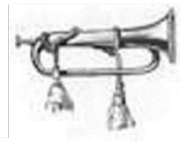




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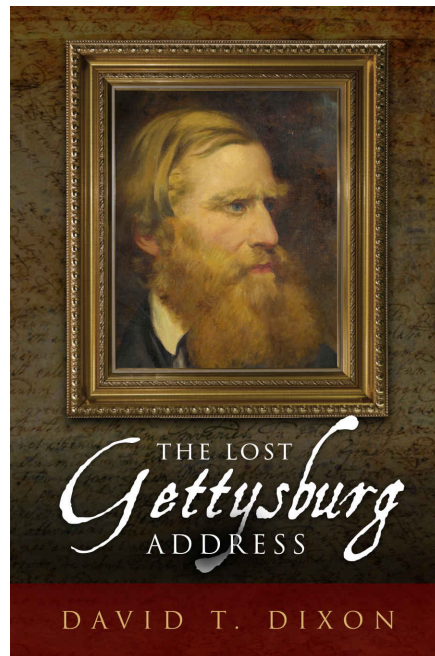
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**Due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic,
the CWRT dinner meeting scheduled for
August 25, 2020 has been cancelled.**

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

August Speaker



Mr. David T. Dixon was scheduled to speak at our August dinner meeting about his book titled: *The Lost Gettysburg Address*.

Few remember Edward Everett's oration that preceded Lincoln's masterpiece, but hardly anyone is aware of Louisville, Kentucky native Charles Anderson's speech, which concluded the day's events.

In *The Lost Gettysburg Address*, Dixon argues that the three featured speeches need to be viewed as a rhetorical ensemble to understand both Lincoln's iconic Address and the political context of the Gettysburg dedication.

The back story is the saga of Anderson himself, a slaveholder who sacrificed nearly everything to help Lincoln save the Union.

Letter from our Round Table's President

The following letter was issued to members of our Round Table on July 13, 2020:

Dear Round Table Members,

We are again faced with a situation in which the virus has not abated as hoped, and with a continued emphasis on social distancing and wearing masks in all public places. While we had hoped otherwise, we are forced to cancel our August Round Table dinner and meeting, bowing to common sense and prudence rather than wishful thinking and trust that things will look appreciably better by the August meeting.

I need not tell you how painful this is to your executive committee, to forgo gathering in comradeship and community at a time we all desperately need both. But we must recognize realities that dictate asking all of our members to stay at home, stay safe, and follow guidelines that are designed to protect all of us.

I cannot say when we will meet again. We are simply using our best judgment and will reassess the situation late in August. Some groups have cancelled any further plans until the end of the year. We are loathe to do that and are trying to look month to month for signs that things have improved sufficiently to again meet in safety.

In the meantime, I hope you and your loved ones are all safe. There is any number of diversions to help you keep sane, and I know you are discovering online services that provide you with information and video entertainment regarding Civil War related topics. I encourage you to reach out to other members who may be facing this trying time with fewer resources. We will meet again. Stay the course.

Regards,

Dan Dooley

Dan Dooley,
President

This Month's Program Cancelled



Mr. David Dixon earned his M.A. in history from the University of Massachusetts in 2003. He has published numerous articles in scholarly journals and magazines. Most focus on Union sympathizers in the Civil War South.

David spoke at the 2016 Sacred Trust Talks in Gettysburg and has delivered nearly 100 talks to audiences across the country. He appeared on Civil War Talk Radio and other podcasts. He hosts B-List History, a website that features obscure characters and their compelling stories. You may download free pdf versions of his published articles on that website at: <http://www.daviddixon.com>

David's latest book is the biography of German revolutionary and Union General August Willich and will be published by the University of Tennessee Press in September 2020. It highlights the contributions of more than 180,000 German-American immigrants to the Union effort in the Civil War. Transatlantic radicals like Willich viewed the war as part of a much larger, global revolution for social justice and republican government.

David is currently writing a biography of U.S. and Confederate Congressman Augustus Wright of Georgia.

