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Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City



# 554th Regular Meeting Wednesday, August 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: Tuesday, August 8th.

To make a dinner reservation, please contact Marlene Natoli:

mailto:marnatoli@att.net Phone: 913-764-1336

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# **August Program**



**Mr. Wayne E. Motts,** President and CEO of the Gettysburg Foundation, will be giving a program about the George Spangler farm and Gettysburg field hospital.

Seized by Union forces of the 11<sup>th</sup> Army Corps on July 1, 1863, the previously tranquil farm of George Spangler was turned into an immense field hospital. This farm is the best preserved and interpreted hospital site not only from the Battle of Gettysburg, but also the American Civil War.

Join historian, guide, and author Wayne E. Motts as he presents the fascinating history of this significant property purchased by the Gettysburg Foundation in 2008 and subsequently preserved.

# **Dinner Meeting Reservations and Payments**

- All reservations must be submitted to Marlene Natoli on the Tuesday, one week before the CWRT dinner meeting. This will ensure that an accurate count can be submitted to the Milburn Country Club on Wednesday, one week ahead of the dinner meeting, as specified in our contract with the Country Club.
- The "standing reservation list" will no longer be used for member dinner reservations. This will ensure that a monthly accurate reservation number can be submitted to Milburn Country Club, as specified in our contract. Please e-mail or call **Marlene Natoli** each month if you are planning on attending. To make a reservation, please contact Marlene at 913-764-1336 or by e-mail at mailto:marnatoli@att.net
- 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.
- Please note that the cost of a dinner is \$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. 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.
- You can also pay for your dinner using a credit or debit card. The Civil War Round Table of Kansas City is now accepting digital payments. This process is simple to use and secure. The Round Table uses the Square Digital Payment Processing System. Square charges the Round Table a fee for this service. The Round Table passes this fee on to its members who choose to use this service. The fees are slightly more if you pay online than paying in person at our dinner meetings. For more information or to see a schedule of the processing fees charged, visit our website https://cwrtkc.org/digital\_payments/

# **Dinner Menu**

Milburn Golf and Country Club will serve the following meal at the August dinner meeting: Beef medallions with demi sauce, asparagus, and dauphinoise potatoes au gratin. Dessert will be Chocolate Mousse. 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



Wayne E. Motts

Mr. Wayne E. Motts is the President & CEO of the Gettysburg Foundation. He has been a licensed battlefield guide at the Gettysburg Park National Military Park for the past 35 years. He is the author of the only published biography of Southern General Lewis A. Armistead who died at the Spangler Farm on July 5, 1863. Armistead was stationed in Kansas prior to the American Civil War and was at one time the post commander of Fort Riley. Mr. Motts is also the coauthor (with James A. Hessler) of <u>Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg: A Guide to the Most Famous Attack in American History.</u>

Mr. Motts was originally schedule to be our speaker in November of 2020. However, that program was cancelled due to the pandemic.

# This Month's Program - The Spangler Farm

Seized by Union forces of the 11th Army Corps on July 1, 1863, the previously tranquil farm of George Spangler was turned into an immense field hospital. From the first day of the Battle of Gettysburg, and for five weeks afterwards, the Spangler Farm hosted some 1,900 wounded soldiers of both sides. Among the patients treated there were Brigadier General Lewis Armistead of the Confederate Army mortally wounded in Pickett's Charge, Union Brigadier General Francis Barlow, and Private George Nixon, the great grandfather of President Richard M. Nixon. This farm is the best preserved and interpreted hospital site not only from the Battle of Gettysburg, but also the American Civil War. Join historian, guide, and author Wayne E. Motts as he presents the fascinating history of this significant property purchased by the Gettysburg Foundation in 2008 and subsequently preserved.



The George Spangler Farm, Circa 1890

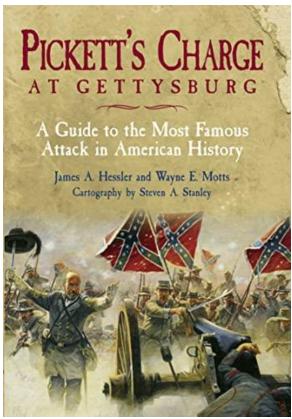


**Confederate General Lewis Armistead** 



Union General Francis C. Barlow

Book: Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg



Book co-authored by Wayne E. Motts and James A Hessler

# **Gettysburg Foundation Reception**

Please note that members of the Gettysburg Foundation have been invited to attend our dinner meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Round Table members are also welcome to attend their reception for Wayne Motts, prior to the dinner meeting. The reception begins at 5:00 p.m. in a room adjacent to our dinner meeting. See invitation below:



The Gettysburg Foundation &
Kansas City Civil War Round Table
Invite Kansas City-area Friends of Gettysburg
members to the KCCWRT's August meeting
featuring a presentation by

Wayne E. Motts
President & CEO of the Gettysburg Foundation

# WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023

5:00 P.M. Reception for Foundation Members 6:30 P.M. Dinner & Presentation on the George Spangler Farm & Field Hospital

#### MILBURN COUNTRY CLUB

7501 W. 69th Street Overland Park, KS

RSVP by August 8, 2023 to Kate Hill by calling 717.339.2133 or emailing khill@gettysburgfoundation.org

The KCCWRT graciously invited the Gettysburg Foundation to partner with them on this event.

