



# **The Border Star**

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## **The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri**

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### **Visitors Always Welcome!**

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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 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on April 12, 2011 is just 1308 days away, as of the date of our next Round Table meeting on Wednesday, September 12, 2007.

I have written several times in the last year about my travels to battlefields in the eastern theater of the Civil War. I have extolled the merits of walking in the paths of the men who fought at these sights. I have sought to convey the emotions I have felt on these visits. I have tried to explain why it is important to our understanding of this war that we experience these historic spots. I truly believe all that I have set forth in this monthly newsletter. This month's newsletter article will be no different. However, this time I want to write about a tour that has not yet happened. I am talking about the tour that our group has planned next month for the Battle of Carthage.

If you have never had the opportunity to tour and spend time on a battlefield, part of your study of the Civil War is missing. We read about battles in books and magazines to obtain knowledge of the events but, it requires actually standing on the site to truly understand the events that took place. To truly comprehend why a commanding officer deployed his forces in a certain manner you have to look at the terrain that he looked at. To imagine in your mind what a soldier was looking at and was feeling as he gazed across a field of battle at the opposing line you have to be where he stood.

Those are just a few reasons we as Civil War buffs travel to and tour battlefields. That is why the Civil War Roundtable of Western Mo is sponsoring a tour of the Battle of Carthage on September the 15<sup>th</sup>. I urge you, if you haven't already made the commitment to join us and experience what it means to walk in the footsteps of history.

Once you have toured a battlefield you will want to do it again. Keep your calendar open we are going to fight the Battle of the Little Blue through to the Battle of Westport on October 20<sup>th</sup>. See you on the bus.

Mike Calvert, President  
The Civil War Roundtable of Western Missouri

## CWRTWMO Calendar

### September Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, September 12, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.  
Old Blake Museum, 106 E. Walnut, Independence.  
Program: Liz Murphy of the James Farm, “Clay County History During the Civil War.”

Lee Ward, Pastoral Counselor for St. Marks's Catholic Church who gave our program on Civil War Embalming and Funeral Customs, is coming out with a new book which will be available for signing on September 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Blue & Grey Book Shoppe from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The book is called *Coffins, Kits, and More - Stories of the Civil War Embalmer* and is available for \$17.95.

### Tour of the Battle of Carthage

Saturday, September 15, 2007 – 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (See article below: “Is It In The Genes?”)

### September Board Meeting

September 19, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.  
17313 E. 51<sup>st</sup> Terr. Court S., Independence, MO.  
Any member is welcome to attend. Call Beverly Shaw for directions at (816) 478-7648.

### Tour of the Battle of the Little Blue, Big Blue (Byrman's Ford) and Westport

Saturday, October 20, 2007 – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
(See brochure for details)

## Other Events

### Book Signing at The Trailside Center

September 6, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.  
John Brown talks about *A Wind of Many Colors*, a book of fiction based on the times leading up to the Civil War. Books will be available for autographing.

### Martial Law Declared in Raytown!

September 8 & 9, 2007. General Order No. 11 Civil War Re-enactment at Cave Spring Park, Rice-Tremonti House and Raytown Museum. (See article)

### Vintage Homes Tour-Lexington, MO

September 8 & 9, 2007 featuring historic Wentworth Academy. (See article)

### Metal Detecting Club

September 11, 2007 – 7:00 p.m. William Chrisman High School, 1223 N. Noland Road, Indep., MO (Northeast corner of 24 Highway & Noland Road) Moak Albritton talks about “The Donnelly Treasure,” supposedly hidden during the Civil War in what is now downtown Kansas City.

### Bingham-Waggoner Estate “Pig Pickin’-Chicken Lickin” Feast

September 15, 2007 – 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (See article). Special exhibit in September – Annual Quilt Show presented by the Nimble Thimbles, 313 W. Pacific, Independence, MO

### Missouri Archaeology Month

September 15, 2007 – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Local Topics in Archaeology and History at Fort Osage (See article). Fort Osage Education Center Auditorium, 105 Osage Street, Sibley, MO. Free and open to the public. Seating is limited to 75.

