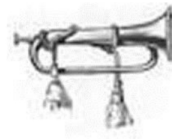




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548th Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 16, 2023
Milburn Golf and Country Club
7501 West 69th Street, Overland Park, KS 66204
Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m.

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 Thursday, February 9th.
To make a dinner reservation, please contact Marlene Natoli:

<mailto:marnatoli@att.net>

Phone: 913-764-1336

February Program



February is Black History Month. At our dinner meeting on Thursday evening, February 16th, Round Table member **Sergeant Major Arnold W. Schofield** will give a program titled: "Non-traditional Perspectives on the Underground Railroad and the Iron Clads." The "Iron Clads" was the nickname given to the Second Kansas Colored Infantry regiment during the Civil War. This should be a very interesting program, so bring a friend and enjoy the evening.

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 1 week 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 February dinner meeting: Beef short rib with natural sauce, mashed potatoes, and green beans. Dessert will be NY Cheesecake.

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

Sergeant Major Arnold W. Schofield is a retired Public Historian with 50 years of public service. He was born and raised in the small village of Newton Upper Falls, Massachusetts, attended college on the GI Bill, and received a degree in United States History. His Public Service includes:

- 6 years in the US Army.
- 10 years as a civilian with the Department of Defense.
- 33 years with the National Park Service.
- 7 years with the Kansas Historical Society, as Superintendent of the Mine Creek Battlefield State Historic Site.

Arnold's National Park Service career included tours of duty at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, the Blue Ridge Parkway, and Fort Scott National Historic Site. While at Fort Scott he was the Site Historian and Cultural Resource Specialist.

Arnold is a recognized lecturer throughout the Midwest on Westward Expansion, the Permanent Indian Frontier, and Bleeding Kansas and the Civil War. Two of his special interests include the roles of the American Indians and African Americans in the Civil War.

Arnold has been involved with Civil War Battlefield Preservation for more than 40 years and is co-founder of the Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation, which has raised more than one million dollars, purchased 326 acres of prime battlefield land, reprinted the only book on the Battle of Mine Creek, assisted in the production of a video on the battle by Curtis Productions, and produced a brochure on Price's 1864 Campaign in Missouri and Kansas.

Arnold served as president of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City in 2003. He received the Steve Treaster Civil War Preservation Award in 2012 and the Valiant Service Award in 2009 and again in 2016. Arnold currently serves as Director of Preservation for the Round Table.

Arnold and his wife Clara live in Fort Scott KS. Arnold also writes a column for the *Fort Scott Tribune*.

This Month's Program

Sergeant Major Schofield plans to address the following subjects during his program:

- The Underground Railroad:
 - Slaves heading north from the border states of Missouri, Kentucky, and Virginia.
 - Slaves escaping and heading north from Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia using the "Great Trail" (the Appalachian Trail).
 - Slaves escaping by boat up the Atlantic coast to New York and Massachusetts.
 - Slaves heading south to freedom through Mexico.
- The history of the Second Kansas Colored Infantry Regiment, known as the "Iron Clads."

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 February:

- *Abraham Lincoln* by Benjamin P. Thomas. Published in 1994 by B&N Publishing. In excellent condition with dust jacket.
- *Two Confederate Hospitals* by Jack D. Welsh with DVD. Published in 2005 by Mercer University Press. In excellent condition with dust jacket.
- *Jayhawkers: Brigade of James Henry Lane* by Bryce Benedict. Published in 2009 by the University of Oklahoma Press. In mint condition with dust jacket.
- *Civil War Stories*; Edited by Lamar Underwood and published in 2018. In mint condition.
- Two (2), black and white, woodcut prints:
 - Abraham Lincoln.
 - Jefferson Davis.

Last Month's Program:



Dr. Angela M. Riotto

At our dinner meeting on January 18th, **Dr. Angela M. Riotto** gave an excellent program titled: "American Civil War Prisoner of War in History and Memory." 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. She currently teaches with the Department of Military History at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College as an Assistant Professor.

Dr. Risotto's program covered the following topics:

- Prisoner of war policy in early American history.
- Civil War prisoner of war policy.
- Wartime narratives.
- Overview of prisoner of war narratives.

