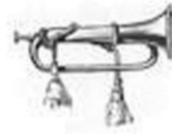




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570th Regular Meeting Wednesday, December 11, 2024

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, December 3rd.

To make a dinner reservation, please contact Marlene Natoli:

<mailto:marnatoli@att.net>

Phone: 913-764-1336

December Program



At our dinner meeting on December 11th, the program will be the "**Dickens Carolers in Concert.**" The Dickens Carolers are Kansas City's premiere professional Christmas Caroling company, who will celebrate their 41th season of holiday caroling in 2024!

Brad Zimmerman, founder and manager, employs over 50 performers from all walks of life. The Dickens Carolers are costumed in beautiful turn-of-the-century attire and add a festive spark to any holiday gathering.

This is a delightful holiday program, so please come and enjoy the evening. Merry Christmas and Happy Hannukah!

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, December 3rd. 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://cwrtrkc.org/digital_payments/

Dinner Menu

Milburn Golf and Country Club will serve the following meal at the December dinner meeting: Oven roasted prime rib, winter vegetable medley, and mashed potatoes. Dessert will be New York 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. 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 Program



The Dickens Carolers performed at our dinner meeting on December 14, 2022

The Dickens Carolers, Kansas City's premiere professional Christmas Caroling company, will celebrate their 41st season of holiday caroling in 2024! Brad Zimmerman, founder and manager, employs over 50 performers from all walks of life. The Dickens Carolers are costumed in beautiful turn-of-the-century attire and add a festive spark to any holiday gathering. Last season the carolers shared their musical cheer at over 250 holiday parties, merchant associations and area businesses. This seasonal business began 40 years ago with four singers and one merchant contract. Through word of mouth, advertising and hard work, Brad Zimmerman guided the Dickens Carolers to national recognition. In December, 1990, the Dickens Carolers appeared on "Good Morning, America" and in 1993, they were chosen as the welcoming entertainment for Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York. The voices of the Dickens Carolers have been compared to those of heavenly angels.

Last Month's Program

The speaker at our dinner meeting on November 20th was **Dr. Mitchell G. Klingenberg**, an 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.



November speaker Dr. Mitchell Klingenberg

Dr. Klingenberg gave an excellent program titled: “Reynolds of Gettysburg: History, Legend, and Myth.” Attendance at the dinner meeting was 65.

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 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.

Dr. Klingenberg said he became interested in General Reynolds from reading the book *The Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara. In that book, Reynolds appears as a mythical figure. Dr. Klingenberg said Reynolds was an able corps commander, courageous, etc. However, the memory of Reynolds is exaggerated. Excessive praise was given to Reynolds after he died.

Reynolds was a competent brigade, division, and corps commander. He understood the nuances of campaigning. However, Reynolds never achieved ultimate success due to his untimely death. Reynolds was twice considered for command of the Army of the Potomac. Dr. Klingenberg

said Reynolds probably would have remained a corps commander had he not been killed at Gettysburg and would not have replaced General George Meade. Meade was a better commander.

Dr. Klingenberg discussed Carl Von Clausewitz’s book *On War* that was published in 1832. Clausewitz was a Prussian army officer whose book addresses command, military genius, and the nature of war. Dr. Klingenberg covered the traits of a military genius. He said Reynolds displayed significant courage during the War with Mexico and during the Civil War at the Second Battle of Bull Run, Fredericksburg, and Gettysburg. However, Reynolds took unnecessary risks and got involved in lower-level issues. He could have shaped the Battle of Gettysburg better from behind rather than leading his troops. It was also said of Reynolds that he would do better carrying out plans rather than devising plans.

In Dr. Klingenberg’s opinion, only two Union generals achieved military genius during the Civil War: General U.S. Grant and General W.T. Sherman. It is possible that Reynolds could have produced a better outcome from the Overland Campaign of 1864-1865. However, even with the Union’s successful campaign, they were not able to end the war.

Upcoming Civil War Round Table Programs

Our monthly dinner meetings are typically held on the third Wednesday of each month.

- **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.”

