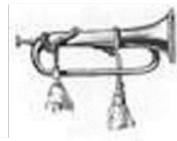




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Due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, the CWRT meetings that were scheduled for February 23 and March 23, 2021 have been cancelled.

We encourage all of our members to get vaccinated as soon as possible, so that we will be able to meet on April 27th at our new venue, the Milburn Country Club. We will keep you informed. In the meantime, please stay safe.



February Program

Dr. James B. Martin, Dean of Academics at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth was scheduled to be our speaker and was planning to give program titled: "Black Military Heroes of the Civil War."

Our president, **Dan Dooley**, contacted Dr. Martin about his willingness to come to our February meeting. Dr. Martin said unless he received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine prior to then, he would have to decline. In the interest of keeping our speakers and our Civil War Round Table members safe, it was decided to cancel the February and March dinner meetings.

Letter from our Round Table's President

The following letter by **Dan Dooley** was e-mailed to our members on January 25, 2021:

Dear Civil War Round Table Members,

Starting a new year does not necessarily mean leaving behind the woes and cares of the previous one. While there is a growing sense of optimism regarding a vaccine to help end this pandemic, I am reminded of Winston Churchill's famous statement, "Now, this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning." We have months ahead of us before the tide will be truly turned. Vaccine distribution and resulting inoculations, are painfully slow across the region. Lockdown fatigue is wearing on all of us and there is nothing more I would like to do than to announce a regularly scheduled meeting for February.

There is every chance that by then some of our membership will have received at least the first of the two doses of the vaccine necessary to immunize us from the COVID-19 virus. It is, however, unlikely that a sufficient number will have received both doses, and the general population will still be largely untouched by the vaccine. While we keep hearing that the availability of the vaccine will be "ramped up", we are not seeing results yet. The new target for widespread availability seems to be "first quarter."

We have cancelled our meetings month to month for nearly a year now. Our excitement at the new venue and a dynamic slate of speakers has been tempered by our recognition that the safety of our membership is paramount. **We have therefore decided to provide enough time for the immunization of a majority of our population to be accomplished by canceling both the February and March meetings.**

I am hopeful that these will be the last cancelations we feel are necessary. Having our first meeting in April, the month that brings a promise of warmer weather and brighter days would only be fitting. In the meantime, if you have not already mailed your dues for 2021 to our treasurer, Susan Keipp, please do so. It is important that we are able to send the *Border Bugle* and other announcements to you, and as the roster is updated to reflect paid members for 2021, if your dues have not been received by March 1st, you could be dropped from the mailing list. Susan's address is:

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If we are able to meet in April, the meeting could still look very different from the last one you attended. We will address logistics as we get closer to the meeting time and assess the situation. We are still excited about this year and meeting in our new venue with a strong slate of speakers. We hope you are as anxious as your executive committee to return to monthly meetings as soon as possible. Until then, stay safe, and look out for members who may need a little more encouragement during these trying times.

Regards,

Dan Dooley

President,
Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

February Program Cancelled



Dr. James B. Martin serves as Dean of Academics and Professor at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC) at Ft. Leavenworth KS. After 16 years at the CGSC, he plans to retire this summer.

Dr. Martin holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in American History from The University of Texas at Austin and a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Kentucky. He is a member of the academic honorary society of Phi Kappa Phi. Between his time at the CGSC and civilian universities, he has participated in well over 100 master's-level committees and six doctoral dissertation committees.

Dr. Martin was one of the main logistics planners for VII Corps during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm and returned to CGSC to teach corps level logistics after the war. He served as the Operations Officers of the Regimental Support Squadron of the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment in Germany and the Deputy

Commander of the 501st Corps Support Group in the Republic of Korea.

After retirement from the Army in 1997, he served Baker University as the Director of Instruction and Friends University as Associate Dean and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. He was the Associate Dean of Academics at CGSC for 10 years.

