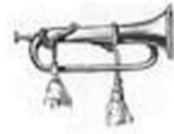




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566th Regular Meeting

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

Milburn Golf and Country Club

7501 West 69th Street, Overland Park, KS 66204

Social hour begins at 5:00 p.m. and dinner is at 6:00 p.m.

The 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 13th.

To make a dinner reservation, please contact Dick Titterington:

<mailto:theCivilWarMuse@gmail.com>

Phone: 816-377-9453

August Program



Dr. Megan L. Bever, associate professor of history and chair of the Social Sciences Department at Missouri Southern State University will be giving a program titled: "At War with King Alcohol: Civil War Soldiers Debate Drinking."

Soldiers in the Civil War drank liquor and myriad debates ensued over whether or not troops could drink and be patriotic men. These conversations over drinking, intermingled with discussions of class, race, and ethnicity, and soldiers and civilians argued – with each other and among themselves. Did service to one's country during a time of war require sobriety? Americans disagreed.

Dinner Meeting Reservations and Payments

- A reservation is required in order to attend the dinner meeting. All reservations must be submitted to Dick Titterington by Tuesday, August 13th. 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.
- Please e-mail or call **Dick Titterington** if you are planning on attending. To make a reservation, call Dick at 816-377-9453 or e-mail him at <mailto:theCivilWarMuse@gmail.com> **If you send Dick an e-mail and do not get confirmation back, then you do not have a reservation.**
- **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 **Dick Titterington** by either phone or e-mail prior to the reservation deadline to cancel. You are responsible for the cost of 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.

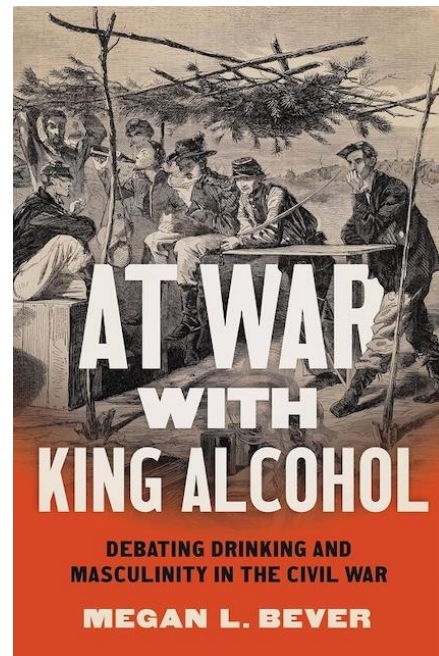
Gluten free and vegetarian meals are available with advance notice. Please advise **Dick Titterington** if you require a gluten free or vegetarian meal when making

your reservation. Also, if you have a food allergy, Marlene requests that you **please be very specific** on what items you can't eat on that month's menu when making your dinner reservation.

This Month's Speaker

Dr. Megan L. Bever is associate professor of history and chair of the Social Sciences Department at Missouri Southern State University. She also serves as Vice President of the Sherwood-Rader Farm Civil War Park. She is author of *At War with King Alcohol: Debating Drinking and Masculinity in the Civil War* (2022) and co-editor of *American Discord: The Republic and Its People in the Civil War Era* (2020) and *The Historian behind the History* (2014). She is currently co-editing a collection on substances during the Civil War.

Dr. Bever's Book: *At War with King Alcohol*



The following text is from the Amazon website:

“Liquor was essential to military culture as well as healthcare regimens in both the Union and Confederate armies. But its widespread use and misuse caused severe disruptions as unruly drunken soldiers and officers stumbled down roads and through towns, colliding with civilians. The problems surrounding liquor prompted debates among military officials, soldiers, and civilians as to what constituted acceptable drinking. While Americans never could agree on precisely when it was appropriate to make or drink alcohol, one consensus emerged: the wasteful manufacture and reckless consumption of spirits during a time of civil war was so unpatriotic that it sometimes bordered on disloyalty.

“Using an array of sources - temperance periodicals, soldiers' accounts, legislative proceedings, and military records – **Dr. Megan L. Bever** explores the relationship between war, the practical realities of drinking alcohol, and temperance sentiment within the United States. Her insightful conclusions promise to shed new light on our understanding of soldiers' and veterans' lives, civil-military relations, and the complicated relationship between drinking, morality, and masculinity.”

