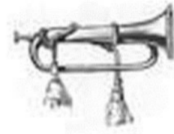




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569th Regular Meeting Wednesday, November 20, 2024

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, November 12th.
To make a dinner reservation, please contact Marlene Natoli:

<mailto:marnatoli@att.net>

Phone: 913-764-1336

November Program



Dr. Mitchell G. Klingenberg will be giving a program titled: "Reynolds of Gettysburg: History, Legend, and Myth."

Remembered for his last command at Gettysburg, Major General John Fulton Reynolds has endured in Civil War lore as a monumental figure. His death at the head of the Union First Corps on July 1, 1863, produced a legend that transcended an admirable career of U.S. Army service.

An able tactician and a competent commander at corps, Reynolds was the proverbial cream of the old Army and U.S. Army of the Potomac crop when Union forces checked Robert E. Lee's Pennsylvania invasion in 1863.

Dinner Meeting Reservations and Payments

- **A reservation is required in order to attend the dinner meeting. All reservations must be submitted to Marlene Natoli by Tuesday, November 12th.** 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 **Marlene** if you are planning on attending. To make a reservation, call Marlene at 913-764-1336 or e-mail her at <mailto:marnatoli@att.net> **If you send Marlene 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 **Marlene Natoli** 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 November dinner meeting: Turkey breast, mashed potatoes, bread stuffing, giblet gravy and green beans. Dessert will be pumpkin pie. 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

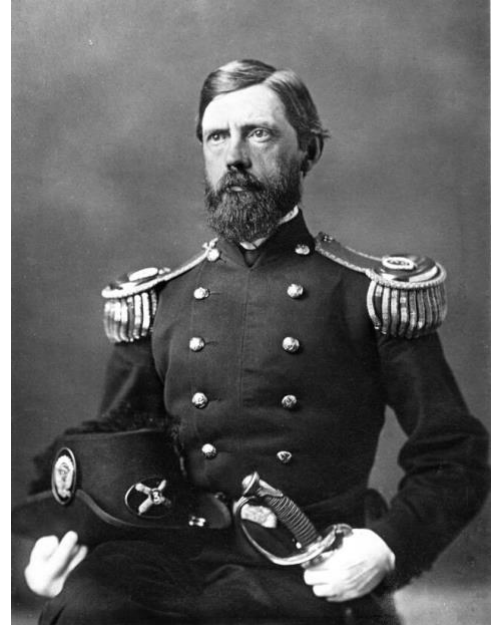
require a gluten free or vegetarian meal when making your reservation. Also, if you have a food allergy, Marlene requests that you **please be very specific** on what items you can't eat on that month's menu when making your dinner reservation.

This Month's Speaker

Dr. Mitchell G. Klingenberg is a historian and assistant professor in the Department of Military History at the United States Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth KS. Previously, he served as a member of the faculty at the United States Military Academy at West Point and at the United States Army War College.

He has conducted battlefield staff rides to Normandy, France, and to Civil War sites in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia. His writings on themes of American Civil War history and military history have been published at *Army History*, *Civil War History*, *American Nineteenth Century History*, the *International Journal of Military History and Historiography*, the Modern War Institute at West Point, and *War on the Rocks*. He holds a Ph.D. in history from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas.

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Union Major General John F. Reynolds

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transcended an admirable career of U.S. Army service. An able tactician and a competent commander at corps, Reynolds was the proverbial cream of the old Army and US Army of the Potomac crop when Union forces checked Robert E. Lee's Pennsylvania invasion in 1863. But the premature death of Reynolds, while a fixture of Gettysburg battle and campaign analysis, probably did little to alter the course of the battle, and even less to shape the strategic character and conduct of the war in the East.

Last Month's Program



At the dinner meeting on October 16th, **Dr. Thomas F. Curran** gave a very interesting presentation titled: "Female Confederate Partisans and Union Military Justice: The Case of Drucilla Sappington." Attendance at the October dinner meeting was 53.