The Lost Gettysburg Address

The following is a summary of Mr. Dixon's book titled: *The Lost Gettysburg Address* from the Amazon website:

"Few remember that two famous orators shared the stage with Lincoln at the Gettysburg dedication. The day's concluding speech remained lost until recently, when an anthropologist stumbled upon it in a cardboard box at a remote ranch in Wyoming. Forgotten too was the incredible true story of its author, Charles Anderson, a slave owner who risked everything to save the Union.

"We accompany Anderson on his exciting journey through some of the most dramatic events of the Civil War. Born on a Kentucky slave plantation, he struggles to reconcile a morally bankrupt slavery system that yet holds the nation together. Imagine yourself standing in the crowd as Anderson delivers a bold Union speech in San Antonio just weeks after Lincoln's election. Imprisoned by Confederate officers, he makes a daring escape, and arrives in New York a national hero. Anderson nearly loses his life in the battle of Stones River. He is elected Lieutenant Governor of Ohio on a ticket that defeats exiled Copperhead Democrat Clement Vallandigham. Two years later, Anderson becomes Ohio's governor.

"The New York Times called Anderson's story among the most moving and romantic episodes of the war.

"This is the inspiring tale of a true patriot. Charles Anderson had the courage to hold steadfast to his convictions, remaining loyal to the Union at a time when nearly all Southerners turned against their country."

Upcoming Speaker Schedule for 2020-2021

- **September 22, 2020: Dennis E. Frye** is scheduled to give a program about Harpers Ferry. However, it is likely that this program will also be cancelled.
- **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: Jeffry D. Wert** from Centerville PA will be speaking about his new book titled: *Civil War Barons*.
- **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. Ginette 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: Dr. Paul Kahan** will give a program about his book titled: *The Presidency of Ulysses S. Grant*.
- **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

Suzee Oberg had the last of her vascular intervention surgeries on August 4th. The surgery went well and she is home recovering. Suzee has had three COVID tests and reports that they are very unpleasant.

We would like to welcome back former member of the Round Table, **Tom Rafiner**. Tom lives in Columbia MO and has been the speaker at some of our dinner meetings, most recently in December of 2015. Tom has authored the following books:

- *Caught Between Three Fires - Cass County MO., Chaos, & Order No. 11, 1860-1865 (2010).*
- *Cinders and Silence - A Chronicle of Missouri's Burnt District, 1854-1870 (2013).*

We would also like to welcome new member **Rick McPherson**, who lives in Leawood KS and is a friend of Lane Smith's. Rick said he is dedicated to keeping our Civil War history alive and accurate. He is committed to honoring his ancestor's service and wants to continue to learn from others. Rick is a direct descendant of both Confederate and Union soldiers, including Samuel Addison Campbell of the 2nd Mississippi Infantry and Isaac Lawson McPherson of the 14th Kansas Cavalry. Union General James B. McPherson is also a distant ancestor of Rick's family.

Sam Rabicoff and his wife Bonnie are the proud grandparents of Jacob Symon Rabicoff, who was born on July 21st at 12:07 p.m. Sam said being a grandparent is the best. Congratulations Sam and Bonnie!

We would like to thank **Hibberd Kline** for sending us his blogs regarding the Steamboat Arabia.

Gary Christy sent the following link to an interesting article:

- "How the Union Pulled off a Presidential Election During the Civil War."

<https://www.history.com/news/civil-war-presidential-election-Abraham-Lincoln>

We Still 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 had been helping Susan by collecting money from the Civil War book sales. Whenever we are able to meet again, Susan would like someone to help 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.

Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield Dispatches #625

Alive & Active

Next Monday, August 10th, is the 159th Anniversary of the Battle of Wilson's Creek, which occurred west of Springfield MO. Therefore, in keeping with this anniversary, the subject of this and next month's column will be a description of this battle, which is included in the memoir of Eugene F. Ware, who was one of the most prominent citizens of Fort Scott KS late in the 19th Century. At the beginning of the Civil War, Eugene Ware was living in Iowa and joined Company E of the First Iowa Infantry, with the rank of a "Private" soldier. His memoir of his experience in the Civil War was published in 1907, from which the following description of the Battle of Wilson's Creek has been edited:

"Early in the morning [of August 10th], just as there was a slight flush of dawn in the east, somebody came along and woke us all up and told us to keep still and fall into line. We marched a short distance and struck an open piece of ground where we could see all who were marching, those in our front and those in our rear.