Last Month's Program



July Speaker – Dr. Rebecca Jo Plant

At our dinner meeting on July 17th, **Dr. Rebecca Jo Plant** gave a very interesting program titled: “The Problem of Underage Enlistment during the U.S. Civil War.” Attendance at the July dinner meeting was 59.

Enormous numbers of boys and underage youths served in the military throughout the American Civil War. Constituting roughly ten percent of Union troops and most likely a similar proportion of Confederate forces—though surviving records allow for less certainty—these young enlistees significantly enhanced the size and capabilities of the armies on both sides. They also created a great deal of drama and chaos. They upended household economies by absconding with their vital labor power. They caused loved ones to suffer untold anxiety for their welfare. And they generated myriad encounters between ordinary people and the institutions of government, at times resulting in dramatic showdowns between military and civilian authorities.

How did the United States and the Confederacy respectively deal with the presence of so many young people in the ranks? The answers are often surprising

and counterintuitive. In the United States, attempts to grapple with the problem of underage enlistment—and the backlash that it produced among frustrated parents—made the issue a conduit for larger debates. As the federal government asserted more authority over the state-based volunteers, and as service in volunteer regiments gradually came to look more like service in the regular army, Union families found it difficult if not impossible to recover underage sons. In the minds of many, the government’s vise-like grip on underage soldiers came to epitomize the dangers inherent in the growing consolidation of military power.

Upcoming Civil War Round Table Programs

Our monthly dinner meetings are typically held on the third Wednesday of each month. However, the December 2024 meeting will be held on the second Wednesday of the month.

- **September 18, 2024: Dr. Tai Edwards**, associate professor of history and director of the Kansas Studies Institute at Johnson County Community College will give a program titled: “The Civil War and Colonization of Indigenous Peoples.”
- **October 16, 2024: Dr. Thomas Curran** will be giving a program titled: “Women at War: Female Confederate Prisoners & Union Military Justice.
- **November 20, 2024: Dr. Mitchell Klingenberg** with the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, will give a program about Union General John Reynolds, who was killed on the first day at Gettysburg.
- **December 11, 2024:** This will be a musical program to celebrate the holidays.
- **January 15, 2025: Chris Kolakowski** will be speaking about his new book titled: *Tenth Army Commander: The World War II Diary of Simon Boliver Buckner, Jr.*
- **February 19, 2025: Sergeant Major Arnold Schofield** will be our speaker.
- **March 19, 2025: David Cannon** will be speaking about Josiah Bushnell Grinnell and the Iowa Underground Railroad.
- **April 16, 2025:** Round Table member **Todd Stettner** will be giving a program about Judah Benjamin, who served as a U.S. Senator from Louisiana and who served as Attorney General, Secretary of War, and Secretary of State for the Confederacy.
- **May 21, 2025: John Fazio** will be giving a program about Lincoln’s assassination.

- **June 18, 2025: Dr. Joseph Beilein, Jr.** will be giving a program titled: “A Man By Any Other Name: Quantrill.”
- **July 16, 2025: A. Wilson Greene** will be giving a program about the Petersburg VA Campaign.

Upcoming Civil War Wednesdays Programs

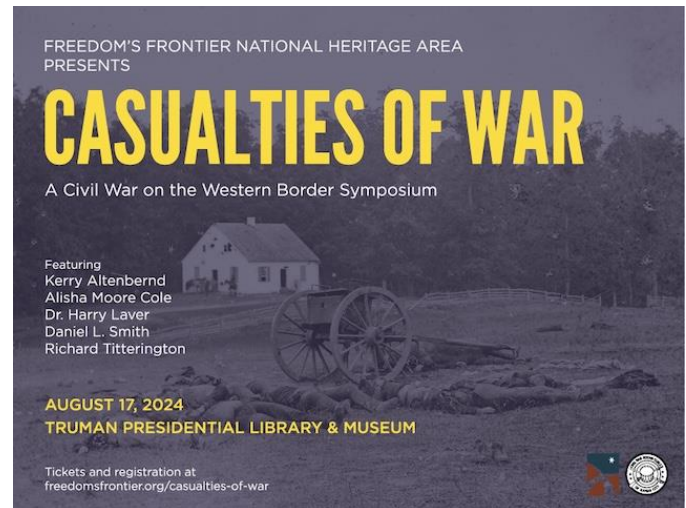
The “Civil War Wednesdays” programs will be held on the third Wednesday of the month at the Westport Branch of the Kansas City Public Library, located at 118 Westport Road, Kansas City MO. The programs will start at 1:00 p.m. and end at approximately 2:00 p.m. There is no charge to attend these meetings at the library.

