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532nd Regular Meeting Tuesday, October 26, 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. Reservations are required in order to attend the dinner meeting. Please note that members are asked to wear masks at this meeting. See Page 2 of this newsletter.

**Reservation Deadline: 12:00 noon on Wednesday, October 20th.
To make a reservation, please contact Susan Keipp:**

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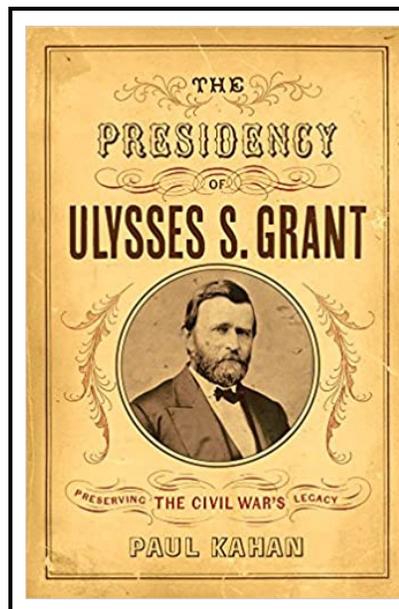
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October Program

Dr. Paul Kahan will be giving a program about his latest book titled: *The Presidency of Ulysses S. Grant: Preserving the Civil War's Legacy* (2018).

Dr. Kahan spoke at our Round Table dinner meeting on November 15, 2016 about his book titled: *Amiable Scoundrel: Simon Cameron, Lincoln's Scandalous Secretary of War* (2016).

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



Important Reservation Information

The following is our Civil War Round Table's reservation policy:

- A reservation is required in order to attend the dinner meeting. Anyone who attends without a dinner reservation may not be seated, depending on the number of possible no-shows.
- Reservations are required by 12:00 noon on the Wednesday prior to the dinner meeting, in order to ensure that Milburn Country Club has an accurate count for meal preparation and staffing. **To make a reservation, please contact our treasurer Susan Keipp at 816-333-0025 or by e-mail at skeipp@kc.rr.com**
- 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 *must* contact Susan Keipp by either phone or e-mail prior to the reservation deadline to cancel. Meals are prepared based on reservations and the Round Table must pay for meals whether or not they are served. You could be responsible for your meal if you made a reservation, did not attend, and did not cancel before the deadline.

Precautions Necessary due to COVID Variant

Please note that members are asked to wear masks as they enter the building and to wear them "unless they are actively eating or drinking." Members are also asked to put masks on after dinner and leave them on until they leave the building. There will be fewer place settings at each of the tables, to allow for social distancing.

Dinner Menu

Milburn Golf and Country Club will serve the following meal at our October dinner meeting: Beef Medallions with mushroom demi, mashed potatoes, and broccolini. Dessert will be Apple Strudel a la mode. All dinners are served with house salad with Milburn house dressing, sliced bread, iced tea, water, and coffee.

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

Meet Our Speaker

Dr. Paul Kahan is a leading expert on 19th century U.S. history. He earned a Ph.D. in U.S. history from Temple University. Prior to that, Dr. Kahan earned an M.A. in Modern American History & Literature from Drew University and B.A.s in history and English (with

minors in medieval/Renaissance studies and music) from Alfred University.

Dr. Kahan has published several books, including:

- *Eastern State Penitentiary: A History*,
- *Amiable Scoundrel: Simon Cameron, Lincoln's Scandalous Secretary of War*,
- *The Presidency of Ulysses S. Grant: Preserving the Civil War's Legacy*, and
- *The Bank War: Andrew Jackson, Nicholas Biddle, and the Fight for American Finance*.

Find out more about Dr. Kahan and his work by visiting his website: <http://www.paulkahan.com>



Dr. Paul Kahan

The Presidency of Ulysses S. Grant: Preserving the Civil War's Legacy

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

A Short History of the Politics of Reconstruction in a Changing America

On December 5, 1876, President Ulysses S. Grant transmitted his eighth and final message to Congress. In reviewing his tenure as president, Grant proclaimed, "Mistakes have been made," though he assured Congress, his administration's "failures have been errors of judgment, not of intent." Until recently, scholars have portrayed Grant as among the country's worst chief executives. Though the scholarly consensus about Grant's presidency is changing, the general public knows little, if anything, about his two terms, other than

their outsized reputation for corruption. While scandals are undoubtedly part of the story, there is more to Grant's presidency: Grant faced the Panic of 1873, the severest economic depression in U.S. history, defeated the powerful Senator Charles Sumner on the annexation of Cuba, and deftly avoided war with Spain while laying the groundwork for the "special relationship" between Great Britain and the United States. Grant's efforts to ensure justice for African Americans and American Indians, however, were undercut by his own decisions and by the contradictory demands of the various constituencies that made up the Republican Party.

