of Secession." This is a program that Lane prepared for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) group.

Lane has previously given programs on General Robert E. Lee at our Round Table meetings in March 2015 and April 2017.

Photo of Jefferson Davis dated 1855 is from the Library of Congress.

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, Oct. 17th

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, October 17th**. 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

Chicken Parmesan – Sautéed chicken breast served over penne pasta with marinara sauce 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

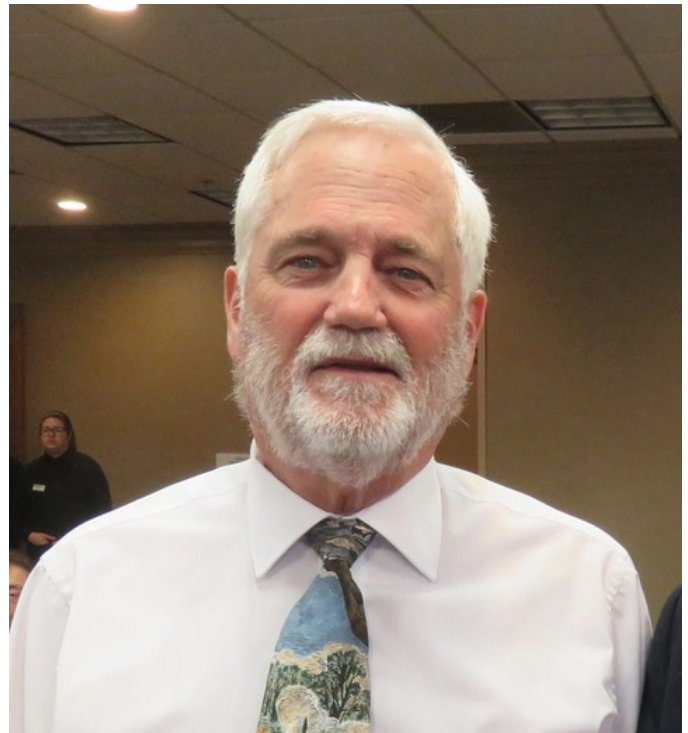
Lane Smith served as President of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City in 2010-2011 and currently serves as the Sergeant at Arms. Lane received the Round Table's Valiant Service Award in February 2018.

Several years ago, Lane was serving as a member of a committee that was planning a Civil War Expo. The members of the committee wanted to find a General Grant and a General Lee to participate in that Expo. The committee knew of a General Grant, but no one knew of a General Lee. A member of the committee looked at Lane and said: "You look like him." Lane has since performed as General Lee with General Grant, at many forums and has performed "General Lee, 1869" at an equal number of forums.

At our Round Table meeting in March 2015, Lane and Randy Durbin performed a three-part play as General Lee and General Grant at Appomattox. Lane

also gave a presentation titled "General Lee, 1869" at our Round Table meeting in April 2017.

Lane was born in Detroit MI. His family moved to Missouri, where Lane grew up. He graduated from Northwest Missouri State University in 1966. Lane worked in the insurance industry before retiring in 2006. Lane is a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Sons of Confederate Veterans of the Civil War. Lane likes to say he is an "S.O.B." or "sons of both." Lane and his wife, Anne, have three sons and one grandson.



October Speaker - Lane Smith

October Program

We are sorry to report that our scheduled speaker for October, **Mr. Eric Wittenburg**, had to cancel due to a scheduling conflict. However, **Lane Smith** has graciously volunteered to be our speaker this month. Lane prepared a program for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) group that he will present at our October dinner meeting. The title of Lane's program is: "The Trial of Jefferson Davis and the Issue of Secession."

During the program, Lane will address the following issues:

- Was secession legal?
- When put on trial, what would have been Jefferson Davis' defense?
- Why was Jefferson Davis not placed on trial?
- Do cultures and viewpoints change?

Much of Lane's information comes from the book titled: *The Impending Crisis, 1848-1861* by David M. Potter. Lane will look at the Articles of Confederation, the Constitution, the Kentucky resolutions, the thinking and view points of the times, and how individuals considered nationalism.