Dr. Curran's presentation was drawn from his book *Women Making War: Female Confederate Prisoners and Union Military Justice*. During the Civil War, at least four hundred and forty women are known to have been arrested in St. Louis or to have been sent there after their arrest elsewhere. They faced charges related to offenses ranging from overt displays of support for the southern Confederacy, to offering aid and comfort to those fighting against Federal authority, to more direct activities such as spying, smuggling, sabotage, and even service in the Confederate army itself.

Federal authorities took the rebellious women's activities seriously, considering them of a treasonable nature, and responded with measures they deemed the women's actions justly deserved. For a majority of these women, arrest and imprisonment were consequences of conscious decisions they made to do what they could to advance the southern cause and assist those in armed

rebellion against the United States government. What happened in St. Louis had a broader impact on the Federal army's treatment of civilians, especially women, elsewhere. Dr. Curran's presentation focused on one of those women, Drucilla Sappington. Through her experiences, many of the important and interesting aspects of his story came to light.

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.

- **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:** **Dr. Jared Peatman** of the George Washington University Center for Excellence in Public Leadership will give a program about his book titled: *The Long Shadow of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address*.
- **June 18, 2025:** **Dr. Joseph Beilein, Jr.** will be giving a program titled: "A Man By Any Other Name: Quantrill."

Upcoming Civil War Wednesdays Program

The "Civil War Wednesdays" programs are held 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 programs.

- **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.

Honoring Our Members Who Are Veterans

Monday, November 11th is Veterans Day. Veterans Day is an official United States federal holiday honoring those that have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day and was first proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson to mark the one-year anniversary of the end of World War I (the 11th hour of the 11th day, of the 11th month of 1918). Armistice Day evolved into the current Veterans Day holiday in 1954.

The Civil War Round Table of Kansas City will honor our members who are veterans at the dinner meeting this month. The following is a list of our members who have served in the military:

- Don Bates
- Bill Buckner
- Dr. Dan Cudnik
- John Dillingham
- Ken Ford
- Dennis Garstang
- Paul Gault
- Rev. David Holloway
- Jill Jaworski
- Tom Jones
- George Leff
- Bob Macoubrie
- Bruce Schall
- Arnold Schofield
- Jerry Smith
- Lane Smith
- Dan Turner

Thank you for your service to our country! We owe each of you a debt of gratitude for your sacrifices in helping to protect our freedoms. Please join us in thanking our veterans on November 20th.

Member News:

We would like to welcome new member **Gary Young**, who is retired and lives in Fairway KS. Gary is interested in finding more information about the role of his great-great grandfather, Ezekiel Edward Young, who served in the Confederacy during the Civil War.

Arnold Schofield's back surgery on October 7th was successful and he has been having physical therapy. Arnold is doing better and plans to attend the dinner meeting this month. That is great news!

Dr. Dan Cudnik and his family just welcomed his 6th great-grandchild, Jason Robinson. Congratulations Dan! Dan gave a talk at the Osher Foundation Edwards Campus on November 4th titled: "The Chosin Reservoir Battle."

Dan Smith, Dick Titterington, and Max Bowers led tours of the Byram's Ford Battlefield on Saturday, October 19th as part of the BOW 160 Commemoration marking the 160th anniversary of the Battle of Westport.

Photographs from the October Dinner Meeting



**Member Suzee Oberg and her daughter
Robbie McClure Kearney**



Returning Member Robert Riesmeyer

Photographs from the Unveiling Ceremony of Historic Markers Interpreting the Byram's Ford Battlefield

Dan Smith, Chairman of the Battle of Westport Fund, took part in an unveiling ceremony of a series of ten historic markers interpreting the Byram's Ford Battlefield of the Battle of Westport on Thursday, October 3rd. The ceremony took place on the grounds of the battlefield atop the portion of the field known as "Bloody Hill."

The following dignitaries participated in the unveiling ceremony (see photo at right, second from the top):

- **Emanuel Cleaver, II**, U. S. Congressman for 5th District of Missouri
- **Ryana Parks-Shaw**, Mayor Pro Tem of Kansas City, Missouri and 5th District councilwoman
- **Daniel L. Smith**, chairman, Monnett Battle of Westport Fund
- **Christopher Cotten**, Director, Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department
- **Darrell Curls**, 5th District Kansas City councilman

Dan Smith provided the following photographs from the unveiling ceremony.



