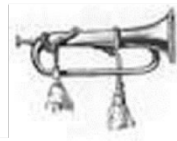




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## 522nd Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, November 26, 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.



## November Speaker

**Ms. Connie Langum**, Park Ranger and Historian at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, will be speaking about the two battles of Newtonia MO, which is located in the southwest corner of the state. The first battle was fought on September 30, 1862 and the second battle was fought on October 28, 1864 as part of Price's campaign.

### Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Please be sure that **Susan Keipp** receives all reservations by **12:00 noon on Thursday, November 21, 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](mailto: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, Nov. 21st**

## Thank You Veterans

Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day. Veterans Day is an official United States federal holiday honoring those that have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day and was first proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson to mark the one-year anniversary of the end of World War I. Armistice Day evolved into the current Veterans Day holiday in 1954.

We would like to extend our gratitude and deepest appreciation to all past and present members of our military for their service and sacrifice for our country. Their willingness to place themselves in harm's way, so that the rest of us may continue to live in the greatest country in the world and enjoy the special benefits our freedom provides us, is not forgotten, nor taken for granted. So to all of our Round Table members who are veterans: THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

## Important Dinner Reservation Information

**Please note that the price for a dinner is \$29.00 per person. Dinner reservations are due to Susan Keipp by 12:00 noon on Thursday, November 21st.** 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

**Grilled Pork Loin** – Pork loin grilled and served with a honey ginger sauce, served with butter 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.

## Meet Our Speaker

**Ms. Connie Langum** is a 28-year veteran of the National Park Service and is currently duty stationed at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield in Republic, Missouri, where she is the Park Historian. She has a BA from Missouri Southern State College and an MA in American History from Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas. She is the Historic Weapons Supervisor at Wilson's Creek and enjoys giving small arms and artillery programs to the public. Connie is a lifetime member of the Newtonia Battlefields Association, and actually grew up a mere 15 miles from the battlefield. She is involved with the American Battlefield Trust and serves as Program Chair for the Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks. Connie and her husband Rick live in Springfield MO and are kept busy by their 16-year old daughter Madeline.



**November Speaker - Ms. Connie Langum**

## November Program

Ms. Langum will be speaking about the two major Civil War battles that were fought at Newtonia MO. The first battle was fought on September 30, 1862 and the second battle was fought on October 28, 1864. The first battle pitted Union Brig. General James Blunt against Confederate Col. J.O. Shelby. Confederate forces numbered 4,000. Union forces numbered about 6,500. The 1862 battle was one of the very few Civil War encounters in which Native Americans fought on both sides. Southern forces had Choctaw, Cherokee, and Chickasaw soldiers, while other Cherokee soldiers

fought with the North. The 1864 battle was a delaying action by Shelby to protect General Sterling Price's retreat to Arkansas. It was the last battle of the Civil War fought in Missouri. Today, the site includes 20 acres of the battlefield and the Ritchey Mansion, which served as headquarters for both Union and Confederate troops at different points.

### 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. The books sales brought in \$235 at the October dinner meeting and have totaled \$1,318 so far this year. Arnold will auction the following Civil War books at the November dinner meeting:

- *Battles & Leaders of the Civil War* (4 volume set), Castle Publishing Company, reprint. In mint condition with dust jackets and mylar covers.
- *A Confederate Englishman: Letters by H. W. Feilden*. Published by the University of South Carolina Press, 2013. First edition. In mint condition with dust jacket and mylar cover.
- *The General's Wife: The Life of Mrs. U. S. Grant* by Ishbel Ross. Dodd & Mead Publishing Company, New York, 1959. First edition. In very good condition with dust jacket.
- *Robert E. Lee & the Road of Honor* by Hodding Carter: Landmark Books, Random House Publishing Company, 1955. In excellent condition with dust jacket and mylar cover.
- *Official Records of the War of the Rebellion, Series I, Volume 43* (2 volumes). Published by the National Historical Society, Harrisburg PA, 1980. Includes the Shenandoah Valley Campaign of 1864. In mint condition.

### Last Month's Program

At our dinner meeting held on October 22nd, Round Table member **Lane Smith** gave a very interesting program titled: "The Trial of Jefferson Davis and the Issue of Secession."