Honoring Our Members Who Are Veterans

During the November dinner meeting, the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City honored our members who are military veterans. **President Gary Nevius and First Vice-President Deb Buckner** handed out a certificate of appreciation and a lapel pin, indicating their branch of service, to each of our veterans who were present. Following the presentation, the veterans led our members during the Pledge of Allegiance. The following is a list of our veterans who were honored at the dinner meeting:

- Don Bates - Army
- William C. Buckner - Army
- Daniel B. Cudnik MD - Air Force
- Ken Ford - Army
- Dennis Garstang - Navy
- Paul Gault - Army
- Rev. David Holloway - Navy
- George D. Leff - Army
- Bob Macoubrie - Army
- Ford Maurer - Army
- Bruce L. Schall - Army
- Arnold Schofield - Army
- Gerald Smith - Marines
- Lane Smith - Army
- Daniel Turner - Army

The following veterans were not able to attend the dinner meeting:

- John Dillingham - Army
- Charles Heller - Army
- Jill Jaworski - Army Reserves
- Thomas Jones - Air Force

Thank you all for your service to our country and for your sacrifices in helping to protect our freedoms!

Member News:

Charles Heller said he has been able to deal with a number of serious health issues this year: cancer, hip replacement surgery, Parkinson's Disease, and removal of a tooth. Please keep Charles and his wife in your prayers.

Arnold Schofield said his back is doing much better and he is no longer in pain. He had back surgery on October 7th and then several weeks of physical therapy. It was wonderful to see Arnold and his wife Clara at our dinner meeting in November!

Don Bates said he turned 88 years young on Monday, November 18th. Happy belated birthday Don!

Please Renew Your Membership for 2025

It is time to renew your membership in the Civil War Round Table for 2025. The dues for next year are the same as they were for this year: \$40 per individual, \$60 per couple, or \$20 per non-resident of Kansas or Missouri.

Our annual membership dues cover expenses associated with obtaining quality speakers, primarily for transportation and lodging. The dues also cover administration expenses such as website service fees, bank charges, corporate reports and returns, office supplies, postage, award plaques, name tags, etc.

Please mail your dues payment to our treasurer, **Dick Titterington**, 4125 NW Willow Drive, Kansas City MO 64116, or you can pay him at the next dinner meeting.

Thank you for supporting our Round Table!

Photographs from the November Dinner Meeting



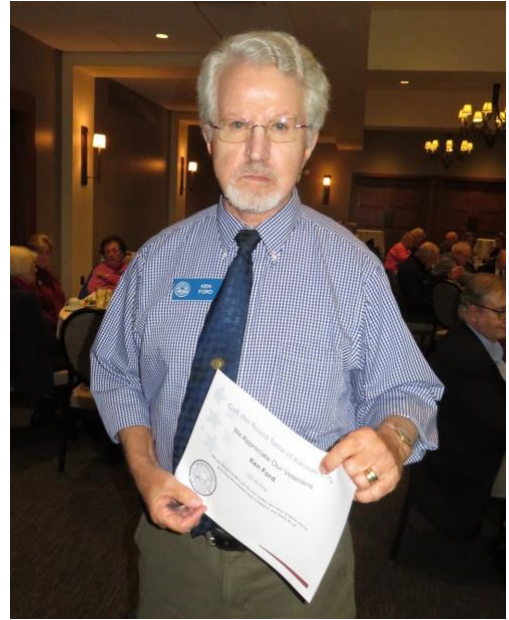
There was a large gathering at the dinner meeting to honor our military veterans.



U.S. Army Veteran Bill Buckner with his daughter Deb Buckner.



