



# ★ *The Border Star* ★

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"Studying the Border War and Beyond"

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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. ~ Fellowship Hall  
Village Heights Community of Christ  
Church  
1009 Farview Drive  
Independence, Missouri

### Visitors Always Welcome!

### Annual Dues

Individual ----- 25.00  
Family ----- 35.00  
Student (under 21) ----- 5.00  
Newsletter Only (no meetings) 12.00

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[www.CWRTWM.org](http://www.CWRTWM.org)

## *President's Letter*

On January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. Actually, it was the second time the proclamation was issued. The first time was September 22nd, 1862 with conditions that said if the Confederacy would not stop the rebellion by January 1, 1863 it would then go into effect. Well they didn't stop and the rest is, as they say, history. Historians have argued about the actual number of freed slaves which resulted from this document. I don't want to focus on that very arguable point. I want to go little further into the document and point out two more just as important sentences.

Point One: "that the Executive government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons." Military authority had struggled since the beginning of the war with what to do with the runaway slaves that came within their lines. Major General John C. Fremont, in Missouri on August 30, 1861, wrote his own emancipation proclamation. The proclamation lasted a couple of months until President Lincoln ordered Fremont to rescind the document. Contraband of war – the term most associated with Major General Benjamin Butler applied to escaped slaves coming within his lines. Their owners soon followed and demanded their property be returned. Butler refused to return the escaped slaves to their owners who, by the way supported the Confederacy. Not returning the slaves so they might add to the Rebellion classified them as "contraband." The Emancipation Proclamation settled the status of slaves within Union lines.

"...such persons of suitable condition, will be received into the armed service of the United States to garrison forts, positions, stations, and other places, and to man vessels of all sorts in said service." This sentence opened the door for the enlistment of African Americans into the armed forces. They could now earn their freedom. Of course, it didn't designate the volunteers for combat. That would come later. Over 179,000 men would finally serve. When the war needed more, the Union found a new source of brave, dedicated men.

Of course, not everyone embraced the Proclamation. I'll let you look up that part of the story.

To all: I hope this letter finds you and your family well and ready to begin a new year. I look forward to another year sharing the study of the Civil War. On that note, the Board is meeting in a couple of weeks to plan our next year. I have heard about some of the ideas and it's got me excited and anxious to get started. If there's something you wish to have presented or someplace you'd like to visit, let us know. All ideas, no matter how improbable or seemingly impossible, will be earnestly discussed and considered.

Here's to a new year together.

~Mike Calvert

*President, Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri*

## CWRTWM Calendar

### January Membership Meeting

Wednesday, January 11, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall, Village Heights Community of Christ Church, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence, MO. Our annual “Open Round Table” where members and friends can show and tell what they have been reading, recent trips taken, or a treasured picture or artifact, etc. Please check in with Mike Calvert so that he can allocate time for people to share their interests.

Since the board will be meeting on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, for a planning session, there will be **no** board meeting after the program and refreshments. If you have suggestions about what you would like the group to do in 2017, please pass those along to a member of the board.

If you have not paid dues for 2017, please see the Treasurer, Beverly Shaw, at the meeting or send a check to CWRTWM, P.O. Box 3019, Independence, MO 64055. Dues are \$25 for an individual or \$35 for a couple.

## Other History Events

### Cass County Civil War Round Table

Tuesday, January 10, 2017 7:00 p.m. Pearson Hall, Cass County Library, 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO. Darryl Levings, former editor of the Kansas City *Star*: “Newspapering in the Civil War in this area.” Free and open to the public.

### Preserving Westport

Tuesday, January 10, 2017 – 6:30 p.m. Plaza Library, 4801 Main St., Kansas City, MO. More than 180 years after its founding by John Calvin McCoy, Kansas City’s Westport neighborhood boasts a rich historical, architectural, and cultural heritage. But can this enclave maintain its eclectic character and charm? Co-presented by Westport Historical Society. RSVP to (816) 701-3407.

### Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, January 10, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. – Buffet menu (about \$12), Golden Corral, 8800 NW Skyview Ave., Kansas City, MO (near Home Depot). Kent Johnson will speak about Money in the Old West.

### Freedom’s Frontier Partners Meeting

Thursday, January 12, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.

Johnson County Library, Central Resource Branch, Overland Park, KS.

### Mid-Missouri Civil War Round Table

Monday, January 16, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. Boone County Historical Society Museum, 3801 Ponderosa Drive, Columbia, MO. Dave Poche: Battlefield Forensics at Trevilian Station.

### Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, January 18, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. Perkins Restaurant, 3939 S. Bolger Drive, Independence, MO (across from Walmart). Chery Holtman will give a presentation on the Liberty Arsenal Raid.

### R.L.Y. Peyton: Missouri’s Secessionist Senator

Thursday, January 19, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. Liberty Mid-Continent Library, 1000 Kent Street, Liberty, MO. Tom Rafiner: R.L.Y. Peyton, the fiery orator and passionate Secessionist who represented the border counties in the Missouri State Senate and, later, all of Missouri in the Congress of the Confederate States of America. Get a lesson in Civil War-era politics through one of its larger-than-life participants. RSVP to (816) 781-9240.

### Street Style: A Civil War Fashion Show

Saturday, January 21, 2017 – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Alexander Majors Barn, 8201 State Line Road, Kansas City, MO. Join KCPT (Channel 19) at the Majors Barn for a fashion show of the era and a sneak peek at the upcoming season of “Mercy Street.” The Majors house is also open for tours from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Tickets are required for the fashion show are \$5 each. You can visit; [www.kcpt.org/events/street-style-civil-war-fashion-show](http://www.kcpt.org/events/street-style-civil-war-fashion-show).