Lane said much of his information came from the book titled: *The Impending Crisis, 1848-1861* by David M. Potter, published in 1976. The book covered the time period from the War with Mexico to the start of the Civil War. The War with Mexico brought new issues. Would the new territories be free or slave states? Politics became very hostile. Important issues could not be resolved.



**October Speaker - Lane Smith**

Lane asked the following questions:

- Do cultures change from generation to generation? There is a huge gap in generational thinking.
- Do circumstances and political issues change the culture? The U. S. Constitution changes with the culture. The application for today's culture is different than the way the Constitution was written originally.
- Do opinions and thought processes change from generation to generation?
- Do we view slavery or secession as they did in the 1800's or do we view slavery as a window in 2019? In the 1800's, slavery was an institution. Today, we view slavery as an evil institution.
- Is the *Holy Bible* or the Ten Commandments looked at differently today versus when the *Holy Bible* was written?
- Nationalism: Has it changed? For the southern states, their loyalty was to the south and not to the country. Robert E. Lee's loyalty was with Virginia. Many looked at loyalty in that manner.
- Did the south have the right to secede? Are we looking at secession from the 1800's or today?

Lane said the United States had just fought a war with Great Britain. This nation, once it gained its freedom, had a great fear of a strong central government.



Now the Civil War is over. Confederate President Jefferson Davis was captured in Georgia and imprisoned at Fort Monroe. The Union was going to place Davis on trial. He would probably have been found guilty and the Union intended to hang him. John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry occurred on October 16, 1859. He was hung on December 2, 1859. Justice took only six weeks. Abraham Lincoln was assassinated on April 14, 1865. The conspirators were hung on July 7, 1865. Justice took 2 1/2 months. Many in the north expected the same swift justice for Jefferson Davis. There were those that wanted revenge. However, a strange thing happened. Two years after Davis was captured, there was no trial. He was released quietly. There was no justice at all. Why wasn't Davis charged with treason? Davis wanted a trial. He believed that he could prove that secession was legal. After Davis was arrested, the federal government realized they had a problem.

Lane asked: What is "States' Rights"? Southerners believed that each state had full sovereignty. States were sovereign, not the Federal government. States had authorized the Federal government to act as their agent. States had never transferred sovereignty to the Federal government. The Federal government originally intended to establish that states could not secede. However, the perpetual nature of the government was not written into the Constitution. James Madison was against this provision and said states would not ratify the Constitution.

The defense by Jefferson Davis would have considered the following:

- The Articles of Confederation, 1777-1781. Each state maintained sovereignty. The Federal government had limited power. The Federal government derived power from the states.
- The Paris Peace Treaty of 1783. The treaty named each of the 13 states and each state was considered sovereign.
- The U.S. Constitution, 1788. The Constitution was ratified separately by each state. There was fear of a strong central government.
- The Proceedings of the Constitutional Convention of 1787. Could the Federal government coerce a state not to secede? Robert E. Lee did not agree with secession, but he thought it was not constitutional to force states not to secede.
- The Virginia and Kentucky Resolutions of 1798. Each state was considered sovereign.
- In 1860, James Mason of Virginia claimed the Federal government was a compilation of individual states.

Now the trial of Jefferson Davis is over. The Federal government says it is perpetual in nature and states do not have the right to secede. The sentence is guilty and Davis is to be hung. However, in the United States, there is an appeals process. Davis' attorneys could appeal his case to the U.S. Supreme Court. Would they overturn the guilty charge? What if the defense is overwhelming that states have the right to secede? What if the Supreme Court rules in Davis' favor? What if Davis is found not guilty and states actually have the right to secede? Would the U.S. be willing to risk putting Davis on trial? Maybe it would be better to release Davis, rather than having a trial.

Lane asked: What if Davis had been found not guilty? We would probably have been two nations. Texas might have returned to the Federal government. The Confederate states cannot stop secession. This continent would be a confederation of weak, little states. Lane said this nation floundered to become the United States. This nation took 70 years to decide what kind of a nation it would be. From the American Revolution to the Civil War, we became a great nation.

In conclusion, Lane said we view things differently today as opposed to the way people viewed things back in the 1800's. Did the evidence show that the south had the right to secede? What if the Supreme Court had ruled in Davis' defense?