You are welcome to attend only the reception. Dinner cost is \$34 and is payable online or at the door.

# **Live Auction Book Sales**

We would like to thank Round Table member Arnold Schofield for managing the book sales each month. The money raised during the book sales helps the Round Table bring in nationally known speakers. Last month the book sales raised \$150. Arnold will auction off the following Civil War books and artifacts in August:

- Wilson's Crrek, The Second Battle of the Civil
  War and the Men Who Fought It
  Garrett Piston and Richard W. Hatcher III
  (2000). First edition. In mint condition with
  dust jacket.
- Official Records of the Civil War, Series 1, Volume 3: Reprint of 1881 Edition. Includes the Battle of Wilson's Creek, the siege of Lexington MO, and the engagement at Belmont. In mint condition.
- The Devil Knows How to Ride: The True Story of William Clarke Quantrill and His Confederate Raiders by Edward E. Leslie (1998). In excellent condition.
- Antique Book: <u>A True Story of Charles W.</u>
   <u>Quantrell and his Guerrilla Band</u> by J. P. Burch.
   Published by private printing in Vega TX
   (1923). In very good condition.
- Artifacts: (1) Framed print of ruins of Lawrence KS. In excellent condition. (2) Original article and print from Harpers Weekly newspaper, dated September 19, 1863. Both artifacts will be sold for one money.

**Last Month's Program** 



July Speaker Rick Manfredi and his wife Suzanne

At the dinner meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup>, Civil War Round Table member **Rick Manfredi** gave an excellent presentation on the question: "Did Missouri Secede from the Union?"

Missouri was a border state during the war but did it actually secede? There are some historians who claimed that it did and others who say that it did not. Rick presented his opinions based on facts regarding this question.

To answer this question, Rick said we must first place ourselves in the geography, time, and conditions that Missouri had to offer. We must research the people who immigrated to Missouri, where they came from, their social economic standards, and their beliefs they brought with them to Missouri. They were very different than the population of Missouri 163 years later.

The following text is from Wikipedia:

"During the American Civil War, the secession of Missouri from the Union was controversial because of the state's disputed status. Missouri was claimed by both the Union and the Confederacy, had two rival state governments, and sent representatives to both the United States Congress and the Confederate Congress.

"Despite sporadic threats from pro-Confederate irregular armies, the Union government had established permanent control of Missouri by the end of 1861, with the Confederate government functioning only as a government in exile for the duration of the war.

"Acting on the ordinance passed by the [Missouri Governor Claiborne Fox] Jackson government, the Confederate Congress admitted Missouri as the 12th confederate state on November 28, 1861. The Jackson government subsequently named Senators to the Confederate Congress. It was driven into exile from Missouri after Confederates lost control of the state and Jackson died a short while later in Arkansas. The secessionist government continued in exile, eventually setting up a legislature in Marshall, Texas, until the end of the war.

"At the war's conclusion, the successors to the provisional (Union) government continued to govern the state of Missouri."

# **Upcoming Civil War Round Table Programs**

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.

- **September 20, 2023:** Civil War Round Table member **Dan Smith** will give a program titled: "The Battle that Saved the Nation's Capitol: Battle of Monocacy, July 9, 1864."
- 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.
- **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."

- December 13, 2023: Dr. Diane Mutti-Burke, professor of history at UMKC, will be giving a program about refugees in the Civil War.
- January 17, 2024: Round Table member Dick Titterington will give a program titled: "Sterling Price Returns: His Counter-offensive to Retake Missouri in the fall of 1861."
- **February 21, 2024:** Round Table member **Arnold Schofield** will be speaking about Kansas regiments that fought in the Eastern Theatre of the Civil War, including the 8<sup>th</sup> Kansas Infantry.
- March 20, 2024: Kendall D. Gott, Army veteran of Desert Storm and the Senior Historian at the U.S. Army Combat Studies Institute will give a program titled: "Gone to Kansas, 1856."
- **April 17, 2024: Dr. Dave Schafer** will give a program about Jayhawker and Abolitionist James Montgomery.
- May 15, 2024: Michael Lang will present a program about Lee's Maryland Campaign in 1862
- June 19, 2024: Dr. Rebecca Jo Plant will give a program titled: "Of Age: Boy Soldiers and Military Power in the Civil War Era."
- July 17, 2024: David N. Duncan, President of the American Battlefield Trust will be speaking about Battlefield Preservation.