- **August 21, 2024: Dennis Garstang**, past president of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City, will be giving a program titled “The Life and Times of General John Charles Frémont.” Frémont was in command of the US Department of the West during the summer and fall of 1861.
- **September 18, 2024: Alisha Cole**, with the Westport Historical Society, will be giving a program about the role of the Harris-Kearney House and the Wornall House during the American Civil War. Find out what their owners and occupants were doing at the time of the war.
- **October 16, 2024: Dick Titterington**, treasurer of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City, will be giving a program titled: “Grant in Missouri: The Battle of Belmont.” Ulysses S. Grant began his Civil War career as the colonel of volunteers in the 21st Illinois Infantry and was quickly deployed in Missouri in 1861. His last command in Missouri was the Battle of Belmont.
- **November 20, 2024: Dick Titterington** will be giving a program titled: “The 1861 New Mexico Campaign: Valverde and Glorieta Pass.” Confederates invaded the New Mexico Territory in 1861 and fought two battles against the Union defenders.

Casualties of War: A Civil War on the Western Border Symposium

The Civil War Round Table of Kansas City is co-sponsoring this symposium, which will take place on Saturday, August 17, 2024 at the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library & Museum, located in Independence MO.

Dr. Harry Laver with the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth KS will be the keynote speaker.



Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area presents *Casualties of War: A Civil War on the Western Border Symposium*. The day-long event gathers a broad-based group of historians to discuss the price of civil liberties during wartime at the Harry S. Truman Library & Presidential Museum in Independence, Missouri. Measuring the struggle for freedom against the loss of liberty, the symposium will explore the wide-ranging effects of the border conflict and the loss of civil liberty for those caught in its vortex.

About Casualties of War: A Civil War on the Western Border Symposium

Until the mid-nineteenth century, a democratically elected government of civilian authorities protected the US’s founding guarantees: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Events in eastern Kansas and western Missouri forced the unthinkable, posing a direct challenge to those American values. When a military attempts to exert control over a hostile insurgent civilian population, fundamental questions emerge – with consequences that reverberate through history to the present moment.

Key topics include:

- Geopolitical conflict and gender roles.
- The suspension of habeas corpus and invocation of martial law.
- The dawn of industrial total war.
- The lessons of insurgent movements.

Featured Speakers:

- Kerry Altenbernd
- Alisha Moore Cole
- Dr. Harry Laver
- Daniel L. Smith
- Richard Titterington

Registration Information:

Tickets are on sale now at: freedomfrontier.org/casualties-of-war. Advance registration is required. Tickets include access to all sessions, museum admission, and a catered lunch. Ticket sales end August 15.

For more information, please contact Johnny Szlauderbach, Director of Communications & Projects, Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area:

jszlauderbach@freedomfrontier.org

Phone: 785-424-5594

About the Symposium:

Casualties of War: A Civil War on the Western Border Symposium is a combined presentation of Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area and the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City. Its sponsors encourage participants to gain a better understanding of the events of the late 1850s and early 1860s that shaped our region and influenced national history.

Upcoming Civil War Programs at the Wornall/Majors House Museums

Summer Author Series: D.L. Rogers

August 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Alexander Majors House Museum, 8201 State Line Road, Kansas City MO 64114. The cost is \$5.00 per person.

D.L. Rogers will be talking about her writing and research project for her book *Elizabeth's War: Missouri 1863*. She will also be signing books and taking questions from the audience.

For more information visit:

<https://www.wornallmajors.org/event/summer-author-series-2/>

Drop-in History: Civil War

August 14, 2024 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the John Wornall House Museum, 6115 Wornall Road, Kansas City MO 64113. This event is free.

The museum will stay open late to host an event with additional signage about the Battle of Westport at the Wornall House featuring Civil War reenactor Richard Spacker, an author who recently completed a novel inspired by Order Number 11.

