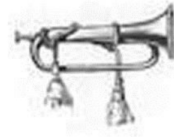




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Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City



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## 539th Regular Meeting Wednesday, May 18, 2022 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 wearing a mask at our dinner meetings is optional.

**Reservation Deadline: 12:00 noon on Wednesday, May 11th.**

**To make a reservation, please contact Susan Keipp:**

[skeipp@kc.rr.com](mailto:skeipp@kc.rr.com)

Phone: 816-333-0025

## May Program



**Dr. Christian McWhirter**, Lincoln Historian at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Museum, will be our speaker. The title of his program is: "Who Freed the Slaves?"

For generations Abraham Lincoln has been heralded as the "Great Emancipator." But for just as long, debates have raged over how exactly the institution of slavery ended in America and who delivered the killing blow. This talk will examine the competing points of view on emancipation and consider Lincoln's actions in the broader context of the American Civil War and anti-slavery movement.

## Dinner Meeting Reservation Policy

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](mailto: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.

## An Important Message From Our President

Dear Members of the Round Table,

It is really important that reservations are made if you are going to attend the monthly meeting. If someone attends the meeting without a reservation, it causes the staff of the Milburn Country Club to scramble, not only to set up extra seating, but for the kitchen staff to add extra meals. Please be considerate to the Club's staff and the Round Table by reserving your spot when planning to attend a monthly dinner meeting.

Thank you for attention to this request.

Sincerely,

*Father Dave Holloway,*

President CWRT of Kansas City

## Dinner Menu

Milburn Golf and Country Club will serve the following meal at the May dinner meeting: Sautéed salmon with lemon butter sauce, rice pilaf, and vegetable medley. Dessert will be S'mores Bread Pudding. All dinners are served with house salad with Milburn house dressing, sliced bread, iced tea, water, and coffee.

Gluten free and vegetarian meals are available with advance notice. Please advise **Susan Keipp** if you require a gluten free or vegetarian meal when making your reservation.

## Meet Our Speaker

**Dr. Christian McWhirter** is the Lincoln Historian at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Museum and author of *Battle Hymns: The Power and Popularity of Music in the Civil War*, published by University of North Carolina Press in 2012. He previously served as Editor of the *Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association* and as an Assistant Editor for The Papers of Abraham Lincoln project.

Dr. McWhirter's writings on Lincoln, popular music, and the Civil War have appeared in numerous publications, including the *New York Times*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, and *Washington Post*. His most recent publication is a Civil War Monitor article on what Lincoln's taste in music tells us about his worldview.

Dr. McWhirter has spoken to audiences at the Library of Congress, National Archives, Newberry Library, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, College of William & Mary, and the University of Texas. He received his PhD from the University of Alabama in 2009.

## Live Auction Book Sales

We would like to thank Round Table member **Arnold Schofield** for managing the book sales each month. Arnold will auction off the following Civil War books in May:

- *A Pocket History of the Civil War* by Martin F. Graham; Osprey Publishing, Oxford, England, 2011. In excellent condition.
- *Generals South and North* by Alan Axelrod; Lyon Press, Guilford, Connecticut, 2011. In excellent condition with dust jacket.
- *Stark Mad Abolitionists: Lawrence, Kansas and the Battle Over Slavery in the Civil War Era* by Robert K. Sutton; Skyhorse Publishing, 2017. In excellent condition with dust jacket and mylar cover.
- *Eyewitness to the Civil War* by Neil Kagan and Stephen G. Hyslop; National Geographic Publishing, Washington D.C., 2006. In excellent condition with dust jacket.
- *Civil War Album: Complete Photographic History of the Civil War*. Nearly 4,000 images. Edited by William C. Davis and Bell L. Wiley; Tess Press, New York, 2000. In excellent condition.

## Last Month's Program

At our dinner meeting on April 20th, Round Table member **Todd Stettner** gave a program titled: "Soldiers, Sailors, & Spies: Jews in the Civil War."

**Don Bates** said: "Todd did a great job Wednesday evening...good crowd, good dinner. Good subject not covered before."



April Speaker Todd Stettner



Round Table Members Shirley and Todd Stettner



Todd Stettner speaking about Jews in the Civil War

## Upcoming Speaker Schedule

In 2022, our monthly dinner meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month, except for the December dinner meeting, which will be held on the second Wednesday of the month (December 14th).