### Blue & Grey Book Shoppe

September 21, 2007 – 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Monthly Art Walk at 106 E. Walnut, Independence, MO will feature a book signing by Judi Wells – *Short Stories from the Heartland*. Many Civil War titles have also been stocked for Santa-Cali-Gon.

### K.C. Archaeological Society Picnic

September 23, 2007 – Noon to 3:00 p.m.  
Hays Park, Sibley, MO. (See article)

## Is It In The Genes?

Independence resident Dennis Myers recently contacted distant cousins through a shared interest in Civil War history. Dennis is the editor of *The Border Star*, the monthly newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri. Recently he received an e-mail saying that a new member of the Round Table, Jacque Kendrick-Janney Stroud of Topeka, KS, congratulated the group on their decision to tour the Battle of Carthage on September 15, 2007. It happens that Jacque was born in the 1849 Kendrick Place which is just north of Carthage and is one of the few remaining buildings from the Civil War era. During the July 5, 1861 Battle of Carthage, Union leader Franz Siegel who commanded 1,000 German-American troops from St. Louis, used the house as his headquarters. Later in 1863 Confederate general Jo

Shelby, who was a friend of the Kendrick family, also used their home.

Dennis was immediately intrigued to read that Jacque's father was A. J. "Jack" Janney. Dennis also has Janney ancestors who can be traced to the 1500's. After communication with Jacque and her cousin, it was established that they are indeed distant cousins. If not for their shared interest in Civil War history, they might never have met.

We still have space on the bus going to Carthage on Saturday, September 15, 2007. The fee is \$30 a person for members which includes lunch and the services of a step-on guide. The bus will leave from the Blue and Grey Book Shoppe at 8:00 a.m. and return at approximately 6:00 p.m. For further information or to request a reservation form, call (816) 478-7648. Reservation checks should be mailed to CWRTWMO, 17313 E. 51<sup>st</sup> Terr. Court, Independence, MO 64055. Please give us the names of all tour takers so that we can have name badges prepared.

### **The Civil War West of the Mississippi**

The Civil War was a defining event in the history of the United States. The issues, the conflict, the brutality, and the personalities of it continue to fascinate us to this day. The public is invited to join the Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks as they examine "The Civil War West of the Mississippi" in a two day seminar on Friday evening, November 16<sup>th</sup> and all day Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. The location of this seminar is the Clarion Hotel at 3333 S. Glenstone in Springfield, Missouri which will offer discounted room rates for those attending.

The seminar will feature many noted speakers. The main speakers will be M. Jane Johansson, author of *Peculiar Honor: The 28<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry*; William L. Shea, author of *Pea Ridge: Civil War Campaign in the West*; William Garrett Piston, author of *Wilson's Creek: The Second Battle of the Civil War*; D. L. Clark, author of *A Bright Tragic Thing – The Great Gainesville Hangings*; Carl H. Moneyhon, author of *The Impact of the Civil War and Reconstruction on Arkansas: Persistence in the Midst of Ruin*; and Christopher Phillips, author of *Damned Yankee: The Life of General Nathaniel Lyon*.

The cost to pre-register is just \$20 for Friday evening's dinner which will include door prizes and music provided by The Back Porch Players. Following dinner Christopher Phillips' program will look at the Union's first fallen general, Nathaniel Lyon. For \$50 one may pre-register for both the Friday night dinner and the sessions on Saturday with lunch included. After October 31<sup>st</sup> the cost will be \$20 for Friday night, \$40 for Saturday, or \$60 for the entire weekend. Early registration is urged because there is space for only 250 attendees. Many vendors are expected so come and browse when you are not in session. For further information call Steve Buffat at (417) 862-1772 or email Steve at: [sjbuffat@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sjbuffat@sbcglobal.net).

### **September Is Archaeology Month In Missouri**

The Kansas City Archaeological Society is hosting a program on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on "Local Topics in Archaeology and History at Fort Osage" which includes Fort Osage archaeology, the U.S. Army from 1808-1815, archaeobotany of the Osage and Delaware Indians, Zenas Leonard and the Town of Sibley, and others. It is free and open to the public, but seating is limited to 75 at the Fort Osage Education Center Auditorium, 105 Osage Street, Sibley, MO. For more information and directions contact John Peterson at (816) 503-4862 or E-mail John at: [PeteJon@jacksongov.org](mailto:PeteJon@jacksongov.org).