# **Upcoming Programs at the Harris-Kearney House in Westport**

Civil War programs sponsored by the Westport Historical Society and the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund, will be held from 1–2 p.m. at the Harris-Kearney House, located at 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City MO.

- August 16, 2023: Chris Edwards, author and musician, will speak about "Quantrill's 1863 Raid on Lawrence, Kansas."
- **September 13, 2023:** Round Table member **Lane Smith** will give a program titled: "An Afternoon with Robert E. Lee."
- October 18, 2023: Dan Smith will be speaking about "Women at the Battle of Westport."
- November 15, 2023: Round Table member Dick Titterington will give program titled: "The Paw Paw Rebellion."

# Disorder on the Border Symposium

There will be a Civil War symposium titled **"Disorder on the Border"** on Saturday, August 12th from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Harrisonville

Community Center in Harrisonville MO. The symposium will focus on the events and effects of the Civil War on the Missouri-Kansas Border.

Advance registration is required. Tickets for the program are \$35 which includes a catered lunch. For more information and to register for the symposium, please click on the link below. Tickets for the symposium are expected to sell out fast.

https://secure.givelively.org/event/freedom-s-frontier-national-heritage-area/disorder-on-the-border

# **Revised Round Table's By-Laws**

On June 3, 2023, the Executive Committee approved an update to the By-Laws of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City. Click on this link to review what has changed in the bylaws.

# **Next Executive Committee Meeting**

Round Table president Father Dave Holloway announced that there will be a meeting of the Executive Committee at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 7, 2023. The meeting will be held at Dan Smith's office.

# We Need a New Treasurer

The following is a letter from Father Dave Holloway to members of the Round Table:

"Dear Members:

At the October Executive Committee Meeting, the Board will propose a slate of officers for 2024 and 2025. Since the death of our treasurer Susan Keipp, Dick Titterington has graciously served as acting treasurer. However, Dick is also serving as the Round Table's 2nd Vice President. The Round Table is in need of a treasurer. Therefore, I am asking if any of our members would like to suggest someone or themself for this position, to please let me, Gary Nevius, or Dick Titterington know. It is not necessary to be an accountant, but some experience with bookkeeping would help. If you have an ability with figures, please consider this position.

Sincerely,

Father Dave Holloway, Round Table President"

# **Member News**

We would like to welcome new members **Mike and Donna Bodenhamer**. They live in Warrensburg MO.

# Sergeant Major's Roar

# **Battlefield Dispatches # 579**

# Whiskey and Groggeries

During the Civil War, keeping "Whiskey" from the troops was a constant, never-ending battle. Rarely was this battle won, but the following description is one of the few victories against that firewater and is located in Vol. 34, Part II of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion on Pages 90 and 91.

"Headquarters District of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, Mo., April 8, 1864. [To] Major General W. S. Rosecrans, Comdg. Dept. of Missouri, Saint Louis, Missouri.

#### General:

Your letter by the hands of Mr. Joseph G. Allen, of the firm Tesch & Atlee, merchants at Sedalia, has been received. I desire to state fully all of the facts in connection with the subject, so that it will be understood.

In June last, I was assigned to this command. An unlimited TRAFFIC in LIQUORS had been permitted and large stocks were in the hands of wholesale dealers, while the towns and villages and every central point, such as crossroads, were filled with GROGGERIES [Taverns]. There being no civil law in force to operate as a check upon bad men, many of whom, in the army and out of it, had private wrongs to revenge, murders and other outrages were perpetuated by DRUNKEN men and it was found absolutely necessary to restrict the sale of liquors, but in order not to embarrass parties who had invested their capital in this business, in July orders were issued prohibiting its importation but allowing the sale of stocks on hand.

Dealers were informed that after a sufficient time had elapsed for them to dispose of their stocks, sales would be prohibited to a great extent. In September, orders were issued prohibiting sales, except wines and beer by all parties except druggists, regularly in that business. This was changed, so as to include Hotel Keepers and practicing physicians about the 1st of January.

The orders that are now in force are as follows:

- Any person may import and sell beer and wines and no permits are necessary for the purpose.
- Druggists, Hotel keepers, and Physicians may import spirituous liquors in small quantities and citizens for private use.

• The parties are under the necessity of obtaining special permits for each importation.

On this order being issued, a large number of persons obtained and paid for licenses to keep hotels and or as druggists and because the sub-district commanders refused to recognize them as regular traders, they claim that they are not being treated fairly, as they have paid for a license to trade and are not permitted to do so. The only place in the District where it is said that general business is injured by the prohibition is Sedalia. To remedy this, I at one time granted permits to sell to parties who were living in the Southwest District, but I soon became satisfied that under this change the dealers were flooding the country again in all parts of the District and the permission was revoked.

