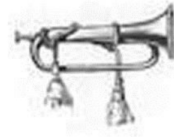




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## 529th Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, July 27, 2021**

**Milburn Golf and Country Club**

**7501 West 69th Street, Overland Park, KS 66204**

**Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m.**

This meeting will include a plated dinner at a cost of \$32.00 per person. However, for current, dues-paying members of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City, the meal at their first meeting this year will be free. Reservations are required in order to attend the dinner meeting. Anyone that shows up without a reservation will not be served a meal and will not be allowed to attend the dinner meeting.

**Reservation Deadline: 12:00 noon on Wednesday, July 21st.**

**To make a reservation, please contact Marlene Natoli:**

<mailto:marnatoli@att.net>

**Phone: 913-764-1336**

## July Program

**Mr. Ronald S. Coddington**, Civil War historian, author, editor, and publisher will be our speaker. Ron is publisher of *Military Images*, a magazine issued quarterly, which documents the photographic history of the U.S. soldier and sailor. He will present photographic images of the Civil War.

From Ron's website, he says: "The most compelling history of the American Civil War is found within the images and stories of those who lived it. Portraits of these individuals, the first generation to grow up with photography, shape our memory of those turbulent, tragic times. These distinctive images of soldiers, sailors, and civilians and the personal narratives attached to them are unique entry points into the most perilous period in our history."

Please join us for what should be a very interesting program.

## Important Reservation Information

Now that our Round Table has resumed having monthly dinner meetings, it is important to emphasize the following reservation policy:

- A reservation is required in order to attend the dinner meeting. Anyone that shows up without a dinner reservation will not be served a meal and will not be allowed to attend the dinner meeting.
- Reservations are required by 12:00 noon on the Wednesday prior to the dinner meeting. Milburn Country Club requires our head count four business days prior to the meeting, so that they can order enough food, schedule their servers, and set up the tables and chairs to accommodate our group.
- To make a reservation, please contact our assistant treasurer, **Marlene Natoli**, by phone at 913-764-1336 or by e-mail at the following address: <mailto:marnatoli@att.net>
- The cost of a dinner is \$32.00 per person. If you make a reservation, but are not able to attend the dinner meeting for any reason, you are still responsible for the cost of the dinner, unless you cancel prior to the reservation deadline.
- Current dues-paying members of our Round Table will enjoy a free meal their first time back. This offer is good for the first three months meals are offered, so if you did not attend the May or June dinner meetings, you still have one last opportunity to claim your free meal. This also provides another reason that reservations are necessary.

## Dinner Menu

Milburn Golf and Country Club will serve the following meal at our July dinner meeting: Mediterranean Chicken Roulade, potatoes au gratin, and roasted carrots. Brownie ice cream sundae for dessert.

If you have any dietary restrictions, alternative meals can be accommodated with prior notice. Please advise **Marlene Natoli** regarding any dietary restrictions when making your reservation.

## Meet Our Speaker

Our speaker this month will be **Mr. Ron Coddington**, Civil War historian, author, editor, and publisher of *Military Images*, a magazine documenting the photographic history of the U.S. soldier and sailor.

While other kids in his Middlesex, N.J., neighborhood were collecting baseball cards, 14-year-old Ron was browsing flea markets looking for old photographs. Little did he realize after he purchased his

first photo in 1977 that collecting historic images would become a lifelong pursuit. He originally collected various formats of vernacular photography dating from the 1840s to the 1890s. Over time, he focused his collection on Civil War era *cartes de visite*, a paper format popular during the 1860s.



**Mr. Ron Coddington**

From 2001-2016, he authored *Faces of War*, a regular column in the *Civil War News*. Each month, Ron profiled a soldier, and each was illustrated with an original, wartime *cartes de visite* photograph. His subjects were enlisted men and non-commissioned officers, and officers below the rank of colonel. Ron believes that appreciating the role of the volunteer soldier is key to understanding America's greatest conflict. He writes: "The history of the Civil War is the stories of its soldiers and sailors."

In 2004, a collection of columns became part of Ron's first book, *Faces of the Civil War: An Album of Union Soldiers and Their Stories*. A companion volume, *Faces of the Confederacy: An Album of Southern Soldiers and Their Stories*, followed in 2008. Four years later, the publication of *African American Faces of War: An Album* marked the third book in the series. A fourth volume, *Faces of the Civil War Navies: An Album of Union and Confederate Sailors*, was released in 2016, and, in 2020, his fifth and final volume in the series, *Faces of Civil War Nurses*. All are published by The Johns Hopkins University Press. All

the books are available for order through the publisher and other booksellers. Signed copies are also available for purchase.

Ron also wrote for the *New York Times Disunion* series from 2011-2014. His contributions documented the experiences of the enlisted men and line officers who participated in the Civil War.