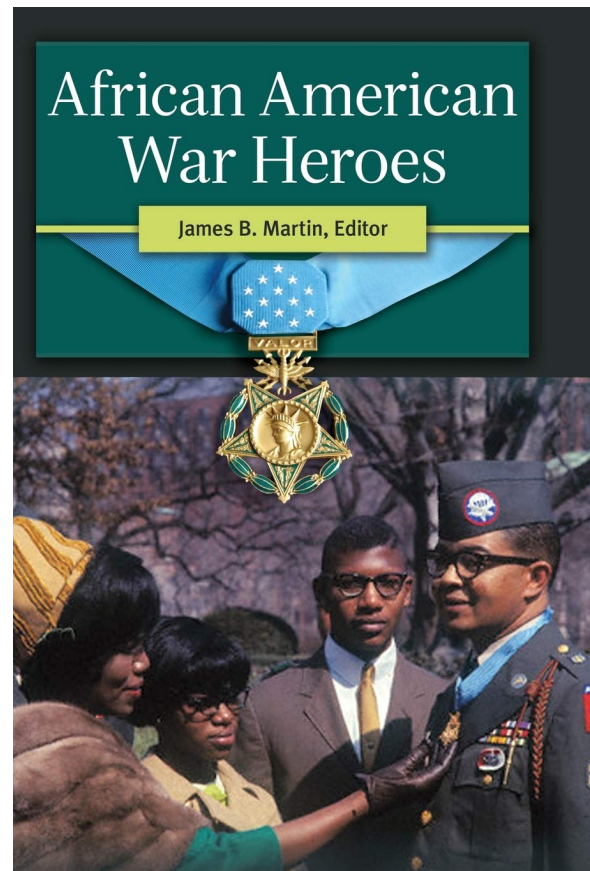
Dr. Martin spends time researching and writing in two different areas of academic endeavor. As an historian, he is focused largely on the 19th Century and the study of irregular warfare in the Civil War and the American Indian Wars. As an adult educator, he is focused on the administration of adult and accelerated education programs to include faculty development, curriculum development, and academic assessment. In recent years he has spent considerable time working with foreign militaries to foster improvement in the professional military education. His engagements include militaries from Italy, Saudi Arabia, Mozambique, Botswana, South Africa, Rwanda, Myanmar, Singapore, Vietnam, New Zealand, and Brunei. He works with the African Military Education Program (AMEP) and Partnership for Peace (PfP) in creating and presenting professional military education opportunities for a variety of countries.

Dr. Martin's latest books are *The Third War: Irregular Warfare on the Western Border, 1861- 1865* and *African American War Heroes*. He has also written numerous book chapters on adult education and articles in both the fields of History and Adult Education.

Book: *African-American War Heroes*

The following summary of Dr. Martin's book is from the Amazon website:

"Detailed profiles bring stories of African American heroism in the U.S. armed forces to life, from the American Revolution through the conflict in Afghanistan. Shares 80 detailed biographies of African Americans who earned their nation's highest medals for valor. Covers both well-known and more obscure individuals throughout U.S. military history. Offers 10 sidebars on important African American segregated units and critical events pertaining to African American participation in the military. Includes an introductory essay to provide a conceptual framework for students. Features a fact box at the top of each entry to provide at-a-glance information about the recipient and his/her award(s)."



Upcoming Speaker Schedule for 2021

- **March 23, 2021: 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." This program has been cancelled.
- **April 27, 2021: Dr. Chris Phillips** is scheduled to give a program about Missouri in the Civil War.
- **May 25, 2021: Jeffery D. Wert** from Centerville PA is scheduled to speak 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 out 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:** Round Table member **Tom Rafiner** of Columbia MO has written a book on R.L.Y. Peyton, an Ohio native, UVA degreed lawyer who practiced in Harrisonville for 10 years before the "Bleeding Kansas" era. He was pro-south and served in the CS legislature until his untimely death from malaria in 1863. The book came out in June, but Tom has had scant opportunity to publicize it.
- **December 14, 2021: Arnold Schofield** will be giving a program titled: "Blue and Gray Yuletide - Home and Away."

Please Renew Your Membership for 2021

If you have not already done so, please renew your membership in the Civil War Round Table for 2021. The membership dues are the same as last year: \$35 per individual or \$55 per couple. Membership dues help pay for the travel costs for our speakers who live out of town and pay for our administrative expenses. We have a great list of speakers lined up for 2021. Please mail your membership dues to **Susan Keipp**, 436 West 88th Terrace, Kansas City MO 64114.

In 2020, we had 109 members in our Round Table. As of February 19th, 96 members have renewed their memberships for 2021. Thank you for supporting our Round Table!

Member News

Don Bates, who was injured in an automobile accident on November 17th, has finished his therapy sessions. He had been going three times a week to Athletico Physical Therapy in Prairie Village KS. Unfortunately, Don hurt his back on January 23rd, doing some heavy house cleaning. Don has been going to a chiropractor twice a week and has had to use a cane.

Dr. Daniel Cudnik contracted the coronavirus back in September, but is doing fine now. He said he only had mild symptoms.

Susan Keipp said she is doing better and appreciates everyone's love and support. Susan is busy working for Paul D. Mitchell CPA, P.A. in Overland Park, preparing tax returns. She also prepares tax returns pro bono for the St. Michael's Veterans Center.

Roger Stanton has been one of our Round Table's biggest supporters during the live auction book sales at our dinner meetings. However, Roger suffered a stroke last year. His wife, Judy, said Roger now has trouble reading and doesn't need to buy any more books. Please keep Roger in your thoughts and prayers.

