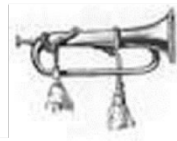




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**Due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic,  
the CWRT dinner meeting scheduled for**

**April 28, 2020 has been cancelled.**

**Our monthly dinner meetings will  
resume when it is safe to do so.**

## A Message from the President of Our Civil War Round Table

Dear Members,

We all have time on our hands these days and you can read only so many books, articles, and reviews. Another way to fill your time is to go to [Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com). You'll discover that they have a vast library of videos on all subjects of the Civil War. You just search a particular topic e.g. Antietam, Civil War Navy, McClellan, etc. and you'll find any number of videos, new and old, long and short, on the topic.

Something that came up last Friday was a live YouTube presentation on the Battle of Mobile Bay. It was sponsored by the Mariners Museum in Virginia and was short - only 15 minutes or so. You can access it by going to [Marinersmuseum.org](https://www.marinersmuseum.org), scrolling down to What's Happening and clicking on the link.

I hope you take advantage of this short presentation. If you can't, I still urge you to search YouTube for other topics I know you'll find worthwhile.

We will get through this. I don't know about our May dinner meeting, but we will stay in touch. Be safe, be well, and stay at home!

Sincerely,

Dan Dooley  
President

## Last Month's Program Cancelled

**Dr. Jeff Gentsch**, Professor of Military History at the University of West Alabama, was scheduled to give a program titled: "The Battle of Shiloh and the Evolution of Artillery, 1861-1870" on March 24th. However, due to the coronavirus pandemic, the program was cancelled. Dr. Gentsch's program has been rescheduled for March 23, 2021. Round Table president Dan Dooley issued the following e-mail on March 13th:

*"To All Members of the Civil War Round Table:*

*"After a great deal of thought and discussion, we have reluctantly decided to cancel the March meeting of the Round Table. We do this in view of the unprecedented chain of events regarding the coronavirus spread, the cancellations of most large gatherings and public events in the metro area, advice from medical professionals regarding group meetings, and the demographics of our group, which is comprised of a large number of those who are considered especially vulnerable to the virus.*

*"We hope you understand that we do this out of an abundance of caution and our feeling that we owe our members a safe and inviting environment, which we cannot guarantee to the extent we feel is wise. Future meetings will be evaluated on a month-to-month basis and we will keep you advised. Your executive committee will be meeting on the 21st to discuss the unfolding situation.*

*"We thank you for your loyalty to our organization and wish all of you a safe and healthful March. Please be watching for further information.*

*"Regards,  
Dan Dooley  
President"*

## Upcoming Speaker Schedule for 2020-2021

- **April 28, 2020:** **Dr. Chris Phillips** was scheduled to give a program about Missouri in the Civil War. This program has been cancelled and has been rescheduled for April 27, 2021.
- **May 26, 2020:** **Dr. Paul Kahan** is scheduled to give a program about his latest book: *The Presidency of Ulysses S. Grant.*
- **June 23, 2020:** **Jeffrey D. Wert** from Centerville PA is scheduled to speak about his new book titled: *Civil War Barons.*
- **July 28, 2020:** **Matt Spruill** is scheduled to give a program about the battle of Chickamauga GA.
- **August 25, 2020:** **David T. Dixon** is scheduled to speak about his new book titled: *The Lost Gettysburg Address.*
- **September 22, 2020:** **Dennis E. Frye** is scheduled to give a program about Harpers Ferry.
- **October 27, 2020:** **Judy Cook** is scheduled to give a program dressed in period attire titled: "Life on the Home Front."
- **November 17, 2020:** **Wayne Motts**, CEO of the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg PA is scheduled to be our speaker.
- **December 15, 2020:** Round Table member **Deb Buckner** is scheduled to give a program about Libby Custer, wife of George Armstrong Custer.
- **January 26, 2021:** **Dr. Harry Laver** with the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth will be our speaker. He will give a program about the relationship between General Ulysses S. Grant and General Robert E. Lee.
- **February 23, 2021:** **James S. Martin**, Dean of Academics at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth will be our speaker. He will give a program titled: "Black Military Heroes of the Civil War."
- **March 23, 2021:** **Dr. Jeff Gentsch**, Professor of Military History at the University of West Alabama will give a program titled: "The Battle of Shiloh and the Evolution of Artillery, 1861-1870."
- **April 27, 2021:** **Dr. Chris Phillips** will give a program about Missouri in the Civil War.
- **May 25, 2021:** Speaker to be determined.
- **June 22, 2021:** **Teresa Roane**, archivist for the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Richmond VA, will be our speaker. She will address the role of minorities in the logistical operations of the Confederate Army.
- **July 27, 2021:** **Ron Coddington**, publisher of *Military Images*, a full color magazine published quarterly, will be our speaker. He will present photographic images of the Civil War.
- **August 24, 2021:** **Dr. Ginnette Aley**, Professor of History at Kansas State University, will give a program about the Civil War on the home front. She has co-edited a book titled: *Union Heartland: The Midwestern Home Front during the Civil War.*