### **Directions to Meeting Place;**

#### **Village Heights Community of Christ Church**

The address is 1009 Farview Drive in northeast Independence, Missouri. Take Highway 291 north to Highway 24. Turn east about .8 of a mile to Farview which is across the street from the Hardee’s in Susquehanna Shopping Center. Turn north and you will find the church at the intersection of Farview and Swope Drive. The parking lot is on the east side of the church, and we enter from the east side to the fellowship room. If you are unsure if weather and road conditions will prevent a meeting, you can call Beverly Shaw on her cell phone: (816) 225-7944.

### Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, January 24, 2017 – 6:30 p.m. – Dinner (\$27). Holiday Inn and Suites, 8787 Reeder Road, Overland Park, KS. Sunset ballroom, 8<sup>th</sup> floor. Round Table Member Arnold Schofield: “The Frontier Guard” based on James P. Muehlberger’s book *The 116: The True Story of Abraham Lincoln’s Lost Guard* who defended him from a kidnapping and assassination plot in the opening days of the Civil War. Dinner reservations must be received by Friday Noon, January 20, 2017. Call Susan Keipp at (816) 333-0025.

### Bleeding Kansas Program Series 2017

Sunday, January 29, 2017 – 2:00 p.m. Constitution Hall State Historic Site, 319 Elmore, Lecompton, KS. “Kansas on Appeal: Highlights from 156 years of Sunflower State Advocacy in the Supreme Court of the United States” by Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt, with remarks by Kansas State Archivist Matt Veatch. Suggested donation of \$3 for adults. In case of inclement weather, call (785) 887-6520 or (785) 887-6148 for confirmation. Series continues on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Jim Bridger**



This picture and update on Jim Bridger is a bit late as he was last seen a few months ago on the Independence Square at the annual trails celebration (Santa-Cali-Gon) in September 2016. You might notice that Bridger looks a lot like our own, Ted Stillwell.

### **Border Star Editor**

Does anyone have an interest in newsletter editing? If so and you have writing, grammar and computer skills such as Word, Adobe, etc., please contact Beverly Shaw at (816) 225-7944. Our newsletter editor is looking to retire but has promised not to leave us *Editorless* in the meantime.

**IMPORTANT  
NOTICE**

### **Winter Encampments THE LONG AND FROZEN ROAD**

From: The Civil War Trust (see below)

Civil War winters were particularly trying and monotonous for the armies. Impassable, muddy roads and harsh weather precluded active operations. Disease ran rampant, killing more men than battles. But with all of its hardships winter also allowed soldiers an opportunity to bond, have a bit of fun, and enjoy their more permanent camps. Through these bleak months all soldiers, Union and Confederate, had to keep warm and busy to survive.

While on the move in warmer weather, soldiers often slept in, easily-erected canvas tents or they simply slept without cover. Winter huts were built by the armies out of the surrounding materials including: trees, mud, leaves, and soldiers’ canvases. These huts usually included a chimney, which kept the small space warm.

Disease and death abounded and spread easily and boredom was an ever-present problem.

Read more and see images and photos at;

<http://www.civilwar.org/education/history/warfare-and-logistics/warfare/winter/winter-encampments-1.html>



**The Civil War Round Table of Kansas City**  
**invites you on a Guided Bus Tour of**

***Historic Fort Leavenworth, KS***  
***The Oldest Continuously Occupied Fort West of the***  
***Mississippi***

**Saturday April 22, 2017 - 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Tour bus leaves at 8:00 a.m. SHARP from the Johnson County Community College Parking Lot, located at 12345 College Boulevard, Overland Park KS 66210. (Please use the "South Campus Drive" entrance off "Quivira Road" and meet at the parking lot immediately west of that entrance, in sight of the "Hospitality and Culinary Academy").

*Itinerary Highlights: Arrive Ft. Leavenworth approx. 9:00 am. See the Buffalo Soldier Monument; Clock Tower building; General's Qtrs.; Santa Fe Trail Cut; old (and new) Disciplinary Barracks; Prisoner's Cemetery; Custer, MacArthur and Eisenhower Qtrs; National Cemetery; Frontier Army Museum, and more! Some sights will be "drive by", some will involve short walks around the site!*

*Lunch* will be at the Army Dining Facility ("Mess Hall") on Post! Enjoy a full course meal or short-order meal for \$5.55 per person! Cash only please!

*Depart Ft. Leavenworth approx. 2:30 pm, arrive JCCC 3:30 pm.*

**Cost: \$30.00 per person – Send reservation form and check to:**

**Susan Keipp  
436 W. 88<sup>th</sup> Terrace  
Kansas City, MO 64114**

**Make checks payable to: Civil War Round Table of Kansas City**

**\*This fee covers the cost of bus transportation. It does not cover the cost of the noon meal in the Army Dining Facility, which must be paid by each attendee personally at the Dining Facility door (\$5.55 per person, CASH ONLY PLEASE!)**

**Please reserve your seat early! The trip is limited to the first 40 people that sign up.**

***\*\*P.S. Our guide, Phil Baker, vouches for all bus passengers with his Military ID. (However, it is always a safe idea to carry photo ID at all times!)***

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**Saturday April 22, 2017 - 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**NAME(S):**

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE:**

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**Please complete this form and mail it (along with a check for the bus transportation fee of \$30.00 per person) to:**

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