### Upcoming Speaker Schedule for 2019-2020

- **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. Dr. Rafuse wrote a biography about Stonewall Jackson that was published in 2011.
- **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 Myth of Black Soldiers of the Confederacy."
- **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:** **Jeffrey 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:** **David T. Dixon** will be speaking about his new book titled: *The Lost Gettysburg Address*.
- **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:** **Wayne Motts**, CEO of the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg PA will be our speaker.
- **December 15, 2020:** Round Table member **Deb Buckner** will be giving a program about Libby Custer.

## Executive Committee Meeting Summary

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City was held on Saturday, October 26, 2019. Some of the key items discussed during the meeting are as follows:

- The financial results for the year to date were reviewed.
- A new catering contract has been negotiated with the Holiday Inn for 2020. We will continue to meet at the Holiday Inn next year.
- It was decided to keep the membership dues and the meal prices the same for 2020.
- The scheduled speakers for 2020 were finalized. Potential speakers for 2021 were discussed.
- The Harry S Truman Award will be given to two of our upcoming speakers, who are nationally recognized Civil War historians and authors.
- Rack cards, providing information on the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City, will be placed at local libraries, museums, etc.
- The Civil War Round Table of Kansas City will partner with the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area.
- The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on March 7, 2020 at the Overland Park Historical Society headquarters.

## Please Renew Your Membership for 2020

Now is the time to renew your membership in the Civil War Round Table for next year. The membership dues go to pay for our speaker travel costs as well as our administrative expenses (office supplies, printing, postage, bank charges, website fees, corporate reports, plaques, name tags, etc.). Membership dues are the same for 2020 as they were for this year: \$35 per individual or \$55 per couple. Please submit your 2020 membership dues by December 31, 2019. You can pay **Susan Keipp** at an upcoming dinner meeting or else you can mail her a check. Thank you for being a member of the Round Table!

## Member News

**Susan Keipp** had a very interesting trip to Egypt with a group from her church in October. We enjoyed seeing photos of Susan riding on a camel. Susan said the trip was fun, but the weather was very hot.

We would like to thank **Monet Kietzman** for bringing three guests to our dinner meeting in October. The three guests were members of the Daughters of Confederate Veterans. The guests said they really enjoyed Lane Smith's program "The Trial of Jefferson Davis and the Issue of Secession."

It was good to see **Roger Stanton** at our dinner meeting in October. Roger suffered a stroke on July 22nd and had been going to rehab. Roger was back to his old self, buying Civil War books and supporting the Round Table.

Round Table member **Dick Titterington** has been on an extended vacation in Maine. Dick and his wife Lynne left for Portland, Maine on April 27th. He sent the following e-mail on October 26th:

*Hi Dave,*

*Lynne and I had a great summer here in Portland. All three of our kids and their significant others have come for a visit and loved the environs, which are way different from Kansas City. Most days we walk along the shoreline into the working harbor of Portland, hoping to see a harbor seal. Although we see them from time to time, mostly we just see gulls, cormorants, and common eiders. The summer weather here was great. There was usually a sea breeze off Casco Bay that kept the temperatures down. Sometimes the humidity gets up there. We did break down and install a window air conditioner in the apartment, but only ended up using it for about 10 days or so. This fall the trees have been brilliant shades of yellow, orange and red.*

*We have driven all over the state, visiting many of our old haunting grounds and finding new ones. We spent some time in Canada, visiting Nova Scotia and*

*Cape Breton Island. We have been out on some boats looking for whales, seabirds, and lighthouses. Didn't see any whales, but saw some porpoises, dolphins, puffins, gannets, and razorbills.*

*We are thoroughly enjoying ourselves and will miss living next door to the coast. But we are looking forward to getting back to Kansas City and getting settled back into our lives there. Unless something crazy happens, I should be attending the April 2020 Round Table meeting.*

*Hope all is well with you and Marilyn.*

*Take care,*

*Dick Titterington*



**Dick Titterington and his wife Lynne at the top of Mount Battie in Camden Hills State Park, overlooking Camden, Maine on Penobscot Bay.**

We would like to thank Dick for keeping our website up to date while he was gone and for designing the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City rack cards.

## 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 the Roles of Civilians during the Civil War:

1. After Shiloh, which Union general did Governor David Todd of Ohio want court-martialed?
2. What U.S. vice president framed the "Nullification" doctrine that encouraged secessionists?