- **September 28, 2021: Dr. Joseph M. Beilein Jr.**, assistant professor of history at Penn State University, Erie PA will be our speaker. He will be speaking about bushwhackers in Missouri. Dr. Beilein is the author of the book titled: *Bushwhackers: Guerrilla Warfare, Manhood, and the Household in Civil War Missouri.*
- **October 26, 2021:** Speaker to be determined.
- **November 16, 2021:** Speaker to be determined.
- **December 21, 2021: Arnold Schofield** will be discussing the book written by Robert E. May titled: *Yuletide in Dixie: Slavery, Christmas, and Southern Memory.*

## Member News

We would like to welcome the following new members:

- **Dr. Charles E. Heller** lives in Overland Park KS and is an officer in the U.S. Army at Fort Leavenworth KS. He is also an author and historian. Charles' great-grandfather served as a drummer in Company K, 6th Regiment, Maryland Volunteer Infantry.
- **John Perney** lives in Grandview MO and was previously a member of our Round Table in 2011 and 2012.
- **Lynne Titterington** is the wife of Round Table member **Dick Titterington**. They have recently returned from their long vacation in Maine. Dick e-mailed the following information on March 23rd:

"Hi Dave,

*"We are back in Kansas City, arriving on March 16, Monday afternoon. Was looking forward to seeing everyone again, but that will have to wait until it's safe. We left Portland, Maine on Saturday morning and had no issues during the drive to Kansas City. Indeed, on Monday morning we drove through Indianapolis around 8:30 a.m. and there was no bumper-to-bumper traffic during rush hour. What traffic there was was going around 20 miles an hour over the speed limit. Sunday in our hotel near Dayton OH, we heard the governor issue a ban of sitting down in restaurants and bars starting at 9 p.m. We decided to drive through and get takeout for dinner. All the things we were planning to do when we returned are kind of up in the air for now.*

*"Hopefully, we'll flatten the curve and things will get back to normal by summer.*

"Regards,  
Dick Titterington"

**Dennis and Mimi Garstang and Dave and Marilyn Pattison** traveled to Surprise AZ the first week of March to watch the Kansas City Royals in Spring Training. They were fortunate to attend several games before Major League Baseball suspended play on March 12th.



**Dave Pattison and Dennis Garstang at  
Surprise Stadium, March 3, 2020**

**Arnold Schofield** was scheduled to give a presentation at the Mid-Continent Public Library on June 16, 2020. However, the program has been cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. The title of Arnold's presentation was "Renegades, Rascals, and Rouges." Arnold was planning to talk about James H. Lane, James Montgomery, Charles R. Jennison, and William C. Quantrill.

The Civil War Round Table of Kansas City 2020 Member Directory was issued on March 23rd. As of April 1st, we have a total of 106 members in the Round Table. Thank you for supporting the Round Table!

## Memorial Service for Colonel Jack Brooks

Former member of the Civil War Round Table, **Colonel Jack Brooks** died on January 13, 2020 at the age of 99. A memorial service was held on March 9, 2020 at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Mission KS. **Don Bates** said several members of the Round Table attended the memorial service, including **Sandy Ackerson, Harriet Duff, Lane Smith, Paul Gault, and Gary Nevius**. Don said Lieutenant-Colonel Mathew Kelley, Battalion Commander of the 1st Division at Fort Riley KS, gave a very moving tribute. Colonel Brooks began his service to our country in World War II and served through 1966 with the conclusion of his second tour of duty in Vietnam. Colonel Brooks landed on Omaha Beach with the Big Red One on D-Day, June 6, 1944. He was a true American hero.