"The Cavalry, Artillery, and Infantry were marching in Companies, abreast, and in close order. In a short time as it began to grow a little light we heard a gun fire. In a short time two or three more. Then some regular troops were detailed as skirmishers and circled around to our left. In a short time we found that the enemy was "ALIVE and ACTIVE." Our regiment was ordered to go in a direction to the left and to take a position on a low ridge. The enemy in straggling numbers was shooting at us from the ridge. The skirmishers fell back. As we marched up the hill, it came my way to step over one of the skirmishers who was shot right in front of us.

"As we started up the ridge, a yell broke out from our lines that was kept up with more or less accent and with slight intermissions for six hours. We took a position on the ridge and the country seemed alive on both our right and left. Wilson's Creek was in our front with an easy descending hillside and a broad meadow before us, in which about five acres of confederate wagons were parked axle to axle. The hills bore some scattering Oaks and an occasional bush, but we could see clearly because the fires had kept the undergrowth eaten out and the soil was flinty and poor. Across the Creek, which was not

very far, perhaps about a third of a mile, a battery of [enemy] artillery made a specialty of our ranks, opening out thunderously. We all laid down on the ground and for some time the shells, round shot and canister fell into our ranks. The battery was making a specialty of us, but we could evade their missiles. We could see the shells in the air when they were coming toward us and could calculate their routes.

"On the edge of the meadow, toward us and between us, was a low rail fence and the enemy rallied behind the shelter of it. Then, as if by some inspiration or some immediate change of orders, the enemy broke it down in places and started [advancing] for our artillery. As they got nearer to us, their own artillery ceased to fire because it endangered them. When they got close, the firing began on both sides. How long it lasted I do not know. It was probably twenty minutes.

"Every man was shooting as fast, on our side, as he could load and yelling as loud as his breath would permit. Most were on the ground on one knee. The enemy stopped advancing. We had paper cartridges and in loading, we had to bite off the end and every man had a big quid of paper in his mouth, from which down his chin ran the dissolved gunpowder. The other side was yelling and if any orders were given nobody heard them. Every man assumed the responsibility of doing as much shooting as he could.

"Finally, the field was covered with smoke that not much could be known as to what was going on. The day was clear and hot. As the smoke grew denser, we stood up and kept inching forward, as we fired and probably went forward in this way twenty-five yards. We noticed less noise in front of us and only heard the occasional boom of a gun [cannon]. The wind, a very light breeze was in our favor, blowing very gently over us upon the enemy.

"Our firing lulled and as the smoke cleared away, sitting on the fence in front of us, on the edge of the meadow, was an [enemy] standard bearer, WAVING a HOSTILE FLAG. I do not know its description, but it was not a "Union" flag. The firing having ceased, we were ordered back and told to lie down, but the boys would not do it until the Rebel artillery opened on us again. Several wanted to shoot at the man on the fence, but the Officers went along the line threatening to kill the first man that raised a musket, which was all right, that being the way the game is played.

"In the meantime, however, a little Irish Sergeant who appeared to stand about five feet high and sported a large fiery mustache, turned a twelve pounder [cannon] on the man who was waving the flag on the fence in such a foolhardy way. The gun went off, the Rebel flag pitched up in the air, and the man fell to pieces gradually over the fence. At least a thousand men on our side, who saw it cheered in such a loud unison that it could

have been heard as far as the report [sound] of the twelve-pounder.

"I am not able to give, in any moderate limits, the history of the charges and counter-charges on the slope of that hill, but they kept coming. In one of them the Rebel infantry, in its charge, worn down to the point, with its "apex" touched the twelve-pounder and one man with his bayonet tried to get the Irish Sergeant, who, fencing with his non-commissioned officer's sword, parried the thrusts of the bayonet. I fired at this "apex" at a distance of not over 30 feet. Other Secesh [Confederates] were around the guns [cannon], but none of them got away. The main body of the enemy was started back down the slope and the twelve-pounder was then loaded and assisted their flight."