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. During the September dinner meeting, the book sales totaled \$135. Arnold will auction the following Civil War books at the October dinner meeting:

- *The Civil War Reader* (2 volumes) by Richard B. Harwell, Mallard Press, 1999. In excellent condition with dust jacket and mylar cover.
- *Action Before Westport* by Howard Monnett. Published by the Westport Historical Society, 1964. First edition. In excellent condition with dust jacket and mylar cover.
- *The Battle of Westport, October 21-23*. Edited by Fred Lee. Published by the Westport Historical Society, 1976. Special Publication #1. Limited edition #15 of 100. Scare and very rare.
- *October 25th and The Battle of Mine Creek* by Lumir F. Buresh. Published by Lowell Press, 1977. First edition. In excellent condition with dust jacket and mylar cover.
- *Official Records of the War of the Rebellion, Series I, Volume 38, Parts 1-4* (4 volumes). Published by the National Historical Society, Harrisburg PA, 1971. Includes the 1864 Atlanta Campaign. In excellent condition.

Last Month's Program

At our dinner meeting on September 24th, **Bjorn Skaptason** gave a very interesting presentation about the 2nd Colorado Cavalry. The title of his talk was: "The Colorados in Missouri: Counterinsurgency and Conventional Warfare in Western Missouri, 1864." The main points of Bjorn's presentation are as follows:

- The 2nd Colorado cavalry was organized in St. Louis in October of 1863, by consolidating the 2nd and 3rd Colorado Infantry regiments.
- The 2nd Colorado were tough, mountain men, who worked in the gold and silver mines in Colorado. They originally came from the east and wanted to get away from wherever they came from. For these men, life was cheap.



September Speaker - Bjorn Skaptason

- The 2nd Colorado had trouble getting enough horses. They had to utilize foot scouts, who would hide in the brush and watch the comings and goings of the Confederate guerillas.
- The guerillas would leave Missouri in the winter, go to Texas, and then return in the spring. The guerillas had a lot of good thoroughbred horses that were supplied by local farmers.
- By 1864, the counties of Jackson, Cass, and Bates in western Missouri had already been cleaned out by General Ewing's Order #11.
- On July 6, 1864, Captain Wagner's Company C of the 2nd Colorado got into a firefight with approximately 100 guerillas, commanded by George Todd. The action took place in a ravine, located near the intersection of Little Blue Road and Woods Chapel Road in Lee's Summit, near the Grinter Farm.
- Todd sent out four scouts to act as bait, in order to trap Captain Wagner's 25-man patrol. Todd's guerillas fired into Wagner's men from the escarpments on both sides of the ravine.
- Wagner's men suffered heavy casualties. The bodies of Captain Wagner and seven other members of the 2nd Colorado Cavalry are buried

in Woodlawn Cemetery in Independence MO. Todd is also buried in Woodland Cemetery, but he was not killed during the fighting.

- The Civil War in western Missouri was a brutal and bloody affair. In some cases, the Union counterinsurgency utilized torture to try and get information on the whereabouts of the guerillas.
- The 2nd Colorado was mustered out of service at Fort Leavenworth KS on September 27, 1865.

Upcoming Speaker Schedule for 2019-2020

- **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: Dr. Chris Phillips** will be giving a program about Missouri in the Civil War.
- **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.

Executive Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 26, 2019. The meeting will be held at **Don Bates'** office: Reece Nichols, 7600 State Line Road, Prairie Village KS 66208. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss programs, the proposed catering contract with the Holiday Inn, Executive Committee officers for 2020, etc. All current members of the Civil War Round Table are welcome to attend.

Tales of the Philippines - in the Early 1900's

Round Table member **Bill Buckner** said a new book about his grandfather, Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., is available on Amazon and Barnes & Noble. Bill said there are some pretty unusual tales in the book, which make for good bedtime reading. He thinks it would make a nice gift book for travelers and particularly for hunters. A photo and description of the book are as follows:



Tales of the Philippines - in the Early 1900's
by Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr.