The Society is holding its annual picnic on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Hays Park in Sibley. Please bring food to share and artifacts to show or have identified. Gather at Noon with lunch to follow at 1:00 p.m. After lunch there will be a tour of the new Fort Osage Education Center that so much has been written about in the newspapers. The event is free and open to the public. For more information and directions call Mary Conrad at (913) 627-7224.

### **Previously Owned Books Needing Good Homes**

The Jackson County Genealogical Society is holding its annual book sale on September 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and on September 16<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 6:00 p.m. at Legacy Business Center, 411 W. Maple, Independence, MO. Most books are \$2 for hardcover and \$1 for paperbacks,

but on Sunday, buy a brown bag for \$3 and fill it to the brim. For information call (816) 252-8128.

### **Share the Wealth (of Information)**

David Jackson, archivist of the Jackson County Historical Archives, has partnered with the Veterans History Project to create a database of war related monuments and memorials in the Kansas City area in preparation for the new documentary on World War II created by Ken Burns which will have its first installment on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. on KCPT, Channel 19. David gives the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri credit for many of the Civil War entries as a result of our “Monuments” book published in 2001 as a KC150 project. However there are others that we don’t have in our book, and we may want to think about adding them because we are almost out of our present supply. To view the list go to the Jackson County Historical Society homepage at [www.jchs.org](http://www.jchs.org) and click on Veterans History Project at the bottom of the page.

In addition to the monuments from our book, Bob Grover, a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, pointed out Revolutionary War monuments in Jackson County, and Chris Harris, a former speaker at our Round Table, pointed out a Revolutionary War plaque on the Rooney Justice Center in Liberty, MO.

Another large project being sponsored by the Heritage League of Greater Kansas City is a hosting on their website of a “Kansas City Area History Speaker’s Bureau Clearinghouse.” Bob Grover got the ball rolling when he submitted about 144 names of speakers last year. Our Round Table also hopes to add to the list by asking our historian, Paul Tate, to go back through our newsletters to list speakers and topics. This will be useful for our own program chairman as well.

We are also glad to hear that the National Archives, Central Plains Region in Kansas City, will be moving to a building near the Union Station. This will bring a wealth of research opportunities to a more convenient location. A Relocation Announcement Ceremony was held on August 28<sup>th</sup> at Broadway and Pershing Road in Kansas City.

### **Martial Law Declared in Raytown!**

On Saturday and Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, a General Order No. 11 Civil War Re-enactment will be held at Cave Spring Park (Blue Ridge Blvd. and Gregory) and at the Rice-Tremonti Home (Blue Ridge Blvd. and 66<sup>th</sup> Street). Special exhibits and information will be available at the Raytown Historical Society and Museum at 9705 E. 63<sup>rd</sup> Street. This is your opportunity to support the Three Trails Heritage Group. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors, and \$2 for kids 12 and under. Save money with a \$12 family pass.

Union forces prepare to skirmish with Confederate guerrillas! Civilians are forced from their homes and banished! Anguish prevails!

### **26<sup>th</sup> Annual Pig Pickin’-Chicken Lickin’ Feast**

Come to the beautiful grounds of the Bingham-Waggoner Estate, 313 W. Pacific, Independence, MO on September 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for a wonderful pig roast featuring roast pork, fried chicken, baked beans, au gratin potatoes, cole slaw, three bean salad, fresh fruit, dessert, and soft drinks all for just \$12 for adults and \$5 for children. There will be live entertainment, a silent auction of over 70 exciting items, a display of quilts in the house, and an expanded Carriage House Gift Shop for Fall and Christmas shopping.

This event is always a sellout so please purchase your tickets in advance at the Carriage House during regular hours (Monday - Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) or by mail to either have your tickets held for you or sent to you in a self-addressed stamped envelope. Make your check payable to Bingham-Waggoner Estate, P.O. Box 1163, Independence, MO 64051.