Dr. Risotto said 410,000 men were held as prisoners of war during the Civil War. A total of 56,000 prisoners died during confinement. There was horrific treatment of prisoners during the Civil War.

Definition of Prisoners of War: POWs include almost anyone directly attached to an enemy army, to include individuals who arose in mass against an invader, civilians accompanying the army, diplomats, and chief officials of the enemy government.

During the Civil War, both sides planned to exchange prisoners. However, the Civil War was not a quick war. At first, prisoners were released if they signed an Oath of Parole. However, no formal exchange existed. At first the U.S. government refused to acknowledge the Confederate government.

There was a total of 1,300 prisoners at Bull Run and then 15,000 prisoners at Ft. Donelson. The problems were: What do you do with them? How do you guard them? There were some already-built Union prison facilities at Ft. Delaware, Ft. McHenry, and Point Lookout. The Confederates sent their prisoners to Richmond and Libby prison, which was an old tobacco warehouse. However, the prisons became over-crowded.

On July 22, 1862 Union Major General John A. Dix and Confederate Major General D. H. Hill met to work out a system for exchanging prisoners, in order to reduce over-crowding. This became known as the Dix-Hill Exchange Cartel.

On April 24, 1863, President Lincoln issued General Orders No. 100, known as the Lieber Code after its author, Professor Francis Lieber. This was the first modern codification of the Laws of War in order to mitigate the hardships of prisons. It became the foundation for the Geneva Convention in 1925. There was no formal prisoner of war camp until the Lieber Code. Once captured, the prisoners could not be intentionally harmed.

Even with the Lieber Code, Union and Confederate prisoners were low priorities. Lack of money and resources were a problem. Poor decisions led to a lot of

deaths. Food went to soldiers in the field. Soldiers on active duty were allowed 4,000 calories per day. However, prisoners were only allowed 1,200 calories per day.

Civil War prisons became hell on earth. The mortality rate was much higher in prisons than from combat wounds on the battlefield. It was safer to fight than to be in prison.

Dr. Risotto discussed Confederate Camp Sumter, located near Andersonville GA in detail. (According to Wikipedia, a total of 45,000 Union prisoners were received and 13,000 died in captivity.) Dr. Risotto is writing a book about Confederate Captain Henry Wirz, who was the commandant of the prison. Wirz was executed after the war in November of 1865 for the crimes of conspiracy and murder. Dr. Risotto said Wirz was not as evil as he is portrayed. The prison guards were the real villains.

Many former prisoners published their experiences after the war. They also attended events and reunions. They wanted to be remembered and wanted to bring public awareness of the plight of prisoners. The general public was not aware of the mistreatment and suffering.

This was very interesting program and was well-attended. Attendance at the dinner meeting was 67.

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.

- **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 the George Spangler farm and Gettysburg field hospital.
- **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

If you have not already done so, please renew your membership in the Civil War Round Table for 2023. The membership dues for this year are the same as they were for last 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 Dan Smith's office. The address is 6900 College Boulevard, Suite 510, Overland Park KS 66211. Capitol Federal has a branch in the lower level of the building. The meeting location is located in Financial Plaza, which is just east of the intersection of Metcalf and College on the north side of College. The Metcalf and College intersection is just south of the I-435 and Metcalf exit. Current members of the Round Table are invited to attend.

Remembering Susan Keipp



Susan Keipp (photo taken December 14, 2021)

We are very sorry to report that our treasurer, **Susan Keipp**, passed away on January 30th. She had served as treasurer since 2015. Our president, **Rev. Dave Holloway** issued the following letter on January 31st:

“To All Members of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City:

“It is with great sadness that I inform you that our Treasurer and longtime stalwart member of the Round Table, Susan Keipp, passed away peacefully on Monday, January 30th. Susan died suddenly at home in her sleep. She was 82 years old. As many of you were aware, Susan had been experiencing multiple health issues over the past year or so, but her passing was unexpected.

“We are still developing information and will provide more details as we learn them. In the meantime, please keep Susan's family in your prayers.

“Sincerely,

Rev. Dave Holloway

President,
Civil War Round Table of Kansas City”

Several members of the Round Table wrote some beautiful tributes in remembrance of Susan:

“Such saddening news. Susan was a remarkable woman - friendly, kind, and caring. Her loss will be felt by all the members of the Round Table and I'm glad I had the opportunity to know her. May she rest in peace!

