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Meetings

2nd Wednesday of the month - 7:00 pm
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)-- 9.00

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I'VE SEEN THE ELEPHANT, AND. . .

Thoughts from Tim Cox, President

* I've seen the elephant, complete with snowshoes and a scarf! This was appropriate attire, I thought, for our February meeting. As you know, our meeting had to be cancelled due to freezing drizzle and ice, thus making rough traveling weather for our featured speaker, Connie Langum of Wilson's Creek. While this was a disappointing development, it was appropriate to reschedule her presentation for safety reasons. Connie is now our special guest for the April 13th meeting. Please plan to attend, as she will hopefully have some insight regarding preserving The Little Blue Battlefield.

* Brian Smarker will be our speaker next week for our monthly meeting on March 9th. John Martin was able to arrange Brian's appearance to tell us about the Union soldier gravesites in Pisgah Cemetery, near Excelsior Springs. John and Brian are active members of the Sons of Union Veterans. This should be a great presentation.

* Last Monday was the most recent edition of the Guardians of The Little Blue. While there are no new developments to report on the road project, the most exciting item of note is that plans for the construction of the "Memorial Wall" are moving forward. Members of our Round Table and the Guardians will be meeting with Jackson County Park officials on March 16th to discuss the construction of this edifice. Hopefully, will have some design plans to display soon.

LITTLE BLUE TOUR – LITTLE BLUE LECTURE

The City of Independence's Heritage Commission, The Jackson County Historical Society, Preservation Renaissance of Independence (PRI), and the City's new Historic Preservation Manager are all working on coordinating events to celebrate May as Preservation Month in Independence. Our Round Table has been invited to participate.

The Board has approved hosting a Little Blue Lecture on Tuesday, May 17th, and another Little Blue Bus Tour on Saturday, May 21st. More details will follow, but get those 19th century duds ready, alert the wagon masters, gas up the buses, and pass the word.



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 2225 days as of the date of our next Round Table meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2005.

Calendar

CWRTWMO – March Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 9th, 7:00 p.m.

Program: “Union Soldiers in Pisgah Cemetery”
by Brian Smarker (Sons of Union Veterans)
Old Blake Museum – 106 E. Walnut Street
Independence, MO

CWRTWMO – March Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 16th, 7:00 p.m.

17313 E. 51st Terr. Court
Independence, MO

CWRTWMO – April Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 13th, 7:00 p.m.

Program: “American Battlefield Protection Program”
and Wilson’s Creek by Connie Langum (Midwest
Coordinator, ABPP, with NPS)
Old Blake Museum – 106 E. Walnut Street
Independence, MO

CWRTWMO – April Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 20th, 7:00 p.m.

17313 E. 51st Terr. Court
Independence, MO

GUARDIANS OF THE LITTLE BLUE BATTLEFIELD

Monday, April 25th, 7:00 p.m.

Blue Hills Elementary School
1911 N. Blue Mills Road
(Just north of Blue Mills Road and 24 Highway)

CWRTWMO – FIELD TRIP

Saturday, April 30th, 7:30 a.m.

Concordia and Cole Camp
Meet at Noland Road & I-70 Price Chopper
Independence, MO

CWRTWMO – May Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 11th, 7:00 p.m.

Program: “Guerrillas in Elmwood Cemetery”
by Richard Stewart
Old Blake Museum – 106 E. Walnut Street
Independence, MO

CWRTWMO – LITTLE BLUE PRESENTATION

Tuesday, May 17th, 1:00 p.m.

Memorial Building, Independence, MO

CWRTWMO – LITTLE BLUE TOUR

Saturday, May 21st, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Old 1859 Jail, Independence, MO

CWRTWMO – May Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 25th, 7:00 p.m.

17313 E. 51st Terr. Court
Independence, MO

CWRTWMO – July Regular Meeting

Wednesday, July 13th, 7:00 p.m.

PICNIC! - Ripley Junction Park – Little Blue
Independence, MO

CWRTWMO – August Regular Meeting

CEMETERY TOUR! – Fairview Cemetery

Wednesday, August 10th, 7:00 p.m.

Liberty, MO

CWRTWMO – October Regular Meeting

Wednesday, October 12th, 7:00 p.m.

Program: Quantrill of Missouri: The Making of a
Guerrilla Warrior by Paul Petersen
Old Blake Museum – 106 E. Walnut Street
Independence, MO

Missouri’s Ten Most Endangered Historic Places

The Board also approved submitting an application to
The Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation to
consider placing The Little Blue Battlefield on
Missouri’s Ten Most Endangered Historic Places annual
list.

If our application is accepted, this is should help gain
publicity and notoriety for preservation of The Little
Blue. The application is due March 15th. Many thanks
to Wendy Shay, Dennis Myers, and Vicki Nave for
alerting us to this opportunity, and for helping to get the
application completed.

Dues and Subscriptions

by Beverly Shaw

Annual dues for active membership in the CWRTWMO
are \$15.00 for individuals and \$22.50 for families. If
you cannot attend meetings but would like to receive the
monthly newsletter, we have a subscription rate of
\$9.00. Please mail your check, made payable to “Civil
War Round Table of Western Missouri,” to 17313 E. 51st
Terr. Court, Independence, Missouri 64055 or bring it to
the March 9th meeting.

Symphony Designers' Showcase Volunteers

The Board of Directors chose the date of Thursday, April 28, 2005 for our docent night at the 36th Annual Symphony Designers' Showhouse from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The house is located at 5300 Bellevue in the Sunset Hills area of Kansas City, just west and south of the Plaza. We would like to invite 10 or more members who enjoy old houses (1914) to join us in helping visitors to the house to savor its history and interior design. You will be able to tour the house for free (a \$15.00 savings) before starting your duties and will be rotated periodically so you get to experience different design spaces. Our Round Table is recognized in the official program book and you have the added knowledge that you helped raise \$100,000 or more for the Kansas City Symphony. Connie McQuain already knows she wants to work at this house because she has been there numerous times when it was the residence of the Japanese Consulate. Please call Beverly Shaw to volunteer or for additional information: (816) 478-7648.

Stepping Down

Effective immediately, Michael Grossi is resigning his role as a member of The Board of Directors. Citing time commitment issues, Mr. Grossi felt this course of action was needed. In his resignation letter, Mr. Grossi stated that he was "honored and flattered" to have been elected to the Board, and that he will "remain a member of the Round Table and to attend meetings and functions when possible." Thank you Michael, we appreciate your service.

Quote of the Month

Do you have a favorite Civil War related quote? If so, please contact the Editor of *The Border Star* and we'll see that it gets placed here. We need the quote itself, the author's name (if known) and the circumstances surrounding the quote – why it was said, when it was said or any other interesting facts about the quote or the person.

The Missouri Irish Brigade

For information about the Missouri Irish Brigade, please E-mail the MIB at: jpbairkc@yahoo.com or visit their website: <http://www.geocities.com/missouriirishbrigade/index.html>

Meeting Site

The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri meets at the Old Blake Museum, 106 E. Walnut Street, Independence, Missouri (northeast corner of Walnut and Main). Parking for the meeting is at any street parking near by and a few spaces across the street at the Plasterers' Union building, 301 S. Main. Please do not use any other private parking until we receive permission from business owners.

Save the Little Blue Buttons

Just \$1.00 each



The Battle of the Little Blue