- **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 WV. Due to other schedule commitments, Mr. Frye's program will be conducted via Zoom during the September dinner meeting.
- **Wednesday, October 19, 2022:** **Ms. Judy Cook** will give a program titled: "War on the Home Front."
- **Wednesday, November 16, 2022:** Round Table member **Dr. Daniel Cudnik** will give a program titled: "A Forensic Study of the Lincoln Assassination."



- **Wednesday, December 14, 2022:** The program will either be a speaker from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College or we will have a holiday program featuring Christmas music from the Civil War era.
- **Wednesday, January 18, 2023:** **Dr. Ethan Rafuse** will be speaking about Robert E. Lee and the fall of the Confederacy. Dr. Rafuse has written a book on this subject.
- **Wednesday, February 15, 2023:** In honor of Black History Month, **Arnold Schofield** will be speaking about the 2nd Kansas Colored Infantry.
- **Wednesday, March 15, 2023:** **Dr. Harry S. Laver** with the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College will be our speaker. The tentative title of his presentation is "Learning the Art of Joint Operations: General U. S. Grant and Rear Admiral Andrew H. Foote."
- **Wednesday, April 19, 2023:** **Dr. Bill Piston** will be speaking about a book that he and Tom Sweeney co-authored containing photographs of Missourians in the Civil War.

## Programs at the Battle of Westport Visitor Center and Museum

The Battle of Westport Visitor Center and Museum is has announced a 2022 series of Civil War related presentations as part of Civil War Wednesdays at the Harris-Kearney House (4000 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City MO). Starting in March, the Harris-Kearney House will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for Civil War Wednesdays.

The following programs are scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. The cost to attend is \$6.00 per person, per program.

- **May 18, 2022:** **Alisha Cole** will give a program titled: "Women in the Civil War."
- **June 15, 2022:** **Jeremiah Thalheimer** will give a program titled: "Civil War in the American West."
- **July 13, 2022:** Round Table member **Dan Smith** will give a program titled: "Blacks in Blue at the Battle of Westport."
- **August 17, 2022:** **Dick Titterington** will be speaking about Order Number 11.
- **September 14, 2022:** **Alisha Cole and Jennie Thalheimer** will give a program about Civil War Medicine.
- **October 19, 2022:** **Dick Titterington** will give a program titled: "Civilian Life in Jackson County during the Civil War."

- **November 9, 2022:** **Jeremiah Thalheimer** will be speaking about Marines in the Civil War (tie in with The United States Marine Corps birthday on November 10th).

## Member News

We would like to welcome the following new members: **Steve Duio, Jon Jones, Lila Knott, John Martin, Terry Manies**, and **John Hart**. Terry Manies is Executive Director and John Hart is President of the Black Jack Battlefield Trust. The Trust is a 501(c)(3) organization that cares for the site of John Brown's battle of Black Jack. We would also like to welcome back former member of the Round Table, **Brian Lawson**.

**Marlene Natoli** said she went to the doctor on April 19th and will need knee replacement surgery. Surgery won't be until June, but her attendance at dinner meetings might be spotty, depending on how her new knee does.

**Bob Macoubrie** said his wife had heart surgery on April 20th. She is home now. She still has at least two months of chemotherapy, if she can keep her blood levels up. She hasn't had any chemotherapy since November, when she became quite ill and had to spend so much time in the hospital and physical therapy.

Bob and his wife have recently moved and Bob has donated a large number of his Civil War books to the Round Table. Thank you, Bob!

**Don Bates** sent the following e-mail on April 23rd:

*Dave:*

*After my yearly physical and tests following, I have a large mass in the left kidney, suspicious for a renal cell carcinoma or other malignancy.*

*I have an appointment on Friday, May 6 with Dr. Gerald Park, who has done more cancer kidney surgeries than any doctor in the Kansas City area using his less invasive surgery by using the daVinci Robotic device. He is with my group KCUC. May 6 is for the consultation, so I'll be pushing for surgery ASAP.*

*Feel free to tell of the findings in the next Border Bugle.*

*Please add me to your prayer list.*

*Best wishes,*

*Don*

**Susan Keipp** reported that in the past two months she has had Bronchitis, chorus competition for Sweet Adelines in Iowa, three surgeries, and completed 284 tax returns. Susan said she is literally worn out!