I advised Col. J. F. Philips, commanding the Second Sub-District, that many of the best and largest traders at Sedalia concur with him in the opinion that the traffic in the town is not injured by the prohibition referred to; that the loss of the liquor traffic has been more than replaced by the increase of other branches of trade, resulting from the restoration of quiet and safety to the people in consequence of the breaking up of a large number of GROGGERIES that were the resorts of bad men.

Mr. McKissock, a general superintendent and engineer of the Pacific Railroad and a number of contractors, inform me that unless the prohibitions are continued, it will be very difficult, if not impossible to carry on the work of construction. All good citizens recognize the restrictions in the sale of this article [whiskey] as having had the best effect and I am satisfied that the orders that have been issued give all the license that is necessary at this time. The business is a profitable one and the parties who desire to deal are clamorous and it would relieve you from their importunities to remove the restrictions, but it is done, it would endanger the good order that is now growing in the District.

You will pardon the length of this letter, but as this is another of the numerous complaints that have been made and that have once been settled, I have thought proper to give you its history and my views fully.

I am, very truly, your obedient servant,

E. B. BROWN, Brigadier General of volunteers."

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Now then, it seems by issuing and enforcing the above-mentioned orders, that Brigadier General Brown did curtail the selling of "Whiskey" to the troops, which was also helped by the closing of a number of Groggeries and of Course the War Went On.

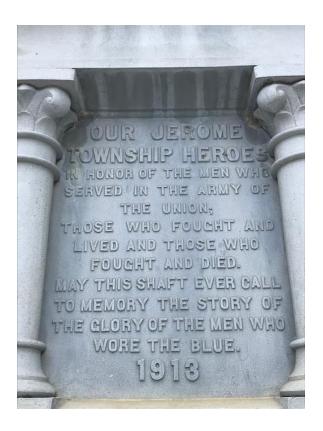
# Jerome Township Soldiers' Monument, Union County, Ohio

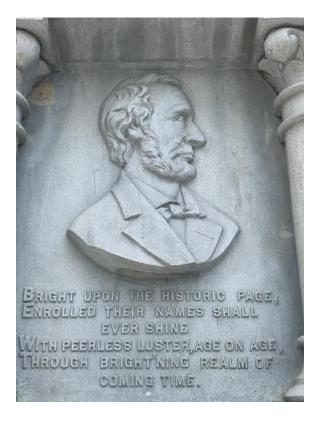
Many towns in America have monuments that were erected to honor their soldiers who served in the Civil War. The following photographs show the Jerome Township Soldiers' Monument located in New California OH. The following is from Wikipedia:

"Jerome Township was organized in 1821. As of 1854, the population of the township was 1,249.

"In the Civil War, 367 residents of Jerome Township enlisted to fight. This was a remarkably high level, 151 more than were recognized as voters (only 216) and fully 25% of the population of 1,398. It included several boys aged 16 and one aged 14. Seventy-five of those who enlisted died or were killed in the war. They, and the service of township residents in the War of 1812, the Mexican War, and the war with Spain in 1898, are commemorated with a war memorial more than 20 feet high in New California."







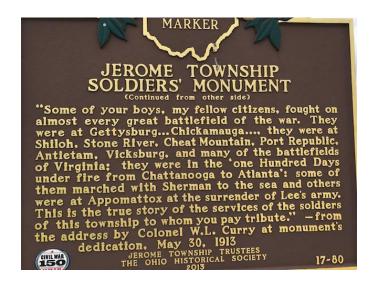
# JEROME TOWNSHIP SOLDIERS' MONUMENT

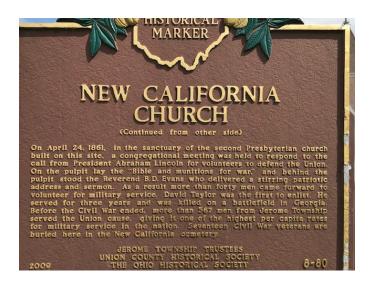
This monument was dedicated on Memorial Day of 1913 to honor the Union soldiers of the Civil War from Jerome Township. Many citizens, school children, and Civil War veterans attended the dedication as Col. W.L. Curry, who fought at Chickamauga, spoke to the crowd. The zinc monument contains the names of 400 soldiers of the township. The shaft is just over 21 feet high. Placed inside was a time capsule containing a number of historical documents including 60 photographs of Civil War veterans. Donations from a grateful community and a bequest from R.L. Woodburn, a Civil War veteran and Ohio legislator funded the monument.

Gentinued on other side!

JEROME TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
THE OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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