## March CWRT Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the Civil War Round Table that was scheduled for Saturday, March 21st was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. **Dan Dooley** has been communicating with members of the Executive Committee via e-mail regarding potential speakers for 2021. Several speakers have already been scheduled for next year. The date for the next Executive Committee meeting has not been determined.

## We Need Another Assistant Treasurer

**Susan Keipp** has done an excellent job as treasurer of our Round Table, since taking over for **Paul Gault** in April of 2015. Due to other commitments, Susan would like to cut back on her workload as treasurer. We are looking for two people to serve as assistant treasurers. **Sam Rabicoff** has volunteered to be one of the assistant treasurers. He has been helping Susan by collecting money from the Civil War book sales. Susan also needs someone to take dinner reservations, coordinate with the Holiday Inn, and manage the sign-in table during the dinner meetings. Susan has offered to continue doing the bookkeeping and handing all of our corporate paperwork. If you would be interested in serving with Sam as one of the co-assistant treasurers, please let Susan, Sam, or **Dan Dooley** know.



**Susan Keipp, Ken Ford, and Gerald Smith enjoy their desserts at the dinner meeting on January 28th**

## New Civil War Books

**Arnold Schofield** recommends the following new Civil War books:

*The Second Colorado Cavalry - A Civil War Regiment on the Great Plains.* The book was written by Christopher M. Rein and was published in 2020 by the University of Oklahoma Press.

*Caught in the Maelstrom: The Indian Nations in the Civil War, 1861-1865,* by Clint Crowe, Assistant Professor of History and Political Science at Tulsa Community College. The following summary of the book is from the Amazon website:

"The sad plight of the Five Civilized Tribes—the Cherokee, Choctaw, Creek (Muscogee), and Seminole—during America's Civil War is both fascinating and often overlooked in the literature. From 1861-1865, the Indians fought their own bloody civil war on lands surrounded by the Kansas Territory, Arkansas, and Texas. Clint Crowe's magisterial *Caught in the Maelstrom: The Indian Nations in the Civil War* reveals the complexity and the importance of this war within a war, and explains how it affected the surrounding states in the Trans-Mississippi West and the course of the broader war engulfing the country."

## Sergeant Major's Roar

### Battlefield Dispatches #608 Shotguns, Pistols, and Knives

During the Civil War, the weapons of choice of the Missouri Guerrillas were shotguns, multiple pistols (revolvers), and knives. These were all small weapons, which were very efficient in dismounted, hand-to-hand combat, and the guns were especially effective in close quarters of mounted combat. It wasn't long before the "revolver" became the preferred weapon of choice by the Guerrillas. The following after action reports describe two separate engagements, which describe the weapons of the Guerrillas and how effectively they were used. Both reports are located in *Vol. 8 of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies* on Pages 349 -350 and 352-353.

"To: Capt. N. H. McLean, Assistant Adjutant General.  
Headquarters District of Central Missouri, Jefferson City, Missouri,  
March 29, 1862.

Captain,

I have the honor to report for the information of the Major General Commanding the result of the expedition under Lieutenant Colonel Blood into the upper part of Moniteau County.

Lieutenant Colonel Blood, in obedience to orders from these Headquarters of March 23, reached Pisgah, with Company A, Sixth Missouri Volunteers, on the 25<sup>th</sup>; was joined at 10 a.m. on the 26<sup>th</sup> by Captain Adams' Company, Sixth Missouri Volunteers; Captain Rice's

and Ward's Militia Companies; and a section of the third Indiana Battery, under Lieutenant Thomas. The column moved cautiously but rapidly forward. At 2 p.m., having arrived at a point 5 miles from Mount Vernon, the location of the [Rebel] rendezvous and where the command was to separate to surround same, they suddenly met a squad of nine rebels coming directly towards them in twos, at shoulder arms.

Colonel Blood being in the advance, ordered the advance guard to charge, at which time the Rebels ran for the brush and as our men approached and fired. In the melee which ensued, five were killed, two mortally wounded (dying the same night) and two taken prisoners, one of whom was wounded in the hip. The Rebels were all desperate fellows, armed with "DOUBLE BARRELED SHOTGUNS. PISTOLS AND KNIVES."