An added bonus this year will be the opportunity to see some of the riders from the horse race retracing the Santa Fe Trail. The 800-mile race will begin on September 3<sup>rd</sup> in Santa Fe, NM and will consist of a series of ten 50 to 55-mile events until the riders arrive in Gardner, KS on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Because of the different municipalities involved, the racers will not end in Independence, but a celebration involving some of the racers will be held here on September 15<sup>th</sup>. They are expected to arrive at the

Frontier Trails Museum across from the Bingham-Waggoner Estate about 4:00 p.m. and ride to the Independence Square at 4:45 p.m. to deliver a real bag of mail to Mayor Don Reimal and Postmaster Mark McDonald. They will then return to the Bingham-Waggoner Estate for the Pig Pickin'-Chicken Lickin' event.

The Santa Fe Trail originally began in Franklin, MO, but Independence became its eastern terminus in 1827. Mainly used for commerce, millions of dollars of goods traveled along the trail to Santa Fe, which at the time was a major Mexican city.

"It was an overland international trade route," said John Mark Lambertson, director of the Frontier Trails Museum. "It has a really important place in regional, Missouri, and Independence history." For more information on the race, see the website; [www.sfthorserace.com](http://www.sfthorserace.com).

### **Beautiful Cover-ups: Vintage Quilts, Comforters and Coverlets**

The Blue Springs Historical Society is opening its linen closets to display bed coverings from the Society's collection ranging from a 225 year-old quilt to a 150 year-old hand-woven coverlet. The display is at the Dillingham-Lewis House Museum at 15<sup>th</sup> and Main in Blue Springs, Missouri (park and enter on the Main Street side). The display is open Sundays from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., September 9<sup>th</sup> through November 11, 2007.

### **Lexington Vintage Homes Tour**

The historic Wentworth Military Academy will be featured in the annual Vintage Homes Tour September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in Lexington, Missouri. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the academy will join two antebellums, an immediate post-bellum, and two late Victorian homes to afford visitors an opportunity to view finely decorated residential interiors, as well as works in progress. While in Lexington, visitors can also tour the Battle of Lexington State Historic Site, recognized as the location of one of the largest Civil War battles west of the Mississippi River.

Ticket prices are \$15 the day of the tour and can be purchased on the steps of the historic Lafayette County Courthouse, the site of the famous cannon

ball imbedded column. The price includes bus transportation directed by informative tour guides. Advance tickets are \$12 and may be purchased on-line at [www.visitlexingtonmo.com](http://www.visitlexingtonmo.com). For more information call the Lexington Tourism Commission at (660) 259-4711.

### **James-Younger Gang 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

St. Joseph, Missouri will be the site of the annual reunion of James-Younger Gang aficionados on September 27 - 29, 2007. On Friday there will be a bus tour of significant sites starting at 8:15 a.m. Saturday will feature lectures/panels and a banquet. The cost is \$80 for all three days for singles and \$150 for couples, or you can break it down for specific days (\$10 Thursday only, \$30 Friday only, or \$40 Saturday only). The official hotel is the Ramada Inn where rooms will be \$79 if you tell them you are with the James-Younger Gang to get the discount (complimentary buffet breakfast included). Call the hotel at (816) 233-6192. Reservation forms can be obtained from Harold Dellinger.

If you want to do a little reading on Jesse James prior to attending, you can check out *The Best Writings on the Notorious Outlaw and His Gang* edited by Harold Dellinger. By contacting Harold in advance, he would probably bring some copies to a meeting and autograph them or mail them from his business [www.haroldsbookstore.com](http://www.haroldsbookstore.com). You can also call him at (816) 241-2482. The book retails for \$16.95.

### **Civil War Round Table of Kansas City**

"The other Round Table," as we call it, is resuming its monthly dinner meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup> with Tom Perry speaking about "JEB Stuart in Kansas." Tom is the founder of the JEB Stuart Birthplace Preservation Trust. He studied under Bud Robertson at Virginia Tech and has donated his extensive collection of research on Jeb and his family to the Center for Civil War Studies at that university.

Reservations are required for dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Homestead Country Club, 6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS. The cost is \$20. Call Paul Gault at (816) 741-2962.

## **50<sup>th</sup> Annual Missouri Conference on History**

The 50<sup>th</sup> annual meeting sponsored by The State Historical Society of Missouri will take place April 3 - 4, 2008 at the Courtyard Marriott in Columbia, Missouri. Richard Kirkendall, who served as the keynote speaker at the first Missouri Conference, will be speaking on "Faith and Foreign Policy: An Exploration into the Mind of Harry Truman." He is now professor emeritus at the University of Washington, but he previously taught at Wesleyan University, the University of Missouri-Columbia, Indiana University, and Iowa State University.