In *The Presidency of Ulysses S. Grant: Preserving the Civil War's Legacy*, historian Paul Kahan focuses on the unique political, economic, and cultural forces unleashed by the Civil War and how Grant addressed these issues during his tumultuous two terms as chief executive. A timely reassessment, *The Presidency of Ulysses S. Grant* sheds new light on the business of politics in the decade after the Civil War and portrays an energetic and even progressive executive whose legacy has been overshadowed by both his wartime service and his administration's many scandals.

Live Auction Book Sales

We would like to thank Round Table member **Arnold Schofield** for managing the book sales each month. The money raised helps to pay our speakers' travel costs. Through September, the book sales this year have totaled \$1,082. At the October dinner meeting, Arnold will auction the following Civil War books:

- *Raiders and Blockaders: The American Civil War Afloat* by W. Still, Jr.; J. M. Taylor; and N. C. Delaney. Published by Brassey's Publishing Company, Washington in 1998. In mint condition, with dust jacket and mylar cover.
- *John Bell Hood and the War for Southern Independence* by Richard M. McMurry. Published by the University of Kentucky Press, 1982. In mint condition with dust jacket and mylar cover.
- *Life & Travels of General Grant* by The Honorable J. T. Headley. Published by Hubbard Brothers, Philadelphia PA in 1879. First Edition, in excellent condition for its age.
- *U. S. Grant Annotated Memoirs* by Elizabeth D. Smart. Published by Liveright Publishing Company, New York, 2019. In mint condition with dust jacket and mylar cover.

We would also like to thank **Don Bates, Sr.** for doing a great job of adding mylar covers on the live auction books.

Last Month's Program



Dr. Joseph M. Beilein, Jr.

At our dinner meeting held on September 28, 2021, **Dr. Joseph M. Beilein, Jr.**, Associate Professor of History at Penn State Behrend, Erie PA, gave an outstanding presentation about bushwhackers and guerrilla warfare in Missouri. Dr. Beilein is the author of the book titled: *Bushwhackers: Guerrilla Warfare, Manhood, and the Household in Civil War Missouri*. Attendance at our September meeting was 65.

Upcoming Speaker Schedule for 2021-2022

- **Tuesday, November 16, 2021: William Garrett Piston** will give a program about Confederate Major General John S. Marmaduke's campaign in Missouri in 1863.
- **Tuesday, December 14, 2021:** Round Table member **Deb Buckner** will give a program about Libbie Custer. Deb will tell stories from later in Libbie's life in a talk titled: "Christmas on the Plains." It is based on events in Kansas and Dakota Territory, but involves General Custer and Captain George Yates.
- **Wednesday, January 19, 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.
- **Wednesday, February 16, 2022:** Round Table member **Arnold Schofield** will be speaking about the First Kansas Colored.

- **Wednesday, March 16, 2022:** Speaker to be determined.
- **Wednesday, April 20, 2022:** **Matt Spruill** will be speaking about the Battle of Chickamauga.
- **Wednesday, May 18, 2022:** **Dr. Christian McWhirter**, Lincoln Scholar, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, will be our speaker. Dr. McWhirter has edited the Lincoln papers and will be speaking most likely on the Gettysburg address.
- **Wednesday, June 15, 2022:** **Mr. Jeffry D. Wert** from Centerville PA will be speaking about his new book titled: *Civil War Barons*.
- **Wednesday, July 20, 2022:** **Mr. A. Wilson Greene** will be speaking about the Petersburg Campaign. He served most recently as the director of the Pamplin Historical Park Museum at Petersburg. He is currently writing a three-volume treatise on the Petersburg Campaign for the University of North Carolina Press.
- **Wednesday, August 17, 2022:** **Mr. Jeff Patrick** will give a program about the Battle of Wilson's Creek.
- **Wednesday, September 21, 2022:** **Mr. Dennis E. Frye** will give a program about Harper's Ferry.
- **Wednesday, October 19, 2022:** **Ms. Judy Cook** will give a program titled: "War on the Home Front."

New Contract with Milburn C. C. for 2022

We would like to thank our president **Dan Dooley** for negotiating a new contract with the Milburn Golf and Country Club for 2022. We have been very pleased with Milburn's facility, management, service, and food. The dinners have been outstanding.

However, there will be a change for next year. Milburn is closed on Tuesdays during the winter months. Therefore, all of our Round Table dinner meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month in 2022.

Civil War Book Donations Requested

Arnold Schofield has requested that Round Table members donate any of their Civil War books at the dinner meetings in October and November. Arnold requests that members donate hard-back books only. Please do not donate any paper-back books or magazines. Arnold will take the books home, inventory them, and sell the books at future dinner meetings, in order to raise money for the Round Table.