3. What Ohio native and minstrel performer composed "Dixie" while living in New York City?
4. What Confederate leader, a West Point graduate, colonel in the Mexican War, and former U.S. congressman, was an unsuccessful candidate for governor of Mississippi in 1851?
5. What conductor of the Underground Railroad has been called the "Moses" of her people?
6. What civilian is commemorated by a statue on the battlefield at Gettysburg?
7. What national hero was ousted from his post as governor because he refused to back secession for his state?
8. How old was President Lincoln's son William Wallace ("Willie") when he died in the White House in 1862?
9. What Federal general told his wife that Cincinnati furnished more goods to the C.S.A. than did Charleston?
10. What part-time actor and spy gave General Lee the information that caused him to alter his plans before Gettysburg, this perhaps mitigating his defeat there?

The answers are shown on page 8.

## Sergeant Major's Roar

### Battlefield Dispatches #438 A National Day of Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 28th will be the 156th Anniversary of our first National Day of Thanksgiving, which was established as a result of a proclamation signed by President Abraham Lincoln on October 3, 1863. The proclamation designated a National Thanksgiving Day to be celebrated on the final Thursday in November of 1863. However, before this date "Thanksgiving" had been celebrated on a variety of days in November. President George Washington was the first president to declare a special day of "Thanksgiving" in 1789 and he was followed by President Madison in 1814. A day of Thanksgiving was annually appointed by the Governor of New York in 1817 and by 1858 "Thanksgiving" Proclamations were issued by the governors of 25 states and two territories.

During the Civil War many Union and Confederate units celebrated Thanksgiving with special dinners, the number of which was increased by the Union troops after President Lincoln's proclamation. The following are some of the highlights of his proclamation:



"The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and beautiful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added which are of so extraordinary a nature that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart, which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God.

"Needful diversions of wealth and strength from the peaceful industry to the national defense have not arrested the plough, the borders of our settlements and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battlefield and the country rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years, with large increase of freedom.

"No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.

"It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father, who dwells in the Heavens.

"And I recommend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.

"In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the City of Washington, this third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three and of the Independence of the United States the eighty- eighth.

Abraham Lincoln  
President of the United States."

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Now then, "Thanksgiving" is traditionally a wonderful family holiday. However let us not forget to remember those folks who have lost a loved one or who have a family member serving in our armed forces who cannot be home for the holidays. Today, each branch of our military services will continue the tradition of providing "Thanksgiving Dinner" for our Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and Air Force personnel. However, it will not be the same as being home with their families. Thank you one and all and hoping you have the best "Thanksgiving" possible.

## Events Around Town

### Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

The November Membership Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at the Clay County Museum, 14 North Main Street, Liberty MO. The purpose of the meeting is to view the new documentary on the Battle of Liberty/Blue Mills Landing. The museum opens at 6:00 p.m. for those that want to visit the exhibit.

The December Membership Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at the Village Heights Community of Christ fellowship hall, located at 1009 Farview Drive, Independence MO. There will not be a meal. However, members are encouraged to bring their favorite Christmas goodies to share. 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, November 12, 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 be giving 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.

### Midwest Genealogy Center

There will be a program titled: "Elizabeth Van Lew, Civil War Spy", at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at the Midwest Genealogy Center Programming Room, 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, MO. Meet Elizabeth Van Lew and discover how she accidentally became a spy for the Union Army during the American Civil War. Call 816-252-7228 to RSVP.

### Westport Historical Society

The annual meeting of the Westport Historical Society will be held at noon on Saturday, November 9, 2019. **Dan Smith** will be speaking about "Women of

the Battle of Westport." The meeting will be held at the 1855 Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City MO. Reservations for the luncheon were due by November 3rd.

### Answers to the Civil War Trivia Questions

1. U. S. Grant.
2. John C. Calhoun (born in South Carolina).
3. Daniel Decatur Emmett.
4. Jefferson Davis.
5. Harriet Tubman.
6. John L. Burns, a 74-year old former cobbler, who offered himself and his flintlock musket to Union forces.
7. Sam Houston of Texas.
8. Eleven.
9. William Tecumseh Sherman.
10. James Harrison of Richmond.



**Father Dave Holloway, Gary Nevius, guest Harry Wigner, and Sam Rabicoff (not pictured) display their desserts at the dinner meeting on August 27th.**

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