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2nd Wednesday of each month - 7:00 p.m.
Old Blake Museum - 106 E. Walnut
Independence, Missouri

Visitors Always Welcome!

Annual Dues

Individual ----- 15.00
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The bombardment of Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861 was the opening engagement of the American Civil War. The countdown to the 150th Anniversary on April 12, 2011 is just 1063 days away, as of the date of our next Round Table meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 2008.

On bivouac in Martinsburg...

This month I compose my letter nursing sore knees, feet, hands, shoulders, arms and back. In fact, the only thing that isn't sore are maybe my eyelids and I do emphasize maybe. How did I get this way you ask? I owe my current condition to one person; Beverly Shaw. Beverly was kind enough to send me information about National Park Day. This is a national day of volunteerism in our nation's parks.

I first went to South Mountain Battlefield in Maryland and waited for someone to show up to direct this willing volunteer. No one did so; I hurried over to Antietam knowing that the National Park Service would at least have some sort of organization set up. They did. I had my choice - either clean up trash along Antietam Creek or plant trees.

I chose trees. Looking back maybe trash was more to my back's ability. After a brief demonstration of the proper method of tree planting (I always thought root side down was enough) I buddied up with a gentleman and his two sons and did we plant trees! The park ranger failed to mention that we had 2000 trees ahead of us. I don't mean to lead you on thinking the four of us were the only ones there. I estimated that there were about 40 volunteers on tree duty. We dug the proper hole, placed the tree correctly, and packed the earth back without air holes over and over again. At the end of the day I think we planted close to 100 trees. After we were through it finally dawned on me that I didn't know why we planted the trees. So I asked. A portion of The Battle of Antietam was fought in two wooded areas; the north and west woods. The trees we planted will be used to reforest these areas and those not replanted will remain as a buffer along Antietam Creek. Someday I will be able to return to Antietam and see the results of my labor.

Thanks, Beverly. I do sincerely mean thank you! Your information gave me a day I will never forget. I saw part of the battlefield I have never seen. I met three new friends. By the way the father is treasurer for a round table in New Jersey. I was able to inform more people about the war in Missouri. The trees we planted, if they survive, will help our environment and improve the battle interpretation. I also found some muscles I forgot I had.

That's all from the sofa of my apartment in Martinsburg, WV. I wonder if the fume build up from Ben-Gay is toxic? I better open a window. See you when I get back. Until then I encourage you to consider volunteering on Park Day next year. I'll furnish the liniment of your choice.

Mike Calvert, President
The Civil War Roundtable of Western Missouri

CWRTWMO Calendar

2008 Hickman Award

Monday, May 5, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.

Independence City Council Chambers,
111 E. Maple, Independence, MO.

Mike Calvert will be awarded the W. Z. Hickman Award for Distinguished Service in Historic Preservation by the Independence Heritage Commission. Plan to arrive before 6:00 p.m. for seating. Audience will be released after the awards.

Battle of Westport Tour

Saturday, May 10, 2008 – 9:00 a.m.

Old Blake Museum, 106 E. Walnut, Independence, MO. Cost for members is \$20 for all day with lunch on your own. Will return about 5:00 p.m. For non-members the cost is \$30. Space still available. Call (816) 478-7648.

May, 2008 Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, May 14, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

1859 Old Jail Museum, 217 N. Main Street, Independence, MO. Parking lot across the street. Tour of museum and Hudspeth memorabilia. **Cost is \$4 per person.** About 8:00 p.m. go to Old Blake, 106 E. Walnut, for refreshments and meeting.

Elizabeth Walker First Person Program

Wednesday, May 21, 2008 – 2:00 p.m. This is a change in date from April newsletter. Burr Oak Woods Nature Center, 1401 NW Park Road, Blue Springs MO. West of Highway 7 and north of I-70. Winter weather caused them to cancel this program previously so they have re-scheduled for us. Morgan Walker was a Confederate sympathizer who sheltered guerrillas on his farm where Burr Oak Woods is located, and Elizabeth was his daughter. Don Hale erected a marker near the site of the Walker cemetery on school grounds nearby.

May Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 21, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
17313 E. 51 Terr. Court S., Indep. MO

June Monthly Meeting

Thursday, June 19, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

Truman Library Whistle Stop Room.
500 W. US Hwy. 24, Independence, MO
Bill Worley will present a talk in conjunction with the exhibit “Lincoln, The Constitution, and the Civil

War.” Admittance is free with your CWRTWMO membership card.