Dr. Dan Cudnik”

“Thank you for sharing this sad news. Susan was always very helpful to the Round Table.

Joyce Gillespie”

“Dave, I am shocked. I did not know that Susan was that ill. I am very sad on hearing this information. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do for her family.

Sam Rabicoff”

“What a wonderful Lady!

“Susan was the first person I had contact with when I joined the Round Table in 2015. No one was sponsoring me; I merely found an email address and joined. I asked her what the dress code was for the monthly dinners. I loved her reply: "The Gentlemen usually wear a jacket and tie." She was the first person to render a cheery "Hello Phil!" when I'd walk through the door for dinner each month.

“On my very last day as a resident of Leavenworth, I picked up my wife who was just finishing HER last day at her job in town and we headed north to Minnesota to our new home. Susan called me while we were on I-35. It was deadline day to RSVP for that month's dinner and I hadn't responded yet. "You are usually one of the first to respond Phil, and you haven't missed a dinner in over two years! I was wondering if everything is OK with you?" I laughed out loud but thanked her for her concern. I said I'd always remain a member, but won't be making many dinners in the future!

“I will always remember her caring, cheerful, and thoughtful attitude. It was always a pleasure to chat with her each month. May she Rest in Peace in the hands of God!

“Sadly, Phil Baker”

“So sorry to learn this. I am so grateful she did all of the traveling, as she enjoyed that so much. Thanks to you and Father Dave for the notification.

Mary Vorsten”

Susan Keipp loved the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City. She considered many of you as her friends. She did an excellent job as treasurer. What you may or may not know is that Susan worked for an accountant preparing tax returns. Every year, she prepared well over 100 tax returns for our veterans free of charge. It was her way of giving back. In her free time, she liked to travel to Europe, research her German ancestors, sing with her Sweet Adelines group, and sing in the Church of the Resurrection’s Christmas program. Susan will be missed by her friends and family.

Member News

We would like to welcome three new members and one returning member:

- **Barbara Cordts**
- **John Kussman** (former member)
- **Trish Mensie**
- **Nathan Provost**

Rev. Dave Holloway was not able to attend the January dinner meeting because he attended a meeting of Navy priests in Florida. Dave said he had a good trip. He visited Vicksburg MS, drove across the Edmund G. Pettis bridge in Selma AL (two hours before the tornado went through), and visited Plains GA (home of former president Jimmy Carter). Dave stayed in Chattanooga TN on the way back and retraced some of his steps from a previous visit to the battlefield.

We would like to thank **Gary Nevius** and **Father Richard Frank** for filling in for **Rev. Dave Holloway** last month.

We would like to thank **Dick Titterington** for serving as interim treasurer, until a new treasurer is named. We would also like to thank **Marlene Natoli** for handling all of the reservations and checking people in at the dinner meeting. They both did a great job!

Lastly, we would like to thank all of our members who have invited a friend or a relative to one of our dinner meetings. That is one of the best ways to find new members. Many of us joined the Round Table because someone invited us to attend a dinner meeting and hear an interesting program about the Civil War.

Sergeant Major’s Roar

Battlefield Dispatches #525

Ladies of Espionage

In the spring of 1865, shortly after the Civil War ended in April, the Nineteenth Century poet Walt Whitman stated that “The REAL WAR” will never get into the BOOKS. This was especially true concerning the espionage or spying operations of both the Union and Confederate forces, because the details of clandestine or secret operations and missions were not normally recorded in writing. However, in the 20th Century, Dr. Edwin C. Fishel discovered thousands of espionage documents in the “Operational files of the Union Army of the Potomac” in the Military Bureau of Information, in the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Unfortunately, most of these documents were related to secret operations and missions in Virginia and other eastern states.

However, on a research trip to the National Archives many years ago, the author of this column discovered 169 unbound reports and correspondence of Union espionage operations and missions in Missouri and Eastern Kansas between 1861 and 1865. All of these original documents are located in Record Group #110, Entry 36, which is titled: “Miscellaneous Documents of the Provost Marshal’s Office” and the following correspondence describes three northern and a few southern women who were spies or agents in Saint Louis, Missouri in 1864. Each document has been given a title and includes a brief description.