The command was then ordered forward at the double-quick, to carry out the plan and surround the schoolhouse, which was situated in the northeast corner of the point of land at the junction of the Little Saline and Missouri rivers. There were, as our prisoners protested, no rebels there. Watson's gang, they asserted, left there on the 20<sup>th</sup> instant by unfrequented roads and bypaths for Arkansas. They also stated that Captain Johnson's Company from Shelby County and Captain Spencer's Company from Boone [County] had previously gone the same way, making night marches and avoiding public roads and towns.

The schoolhouse, which was well-calculated for the purpose for which it had been used was BURNED, as were also TWO OTHER HOUSES within two miles, which had been similarly occupied.

On the following day, the 27<sup>th</sup>, colonel Blood divided his force, one part to scour the country north of the Little Saline, while the other should do the same southward, all to meet at Pisgah on the evening of the same day. On the morning of the 28<sup>th</sup>, the command separated, to return to their respective starting points, where all have arrived excepting Captain Rice's company of militia. The command was conducted with energy and decision and though it did not prove as extensive as had been anticipated, reflects credit upon all who participated.

I have the honor to be, Captain, Your Obedient Servant,

JAMES TOTTEN,  
Brigadier General, Commanding District."

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"[To]: Brigadier General James Totten,  
Commanding District of Central Missouri.  
Headquarters Missouri State Militia, Linn Creek,  
Missouri,  
March 31, 1862.

General:

I have the honor to submit for your perusal and consideration, the following report of the fight at Humansville, Polk County. I make it from the official report of Captain Stockton, made out on the 28<sup>th</sup> instant. His language is about as follows:

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the 26<sup>th</sup> instant, a lady came into town and informed Captain Gravely (Captain Gravely I suppose being a lady's man) that a large force of Rebels were marching upon us. The alarm was given, and by this time, the guard fired on the right of Company A and the enemy were seen in the front and were fired on by Company A. The fire was returned and a charge ordered by the enemy, who rushed up through the underbrush, firing and taking shelter under fencing and behind trees. The enemy was seen to begin to retreat and Captain Cosgrove gave them a galling fire from the right. Captain Cosgrove was severely wounded in the arm, as he moved to the right of Company A, but continued to command his men and superintend the battle. When the enemy retreated, Captain Cosgrove ordered Captain Gravely to follow them. He promptly obeyed, fired upon their rear guard several times in the brush, until all were known to be retreating with great rapidity, but in good order.

So far as known of the enemy, Colonel Frazier was killed, Captain McMinn killed, four others dead on the ground, four mortally wounded and left, six others reported by their surgeon, who came in the next morning, as certain to die and not less than 20 others wounded in various degrees. We took three prisoners and a number of their horses.

The officers and men in the fight behaved bravely, did their duty, and so well that the Rebels themselves acknowledge that they were badly whipped. There was no flinching in the ranks anywhere.

At the fight, we took 13 horses. The men are rejoicing and the ladies of the town (except a few REBEL WIVES) are jubilant. Drs. Holbert of Hickory County, and Frazier of Stockton, Cedar County, are present and administering to the wants and comfort of the wounded and are entitled to the thanks of the command.

General, you see that in the command there is some good material. I feel that these brave men and officers have given us a name, of which we may be proud of, and be assured I will use every effort to add new luster.

While I sympathize with the wounded, I congratulate them on the honor of having received scars in the holy cause in which we have enlisted.

I have the honor to be, most respectfully, your obedient servant.

J. W. McCLURG,  
Lieut. Colonel Commanding Battalion Mo. State Militia"

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Now then, even though the Guerillas were defeated in both of these engagements, many managed to escape to fight another day and, of course, the War Went On!

### Civil War Trivia Questions

The following trivia questions are based on the book titled: 2,000 Questions and Answers About the Civil War and the chapter titled: "Numbers Tell Their Own Stories."

1. In the election of 1860, what percentage of voters backed Abraham Lincoln, who had pledged to preserve the Union, whatever the cost?
2. What was the population of the United States in 1860, slaves included, but American Indians not counted?
3. At Antietam, about how many casualties were suffered on Wednesday, September 17, 1862?
4. Of the 30,500 miles of railroads in the country in 1860, what percentage lay in Confederate territory?
5. The two warring capitals - Washington D.C. and Richmond VA - how far apart are they?
6. What percentage of the population of the Confederacy were slaves?
7. Free blacks comprised what percentage of the population of the northern states?
8. What was the most common of all camp maladies, which accounted for the deaths of more than 44,000 U.S. soldiers?
9. In millions, what was the U.S. national debt in 1860?
10. In 1861, what was a Union soldier's monthly pay?
11. When elevated five degrees, what was the approximate range of the deadly Napoleon field gun?

