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2nd Wednesday of each month
7:00 p.m. ~ Fellowship Hall
Village Heights Community of Christ
1009 Farview Drive
Independence, Missouri

Visitors Always Welcome!

Annual Dues

Individual ----- 25.00
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President's Letter

Each month I try to write about a subject that intrigues me. This month while going through some family papers I came across the Cole County Enterprise from May 9, 1947. The Enterprise is a now defunct newspaper that was published by my wife Cindi's ancestors. What was included in that newspaper on that day still maintains its importance today. Space will not permit printing the entire article. What you see below is my edification.

"What Education Can Do Toward The Maintenance of World Peace"
by John Sappenfield

The most perplexing problem of today is that of securing and establishing a world peace. The problem of peace is not a new problem, but rather one that has vexed men since the very beginning of time. Mankind has been negligent in the study of peace; consequently, there has been no solution of maintaining permanent peace. It is a problem which each generation has in its turn failed to solve. ...we must concede that in peace we are still illiterate. Many people will say, "Yes, there is a way of preventing wars." There are those who contend that it cannot be done. Others simply say, "There will always be wars." Some people believe that education is the main element missing in the establishing of peace...

It is true that a materialistic education is not an asset to world peace, but usually a liability, unless it is supplemented with certain ideas of a democratic nature. By democratic ideas, I do not mean that all countries should adopt government like that of the United States. It does mean that people of any society should be taught to respect the rights of others; people should be taught to understand each other, and they should be taught to help each other. If these were taught, a feeling of mutual responsibility would be felt by all. Education along these lines is essential to the permanent maintenance of world peace. "The Ten Commandments" would be sufficient as a text.

May the peace of the coming holiday season find you and your family.

~Mike Calvert

President, Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

CWRTWM Calendar

November 2017 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, November 8, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. Village Heights Community of Christ Church, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence, MO. Robert Walz: The Confederate Railroad. This is also our Annual Meeting with election of officers and board members.

December, 2017 Holiday Luncheon and Speaker
Saturday, December 2, 2017 – Noon. Loose Park Garden Center, 5200 Pennsylvania, Kansas City, MO. The Round Table and Union Cemetery Historical Society meet together for a potluck luncheon. Bring a dish to share. The Round Table provides deli trays, plates, plastic forks, and drinks. Alicia Scott: “The Wreck of the Sultana.” Alicia is a descendant of someone on the steamboat when it sank and comes to us courtesy of the Missouri Humanities Council.

There will be no 2nd Wednesday meeting in December.

This is the last *Border Star* for 2017.

Other History Events

First Saturday Lecture – Arrow Rock, MO

Saturday, November 4, 2017 – 10:00 a.m. Arrow Rock State Historic Site, 39521 Visitor Center Drive, Arrow Rock, MO. Mike Dickey: The Marmadukes of Missouri: A Family Divided. The social status of the Marmaduke family did not spare them the divisiveness and hardships of the Civil War.

Game Day Fundraiser for the Clay County Museum

Monday, November 6, 2017 – 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A light lunch will be served from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Cost is \$12 pre-sale at the Clay County Museum or by calling (816) 792-2854. The day of the event, tickets are \$15. Glenaire Clubhouse, 309 Smiley, Liberty, MO. Door prizes and “Half and Half” Game tickets sales. Bring your own games and enjoy the company of others and benefit the Clay County Museum.

Veterans’s Day 1800’s Grand Ball, Fort Scott, KS

Saturday, November 11, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

Historic Memorial Hall, 1 E. 3rd Street, Fort Scott, KS. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. General Public is \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door or two for \$30 in advance, \$40 at the door. Veterans in uniform will be admitted free. Dress: 1800’s encouraged or semi-formal party wear. Gloves are required and will be available. Call Dee at (913) 557-1632.

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. Buffet Menu (about \$12), Golden Corral, 8800 N.W. Skyview Ave., Kansas City, MO (near Home Depot). Tom Leroy will portray Father Christmas.

Cass County Civil War Round Table

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. Pearson Hall, Cass County Library, 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO. Don Peters: Towns and Villages of Cass County that did and did not survive the Civil War.