For more information visit:

<https://www.wornallmajors.org/event/drop-in-history-civil-war-reenactor/>

Member News:

We would like to welcome the following new members:

- **Terri Conner** is an accountant and lives in Overland Park KS. She has Union ancestors from southwest Missouri and Confederate ancestors from the Appomattox area of Virginia.
- **Liz Edmundson** is a Registered Nurse (RN) and lives in Kansas City MO. She is also a member of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri.
- **Tom Jones** is retired and lives in St. Joseph MO. He has Union and Confederate ancestors and is primarily interested in the Trans-Mississippi region, the Missouri political split between radicals and conservatives, and emancipation.

It was good to see **Arnold Schofield and his wife Clara** at the July dinner meeting. Arnold had been hospitalized with back complications. Arnold is home now and using a walker. He is having physical therapy and is progressing slowly.

It was also good to see **Phil and Mary Griffin** at the July dinner meeting. Phil has been dealing with some serious health issues. Phil plans to have back surgery at some point in the future.

Suzee Oberg said she had a mild stroke on July 4th, which affected her left arm and the feeling in her left hand. Suzee said it turned out to be a blessing, because they found a partially blocked artery in her neck.

Debbi Roy said the Friends of the Johnson County Library has a Used Book Sale every Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and also every Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (March through August). All sales are located at the Friends' Headquarters, 8279 Melrose Drive, Lenexa KS in the Pine Ridge Business Park.

Honoring Our Members Who Are Veterans

As announced by **Gary Nevius** at the July dinner meeting, the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City plans to honor all of our members and their spouses who have served in the military. Prior to the dinner meeting **Dr. Dan Cudnik, Jill Jaworski, Father Dave Holloway, Dave Pattison, and Gary Nevius** met to develop a plan for honoring our veterans. The first step will be to e-mail all of our members, requesting that they provide information regarding their service if they are veterans. Members who have or had spouses that are veterans should also provide their spouse's service information. The intent is to honor our veterans at the dinner meeting on November 20th.

Photographs from the June Dinner Meeting



Arnold Schofield auctioning off a framed print of Union General Nathaniel Lyon, with Don Bates assisting.



New Member Terri Conner



Clara and Arnold Schofield



New Member Liz Edmundson



Mary and Phil Griffin

Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield Dispatches #800

Badger Boys on the Border

During the first year of the Civil War, the North and South were creating new Regiments of soldiers and the Third Wisconsin Cavalry was one of the Union Regiments. It was organized in Janesville and Madison, Wisconsin in January of 1862 and arrived at Fort Leavenworth in early May of the same year. Private Charles W. Porter was elected as "Orderly Sergeant of Company F" and he remained with the Company throughout from 1862 until the end of the war in 1865.

Eventually he received a commission as a Second Lieutenant and eventually he was promoted to Captain in command of his Company. Throughout the war he maintained an extensive journal of his and his Company's "war record" in which the following and subsequent entries may be found.

This journal is very important because the Third Wisconsin Cavalry Regiment was one of the longest serving Regiments on the Kansas/Missouri Border during the entire Civil War. It served in numerous field operations in Missouri, Kansas, northern Arkansas, and the eastern part of the Indian Territory [present day Oklahoma]. From 1863 to 1865 a battalion of this Regiment, including Company F, was stationed at Fort Scott and occupied numerous "posts" in western Vernon County, Missouri.

Sunday, May 11, 1862; [Arrival at Fort Leavenworth]:

We passed some small place during the night which I was unable to note. At a little before 9 o'clock, we passed the steamer "J. Major." Arrived at Kansas City at 9 o'clock A.M. I went ashore and strutted about the city until 10 ½ o'clock A. M. when I went on board the boat and was again on our way. This place is situated on high bluffs and said to be a large amount of business down here. We passed Wyandotte, Kansas and south of the Kansas River at 11 o'clock A. M. This place had the appearance of business, but many of the buildings were somewhat dilapidated. We passed Parkville a dreary, dilapidated place at 1 o'clock P. M. At this point the Little Platte River empties into the Missouri River.

We now learn that we are nearing our destination. At 5 ½ o'clock we passed Leavenworth City, a beautiful located city. At 6 o'clock P. M. we landed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. We all disembarked and marched one mile south of the Fort, where we found the First and Third Battalion of our Regiment in camp, when we were gladly welcomed by the boys. Our Company [F] was provided with supper by Company D, after which we put up our tents and by 10 ½ o'clock the work was completed and all turned in for a good night's rest. I found a good friend in Sgt. Robinson of Company D, who invited me to stay with him, which I cordially accepted and turned in for a share of the rest. The day was very hot.