Proposals for conference sessions and papers related to any and all historical topics or eras are welcome. The conference is particularly interested in proposals for complete sessions, including panelists, chair, and commentator. Anyone interested in organizing sessions and presenting papers should submit an abstract and a one-page curriculum vita by E-mail to Gary R. Kremer at this address; [KremerG@umsystem.edu](mailto:KremerG@umsystem.edu). Deadline for submission is October 1, 2007.

### **Civil War Sesquicentennial Act**

Southwest Missouri Congressman Roy Blunt responded to Len Eagleburger's query about the disposition of a Civil War Sesquicentennial Act. The first effort to establish a commission to plan, develop, and carry out programs and activities appropriate to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War failed because the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress adjourned without voting on the legislation.

Congressman Baker reintroduced the Act in H. R. 1131 on February 16, 2007. It is currently under consideration in the House Committee on Government and Reform. This measure would allow the National Endowment for the Humanities to award grants for appropriate activities and programs.

### **Willing to Serve**

At the August board meeting the subject of the nominating committee was discussed for a slate to be elected at the November 14<sup>th</sup> membership meeting to serve for 2008. Mike Calvert asked if current officers and directors were willing to serve another term. All were willing to continue so a

nominating committee will not be necessary. However it is always appropriate to nominate from the floor. At present we have six officers and seven board members as follows:

President - Mike Calvert

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Pat Gradwohl (Programs)

2nd Vice President - Art Kelley (Membership)

Secretary - Karen Wells

Treasurer - Beverly Shaw

Historian - Paul Tate (Records)

Board Members - Delbert Coin, Karen Coin, Terry McConnell, Don Moorehead, Kathy Moorehead, Chris Cooper and Faye Cooper

Our revised by-laws say that we can have up to 12 board members so if you would like to become more active in the planning of our activities, you can have someone nominate you from the floor on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Board members are expected to attend a board meeting each month which usually is held on the Wednesday night following the membership meeting at the home of Beverly Shaw in Independence, Missouri.

Another important volunteer opportunity for the Round Table is providing refreshments for the intermission between our monthly program and the business meeting. Those serving in September are Charles and Mary Lyn Childs and Dennis Myers. For October we have Karen Coin and Kathy Moorehead. For November Lou Harms has volunteered, but we need one other person to assist him. For our December 1, 2007 Christmas Luncheon with the Union Cemetery Historical Society, everyone is asked to bring a dish to share at the Loose Park Garden Center at 50<sup>th</sup> and Wornall Road in Kansas City, MO. Faye Cooper has volunteered to circulate the notebook for signing up for 2008 refreshments. **If you can help in November, please tell Faye or Karen Wells.**

### **Civil War Themes in the Arts**

It seems as we get closer to the 2011 anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War, there are more books, movies, plays, and operas based on Civil War themes. Yes, even operas!

The Lyric Opera in Kansas City, Missouri will be presenting the world premiere of Kirke Mechem's *John Brown* in May, 2008. Civil War historians

throughout the nation are all aflutter about whether the production will depict the abolitionist as a saint or a madman. In the August 22, 2007 issue of the *Kansas City Star*, Vern Barnet in his "Faith and Beliefs" column asks the questions, "Is violence ever justified? Does beneficial social and political progress ever originate from murder? Do religious and moral convictions transform a terrorist into a martyr?" Does this sound familiar in 2007?

Speaking of murder, the newest Jesse James movie should be hitting the theatres soon. It stars Springfield native Brad Pitt as Jesse James near the end of his life and Casey Affleck as Bob Ford in the production called "The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford." Unfortunately St. Joseph, Missouri, where the deed was done, was not used in the filming and will not have a premiere showing. However they continue to use the theme "Where the Pony Express Began and Jesse James Ended." The James home was moved in 1977 to the grounds of the Patee House Museum at 12<sup>th</sup> and Penn Street in St. Joseph which is about two blocks from its original site. Deb and Tom Goodrich are offering a tour on September 22<sup>nd</sup> to visit the actual scenes depicted in the film and also sites made famous by Bill Cody, the legendary Pony Express rider and showman. The tour starts from Topeka, KS at 8:30 a.m. and costs \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. It includes lunch, snacks, and admission plus the services of two very knowledgeable guides. For more information you can E-mail Deb and Tom at [Etalgoodrich@aol.com](mailto:Etalgoodrich@aol.com).

