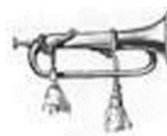




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547th Regular Meeting Wednesday, January 18, 2023

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 \$34.00 per person.
Reservations are required in order to attend the dinner meeting.

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

To make a dinner reservation, please contact Marlene Natoli:

<mailto:marnatoli@att.net>

Phone: 913-764-1336

January Program



At our dinner meeting on January 18th, Ms. Angela Riotto will be giving a program titled: "Prisoners of War in the Civil War."

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 this month, please contact **Marlene Natoli** at 913-764-1336 or by e-mail at <mailto:marnatoli@att.net>
- **Please note that the cost of a dinner is now \$34.00 per person.** If you make a reservation, but are not able to attend the dinner meeting for any reason, you *must* contact **Marlene Natoli** 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.
- You can pay for your meal at the dinner meeting or by mailing a check to **Dick Titterington**. Make check payable to the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City. Dick's mailing address is: 4125 NW Willow Drive, Kansas City MO 64116. His e-mail address is shown below: <mailto:theCivilWarMuse@gmail.com>

Dinner Menu

Milburn Golf and Country Club will serve the following meal at the January dinner meeting: Pork tenderloin medallions, apple cider reduction, asparagus, and roasted potatoes. Dessert will be Chocolate Gateau.

All dinners are served with house salad and Milburn house dressing, sliced bread, iced tea, water, and coffee.

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

This Month's Speaker

Ms. Angela M. Riotto will be giving a program titled: "Prisoners of War in the Civil War." Ms. Riotto received her Ph.D. from the University of Akron. Her research examines the ways in which both U.S. and Confederate former prisoners of war discussed their captivity between 1861 and 1930. She has published several articles and book chapters on her research. Her most recent piece, "As Happy a Man as Ever Wore Confederate Grey: Confederate Ex-Prisoners of War and Their Narratives of Imprisonment, 1877-1890" in *Useful Captives: The Role of POWs in American Military Conflicts* with the University Press of Kansas, was published in February 2021. She currently teaches with the Department of Military History at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College as an Assistant Professor.

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 and prints in January:

- *Civil War on the Western Border*, by Jay Monaghan. In excellent condition with dust jacket.
- *Memoirs of the Rebellion on the Border 1863* by Wiley Britton. Reprint of 1882 edition. In excellent condition.
- *The Union Indian Brigade in the Civil War*, by Wiley Britton. Reprint of 1922 edition. In excellent condition.
- *U.S. Grant*, by Michael Korder, 2013. In excellent condition with dust jacket.
- *Life and Death in Civil War Prisons*, by J. Michael Martinez. In excellent condition with dust jacket.
- Two (2) prints:
 - Kearsarge/Alabama + First Prize.
 - Ladies Meeting at Cooper Union in New York City.

The following Civil War collectible plates will not be included in the live auction. However, the plates will be available for purchase:

- Confederate plates:
 - N. B. Forrest
 - J. Breckenridge
 - J. H. Morgan
 - General Helm
- Union plate: George A. Custer.

Last Month's Program:



The Dickens Carolers (l to r): Brad Zimmerman, Dalene White, Barbara Nichols, and Harry White.

At our dinner meeting on December 14th, the program was "The Dickens Carolers in Concert." The Dickens Carolers, Kansas City's premiere professional Christmas Caroling company, celebrated their 39th season of holiday caroling in 2022. Brad Zimmerman is the founder and manager and runs the Chestnut Fine Arts Theatre. The Dickens Carolers currently have 25 members and they perform at 175-250 different events during the holiday season. Our dinner meeting was the fifth event that the Dickens Carolers had performed that day!

The Dickens Carolers were costumed in beautiful turn-of-the-century attire which added a very festive spark to our dinner meeting. They sang traditional Christmas hymns such as: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing", "Angels We Have Heard on High", "Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella", and "Carol of the Bells." The Dickens Carolers also sang secular Christmas songs such as: "Deck the Halls", "Jingle Bells", "Frosty the Snowman", "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas", and concluded with "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

This was a very enjoyable program.

Upcoming Civil War Round Table Programs and Speakers

Our monthly dinner meetings are typically held on the third Wednesday of each month. However, the meeting in December of 2023 will be held on the second Wednesday of the month. Also, the February 2023 meeting will be held on the third Thursday of the month.

- **Thursday, February 16, 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.
- **Wednesday, May 17, 2023:** **Ms. Alisha Cole** will be speaking about the role of women during the Civil War.
- **Wednesday, June 21, 2023:** **Dr. Isaias McCaffery**, professor of history at Independence Community College, will give a program titled: "Last Stand at Rebel Creek: The Osage as Union Allies in Civil War Kansas."
- **Wednesday, July 19, 2023:** Round Table member **Rick Manfredi** will be giving a program titled: "Did Missouri Secede?"
- **Wednesday, August 16, 2023:** **Wayne Motts**, President and CEO of the Gettysburg Foundation, will be giving a program about General George A. Custer at Gettysburg and in Kansas.
- **Wednesday, September 20, 2023:** **Douglas Waller**, veteran CIA correspondent, will be giving a program about President Lincoln's Union spies.
- **Wednesday, October 18, 2023:** **Dr. Ethan S. Rafuse** will be speaking about Robert E. Lee and the fall of the Confederacy. Dr. Rafuse has written a book on this subject.
- **Wednesday, November 15, 2023:** The speaker will be **Dr. Kristen Epps**, professor of history at Kansas State University. The title of her program will be "Slavery on the Periphery."
- **Wednesday, December 13, 2023:** **Dr. Diane Mutti-Burke**, professor of history at UMKC, will be giving a program about refugees in the Civil War.