12. How many horses were needed to pull the six guns of a standard field battery?
13. How many stars were in the flag Confederate troops carried into battle?
14. While the U.S. government paid pensions and other veterans' benefits to former Federal soldiers, who paid those to Confederate veterans?
15. At what rate was annual U.S. income taxed in 1862?

The answers to the trivia questions are shown on page 8.

### Many Events Cancelled and Facilities Closed

Many Civil War related meetings and events have been cancelled and area libraries and museums have closed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri cancelled their April membership meeting and has postponed their field trip to the Pea Ridge Battlefield.

The Battle of Shiloh anniversary hikes scheduled for April 6-8 were cancelled and the Shiloh National Military Park visitor center is closed.

Civil War Round Table member **Blair Tarr**, who serves as Museum Curator for the Kansas Historical Society in Topeka KS, sent the following e-mail on March 15th:

*"Thanks Dave, I did get your message [regarding the March 24th dinner meeting being cancelled].*

*"I've been getting so many messages from other museums and organizations about cancelling events and closing to the public that I suspected it would come to this.*

*"I think I'm correct in saying this is the first time a Round Table meeting has been cancelled since the first meeting in 1958. I know when I first joined in the 90's that there was great pride in not cancelling. I just missed an event when a blizzard struck and knocked out electricity at the old Leawood Country Club. It didn't stop the Round Table; they still had a meeting, apparently by candlelight. Don Bates, Les Thierolf, or someone else could probably give more details.*

*Blair"*

The Civil War Round Table of Kansas City had to cancel the dinner meeting on February 26, 2013 because of a major snowstorm. The Homestead Country Club was closed that evening due to the storm.

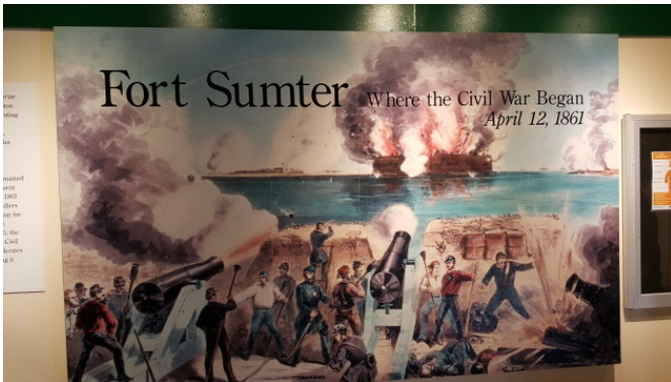


## Photographs of Fort Sumter, Charleston SC

Construction began on Fort Sumter in 1829. The Confederacy fired on the U.S. garrison at Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861, thus beginning the Civil War.

The three photographs of Fort Sumter below were taken by Round Table member **Father Dave Holloway** on September 24, 2016. The three historic photographs at the right are courtesy of the Library of Congress.

Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Historic Park is temporarily closed as of March 18, 2020.



Visitor Center exhibit



Tour Boat Arriving at Fort Sumter



Flag Raising Ceremony at Fort Sumter



Exterior view of the gorge of Fort Sumter on April 14, 1861 after its evacuation by Major Robert Anderson, 1st Artillery U.S.A.



Exterior view of Fort Sumter in 1865. Fort Sumter was reduced to rubble during the Second Battle of Fort Sumter on September 8, 1863.



View of Fort Sumter, Charleston SC 1901

## Answers to Civil War Trivia Questions

1. Just under 40 percent.
2. 31,443,321.
3. 26,100: 13,700 C.S.A. and 12,400 U.S.A.
4. 28 percent.
5. About 100 miles.
6. 38 percent.
7. 1 percent.
8. Diarrhea, including dysentery.
9. \$64.8.
10. \$13.
11. A little more than 1,600 yards.
12. Thirty-six, three pairs in tandem per gun.
13. Thirteen, representing each seceded state and the secession governments of Kentucky and Missouri.
14. Southern states and private philanthropy.
15. 3 percent for incomes of \$600 to \$10,000 and 5 percent for higher incomes.

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