The author's son (Bill Buckner) initially judged this delightful, well-written manuscript to be too politically incorrect to publish, so he printed just a few copies. But when an American friend working in the Philippines helped him add a very necessary preface, the resulting book was declared by a distinguished local author and librarian: "The best book I've read in ages."

Jack Magnus, reviewing for Readers' Favorite writes: "*Tales of the Philippines – in the Early 1900's* is a non-fiction memoir written by Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr. with a preface by his son, William C. Buckner. The memoir consists of over 80 short accounts of Buckner's experiences as a West Point graduate, who was stationed in the Philippines in 1910. Despite the inherent dangers present for any American in the Philippines at that time, and in the presence of hostile natives, illness, and deadly wildlife, Buckner approached his time in the Philippines with the enthusiasm and curiosity of a born explorer. Having a twenty-five-foot motor launch at his disposal facilitated his desire to learn more about the islands and their inhabitants.

"This memoir is a marvelous time capsule that shares with modern readers the author's experiences while stationed in the islands. His son has neither edited nor redacted portions of the stories left to him by his father. And, while there are inevitably times when the modern reader may barely be able to suppress a cringe or sense of outrage at the relations between American soldiers and the natives whose land they were stationed in, that instinct of William Buckner to preserve the memoirs as they stand makes them even more valuable as a look into the not-so-distant past. The stories are wonderful, filled with high-jinks, laughter, and insights into the culture the author was experiencing first-hand. Buckner also includes his father's photographs, which work quite well with the narrative. While aged, each picture is well-preserved and enhances the reading experience immeasurably. *Tales of the Philippines – in the Early 1900's* by Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr. is most highly recommended."

The paperback edition of the book is 192 pages, in 6"x9" format. The list price is \$20.00

Civil War Trivia Questions

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 U.S.A.:

1. How many defenders of Fort Sumter later became major generals?
2. How many regiments wore Federal blue uniforms at First Bull Run (First Manassas)?
3. What Ohio native entered the army in the Civil War as a lieutenant colonel and died as commander in chief?
4. What lawyer went to war as major of the Twenty-third Ohio, attained the rank of brevet

major general, and later said that those years were "the best years" of his life?

5. What future major general entered West Point at age fifteen and in 1846 graduated second in his class?

The answers are shown at the bottom of page 6.

The Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield Dispatches #574

A Screw loose Some Where

Mr. Webster is a very good friend and one of the definitions of a "saying" is a "familiar expression or sentiment." Many sayings have been lost in the pages of history, but "A Screw Loose Some Where" has survived and is often used today. It can refer to a person or an administrative mix up or foul up. In the civil War, in May of 1864, Colonel Thomas Moonlight was the Union commanding officer at Mound City KS and he described an administrative or supply blunder as a "loose screw" that should be fixed. The following letter describes his situation and is located on Page 468 in Volume 34 Part III, Correspondence of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies as follows:

"Mound City, Kansas,

May 5, 1864.

Capt. George S. Hampton, Assistant Adjutant General.

Captain, I agree with you that my position here has never been right to insure a proper supervisor over the affairs of the border and as Company F of the eleventh has taken station at Potosi, I feel that this portion of the Border is now properly protected. A company of Infantry, or what is the same, dismounted Cavalry, is sufficient for this place, so our views coincide exactly.

I am free to confess that I came here against my will, but acquaintance of the citizens has been freely cultivated and I assure you we have all become bosom friends. The conduct of the command here has been exemplary and a lasting friendship has sprung up between them and the people. I also flatter myself that affairs on the border are rapidly harmonizing and the last citizens are with us as soldiers and protectors. This has and will be my special aim, for in my judgment, it is the only sure way to success aside from duty and justice. Much as I now regret leaving this place, I am ready, for I deem it essential to the interests of the Border.