Please Renew Your Membership for 2023

Now is the time to renew your membership in the Civil War Round Table for 2023. The membership dues for next year are the same as they were for this year: \$35.00 per individual or \$55.00 per couple. The membership dues go to pay for our speakers' travel costs and honorariums, as well as our administrative expenses (Internet fees, corporate fees, printing and postage, name tags, award plaques, etc.). Please mail your dues to: **Dick Titterington**, 4125 NW Willow Drive, Kansas City MO 64116. Thank you for supporting the Round Table!

Next Executive Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Round Table's Executive Committee will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 11, 2023. The location of the meeting will be at the Aspiria Campus in Overland Park. The address is 6300 Sprint Parkway, Building 6300, Room 1A305.

Items on the agenda will include speakers and programs for 2023 and 2024, Executive Officers for next year, financial reports, etc. All current members of the Round Table are invited to attend.

Member News

Our treasurer, **Susan Keipp**, has been dealing with some serious health issues and was not able to attend the December dinner meeting. Susan said she had to go to Menorah South hospital twice during November and December, due to severe pain in her lower back. Susan had an L2 lumbar compression fracture, which required surgery. During her second hospital stay, Susan had a bad fall, which knocked her unconscious and bruised one side of her face. She came home from the hospital on Christmas Eve and is now getting physical therapy. Please continue to pray for Susan.

In order to help out Susan while she is dealing with her health issues, **Marlene Natoli** will be taking reservations for the dinner meetings. **Dick Titterington** will be receiving payments for the dinner meetings and the 2023 Civil War Round Table membership dues.

We would like to thank **Judy Smith** for doing a wonderful job on the table decorations for the December dinner meeting.

Bill Buckner is planning to attend the 75th Reunion of his graduating class at West Point this May. The reunion will take place over three days.

Sam Rabicoff's second grandson, Bran, was born on December 14th. Congratulations Sam!

We would like to welcome new member **Joanne Cagle**. Joanne lives in Lenexa KS.

In Remembrance

The Round Table recently lost two long-time members of the Round Table: **Lila Aamodt and Austin H. Turney**.



Lila Aamodt

The following obituary for Lila Aamodt is from the McGilley State Line Mortuary website:

Lila Meroe Williams Aamodt, aged 83, died of pancreatic cancer on November 30, 2022. She was born August 12, 1939, in Rochester, MN, the second of five children of Marvin M. D. Williams and Orpha S. Williams.

Early life interests were music and science. Piano was her favorite instrument and her siblings remember her playing at home a lot. She was the soloist for a piano concerto during high school with the local orchestra. She also played violin and oboe. In college, she loved the challenge of learning to play the organ.

Science was a second interest as a young woman. She graduated in 1961 from Beloit College with a B.S. in biology and chemistry. In 1967 Lila earned a Ph.D. in microbiology at Yale University where she met and married Gary Aamodt in 1964. Her wedding present was a harpsichord. Gary and a friend founded A-R Editions to publish newly discovered historical musicology. Lila joined as co-owner when the company moved to Madison, WI, and was manager of its Recent Researches music series. In Madison, she played the harpsichord and recorder with a local Renaissance group, raised her two children, and was active as a leader and choir member at

Luther Memorial Church where she made many lifelong friends.

She was always learning. In 1992 she and Gary moved to Eden Prairie, and Lila took an extensive two-year course and became a docent for the Minneapolis Institute of Arts where she volunteered for 20 years. Later, as Lila worked through a divorce, she pursued new interests including dogsledding, cross country skiing, singing, swimming, stand up paddling and bicycling. After she moved to Kansas, she learned to play the ukulele and handbells.

In 2012 Lila moved to Mission, KS, to be near her daughter Carla's family and explore new horizons. She volunteered at the University of Kansas hospital as a standardized patient and at Saint Luke's Hospital as a patient visitor. She took an interest in family genealogy and learned that several relatives had been in the Civil War.

Learning her family's history sparked an interest in the American Civil War and the history of the American West in general. She became active in the Civil War Roundtable and took part in a new living history project in Independence, MO, portraying life in 1849. She loved learning about the historical emigrant trails that started in Independence. She served leadership roles in the Trails Head Chapter of the national Oregon California Trails Association (OCTA) and in the Kansas City Area Historic Trails Association (KCAHTA) and received awards for her work.