Bus Trip to Wilson’s Creek Battlefield

June 21-22, 2008. 8:00 a.m. Saturday at Old Blake Museum, 106 E. Walnut. Return by 4:00 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$104 per person/double occupancy for hotel or \$140 for single occupancy. Includes bus based on 30 travelers, room, and four meals. Private tour of Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield at Republic, MO south of Springfield and Sweeney Museum. Swimming pool available. Send check to CWRTWMO, 17313 E. 51 Terr. Court S., Independence, MO 64055. Will need name of your roommate for hotel info. Call Beverly at (816) 478-7648.

Other Events

New Bingham-Waggoner Gift Shop

Tuesday, May 6, 2008 – 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
313 W. Pacific, Independence, MO.
Open House with Refreshments (Wine from 4-6)
Many original works by local artists and gift items.

Victorian Dance at Anderson House

Friday, May 9, 2008 – 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Battle of Lexington State Historic Site, Lexington, MO. Learn Civil War era dances with live music. Free.

Harrisonville(MO) Square Walking Tour

Saturday, May 10, 2008 – 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
Meet costumed historians who will tell stories of the new Civil War murals, businesses and personalities of the area.

Westerners Meeting

Tuesday, May 13, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Homestead Country Club, 6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS – Dinner is \$20.
Program: “The Wornalls” by Kandice Walker, Education Dir. of the John B. Wornall House. For reservations call David at (913) 217-7768.

3 Trails Historical Search Team

Tuesday, May 13, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
William Chrisman High School, 1223 N. Noland Rd, Independence, MO. Program to be announced.

Union Cemetery Flag Ceremony

Saturday, May 24, 2008 – 10:00 am

Flags with 31 stars will be dedicated and flown at both poles. At 1:30 p.m. a marker dedication will honor Elizabeth Porter. SE corner of Union Cemetery. Cookies and tea after the ceremony.

204 Anniversary of Lewis & Clark Tour

Kansas City, MO to Atchison, KS.

Saturday, May 31, 2008 – 8:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

Bus to start at 7th & Pennsylvania. \$45 with lunch at Hoof and Horn (Atchison). Call Ross Marshall at (913) 262-6445.

Breakfast on the Trails

Saturday, June 7, 2008 – 7:00 a.m. -9:30 a.m.

Bingham-Waggoner Estate, 313 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. \$7 for breakfast, live music, and actors in period costumes. Covered wagon rides for \$4. Advance reservations required by calling (816) 461-3491.

Confederate Memorial Day

Saturday, June 7, 2008. Confederate Memorial State Historic Site, Higginsville, MO. Food, music, parade and traditional memorial service.

Maienschein Collection

Thanks to the good word of our friend JoAnna Dale the Round Table recently added 142 volumes to the Maienschein Collection of Civil War books which is housed at the Clay County Archives in Liberty, MO. Mary E. Younger and Peggy Rueter of the Witcher family of Marshall, MO have enriched our collection with the OR's (Official Records) of the Union and Confederate Armies and Navies. We also received 40 years of bound copies of the *Confederate Veteran Magazine* which was published by Mary's late husband at Morningside House in Dayton, OH. Pat Gradwohl and Beverly Shaw picked up the books on April 24, and they are now at the Archives being catalogued and placed on shelves for reference. Mr. Younger also published *The Gettysburg Magazine* which continues to be printed. Mr. Younger was a descendant of Cole Younger's second wife. Peggy Rueter of Blue Springs and her daughter also gave Pat and Beverly a tour of the Witcher Family Cemetery established circa 1848 on their Century Farm south of Marshall Junction.

In Memoriam

The Round Table extends its condolences to Sue Valentine on the death of her mother, Mary Elizabeth Paschall of Independence on April 13, 2008. Notes may be sent to Sue at 822 N. Main, Independence, MO 64050.

The William Clarke Quantrill Society

The William Clark Quantrill Society is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the study of the Civil War on the Missouri-Kansas border with emphasis on the lives of Quantrill, his men, his supporters, his adversaries and the resulting historical record. For information visit; www.geocities.com/quantrillsoc or send an E-mail to wqcsociety@aol.com.

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