On September 27 - 29, 2007 St. Joseph will be hosting the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the James-Younger Gang. Reservations were to be in by August 24<sup>th</sup>, but you can contact Jan Goodman in Minneapolis to see if there is still space available. She can be reached at (612) 729-6440 or E-mail at [joannims@prodigy.net](mailto:joannims@prodigy.net).

Harold Dellinger's talk at the downtown Kansas City, Missouri Library was well received on August 30<sup>th</sup>. He spoke about researching the book he just edited on the life of Jesse James. He said there are over 1,000 books written with Jesse as the main subject, and he read close to 400 to prepare his "best of." Mike Calvert and Bob Boland from the Round Table were both in attendance in addition to 120-140 other people, and book sales were brisk.

Speaking of authors, Deryl Sellmeyer has been on a speaking tour on behalf of his new book *Jo Shelby's Iron Brigade*. It came out just in time for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jo Shelby's wedding at the Waverly, Missouri Heritage Days. He spoke to the Civil War Study Group in Independence in August, and the book is available for \$29.95 at the Blue and Grey Book Shoppe, 106 E. Walnut, Independence, MO for those south of the River and at James Country Mercantile at 111 N. Main St., Liberty, MO for Northlanders. The book depicts the Confederate Iron Brigade as the toughest, most accomplished cavalry brigade west of the Mississippi.

Finally, a play called "Broken Strings" written by Bill Rogers of Blue Springs is a portrayal of life during the Border Wars. Two friends who share a violent history go their separate ways. One gets married and becomes a farmer. The other finds himself an outlaw. What happens when they meet again on the Kansas-Missouri border after the Civil War? The production was staged at the Just Off Broadway Theatre in Kansas City, MO.

### **This and That About Members and Friends**

The Civil War Round Table extends its condolences to **John Dillingham**, our speaker about Alexander Doniphan at the Truman Library, on the death of his father, Jay Dillingham, who was president of the legendary Kansas City Stockyards from 1948 to 1975 and helped build the American Royal Livestock Show into a national institution. He was also a key promoter of the expansion of Kansas City, including locating the Kansas City International Airport in the Northland.

Second Vice President **Art Kelley** is using a boot and crutches to relieve the stress on his foot, but it didn't keep him and Sharon from enjoying the Craft Fair at the Bingham-Waggoner Estate. Just don't expect him to vault up the stairs at the Old Blake Museum to hand out name tags; maybe we can set up a location at the meeting so he can stay still and you can come to him for your name badge.

Board member **Don Moorehead** had cataract surgery on one eye the last week of August and is already seeing better and expects to have the other eye done in a couple of weeks.

Sharon Kelley is keeping us informed of **Joanne Eakin's** shoulder surgery. She is in a lot of pain and will be restricted in her activities because it's her favored arm so she's staying with her daughter in Olathe for a while. If you want to send a card, you can direct it to Joanne Eakin, c/o Victoria Smith, 1412 E. 124<sup>th</sup> Street, Olathe, KS 66061-3067. Joanne is a longtime historian and author from Independence who convenes the Civil War Study Group in Independence.

We don't envy anyone moving in all that heat, but **Fran Mason** reports that she is "back home" at 20405 E. Blue Mills Road, Independence, MO 64058-2053. **Jo Anna Dale** is also moving on September 4<sup>th</sup> to 1315 W. Johns Blvd., Raymore, MO 64083-9144. The Round Table is glad that it could relieve her of Richard's Civil War books which she kindly donated to the Maienschein Collection after his death. We saw, during our tour to the Clay County Archives, that they are being catalogued and added to the collection.

Speaking of moving, the executive office of the **Jackson County Historical Society** has moved to 114 S. Main Street, #103, Independence, MO 64050. You can reach Steve Noll, Executive Director at (816) 461-1897 or by fax at (816) 461-1510. The archives remain in the Old Courthouse.