Dan Smith and Emanuel Cleaver returning from the center of the line of markers.



Christopher Cotten giving his address.



Reveal of Battle of Westport, Byram's Ford Marker.



New Battle of Westport Byram's Ford Marker.



Emanuel Cleaver II giving his address.

Dan Smith said: "The Civil War Round Table of Kansas City and the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund can be proud of our success in bringing attention to this most significant Civil War battle in our community."



Ryana Parks-Shaw giving her address.



Dan Smith and Emanuel Cleaver II at new marker.



Dan Smith giving his address.



CWRT-KC Member Les Thierolf (far left) and others on the walking trail.



Dan Smith and Emanuel Cleaver II.



Photo at Right: Dan Smith being congratulated by Mike Calvert, president of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri (Photo courtesy of Beverly Shaw)

Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield Dispatches #803

Bedstead, Games, Mosquitoes, Flies, Government Jewelry

During the Civil War, the 3rd Wisconsin Cavalry Regiment or a Battalion (3 or more Companies) of this regiment was stationed in and around Fort Scott, from late June of 1862 until the war was over in early April of 1865. The following entries are from the Journal of Orderly Sgt. Charles W. Porter, who was eventually promoted to Captain and commanding officer of Company F, and was with the 3rd Wisconsin for its 3-year service in Fort Scott. The entries describe how he improved his sleeping arrangement, some of the games the troopers played, how he was plagued by insects, bored with administrative duties, and how some Confederate prisoners were restrained by leg irons or shackles.

Thursday, June 19, 1862:

This forward [morning], I was engaged in fixing my tent more convenient and providing myself with a RUSTIC BEDSTEAD of forked sticks drove in the ground and poles laid on them, then bark was woven across for the bottom. The afternoon, I spent in the Fort [Scott] which was located on the south side of the Marmaton River. The day was quite hot.

Friday, June 20, 1862:

Company "C" left Camp this morning, to be gone eight days on a scout [patrol] in the vicinity of Mine Creek. Two Confederates were brought in from Cedar County, Missouri and were confined in the bastillion [guardhouse] of the Fort. I did not learn of any further new to note down. The day was pleasant.

Saturday, June 21, 1862:

All quiet in camp and we are not possessed of any news from the outer world. I commenced the troublesome task of making out Pay Rolls for our Company today. Nothing worthy of note with us. The day was warm and pleasant.

Sunday, June 22, 1862:

As we were minus a Chaplain, we had no services to attend, so today was with us as other days of the week. I continued my task on Pay Rolls. I heard no news to note down. The day was warm.

Monday, June 23, 1862:

Today I was still engaged in the work of the two preceding days, which is tiresome and confining. Card and Ball Playing [probably baseball] seems to be the past time in camp. The day was very hot.

Tuesday, June 24, 1862:

I finished my Pay Rolls today and felt relieved, as I did not like the job while MOSQUITOES and FLIES were my constant companions. The day was very hot.

Wednesday, June 25, 1862:

After breakfast, I walked down to the "Blacksmith Shop", my attention being attracted there by soldiers who were conducting thirteen prisoners from the Guardhouse to that point [Note: the Blacksmith Shop was a 40' long, by 26' wide, by 10' high building, with boards set upright and battened with a shingle roof, located on the southeast side of the old parade ground, which was close to the original, now reconstructed Guardhouse, that today is part of Fort Scott National Historic Site.]

I found on my arrival that the Blacksmiths were putting shackles upon the ankles of the prisoners. They seemed to be quite jolly and sported over their new acquisition of "GOVERNMENT JEWELRY". They were immediately sent to Fort Leavenworth for their final trial. The day was hot and dusty."

Now then, Orderly Sergeant Porter's Journal provides excellent glimpses of a soldier's life during the Civil War. Next month's column will feature his first participation on a patrol into enemy territory or the "Land of Misery" which the Yankee's called Missouri and the burial of one of his comrades in the "Military Cemetery" in Fort Scott, as the War Went On.