Battle of Shiloh Anniversary Hikes

National Park Service rangers at the Shiloh National Military Park are leading battlefield hikes on the 159th Anniversary of the Battle of Shiloh. The hikes will take place on April 6, 7, and 8, 2021. For more information, please visit the National Park's website. The programs are free, but pre-registration is required for all programs. Call 731-689-5696.

If you have never participated in these battlefield hikes, this is an excellent opportunity to really understand the battle and the battlefield terrain.

History of the Kansas City Club

Don Bates said he has a copy of the book titled: A History of the Kansas City Club, 1882-1982 by Jerry T. Duggan. The Kansas City Club (1882-2015) was the oldest gentlemen's club in Missouri.

In the period after the Civil War, most of Kansas City's existing social clubs were pro-Confederate. A group of prominent local businessmen and professionals, including Edward H. Allen, Victor B. Bell, Alden J. Blethen, Thomas B. Bullene, Gardiner Lathrop, August Meyer, Leander J. Talbott, William Warner, and Robert T. Van Horn, decided to provide an alternative, and organized the Kansas City Club on November 10, 1882. Initially, the club met at Kersey Coates's hotel on Quality Hill.

Don said Union General George B. McClellan attended the first formal reception of the Kansas City Club, which was held on February 22, 1883.

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: "Transportation and Communication." The answers to the trivia questions are shown on page 7.

1. How many transportation units did C.S.A. General John H. Morgan confiscate during a raid on Lexington, Kentucky?

2. For as long as a letter could be sent from one warring region to another, what was the cost?
3. What Federal commander habitually bypassed General Winfield Scott, communicating directly with Lincoln?
4. What Confederate general had on his staff a wire-tap expert who sometimes penetrated the Federal telegraph network?
5. What was the approximate effective range of the mobile telegraph widely used by Union forces?
6. Ordered in May 1862 to move against Stonewall Jackson, General McClellan required how long to advance seventy miles?
7. What communication system did President Lincoln suggest for military use in June 1862?
8. At what three paces did buglers of marching cavalry units, North and South, keep the cavalry moving?
9. In battle, while cavalry and artillery relied on buglers for directive signals, whom did the infantry rely on for directions of maneuvers?
10. Having studied Indian smoke signals, deaf-mute alphabets, and the Morse code, U.S. Army surgeon Albert J. Meyer devised what new signal technique?

Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield Dispatches #642

To Catch a Rat

During the Civil War, the Union command in Missouri at almost all levels from the Department Commander to the Post and Field Commanders were often faced with a similar problem which was what to do about disloyal or citizens of the persuasion who were constantly supplying the confederate guerrillas with supplies, shelter and information. The following letter describes this problem and frustration of a Union commander who says that it is easier "To Catch A Rat" than it is to solve this problem. The letter is in Vol. 13 of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion on Pages 806 - 807.

"Headquarters Central District of Missouri,
November 19, 1862.

Major Gen. Samuel R. Curtis, Saint Louis, Missouri.

General: I design leaving here for Independence tomorrow. I have been detained here much longer than I expected to be on my arrival. The inhabitants are

generally disloyal and a large majority of them are actively so. They are fierce, overbearing, defiant, and insulting; whilst the Union spirit is cowed and disposed to be submissive. There is no earthly hope for peace in this portion of the State until a separation can be affected. With a view to this end I have caused the disloyal to be arrested and held in close custody. The milder prisoners I have allowed to give their parole to leave the State in ten days, not to return and many are availing themselves of this privilege. The others must be sent out of the State and held in custody until the close of the war, or at least until society is so far reconstructed here as to allow that the courts to be held and civil rights to be enforced.

Another reason that has induced me to have these disloyal persons arrested is to break up the social relations here. Good society here, as it is termed, is exclusively REBEL. Another motive is that the TRADERS, MERCHANTS, and BANKERS who transact business of the country are ALL TRAITORS and out of the monopolies secured to them by the employment of their competitors, who are loyal, in military services in suppressing the troubles that these traitors incite, are making large fortunes as the reward for their disloyalty, and who have had the bad taste to laugh at the honest patriots for serving so faithfully a government that discriminates against them so fearfully. It requires a high and noble patriotism that can bear the comparison.

The business of the country must be conducted by loyal men only and loyal men only must be left here to do it. Regulations of trade which have no stronger guard than oaths and [cash] bonds will not exclude a REBEL from embarking in the tradeoff the country that promises a profit. Nineteen out of every twenty traders in stock who supply the Government from this part of the country are DISLOYAL and it is through these channels that such bands as Quantrill's find a market for their stolen property.

I have had scouts out almost daily in every direction for the past ten days and I think that I have driven the Bushwhackers out of the country, but they will return immediately. It is much easier "TO CATCH A RAT" with your hands, in a warehouse filled with a thousand flour barrels, than it is to catch a band of guerrillas where every or almost every man, woman, and child are their spies, pickets [guards], or couriers. There are some 200 here held as prisoners on the general charge of disloyalty. They are generally actively disloyal.