**Eric Langhorst**, South Valley Junior High, Social Studies teacher in Liberty, is going to need a bigger mantel for all his awards this year. He was honored by the DAR for his outstanding teaching of American history and then by the Missouri Humanities Council for Excellence in Humanities Education in 2007. He will receive his award on October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Governor's Mansion in Jefferson City. He is likely very familiar with Jefferson City by now because he was there recently to be interviewed by a selection committee for the Missouri Teacher of the Year for 2007-2008, and he won! Eric is a nationally recognized leader in using new technology for daily classroom teaching and learning. He will automatically become a candidate in the national Teacher of the Year program.

Just a note about our step-on guide for the Battle of Carthage tour on September 15<sup>th</sup>. **Steve Weldon** is archivist for Jasper County and manages the Records Center which houses historic data as well as genealogical materials, maps and photographs.

He serves as the region's Civil War historian and is on the planning committee for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Carthage in 2011. We have also heard that Carthage will be a 2008 Missouri Chautauqua town hosting "That's Entertainment".

**Kevin Wells** reports that it was hot work, but somebody had to do it when the Wilson's Creek Foundation funded the filming of a new DVD documentary for the visitor's center at the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield at Republic, MO near Springfield. Kevin was a participant in the filming done by Wide Awake Films in August. There were more than 100 living historians recreating the August 10, 1861 battle, 15 to 20 cavalry horses, and two horse-drawn artillery teams. We presume that the temperature will be much lower for the annual Moonlight Tour on October 6<sup>th</sup> between 6:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and include bus transportation from the visitor's center to the tour site. Tickets may be ordered by mail at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, 6424 W. Farm Road 182, Republic, MO 65738. Make checks payable to "Eastern National." A chili and pie supper will also be available between 6:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. for a cost of \$8 in advance or \$10 the night of the tour. Wilson's Creek is 10 miles southwest of Springfield at Greene County ZZ and Farm Road 182.

First Vice President and program chairman **Pat Gradwohl** went to Indiana in August for a camping trip which (can you believe it?) was rained out. She did make good use of her time however by visiting the Allen County Library in Ft. Wayne which houses the second largest collection of genealogy resources in the U. S. She also visited the Lincoln Museum which has a room with the chronological history of the Civil War in a horseshoe shape for exhibits, tablets and audio prompts.

We have received word that two of our recent speakers, **Paul Petersen** and **Donald Gilmore**, have been keeping busy. **Paul** has come out with his new book *Quantrill in Texas* which is available at Harold's Bookstore for \$25. It shows a stunning compilation of photographs from some of the leading Quantrill collections in the world.

**Donald Gilmore** will be a participant in the September 8<sup>th</sup> Illinois Civil War Conference in the Decatur/Champaign area and will speak about the Border Wars.



***“They fought us on the blue grass ridges<sup>1</sup>”***

On October 21-22, 1864, some 15,000 Union and Confederate forces fought along the banks of the Little Blue River in eastern Independence. It's estimated there were about 500 Union casualties and 500 Confederate casualties on this “hollowed ground.” It was hoped by the Confederacy that this push by General Price into Missouri would take pressure off the Eastern Front. However, by virtue of its failure, Prices' raid assisted in bringing closure to the Civil War by 1865. This two-day battle slowed the advances of the Confederates and served as a prelude to the Second Battle of Independence, Bryam's Ford (The Big Blue River) and the Battle of Westport (the largest Civil War battle west of the Mississippi River). Lest we forget, “we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain.”<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Action Before Westport* 1864, Revised Edition, Howard N. Monnett, 1964, pps 56 and 65.

<sup>2</sup> Gettysburg Address, President Abraham Lincoln, November 19, 1863.



**Looking east-southeast, behind the cemetery on Blue Mills Road – area of Shelby's Second Charge/Jennison's Battle Line**

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***Civil War Battlefield Tours***  
**Saturday, October 20, 2007**

The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri invites you to join them for a guided bus tour of the Battle of the Little Blue from 9:00 a.m. to Noon for a cost of just \$15.00 which includes coach transportation, a knowledgeable guide and a tour booklet.