Now then, so ended one of the early phases of the First Iowa's participation in the Battle of Wilson's Creek. Next week's column will continue with excerpts from Private Eugene War's memoir describing this battle as 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: "First Events and Achievements." The answers to the trivia questions are shown on page 6.

1. Who was the first general to be replaced by Lincoln, having been earlier picked by Lincoln to command?
2. In what year did the city of Vicksburg, Mississippi, first celebrate the Fourth of July after it fell to General Grant on July 4, 1863?
3. Who received the first Congressional Medal of Honor?
4. The first time in military history that a railroad was used for strategic mobility was when Confederate general Joseph E. Johnston moved his troops for what battle?
5. Where did a Union photographer first take a photo of C.S.A. fighting men?
6. Who was the first man in the U.S. military to hold the rank of general of the army?
7. When the first duel between ironclads took place on February 25, 1862, how long did the inconclusive battle last?
8. Where was the "Rebel yell" believed to have been used for the first time in battle?
9. Who was the first commander of the Union Army of Virginia?
10. Who was the highest ranking civilian to volunteer for military service during the war?

A True American Hero

This month represents the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. The United States dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima, Japan on August 6, 1945 and Nagasaki, Japan on August 9, 1945. The Japanese surrendered to the Allies on August 15, 1945 and signed the instrument of surrender in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945. At this time, we should all pause to remember those that gave their lives serving our country during World War II.

As many of you know, **Bill Buckner's** father and **Chip Buckner's** grandfather was General Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., who was a true American hero. The following text is from Wikipedia:

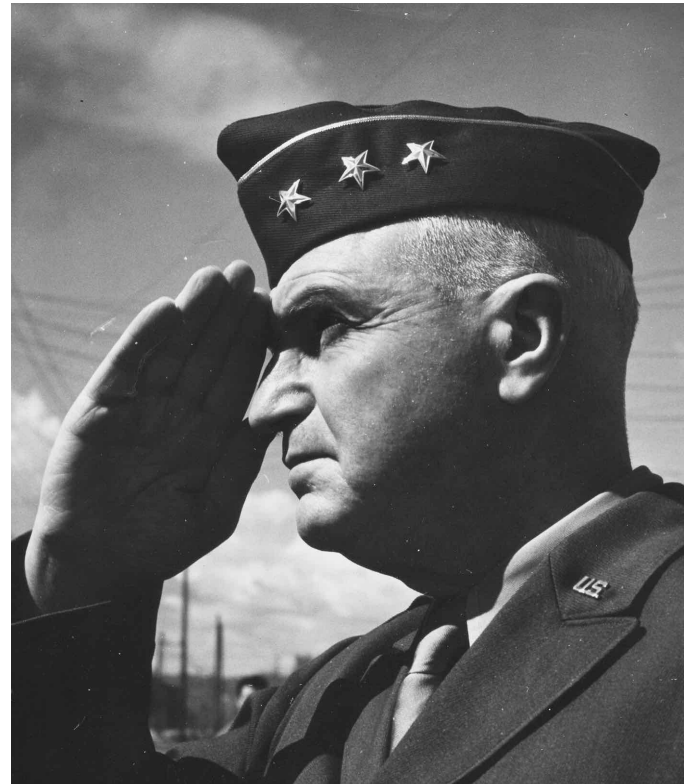
"Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr. (July 18, 1886 – June 18, 1945) was a lieutenant general in the United States Army during World War II. He served in the Pacific Theater of Operations and commanded the defenses of Alaska early in the war. Following that assignment, he was promoted to command the Tenth Army, which conducted the amphibious assault on the Japanese island of Okinawa on April 1, 1945. He was killed during the closing days of the Battle of Okinawa by enemy artillery fire, making him the highest-ranking United States military officer lost to enemy fire during World War II. He would remain the highest-ranking military member to be killed by a foreign armed action until the death of Lieutenant General Timothy Maude during the September 11 attacks.