Lila developed a love of travel that continued throughout her life. She was extremely well traveled and enjoyed trips with her husband throughout the United States, Eastern and Western Europe, Peru, Morocco, Russia, India, Kenya, and China. They learned scuba diving and especially enjoyed that sport in Bonaire. She continued traveling after the divorce, and traveled to Mongolia, Costa Rica, Botswana/Zimbabwe, six US river cruises, and five national parks in Utah. More recently, she and her daughter, Carla, hiked at Rocky Mountain National Park (2019) and snowshoed at Yellowstone National Park (2022).

Lila was predeceased by a sister Martha (Charles) Stockton, a brother Kenneth (Sandy), and a son Christopher (Luoluo Hong). She is survived by Gary and their daughter, Carla Aamodt (Thomas Worth), two grandchildren, six nieces and nephews and their families; a brother Jay, a sister Hester, and two cousins.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Kansas City, MO (date TBA). Memorial donations may be made to OCTA (octa-trails.org) or to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Cremains will be interred at the Luther Memorial Church columbarium in Madison, WI.



Austin H. Turney

The following obituary for Austin H. Turney is from the Warren-McElwain Mortuary website:

Austin Henry Turney died in hospice care in Lawrence, Kansas on July 13, 2022. Austin was born in Lawrence, Kansas February 25, 1929 the son of Austin Henry Turney and Emily Payetta Turney. He grew up in Lawrence and graduated from University High School, Lawrence and the University of Kansas with a BS in Business.

He served in the US Army 28th Division during the Korean War period January 1951 to December 1952. The 28th Division did occupation duty in Bavaria, Germany.

After Army service, he worked as an accountant for Price Waterhouse in Kansas City, Missouri and then in New York City, NY. In New York City, he met and later married on June 10, 1961 his wife of 55 years, Ruth Anderson Turney. Ruth passed away on October 9, 2016 and they are both survived by a son, **Austin Charles Turney** of Lawrence, KS.

He was active in the Episcopal Church for more than 65 years from Trinity Church, Wall Street, New York City through Trinity Episcopal Church, Newtown, CT and since retirement returning to Trinity Episcopal, Lawrence, KS. He served as vestry member and senior warden of Trinity Church, Newtown, on several committees and the executive council of the Diocese of Connecticut, as deputy to the 71st General Convention and later on the vestry of Trinity Church, Lawrence. He was a lay Eucharistic minister.

As owner of the 1863 Samuel Riggs House in Lawrence he enjoyed telling 3rd graders each spring the story of the Riggs House, Judge Samuel Riggs and their connections with Quantrill's raid.

As a student of military history he made, with his wife, many tours to sites involved with the Civil War, and the conflicts during the frontier expansion of the United States. They also studied conflicts and traveled in Western Europe and the Caribbean in company with a British military history tour company.

He had a life-long interest in railroads, was a member of and attended several national conferences of National Railway Historical Society.

He lived during 40 years of his working career in the New York City area and then in Danbury and Bethel, CT. Starting as an accountant (CPA) with Price Waterhouse. He continued on in business as Treasurer of the Kanthal Corporation, Danbury, CT, Business Manager of the Redding-Easton public school system in CT and with the Peale Center for Christian Living, Pawling NY.

He retired with Ruth in 1994 returning to Lawrence, KS and the family's historic property. He was active in the church and many groups in Lawrence, for example as a reader at Kansas Audio-Reader from 1995 to 2020 where he enjoyed reading regional newspapers to a live audience. He was elected to the board of Lawrence Public Schools and served on the school board from 1997 to 2005 and was President for 2 years. He felt the school board was an exceptionally valuable and rewarding nearly full-time unpaid job and retained a strong continuing interest and activities regarding Lawrence schools since then.

Survivors include his son in Lawrence, KS as well as family in Yakima, WA, California and Georgia.

Memorials may be made in his name to the Nature Conservancy, Kansas Chapter, Topeka, KS or the Douglas County Community Foundation, Lawrence, KS. and may be sent in care of Warren-McElwain Mortuary, 120 W. 13th Street, Lawrence, KS 66044.

A memorial service was held at Trinity Episcopal Church, Lawrence, KS.

Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

Beverly Shaw, treasurer of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri, has invited our Round Table members to attend their dinner meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14th. This will be a pot-luck dinner. Their Round Table will provide fried chicken. Attendees are requested to bring a dish to share.

Photos from the December Dinner Meeting



Phil and Mary Griffin



Suzee Oberg and Debbi Roy



**Dan Dooley and Dick Titterington
helping out at the Check-in Table**



Deb, Chip, and Jordan Buckner



Bonnie and Gary Christy



Bill Buckner



Clara and Arnold Schofield



Sam Rabicoff



Janis and Bob Macoubrie

Bob said he joined the Round Table in January of 1980. This was the first Round Table meeting that Janis has ever attended. Bob said she is not very interested in history. However, Bob got Janis to go because of the Dickens Carolers and Brad Zimmerman. They had been attending Brad's shows for 30 years or more. Brad did his shows at schools and other places before he opened the Chestnut Fine Arts Theatre in Olathe.



Sylvia Stuckey



Judy and Gerald Smith



Fannie and Rudolf Wrobel



George Leff



Dorothy Rezac



Joyce Gillespie