Compromised

One of the worst fears of any agent was to have his or her identity compromised and become known to the enemy as a spy! If this did happen, death would soon follow! Therefore, if this was suspected, the agents would normally cease their work and request protection and the following letter describes such a situation.

“Headquarters, St. Louis District
Office of the Provost Marshal
St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 28th, 1864

[To] Joseph Darr, Jr.
Acting Pro. Mar. General,
Dept. of the Mo.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that Mrs. E. W. Stiles and Miss Clara E. D. Stiles, employed on SPECIAL SERVICE for this office, have suggested the propriety of their being relieved from duty here, THEY HAVING BECOME KNOWN TO THE REBEL SYMPATHIZERS OF THIS CITY AS GOVERNEMENT EMPLOYEES! They were witnesses before the Military Commission in the Case of Samuel Hager, who has now reported them to his associates. I would therefore recommend that his suggestion be acted on and that they be discharged.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,

Charles S. Hills,
Captain & Provost Marshal.”

A Woman Scorned

It would appear by the following letter that a Mrs. Catherine Garmon had a relationship with a Mr. F. S. Bradly, a suspected paper money counterfeiter, which ended badly. Why it ended badly is not known, but it appears that Mrs. Garmon was willing to provide evidence against Mr. Bradly and his illegal occupation, to the point where she was recommended to become an agent or spy for the Union!

“Office Assistant Provost Marshal,
3rd Sub. Dist. North Mo.,
Mexico, Mo. Sept. 15, 1864.

[To] Capt. Peter Tallon,
Chief of U. S. Police,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Sir,

I today gave a Mrs. Catherine Garmon a letter to you, asking you to employ her in the Secret Service. I am of the opinion that she would be of service, as such as she is an UNUSUALLY SHREWD WOMAN. You must judge for yourself. But this, however, was not my real object in sending her to you. This is it. She has been for a long time the Mistress of the man F. S. Bradly, whom I have had in arrest on suspicion of being a counterfeiter. I feel sure that she knows something more than

she tells me. Still, I do not desire to put her under arrest and take this means to bring her before you, hoping that your superior knowledge and facilities may develop something I have been unable to.

My telegram to you today in relation to Cavanaugh was based upon her statement. She says, that she has heard that this man Bradly furnished Cavanaugh his BEAUTIFUL MONEY. There is a web here I think that you can unravel. She appears to know something of the movements and places of harboring some of our NOTED BUSHWHACKERS!

Respectfully,

Isaac Gannet,
Lt. & Assist. Provost Marshal”

Ladies of Gray

Throughout the Civil War, Saint Louis, Missouri was occupied by the Union Army and contained a very large mixed population of pro-Unionists and Southern Sympathizers, of whom many were women. The following is part of a report by U. S. Detective Charles S. Bell, which describes some of the Ladies of Gray in Saint Louis.

“Today Chiles [a Southern Merchant] said that Miss King, a Rebel mail carrier, came to his office this morning to see about some clothing sent into the city for her some time since. Chiles said that Miss King had just been released from CONFINEMENT and that she had been a mail carrier heretofore. She is yet in the city, but will go to her house in Franklin or Crawford County soon. He much regretted that I was not in his office when she came in. So did I.

Chiles also told me many anecdotes of daring deeds done here by heroic REBEL FEMALES in times and, in particular, he dwelt on one Mrs. Haine (maiden name Byron and claims to be a direct descendent of the Poet Byron), who about a year ago came to his house on 6th St. near Elm with a full Rebel uniform on under a cloak. Many others he told me of and hinted that he often knew of these “BEAUTIFUL AND HEROIC LADIES going at late hours of the night to the RENDEZVOUS with parcels of CLOTHING and MEDICINE TO BE SENT OUT TO THE SUFFERING “BOYS DOWN SOUTH”. I tried to learn where the RENDEZVOUS is located, but this is a delicate subject and could not ascertain its’ location.”

Now then, no further information has been discovered that is related to any of these incidents, but they do indicate that Ladies of the Blue & Gray were engaged in espionage in Saint Louis, Missouri in 1864 and of course the War Went On!