In 2013, he became editor and publisher of *Military Images*, a quarterly magazine dedicated to showcasing, interpreting and preserving early American photographs of soldiers and sailors.

Ron has participated as a speaker at numerous Civil War-related events, and at meetings for round tables and other organizations.

A 1985 graduate of the University of Georgia, Ron lives in Arlington, Virginia, with his wife, Anne. He is currently an Editor for *The Chronicle of Higher Education* and *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*.

### Live Auction Book Sales

We would like to thank Round Table member **Arnold Schofield** for conducting the live auction book sales each month. Last month, the live auction book sales totaled \$200. At the July dinner meeting, Arnold will auction the following Civil War books:

- *Lee's Tarnished Lieutenant: James Longstreet* by William Garrett Piston. Signed by the author, University of Georgia Press, Athens GA, 1999. In good condition with dust jacket.
- *Commanding Lincoln's Navy* by Stephen R. Taaffe, Naval Institute Press, Annapolis MD, 2009. In excellent condition with dust jacket.
- *Guns of the Old West* by Howard Chapel, 1961 and *Shotguns* by Elmer Keith, 1950. These are deluxe reprints by the National Rifle Association, 1995. The books have Saderra leather covers, silk end leaves, and gilded spines and cover stampings in 22 karat gold. In excellent to mint condition.
- *The Photographic History of the Civil War*: Three volumes in one: "Armies & Leaders", "The Cavalry", and "Decisive Battles." Portland House Publishing Company, New York, 1997. In excellent condition with dust jacket.

### Last Month's Program

**Ms. Teresa Roane**, archivist for the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Richmond VA, gave a very interesting program on the role of African Americans in the logistical operations of the Confederate Army. Attendance at our dinner meeting was 65.



**Speaker Ms. Teresa Roane, June 22, 2021**

The title of Ms. Roane's program was: "People of Color in the Confederate Military" or "Hidden in Plain Sight." A summary of her presentation is as follows:

- In the 19th century, "people of color" could refer to Negroes, mulattos, or people of European African, or Indian mixed races.
- There were over 250,000 free Blacks living in the south during the Civil War. There were more free people of color living in the south than in the north during the period of 1790-1860. Free Blacks are found in the U.S. census records.
- There were both free Blacks and slaves living in Richmond during the Civil War. Slave owners hired out their slaves to work at the Tredegar Iron Works. Half of the money paid for the slave's labor went to the owner and half went to the slave. The slave could also earn extra money by working overtime. In some cases, slaves negotiated with their owners, in order to purchase their freedom.
- Ms. Roane showed numerous examples of muster rolls for people of color who served in the Confederate military. These included teamsters, blacksmiths, musicians, cooks, and laundresses.
- The typical salaries paid for labor are as follows:
  - Teamsters: \$20/month.
  - Laundresses: \$10-11/month.
  - Assistant cooks: \$15/month.
  - Chief cook: \$20/month.
  - Breastworks/fortifications: \$15/month.
  - Privates in the military: \$11/month.
- During the Civil War the Confederacy passed impressment laws. Conscription or compulsory military service was required by law. Men were forced to serve.