## Next Executive Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Round Table's Executive Committee will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 11, 2022. The meeting will be held at the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce building located at 9001 West 110th Street, Overland Park KS.

## Sergeant Major's Roar

### Battlefield Dispatches #670

#### A Galling Fire

During the Civil War in Missouri, scouting parties in enemy territory were often conducted by a large number of Union troops. This was done to maximize the safety of the Union troops and show the "Flag" in enemy territory in a search for guerrilla camps. The following after action report describes a successful Union Reconnaissance in Force in the winter of 1862 and is located in Vol. 8 of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion on Pages 50 - 51.

"Camp near Fayette, Mississippi  
January 10, 1862

[To] Brigadier General John Pope,  
Otterville, Missouri

General: I have the honor to report that in compliance with your order, I marched my command to Boonville and was there joined by three companies of Merrill's Horse, under Major Hunt, and at the earliest day possible crossed the Missouri River and reached camp near Fayette on the evening of the 5<sup>th</sup> instant, when I was there joined by four companies of the First Missouri, under command of Major Hubbard and one company of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ohio, commanded by Captain Foster. We proceeded at once to gather information on the enemy's movements, by sending scouts through different portions of this and adjoining counties.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> instant, reconnaissance in force was made to Glasgow, Roanoke, and the surrounding country and information was received that one Colonel Poindexter was recruiting in this and other counties and that he had his principle camp somewhere on the headquarters of Silver Creek, with a force of regularly enlisted men, 600 to 800 strong, together with an equal number of aiders and abettors of rebellion. Early on the morning of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant, we moved from camp with 500 mounted men in

search of their camp and marched to Roanoke, 15 miles distant and then in the direction of Silver Creek.

When, within 4 miles of where they were reported to be, the column was halted, and the following disposition of our forces was made: to Major Hunt was assigned the command of that portion of his forces who were armed with carbines and with Major Hubbard's command and Captain Foster's company to form the advance of the column, to attack the camp, draw their fire, and reply with carbines, when the First Iowa and a portion of Merrill's Horse were to charge upon the camp mounted, if possible, and if not practicable, charge with revolver and saber on foot. To Lieutenant Dustin of Company F, First Iowa was assigned the advance guard that was supported by Lieutenant Burrow's First Missouri.

All being in readiness, the column moved forward rapidly, the advance guard driving the enemy's pickets [guards] and rushing to the entrance of the camp. The column followed soon after, dismounted, and drew the enemy's fire. They were in a strong position, being protected by ravines, thick underbrush, and timber. Their volley was promptly answered by our forces, pouring in "A GALLING FIRE." Three companies of the First Iowa and a part of Merrill's Horse were then ordered forward to charge the camp, which was promptly done. The enemy was now thrown into confusion and soon began to retreat, leaving horses and guns, together with their camp and garrison equipage. It was a complete rout, as the appearance of the camp fully attested. Two companies from our rear were ordered to cut off their retreat, but the darkness and heavy fog, together with the thick underbrush, rendered it impossible.

To avoid surprise and to be able to move all our forces forward, an order was given to destroy the camp and look up the dead and wounded. This was soon accomplished and the darkness forbidding further pursuit, the whole command was then moved to camp, 23 miles distant. The prompt action of the troops throughout is worthy of the highest praise. Lieutenant Dustin is worthy of honorable mention for his gallant conduct in leading the advance guard; also Major Hunt, of Merrill's Horse; Captains Clinton and Modell, of the First Missouri, for their gallant cool bearing during the entire action.

The loss of the enemy cannot be actually ascertained, but from the most reliable information their loss in killed and wounded cannot be less than 80 to 100.

Yours Most Obediently,

W. M. G. TORRENCE,  
Major, First Battalion, First Iowa Cavalry."

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Now then, a reconnaissance in force conducted with a large body of troops, was often the best and safest way to probe into enemy territory. In this after action report, this large reconnaissance in force was successful in locating, engaging, and routing the enemy and destroying their camp. It is also worth noting that the entire engaged enemy force was not completely destroyed, as many of the guerrillas managed to escape and fight another day as the War Went On!

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