At the September dinner meeting, **Dan Dooley** announced there will be a large, book sale at the dinner meeting on November 16th. A separate table will be set up to display the books and Arnold will price the books accordingly.

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2022

The Round Table's Executive Committee met on Saturday, October 2nd. One of the items on the agenda was to determine the list of officers for next year that will be presented to members of the Round Table at the dinner meeting on October 26th. The following slate of officers will be presented:

- President: Father Dave Holloway.
- First Vice President: Gary Nevius.
- Second Vice-President: Vacant.
- Treasurer: Susan Keipp.
- Assistant Treasurer: Marlene Natoli.
- Secretary: Judy Smith
- Director of Preservation: Arnold Schofield.

Additional nominations from the floor will be solicited at the October dinner meeting. Members attending the November meeting will vote on the proposed slate of officers for 2022.

Member News

We are very sorry to report that former Round Table member **Colonel James L. Speicher** died of cancer on September 11, 2021. James served as president of the Round Table in 2006 and was the speaker at several of our dinner meetings. He served as commander of the local Sons of Confederate Veterans of the Civil War (SCVCW) organization for many years. James and his wife Cindy moved to Apollo Beach FL a few years ago.

James graduated from The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina in 1968 and entered active duty with the U.S. Army as a Second Lieutenant. He was an Army Green Beret, a Professor of Military Science and a Department Director at the Army's Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth. He retired in January 2001 as a colonel. In September 2004, he became the first Supervisory Intelligence Analyst for the Kansas City Division of the FBI, retiring from that position in January of 2013.

James had been a student of the Civil War since he was about ten. His hero was General Robert E. Lee. James had been a Confederate re-enactor since he was 13 and was a member of the 3rd Battery Missouri Light Artillery, CSA. James was a Life Member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, where he was the commander of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920 in Johnson County, Kansas.

At our Round Table dinner meeting on March 22, 2016, James gave a very interesting program about the Confederate submarine H. L. Hunley and her crews. He served as a pall-bearer during the ceremony when the remains of the crew from the H. L. Hunley were buried.



Colonel James L. Speicher, March 22, 2016

Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield Dispatches #685 Nobly Repulsed

Thursday, September 30, 2021, was the 159th Anniversary of the first Battle of Newtonia, Missouri during the Civil War. As battles go, this one was unique because it was the first Civil War battle in which American Indians were on both sides and fought against each other. The Union forces included the Third Regiment of Indian Home Guards, which was commanded by Colonel William A. Phillips, which was composed of loyal "Cherokee Indians." The Confederate forces included the First Cherokee Battalion commanded by Major J. M. Bryan and the First Choctaw and Chickasaw Regiment that was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Tandy Walker. It is also interesting to note that the Cherokee Tribe was one of the tribes that were divided in their loyalty during the Civil War.

The following after action report describes this battle and is located in Vol. 13 of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion on Pages 287 and 288.

"Headquarters First Brigade, Army of Kansas, Sarcoxie, Mo., October 1, 1862.

[To: Brigadier General Schofield, Commanding.]

General: I have the honor to report the following:

On the 29th ultimo, I sent scouting parties to Newtonia, Granby, and Neosho. The latter (as per the report of Colonel Weer) killed 2 of the enemy's pickets [guards], wounded several and made 1 prisoner. Those at Granby reported no enemy there. The scouting party to Newtonia was commanded by Colonel Lynde and consisted of the Ninth Kansas Volunteer Cavalry (about 150 men) and two mountain howitzers [cannon]. In the afternoon I heard cannon firing in the direction of Newtonia. I ordered Lieutenant-Colonel Jacobi, Ninth Regiment Wisconsin Volunteers, with three cannon of Stockton's Battery and two companies of the Ninth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, to his assistance. Toward evening Colonel Lynde returned to camp, reporting that Lieutenant-Colonel Jacobi had taken a position of observation some 9 miles from camp and wanted reinforcements I sent two more companies of the Ninth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry and advised him that Colonel Lynde would be with him in the morning. The instructions of Colonel Lynde and Lieutenant-Colonel Jacobi were mainly to find out the enemy, but not to risk anything and to report to me immediately if they would find the enemy in force.

At about 7 a. m. on the 30th, I heard heavy firing in the direction of Newtonia. I at once ordered the forces here (First and Second Kansas Brigades) to be in readiness and ordered Colonel Hall, in command of the Fourth Brigade, Missouri State Militia, to march to Newtonia. The firing continuing, I ordered the Sixth Kansas Volunteer Cavalry and "Third Indian Home Guard" to proceed to the battle-field on a trot, while I marched with the Infantry and Artillery in the same direction. Our train was left in charge of 400 Indians and two pieces [cannon] of Major Blair's Battery.