- During the Civil War, people of color that served in the Confederate military were wounded in combat, captured and sent to prison, exchanged for northern prisoners, etc. If a person of color could prove that they are a slave, the Union would let them go. Otherwise, they were kept in prison.
  - There is a "Dick Poplar Day" every year in Petersburg VA. Richard Poplar served in Company H, 13th Virginia Cavalry. He was a cook before the war and after the war. He joined the military as a private and was discharged as a private. Richard Poplar was captured at Gettysburg and transferred to Point Lookout. He wouldn't sign the oath of allegiance in order to go back home and said he was a "Jeff Davis man." Richard Poplar later served at Petersburg. When he died, all of the pallbearers were from the 13th Virginia Cavalry.
  - One of Ms. Roane's ancestors was a free man of color named George Washington. He worked on fortifications under Confederate General John B. Magruder at Gloucester Point Fort, Richmond VA. George worked on the fort as a free person. Slaves also worked on the fort.
  - A man named Moses Dallas worked as a Confederate Navy pilot. His pay started out at \$80/month and was later increased to \$100/month.
  - In the *Official Records of the War of the Rebellion*, Colonel Benjamin Christ and Governor Yates in May and July of 1862 said the Confederates were arming Negroes. Senator Thomas H. Hicks in September of 1863, said the North should use Negroes because the South were using them against the North.
  - An article in the *Sacramento Daily Union* newspaper in 1863 said there were Negro soldiers in the Confederate Army. These Negroes were armed and in uniform. Ms. Roane said she was able to purchase this newspaper at auction, thanks to the financial support of others.
  - Dr. Lewis Steiner in the U.S. Sanitary Commission saw Negroes armed with rifles, knives, etc. riding on caissons, mules, etc. Ms. Roane said states, not the National government made the decision to use Blacks in the Confederate military.
  - In *Harpers Weekly*, April 1863, there is an article about President Lincoln creating the United States Colored Troops (USCT). People in the north did not want the USCT. However, a Union officer said he saw Black pickets in the Southern Army.
  - In 2012, Ms. Roane met Mrs. Mattie Clyburn Rice (1922-2014) of Union County NC, who remembered seeing ten Colored Confederates being honored when she was a child. Mrs. Rice's family didn't think that Negroes wore gray. However, she overheard the former Black soldiers talking about serving during the Civil War. Mattie died in 2014 and her tombstone reads: "A Real Daughter of the Confederacy."
  - Men of color were important to the Confederacy. Non-combatants and combatants served in the Confederacy. The Confederate military was integrated, but the U.S. military was segregated until segregation was ended under President Truman.
  - Confederates of color have been part of the "cancel culture" for decades. For example, Moses G. West served in the USCT as a cook. That is accepted. But why do people question that Blacks served in the Confederate Army? Ms. Roane said because it does not fit the narrative.
  - A lot of the Negroes couldn't afford to go to reunions after the war. Soldiers would raise money in order to attend the reunions. It was important attend these reunions, because there was a bond between the men of a unit.
  - Ms. Roane said researching the service records for people of color that served in the Confederate military has been a labor of love. It is a story that needs to be told. The Confederate military records are incomplete. You cannot find all of their service records. However, these men and women of color served in the Confederate military. They were paid and they need to be recognized.
  - Some of the people of color that served in the Confederate military did receive a Confederate pension. They were legitimate. We never question a USCT soldier's service record, but we do on the Confederate side. Slaves and free people of color served. Some were probably impressed, but they were paid.
  - In order to introduce the public to the memory of these soldiers, go to the website: <http://www.blackconfederatesoldiers.com>
- ### Upcoming Speaker Schedule for 2021-2022
- **August 24, 2021:** **Connie Langum**, Park Ranger and Historian at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield will be our speaker.
  - **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: William Garrett Piston** will give a program about Confederate Major General John S. Marmaduke's campaign in Missouri in 1863.
- **December 14, 2021: Round Table member Deb Buckner** will give the program.
- **January 25, 2022: Dr. Harry S. Laver** with the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College will be speaking about the relationship between Union General Ulysses S. Grant and Confederate General Robert E. Lee.
- **February 22, 2022: Arnold Schofield** will be speaking about the First Kansas Colored.
- **March 22, 2022: Dr. James S. Martin**, Dean of Academics at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth will give program titled: "Black Military Heroes of the Civil War."
- **April 26, 2022: Matt Spruill** will give a program about the battle of Chickamauga GA.
- **May 24, 2022: Speaker to be determined.**
- **June 28, 2022: Jeffry D. Wert** from Centerville PA will be speaking about his new book titled: Civil War Barons.

## Member News

We would like to welcome new member **Dave Perky** who lives in Overland Park KS. Dave's family Civil War background: Martin Perky served in either the 52nd or 68th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The Chamberlain family married into his family twice. Dave heard about our Round Table through a friend.

It was great to see **Herschel and Jackie Stroud** at our dinner meeting last month. They are doing well and Herschel has been playing "Taps" at several venues recently.

## Sergeant Major's Roar

### Battlefield Dispatches #659 A Most Violent Season

Spring is often a beautiful season in Kansas and Missouri, but during the Civil War it became a very

violent place with the beginning and continuation of the vicious, brutal guerrilla war that occurred in Missouri. Not that there were not Guerrilla actions in the winter, they did happen, but not in the abundance that occurred throughout the balance of the year. The following correspondence describes the successful results of Union scouting parties and perhaps the excessive actions of some "Union" troopers of the First Iowa Cavalry. All of this correspondence is located on Pages 658, 663-664, 673, and 679 in Series I, Volume 8 of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion.

"Headquarters District of Central Missouri, Jefferson City, Mo., April 3, 1862.

Capt. N. H. McLean, Assistant Adjutant General, Saint Louis, Mo.:

Captain: I have the honor to report, for the information of the Major-General commanding, that official communications from Col. Fitz Henry Warren, first Iowa Cavalry, bearing the date Clinton, Missouri; March 30, 1862, have been received, announcing the arrival of two of his Scouting Parties. One brought in 15 prisoners, 5 horses, 1 Secession ambulance, 2 wagons and 2 yoke of oxen belonging to Price's Army. Two Rebels were wounded; 1 fatally. The second detachment mentioned returned with 4 prisoners, 3 horses, and 1 mule. One of our soldiers, Kelley, a gallant boy of company K, is badly wounded in the ankle and thigh.