"Buckner, Lesley J. McNair, Frank Maxwell Andrews, and Millard Harmon, all lieutenant generals at the time of their deaths, were the highest-ranking Americans to be killed in World War II. Buckner and McNair were posthumously promoted to the rank of four-star general on July 19, 1954, by a Special Act of Congress."

General Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr. was awarded the following for his service during World War II:

- Distinguished Service Cross for Okinawa (Army)
- Distinguished Service Medal for Alaska (Army)
- Distinguished Service Medal for Okinawa (Navy)
- Purple Heart for Killed in Action on Okinawa

General Buckner was buried in the family plot in historic Frankfort Cemetery, located in Frankfort KY.



Lieutenant General Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr.

On the following page is an article that was published on the front page of the *Kansas City Times* on June 19, 1945, regarding the death of Lieutenant General Buckner.

Answers to Civil War Trivia Questions

1. Irvin McDowell, replaced by McClellan.
2. 1945, with a larger celebration in 1947 attended by General Dwight D. Eisenhower.
3. Private Jacob Parott, a member of the Andrews' Raiders team that tried to wreck the Atlantic and Western Railroad north of Atlanta.
4. First Bull Run, July 18, 1861. (Note: the battle was fought on July 21, 1861.)
5. At Fredericksburg in December 1862, by a Brady studio member.
6. U. S. Grant.
7. About four hours.
8. At First Bull Run (First Manassas), July 21, 1861.
9. John Pope, June 26, 1862.
10. Hannibal Hamlin, vice president of the United States?

A SHELL KILLS BUCKNER

Commander of U. S. Tenth Army on Okinawa Felled
by Burst of the Jap Missile—Was Observing
an Attack by Marines.

VICTORY IN SIGHT

The Enemy Was Breaking and
Troops Were Fleeing
to South.

GEIGER ASSUMES COMMAND

Ryukyus Forces Are Under Di-
rection of Marine Corps
Major General.

The Slain Army Man Won Recog-
nition for Establishing
Alaskan Defense.

Guam, June 19 (Tues-
day).(AP) — Lieut. Gen.
Simon Bolivar Buckner,
jr., brusque, white-haired
commander of the U. S.
Tenth army, was killed
by a Japanese shell burst
on Okinawa yesterday
afternoon as he watched
the start of his troops'
final annihilating assault
on enemy remnants in
what Fleet Admiral Ches-
ter W. Nimitz called "the
day of victory."

Death of the hard-driving,
loud-laughing 58-year-old gen-
eral on the seventy-ninth day
of the gruelling conquest of
Okinawa was announced to-
day in Nimitz's regular com-
munique.



KILLED BY JAP SHELL—
Lieut. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buck-
ner, jr., who commanded forces
on Okinawa, was fatally wounded
with victory near.

TRUMAN TO WEST TODAY.

Conferences Held With Top Ad-
visers Before Trip.

WASHINGTON, June 18.(AP)—Pres-
ident Truman summoned his top-
ranking military and diplomatic ad-

Nimitz Praises Achievements of Buckner's Troops.

GUAM, June 19 (Tuesday).(AP)
—Fleet Admiral Chester W.
Nimitz today addressed the follow-
ing message to all Pacific ocean
areas under his command.

"Although we join in grieving
over the loss of your able and
courageous leader, Lieut. Gen.
Simon Bolivar Buckner, all of us
in the Pacific ocean areas take
pride in the day of victory on
which he gallantly met a soldier's
death.

"By the achievements of the
Tenth army in the Okinawa cam-
paign under his leadership, we will
all gain new inspiration to over-
come any and all obstacles stand-
ing between us and the final vic-
tory over Japan."

FOE SHATTERED

Nimitz, in Effect, Reports the
Capture of Island of
Okinawa.

JAPS FLEE TO THE SOUTH

Communique Reveals Presence
of 2d Marine Division
Troops in Battle.

Troops of 96th Infantry Drive
to Within 3,000 Yards of
South Coast.

Guam, June 19 (Tues-
day).(AP)—Fleet Ad-
miral Chester W. Nimitz
in effect reported the cap-
ture of Okinawa today as
he announced the death
in action there yesterday
of the Tenth army com-
mander, Lieut. Gen. Si-
mon Bolivar Buckner, jr.,
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