At about 10 a. m. the messenger to Captain Hall overtook me on the road with the message hereto attached. I dispatched Captain Welch, Second Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, to keep communication between us open. Soon afterward I received the news that our troops, in the attempt to take the town, were defeated and that the infantry was cut up. Official reports I have not been able to obtain yet. On my arrival at the battle-field I found the Sixth Kansas and the "Third Indian Home Guard" in line of battle on an elevation north of Newtonia. I ordered the Sixth Kansas with two mountain howitzers to the right; the Third Indian Home Guard Regiment to the left, where a wooded ravine, lined with corn fields and stone fences, runs to the town; the artillery, Captain Allen's Battery and three pieces of Captain Stockton's Battery, to the center, supported by

the First Battalion of the Tenth Kansas Infantry on their right and the ninth Regiment of Wisconsin volunteer Infantry on their left; three pieces of Stockton's Battery and the Second Battalion of the Tenth Kansas Infantry being kept in reserve.

The enemy was in a strong position, behind stone walls and massive buildings. They were reinforced in the forenoon and as prisoners say 7,000 strong. I waited anxiously for the arrival of Colonel Hall on the right flank of the enemy, keeping the enemy in check by my artillery. An attempt to force our left flank was "NOBLY REPLUSED" by Colonel Phillips, Third Indian home Guards, supported by our reserve. My intention was to advance upon the enemy with the whole force at the arrival of Colonel Hall, but when he had not arrived toward sunset, I ordered the retreat.

Shortly afterward, was informed that Colonel Hall was 2 miles in my rear in the timber. It now became dark. General Rains was reported to be arriving and I fell back on my defenses at this place. Why Colonel Hall did not come up in time and on the road he reported he would come, is a mystery to me and can be explained perhaps only by him. There is no doubt that we could have annihilated the enemy if he had appeared in time and on the proper road.

Our loss in the afternoon was very small. That of the enemy must be heavy, since our artillery fired from an elevated ground into their thick masses.

It gives me pleasure to say that our troops behaved nobly. Colonel Weer, commanding the Second Brigade, is entitled to my thanks for his conduct before, during and after the battle.

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

F. SALOMON,
Brig. Gen., Comdg. First Brigade Kansas Volunteers."

It is unusual to find a Confederate after action report immediately following the Union reports. However, the following Confederate action report is located on [Page 302 in Vol. 13 of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion.](#)

"[To:] Colonel D. H. Cooper, Commanding division.
Camp Coffee, October 2, 1862.

Sir: Reports of Captains have been handed to me of the battle of Newtonia, on the 30th instant, the particulars of which will be found in the following:

Company A, commanded by Capt. S. Loering, with the whole of his Company, excepting 8, who were left on account of disability. Captain Loering's men behaved well during the whole engagement. Captain Loering had only one man seriously wounded, not mortally; also lost 2 horses.

Company B, Captain McClure's company under command of First Lieutenant John Flower was all engaged during the whole fight, with great credit to themselves and the whole regiment. Company numbered 66 men; none killed; 2 of the Privates were wounded in the arms; had one horse in the fight killed.

Company C, commanded by Capt. W. B. Pitchlyn, was engaged throughout the whole fight and was ready to meet the enemy whenever he appeared. Captain Pitchlynn lost his First Lieutenant (Henry Van Osdel) while charging at the head of part of his Company, to the great loss of us all; also one Private (wounded) mortally and expired fifteen minutes afterward; 3 Privates slightly wounded.

Company D, commanded by Capt. David Perkins, was present in the whole engagement and behaved well all day. Captain Perkins reports that his whole company was 53 strong; also reports one Private seriously wounded in the arm, not mortally.

Company E, commanded by Capt. S. R. Jones was engaged throughout the whole fight and behaved well. Captain Jones reports one Second Lieutenant seriously wounded, one Sergeant and one Private wounded. None of the wounds are mortal. One man lost his horse in the wood fight.

Company F, commanded by Capt. E. W. Folsom, consisting of 28 men, all engaged in the fight and did great credit to themselves during the engagement. Captain Folsom reports that he had 3 men slightly wounded (yet one he thinks crippled for life); 2 horses lost (one killed and one taken by the enemy); one horse wounded.

This embodies the substance of the various Captain's reports with their Companies under my command, all of which I respectfully submit to you.

TANDY WALKER,
Lieutenant-Colonel, Comdg. Choctaw and Chickasaw Regiment."

Now then, American Indians from these and other tribes would continue to serve as good effective soldiers on both sides during the Civil War as the War Went On!

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