At that date Colonel Warren had also two other detachments out. He seems to be following up the GUERRILLAS of whom there are many in that quarter, with commendable energy.

I am, Captain, Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant,

JAMES TOTTEN,  
Brigadier General, Commanding District."

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"Headquarters District of Central Missouri, Jefferson City, Mo., April 5, 1862.

## Special Orders No. 2

Major W. M. G. Torrence, Commanding at Warrensburg, will furnish Col. John A. Turley, formerly of the eighty-first Ohio Volunteers, every assistance and facility in his power to enable him to thoroughly

investigate the cause and manner of his brother's recent death at Warrensburg, Mo.

Major Torrence will take measures to examine the circumstances connected with the MURDER of Mr. Turley. Also those attending the causes recently reported by Captain Thompson, First Iowa Cavalry, viz, the BURNING of the RESIDENCE, FURNITURE, ETC., of Colonel McCowan, the SHOOTING of Mr. Burgess and his brother, and the BURNING of their DWELLING; THE KILLING BY Captain Hart's company of Mr. Piper on March 30 and the BURNING of some FIVE DWELLINGS by the same and any other misdemeanors which may come to his notice.

He will place in arrest and prefer charges against such officers and men as an examination shall indicate as guilty of these outrages without sufficient cause. A minute report will be made to these headquarters upon these cases, supported by charges and specifications, where wrong has been committed upon quiet and unoffending citizens peaceably occupying their homes.

In these investigations Major Torrence will be guided by General Orders No. 8, of November 26, 1861, General orders, No. 13, of December 4, 1861, Department of the Missouri and the thirty-second, thirty-third, forty-first, fifty-first, and fifty-fourth Articles of War.

By Command of Brigadier General James Totten,  
Commanding District.

LUCIEN J. BARNES,  
Captain and Assistant Adjutant General."

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"Headquarters, District of Central Missouri, Jefferson City, Mo., April 7, 1862.

Captain N. H. McLean, Assistant Adjutant General,  
Saint Louis, Mo.:

Captain: I have the honor to report that a communication from Col. Fitz Henry Warren, dated April 4, announces the CAPTURE by detachments of his Command, of 25 more prisoners, including Lieutenant Colonel Murrell and a Quartermaster Cox of Price's Army.

Evidence reaches me daily of the return of men from Price's Army to every portion of this district. Wherever these characters are roaming about and can be captured, what is the General's pleasure in regard to them? Where they do not voluntarily give themselves up and give bond for future good behavior I can regard them only in

light of SPIES, they being within our lines and in citizen's dress.

If not otherwise directed by the Major-General commanding, I shall therefore give orders to arrest them accordingly.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant,

JAMES TOTTEN,  
Brigadier-General, Commanding District."

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"Headquarters District of Central Missouri, Jefferson City, Mo., April 10, 1862.

Captain J. C. Kelton, Assistant Adjutant General, Saint Louis, Mo.:

Captain: I have the honor to report for the information of the Major-General Commanding the Department, that I have been advised by Col. Fitz Henry Warren of the capture of 15 more prisoners, one a Rebel Lieutenant and the recovery of a herd of cattle that had been jayhawked [stolen] near Clinton some time ago.

Also a letter of the next date (7<sup>th</sup>) announces the return of another scouting party, with 4 prisoners, with horses and side arms [revolvers] of each. One of these latter, Mr. Beasley, had taken the Oath of Allegiance only the previous week and when taken, he denied most solemnly of having any arms or ammunition, but a search of the premises revealed ONE REVOLVER, ONE DOUBLE-BARRELED SHOT GUN and ONE RIFLE and BUCKSHOT and POWDER!

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant,

JAMES TOTTEN,  
Brigadier-General, Commanding District."

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Now then, it appears that scouting parties ordered by Col. Warren were very successful in capturing a number of Confederate guerrillas, their weapons, and former confiscated property [Cattle, horses, and mules]. It is interesting to note that multiple revolvers and double-barreled shotguns and buckshot were often the weapons and ammunition of choice of the Guerrillas. The outcome of Major Torrence's investigation is not known. However, the killing, murdering of civilians, and burning of houses and barns was common practice by both the Union and Confederate Forces in Missouri, as the vicious, brutal Civil War went on.



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After all, it was of the utmost importance that you and I acted when we did — I hope the maps I included reminded you of the threats that our nation's battlefields face if you and I don't step up to the plate to protect them...

In fact, all too frequently I'm reminded of what could be lost if we don't do everything, we can preserve our nation's hallowed ground and history.

But thanks to your dedication, we are making tremendous progress on ensuring that these historic and irreplaceable outdoor classrooms will be preserved for generations to come. I simply can't thank you enough!

Humbly and thankfully yours,

David N. Duncan  
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