The coach will leave the Old Blake Museum (Blue & Grey Book Shoppe). 106 E. Walnut, Independence, MO at 9:00 a.m. Parking is available on the street near the intersection of Main and Walnut. Please do not use any business parking lots.

The Battle of the Little Blue is also known as Day 1 of the Battle of Westport, October 1864. It took place near 24 Highway at the Little Blue River in eastern Jackson County. We will be dismounting at the Ripley Junction, Jackson County Park which is a part of the biking and hiking trail paralleling the Little Blue River. This is the engagement of the Confederate forces under the leadership of General Sterling Price in his last raid on Union territory in Missouri.

If you would like to know what happened after the Battle of the Little Blue, please turn the page for information about the afternoon tour.

### *Civil War Battlefield Afternoon Tour*

The afternoon of October 20<sup>th</sup> you will have the opportunity to follow the approximate route of the troops falling back to Kansas City after the Battle of the Little Blue. At 1:00 p.m. a guided coach tour will leave the Old Blake Museum at 106 E. Walnut, Independence, MO. It will take you to the Battle of the Big Blue at Byram's Ford near 63<sup>rd</sup> Street and Manchester. From there you will travel to Forest Hill Cemetery, and the Loose Park area where the Battle of Westport was most fierce.

Along the way we will point out markers erected by the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund which can be used for self-guided car tours. We will journey north to the Harris-Kearney House and then travel down Westport Road where the Union officers observed the battle from the roof of the Harris House Hotel. The coach will return to the Old Blake Museum by 5:00 p.m.

As an added attraction, we will spend about an hour touring a special exhibit of the Battle of Westport at the Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri.

The cost of the afternoon tour is \$15.00 which includes coach transportation, a knowledgeable guide and a special program book printed for the reenactment of the Battle of Westport on its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Taking both morning and afternoon tours for a cost of \$30.00 also gives you a membership in the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri for the remainder of 2007. There will be a break of one hour between tours for lunch on your own or brown bag. For more information please call (816) 478-7648.

### *Independence Tour and Monuments*

A self-guided tour of six Civil War markers will take you back to the two-day battle of Independence in October of 1864.

Stop A - North side of westbound U.S. 24 Highway, just east of the Little Blue River.

Stop B - Jackson County park off Old Lexington Road at the Little Blue River in the village of Ripley, Missouri. This marker includes a battlefield map of the region to help explain how the battle took place here and how the troops moved in the course of the battle.

Stop C - Union troop line at 11:00 a.m. on October 21, 1864. The marker is located at the northeast corner of U.S. 24 Highway and Blue Mills Road, just west of New Salem Church.

Stop D - Titled the Second Battle of Independence in October of 1864, this marker is located at the northwest corner of Main Street and Truman Road, near the Old Jail Museum and Truman Visitors Center.

Stop E - Located on the southeast corner of River Blvd. and Kansas Street in front of the Community of Christ Temple.

Stop F - This is the battle line at the railroad cut, located at the corner of Lexington and Chrysler streets.

Other Independence markers include three in Woodland Cemetery, 701 S. Noland Road, which are the *Soldiers of the Confederacy Memorial*, the *2<sup>nd</sup> Colorado Cavalry Memorial* and the *9 Unknown Confederates Marker*. Other markers include the *1<sup>st</sup> Battle of Independence Marker* at the southwest corner of the brick patio surrounding the Jackson County Courthouse on the Lexington Street side and the plaque on the building in the 200 block of W. Lexington. See CWRTWMO's book, *Civil War Monuments and Memorials in the Greater Kansas City Area* for details.

### *Battle Tours Reservation Form*

Mail to: CWRTWMO, 17313 E. 51<sup>st</sup> Terr. Court S., Independence, MO 64055.  
Telephone: (816) 478-7648.

Reservations are on a first come, first served basis. Preference will be given to those taking both tours. If there are any unsold seats the day of the tour, you can pay at the door. No private cars, please. Coach transportation with guide will be using a microphone to inform us as we travel.

October 20, 2007 ~ 9:00 a.m. - Noon

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October 20, 2007 ~ 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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(Includes membership in the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri for remainder of 2007 with its monthly *Border Star* newsletter)

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