Monday, May 12, 1862:

This morning, I was engaged in putting up and arranging my tent, which I soon accomplished. The day was then idly spent by me. Our camp is situated on what is called the Blue Grass, one mile south of the Fort and nearly two miles west of Leavenworth City. And west of our camp is a long chain of bluffs, nearly a quarter of a mile distant from our camp, and on the highest point is quite a strong position made of stone, timber, and earth,

in which are placed heavy ordnance [cannon] for the defense of the City and the Fort. We are blessed with a number of beautiful springs near our camp and everything to make our camp comfortable during our stay. Today was very hot!

Friday, May 16, 1862:

This morning, Lieutenant Plower commanded our company on drill and we had an interesting time. After drill I took a walk up to the Fort and spent some time in viewing the place. It is nearly surrounded with breastworks [earth fortifications] and what I suppose is called the Fort is nothing but the government buildings inside of the breastworks. There is a large parade ground in the center, which is enclosed with a nice board fence. In the center of the grounds, is a Magazine [brick building for storing gunpowder and prepared ammunition], on the East side is a row of two story and half buildings of frame construction, these are Post headquarters, the General headquarters, Pay Masters and Mustering Officers Departments and a few yards to the east is a Sutler Store [General Store] and Saloon and also an Arsenal [for weapons storage].

On the north side of the grounds is a row of low Cottage buildings for Officers and their families and back of these is the Quartermaster and Commissary buildings built of stone and two and a half stories high. On the west side of the grounds is another row of buildings like those unto the East in construction and there are barracks and southwest there is a large stone guard House, the Post and General Hospitals and south of the grounds is the Stock yard, Stables and Granary. I returned to camp before noon. This afternoon myself and Sgt. John Kraus of our Company rode out in the country. Two Companies of the 9th Kansas Cavalry marched out to some point today. This forenoon hot, afternoon cloudy and some sign of rain.

Saturday, May 17th:

We learned that a member of Company D of our Regiment died at our hospital last evening and that his funeral would take place on the morrow.

Sunday, May 18, 1862:

This morning at 10 o'clock, we had a Company Inspection, when Camp and Garrison equipage, clothing, arms, etc. were thoroughly inspected by our company commander and pronounced in good condition. After inspection at the hour of 11 o'clock, I witnessed the burial of our fellow soldier of Company "D". He was buried with military honors, which was solemn and impressive and in the following manner. There were eight privates commanded by a Corporal and marched to the front of the Hospital and then formed in two ranks with Arms at a

Shoulder. On appearance of the corpse, which was born by six pall-bearers, the Corporal commands: "Present Arms", the coffin is taken to the right and halted. The Corporal then commands: "Shoulder Arms, by Company Left Wheel". Then "March" when the Escort moves off preceded by a "Band" of music and the coffin is now drawn by or in an ambulance.

The Escort with Arms reversed by bringing the firelock [musket] under the left, butt to the front, barrel downward, left hand sustaining the lock, the right hand steadying the firelock behind the back, they then march in slow time to solemn music. On reaching the grave the Escort was ordered to "Right Wheel" into line, opposite of the grave, the coffin is then brought along the front to the opposite side of the grave and halted. The Corporal then commanded the escort to "Shoulder Arms", then "Present Arms" and when the coffin was placed at the grave, the command was "Shoulder Arms", then "Rest in Arms" which was done by placing the muzzle on the left foot, both hands on the butt, the heads on the hands or bowed and the right knee bent. The Chaplin then performed his service and the coffin was then lowered into the grave. The command was then "Attention", then "Shoulder Arms", then "Load at Will" after which three rounds were fired over the grave. This being done, they are then wheeled to the right and marched away in quick time with the Band playing a lively Tune or Air. Thus was the soldier's burial.

This afternoon there was a boat arrived at the landing near the Fort with a large number of horses for our Regiment. I was detailed with a number of soldiers to bring them up and place them in an enclosure, which duty occupied the afternoon. The day was warm and pleasant.

Now then, please note that "Taps" was not played at the conclusion of the military funeral as described. This was because "Taps" as it is known today did not exist until July of 1862, when it was arranged in its present form by Union Army Brigadier General Daniel Butterfield and played for the first time at conclusion of a funeral of a Union soldier at Harrison's Landing, Virginia. Eventually, within months, "Taps" was utilized at military funerals by both the Union and Confederate forces, as the war went on.