The remainder of the disloyal inhabitants I propose to have brought in as rapidly as possible. In Jackson, Cass, Johnson, and Saline [counties] the same course will be pursued until none but loyal men will be allowed to remain at large in the country. Among the prisoners

captured are some notoriously bad men; others of like character have fled the country precipitately. If you would direct the transfer of these prisoners (or the worst of them) to some depot for prisoners, the effect would be most beneficial. I am in hopes that in the course of thirty days I shall be able to report that all is quiet on the frontier.

Today, I have directed that Vincent Marmaduke, a disloyal member of the State Convention, be permitted to give his parole to leave the State within ten days and not to return during the war. Sample Orr, another disloyal member of the State Convention and Register of Lands in Jefferson City, who I had confined for uttering disloyal sentiments in delivering a speech in Jefferson City, was released by order of Governor Gamble. While gentlemen who occupy high official positions are allowed to preach treason in the capital of the State, it will require the most active, zealous, and energetic action on the part of loyal troops to preserve law and order.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant,
BEN LOAN,
Brigadier General, Missouri State Militia."

Now then, no matter how hard he tried, General Loan and other Union commanders were never completely successful in elimination of the problem of southern sympathizers supplying the partisan enemy guerrillas or "Bushwhackers" with supplies, shelter, or information. This was one of the many factors that continued to allow for the successful guerrilla war that was inherent in Missouri as the War Went On!

Contraband Camps

Beverly Shaw, treasurer for the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri, e-mailed the following article written by **Larry Coleman** about "contraband camps", which existed even before the Emancipation Proclamation and the 13th Amendment was ratified. Larry is a former member of our Round Table.

CONTRABAND CAMPS

Very early contraband camps flourished in the march of Union Troops. Slaves nearby flocked to them seeking freedom and self-determination!

Virginia and Mississippi: the former slaves built a church, school, and hospital, planted, harvested, and sold crops. They lived and worked cooperatively, as they had done in slavery in order to survive.

The one camp in Hampton, Virginia, called "Grand Contraband Camp," is where Mary Peake, at first secretly, taught our ambitious people to read, write, and cipher. It was at first established under an iconic oak tree, called the "Emancipation Tree." The camp later became the site of Hampton Institute (now Hampton University) in 1868.

Another such camp near the site of the bloody battle of Shiloh was the Corinth, Mississippi and Tennessee Contraband Camp, of which the following was written:

"The Corinth Contraband Camp was established by Union General Grenville M. Dodge to accommodate these refugees. The camp featured numerous homes, a church, school and hospital. The freedmen cultivated and sold cotton and vegetables in a progressive cooperative farm program. By May 1863, the camp was making a clear profit of \$4,000 to \$5,000 from its enterprises. By August, over 1,000 African American children and adults gained the ability to read through the efforts of various benevolent organizations. Although the camp had a modest beginning, it became a model camp and allowed for approximately 6,000 ex-slaves to establish their own individual identities."



Statue of freed slave teaching a girl to read at Union Army's Contraband Camp in Corinth MS 1862-1864.



Corinth MS Contraband Camp Monument



Emancipation Tree, Hampton University VA

Answers to Civil War Trivia Questions

1. Seven thousand horses.
2. Twenty-five cents.
3. George B. McClellan.
4. Cavalryman-raider John Hunt Morgan.
5. Five miles.
6. About eight days.
7. "Beacons of smoke by day and fires by night."
8. "Walk", "Canter", and "Trot."
9. Drummers.
10. The "wigwag", using flags by day and torches by night.

Book: *The Dead and Those About to Die*

Don Bates highly recommends a book about D-Day titled: *The Dead and Those About to Die* by John C. McManus. Don sent me the following e-mail on February 13th:

"As you probably recall, I picked Jack Brooks up and took him to CWRTKC meetings when he quit driving at nights. That happened over a period of 4 to 5 years. I reflect on those being "very special times". Now even more so, after I've read the book: "The Dead and Those about to Die", the best source book on D-Day, June 6, 1944 when Jack, as a Captain, took a company onto Omaha Beach. 48 of them were killed.

"I made copies of the Forward and the first chapter, which so graphically tells the horror of that fateful day. After you read you will also sense the terrible events coming off of the landing crafts and attempting to scale the mountain.

"I will mail an article to you telling briefly of Jack's military career. He was a "true" hero."

Thank you, Don for bringing Colonel Brooks to our dinner meetings. He was indeed a true American hero.



Photo of Mary Smith Peake (1823-1862)

Mary Peake was a teacher, best known for starting a school for the children of former slaves in the summer of 1861. She died of tuberculosis in 1862.

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