U.S. Army Veteran Don Bates



U.S. Army Veteran Ken Ford



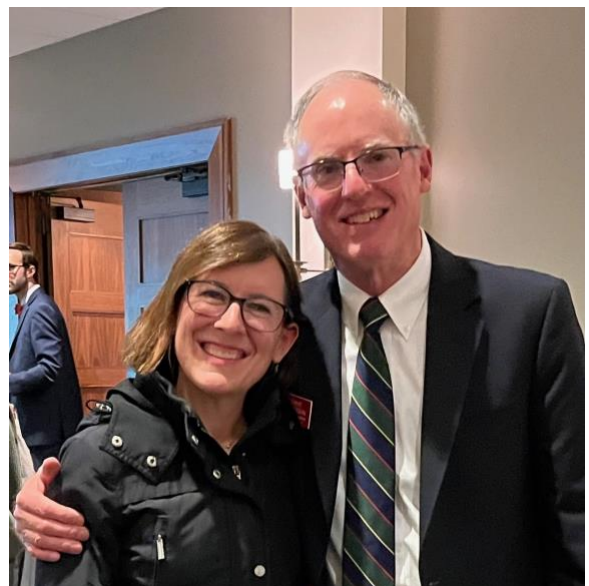
U.S. Air Force Veteran Dr. Dan Cudnik



Our Military Veterans leading the Round Table during the Pledge of Allegiance.



Deb Buckner presenting U.S. Navy Veteran Dennis Garstang with certificate of appreciation.



Dave Pattison and his daughter Cari

Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield Dispatches #804

Into Enemy Territory: The Land of Misery

During the Civil War, the Union soldiers from Kansas and other Midwestern states considered Missouri as enemy territory and often called it: "The Land of Misery". The following entries from the journal of Orderly Sergeant Charles W. Porter of Company F, 3rd Wisconsin Cavalry, describe his first patrol or scout into the "Land of Misery" and the death and burial of a comrade in Fort Scott.

Thursday, June 26, 1862:

This morning there was a detail of fifty men of our Company under the command of Lieut. W. J. Plows ordered to Montevalo in [Vernon County] Missouri, about forty miles distant, to reconnoiter for the enemy. I accompanied the scouting party on this expedition. We started at 8 o'clock a. m. from camp and soon crossed the Missouri line. We enjoyed this, our first chance for a little excitement.

During the afternoon, we came upon a party at a house who were dancing. The men looked suspicious, but our commander suffered them to continue the dance and we continued on our way. We camped for the night at 10 ½ o'clock p. m. The day was very hot.

Friday, June 27, 1862:

This morning at 2 o'clock a. a. we were again on our way. We scouted the woods during the day and came out to the little town of Montevalo, where we procured refreshments and some whiskey from a Still House nearby. We found everything quiet here and no business astir, a dilapidated place, and the few remaining citizens presented a forlorn condition. We soon took our departure and scouted the country during the day. At about dark, the Company camped.

I was ordered to take a part of the Company and go to a point three miles distant to arrest some Jayhawkers or Bushwhackers. On my arrival, I discovered our man trying to escape when 8 or 9 shots were fired without harm and the man soon surrendered. We found out that he was not the man we wanted and we turned him loose. Our game was not to be found, so we returned to camp. The day was very hot.

Saturday, June 28, 1862:

After a scant breakfast, we turned our course towards Fort Scott. After a hot march, we arrived at camp in the fort at 5 o'clock p. m. Soon after our arrival, a heavy rain storm came upon us, accompanied by hail and wind which blew our tents down, leaving us exposed to rain and the merciless pelting of hail. After the storm abated, we set to work putting up our tents again and retired in wet clothes and blankets for the night.

Sunday, June 29, 1862:

This morning, I learned that Henry Manke, who was sent to the Hospital on our first arrival at the fort, died on the 26th instant and was buried in the MILITARY CEMETERY at Fort Scott, Kansas where our company erected a suitable headstone to his memory. We also learned that Sergeant Clayhorn K. Robinson of our Company died on the 18th instant at his home in Ironton, Wisconsin. George Norris of our Company deserted today, taking his horse and equipment. Today was warm and pleasant."

Now then, Pvt. Henry Manke's burial in Fort Scott's Military Cemetery was the first one from the 3rd Wisconsin Cavalry and it was also the first incident where his comrades erected a personal "headstone" to mark his grave. This was unusual, because during the Civil War most of the soldiers' graves were marked with their names and unit painted or carved into a "wooden" headboard as the War Went On.