



# **The Border Star**

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

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### **Meetings**

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

**Visitors Always Welcome!**

### **Annual Dues**

Individual ----- 15.00  
Family ----- 22.50  
Student (under 21) ----- 5.00  
Newsletter Only (no meetings) ----- 10.00

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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 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on April 12, 2011 is just 1616 days as of the date of our Round Table meeting, Wednesday, November 8, 2006.

*In Memory of*  
**Tim Cox**  
9-15-1956  
1-14-2006

Who can believe that 2006 has almost ended? We have gone through and done so much this year and there is still more to do. You will notice that this newsletter is a little different than normal. We have some very important decisions to make at our next meeting from choosing the officers and board members to altering the way our group conducts business. The election slate has taken hard work by the Nominating Committee. Thanks Pat and Karen and thank you to those who have agreed to serve. To those who have decided their time of service has come to an end, you have my and the Round Table's eternal thank you. I will personally miss your input, help, presence and support.

You will find a copy of the new by laws in this newsletter. Take time to read them and come to the November meeting with your questions or suggestions. In the by laws please notice the creation of commissions for the Lewis-Gregg Cemetery and The Sonny Wells Little Blue Battlefield Fund. These commissions have important work to do and have to hit the ground running in '07.

Please allow me take this opportunity to wish you and your families the warmest of holiday greetings and to thank each and every one of you for your help and support during the past year. I wouldn't be able to do anything without you.

Thanks again!

Mike Calvert, President  
The Civil War Roundtable of Western Missouri

### **Annual Business Meeting November 8<sup>th</sup>**

For the election of officers and directors for 2007, the Nominating Committee presents the following slate;

President – Mike Calvert	2 <sup>nd</sup> V.P. (Membership) – Art Kelley
1 <sup>st</sup> V. P. (Programs) – Pat Gradwohl	Treasurer – Beverly Shaw
Secretary – Karen Wells	
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Board Members; Karen Coin, Delbert Coin, Pat Dye, Bob Dye, Terry McConnell and Don Moorehead	

The Bylaws say that we can have as few as 5 Board Members or as many as 12. As you can see, we are in the middle with 6 nominees. We would welcome nominations from the floor for Board Members and Officers. Please obtain permission from the nominee to submit his or her name before making a nomination. Only dues paying members are eligible to serve. The Officers and Board Members are expected to attend board meetings in addition to the regular Monthly meeting. Board meetings are usually held on the Wednesday night following the Monthly meeting at Beverly Shaw's home (17313 E. 51 Terr. Court, Independence, MO). The newly elected Board Members are invited to attend the last board meeting of 2006 which will be held on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p. m. There will be no board meeting in November.

The other important thing to accomplish at our Annual Business Meeting is to ratify our newly Revised and Restated Bylaws. All dues paying members will receive a copy with this abbreviated newsletter so that you will be prepared to vote on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Sharon

## CWRTWMO Calendar

### November Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m.

Program: Beverly Shaw – “1<sup>st</sup> Battle of Independence”

Old Blake Museum – 106 E. Walnut Street, Indep., MO

Refreshments: Lou Harms and Lee Snethen

### No Board Meeting in November

### December Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 11:30 a.m.

Loose Park Garden Center – 50<sup>th</sup> & Wornall Rd., KCMO

## November Meeting

John Martin recently learned that he is to be honored by the City of Kansas City Missouri on November 8<sup>th</sup> for his work with recycling efforts. We hope to reschedule John’s talk on the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) at a later date. Beverly Shaw will be giving a short history on the 1<sup>st</sup> Battle of Independence which she recently presented to the Coventry Estates Baptist Church seniors group.

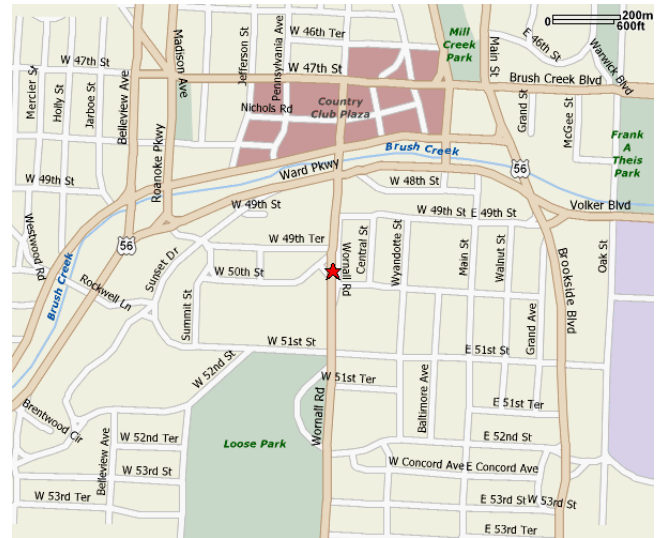
## December Christmas Luncheon

Our Round Table is celebrating the holiday season with the Union Cemetery Historical Society with a potluck luncheon on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Loose Park Garden Center, 50<sup>th</sup> Street and Wornall Road in Kansas City, MO. The Garden Center building is a short walk to the west of the pavilion and parking lot just off Wornall Road at 50<sup>th</sup> Street. Plan to arrive about 11:30 a.m. so we can arrange the food for a noon serving. The Round Table will provide deli ham, beef and turkey and buns for a meat dish as well as beverages. We will have plates, cutlery and cups, but you may bring your own if you wish. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

After lunch we will have a drawing for door prizes provided by members. These can be inexpensive items and don’t need to be wrapped. Each person will be given a drawing ticket upon arrival. We don’t have a speaker or program planned, but the president of each group might say a few words about their plans for 2007.

December 2<sup>nd</sup> is also the date the new \$26.6 million National World War I Museum will open at the Liberty Memorial. While you are in Kansas City you might want to check it out. There will be a symbolic garden composed of 9,000 artificial poppies representing the 9 million military deaths in World War I located under a glass bridge that will take visitors to the museum. Red poppies bloomed

profusely in northern France during and after the war. The carnage of trench and artillery warfare churned the earth and exposed the wild seeds to the light, causing them to germinate. The poppy long has been a symbol of death, renewal, and life. It is especially a symbol of WWI, thanks in part to the poem “In Flanders Fields” by John McCrae (from the *Kansas City Star*).



Loose Park Garden Center, 50<sup>th</sup> Street and Wornall Road

## Dues Notice

The annual membership dues are \$22.50 (family), \$15.00 (individual) or \$5.00 (student in a separate household). Please make checks payable to the CWRTWMO and mail to Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri, P. O. Box 3019, Independence, MO 64055. You can also pay at a meeting or the Christmas party. For those who wish to receive the *Border Star* newsletter only, the subscription is \$10.

## Metal Detecting Club Meeting

Elie Solomon announces that the November 14<sup>th</sup> program is to be on the use of metal detectors to discover Civil War camps. This group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at William Chrisman High School and visitors are always welcome. If you plan to attend, please call Beverly Shaw at (816) 478-7648 for a reservation so they can request a larger room if needed.

## Civil War Round Table of John Knox Village

On Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., Deborah Buckner will be talking about a Civil War Christmas in the persona of Libby Custer, wife of George Armstrong Custer. Visitors are welcome. The group meets at the Sun Valley Club House, Craigmont and Killarney, Lee’s Summit, Missouri.