I think that Olathe is my proper station, with Colonel Hoyt at the Trading Post; that is, so long as your headquarters remain at Paola. In the event of a change, Paola should be my headquarters. As I am now writing to you privately and freely, I will speak on other matters. When I came down here, it was my understanding with lieutenant Francis that quarters for myself and adjutant would be furnished, as also our office. He now telegraphs me that by direction of the Chief Quartermaster, Insley, that he cannot do it! I have seen Insley and he denies ever giving him any such instructions, so that there is "A SCREW LOOSE SOMEWHERE!" I am yet without a table, desk, chair, and but little stationary. And I know that this could easily be avoided by making the proper exertions on receipt of my requisitions.

I have borne with it until "PATIENCE HAS CEASED TO BE A VIRTUE." I must before I leave pay the rent of this room out of my own pocket, for my word is pledged and boarding in hotels and running around as I have been and will still have to still is pecuniarily a poor business with nothing coming in.

I will now ask of you one favor, that you will permit me to retain company B with me wherever I am stationed. The Company loves and respects me and I admire and esteem them for their soldierly and gallant conduct. In the event of any change keep one company here.

Respectfully and Truly Yours,

T. MOONLIGHT,
Colonel, Commanding."

Now then, it is not known if the administrative LOOSE SCREW that Col. Moonlight identified was ever found, tightened, or fixed. It probably wasn't, because in any large organization, and the military was and is a very, very, large organization there was and there will always be "A Loose Screw or Screws Some Where" and of Course the War Went On!

Events Around Town

Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

The October Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at the Village Heights Community of Christ fellowship hall, located at 1009 Farview Drive, Independence MO. The speaker will be **Ted Stillwell**. The program topic is "Bushwhackers Dave Poole and George Todd." If you have any questions, please call **Beverly Shaw** at 816-225-7944.

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

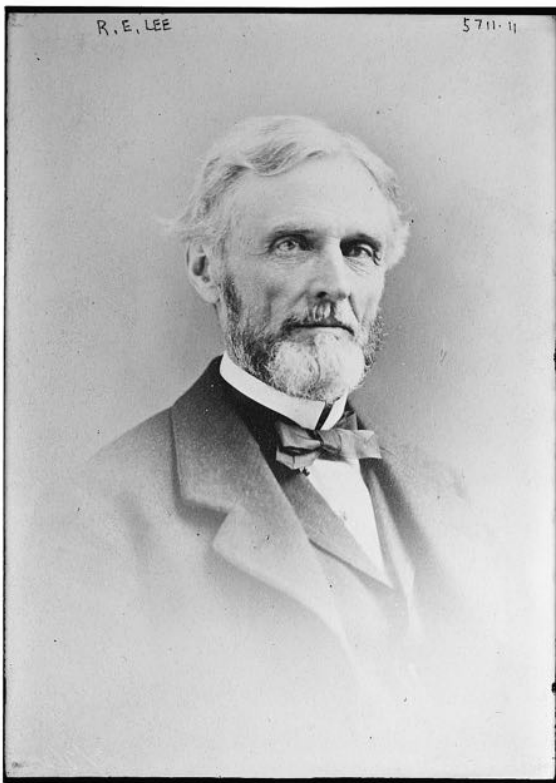
There will be a meeting of the Westerners group on Tuesday, October 8, 2019. The meeting will be held at the Golden Corral restaurant (located near the Home Depot), 8800 NW Skyview Avenue, Kansas City MO 64154. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. from the buffet menu. The cost is \$12.00 or less and non-members are welcome. **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.

World War I National Museum and Memorial

The 2019 Symposium will be held on November 1st and 2nd. The title of the symposium is: "1919: Peace?" Early bird fee pricing is \$195 by October 6, 2019. To register on line, please visit their website at: <http://www.theworldwar.org>

Answers to the Civil War Trivia Questions

1. Six: Anderson, Crawford, Davis, Doubleday, Foster, and Seymour.
2. None, as such uniforms had not yet been issued.
3. James A. Garfield, assassinated while serving as twentieth president of the United States.
4. Rutherford B. Hayes, nineteenth president of the United States.
5. George B. McClellan (born in Pennsylvania).



Jefferson Davis died on December 6, 1889.



Family of Jefferson Davis, Beauvoir MS. Photo taken in 1884 or 1885.

Photos courtesy of the Library of Congress.

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