Brown Bag Lecture – Shawnee Indian Mission

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 – Noon for Brown Bag Lunch and 12:30 p.m. for Speaker. Shawnee Indian Mission, 3403 W. 53rd Street, Fairway, KS. Conference Room at west end of the North Building.

Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. Perkins Restaurant, 3939 S. Bolger Drive, Independence, MO (across from Walmart). Erin Pouppirt: Plains Indians Traditions and Culture.

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 Drive which is across the street from 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 may call Beverly Shaw on her cell phone: (816) 225-7944.

Clay County Third Thursday Program

Thursday, November 16, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. Chris Harris: The Genealogy of Houses.

Mid-Missouri Civil War Round Table

Monday, November 20, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. Boone County Historical Society Museum, 3801 Ponderolsa Drive, Columbia, MO. Jim Biddle: The Ewings and Shermans of Lancaster, Ohio.

Christmas Candlelight Tour in Westport

Friday, November 24, 2017 and Saturday, November 25, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO. Tours start every 15 minutes. Guests will be transported to Christmas Eve, 1860 for a Prairie Christmas Period correct scenarios in each room of the Mansion House with frontier Christmas decorations, carols, stories, music and dance. Call (816) 561-1721 for reservations.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, November 28, 2017 – 6:30 p.m. – Dinner (\$27). Holiday Inn and Suites, 8787 Reeder Road, Overland Park, KS. Sunset Ballroom, 8th Floor. Dr. John T. Kuehn, the William A. Stofft Chair of Historical Research at the U. S. Army Command and General Staff College: Gideon Welles, Gus Fox, and the U. S. Naval Blockade. Dinner reservations must be made by Noon, Thursday, November 23, 2017 by calling Susan Keipp at (816) 333-0025.

Candlelight Tour – Fort Scott, Kansas

Friday, December 1, and Saturday, December 2, 2017. Friday – 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Saturday – 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The one-hour tours run every 15 minutes. Call (620) 223-0310 to purchase tickets. \$8.00 for ages 6 and above. Under 6 is free. Witness several magical scenes from the 1840's to commemorate Fort Scott's 175th birthday. Fort Scott National Historic Site, 1 Old Fort Blvd., Fort Scott, KS.

Traveling West Point Trunks

Saturday, December 2, 2017 – 2:00 p.m. Midwest Genealogy Center Community Room, 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, MO. Sarah Poff: From the Revolutionary War to the Vietnam War, hear the stories of the fighting men and women that

fill the trunks of West Point graduate, Major Ernest Poff.

Battle of Pea Ridge, Ark. Reenactment

Saturday, December 2, 2017 and Sunday, December 3, 2017. Near town of Pea Ridge on U.S. Highway 62 in NW Arkansas. Saturday – Battle of Elkhorn Tavern from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Period correct dance at 7:00 p.m. Sunday – Period correct church service – 10:00 a.m. Battle of Welfley's Knoll at 1:00 p.m. Single day pass is \$10. Children under 16 are free. Payment is personal check, cashier's check, or money order. For more information please call Steve Bailey at (479) 685-7777 or by E-Mail to; area1861@outlook.com.

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. Buffet Menu (about \$12), Golden Corral, 8800 N.W. Skyview Ave., Kansas City, MO (near Home Depot). Hoss Tucker: Cowboy Humor on City Dudes Back East.

Cass County Civil War Round Table

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. Pearson Hall, Cass County Library, 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO. Annual Show and Tell with holiday refreshments.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, December 19, 2017: 6:30 p.m. – Dinner (\$27). Holiday Inn and Suites, 8787 Reeder Road, Overland Park, KS. Sunset Ballroom, 8th Floor. Herschel and Jacque Stroud: "Abe and Mary, a Family Portrait" based on the book by Harold Holzer and Robert Neely. Dinner reservations must be made by Noon, Thursday, December 14th, by calling Susan Keipp at (816) 333-0025.

Christmas 2017 at the Bingham – Waggoner Estate

"I'll be home for Christmas" is the theme for the Bingham-Waggoner Estate, 313 W. Pacific Ave., Independence, MO. Decorated house tours begin Friday, November 24th and will continue through December 30th (Closed December 23, 24 & 25). Walk-in tours are offered Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adults are \$6 and youth 6-16 are \$3.

Round Table Annual Meeting

We invite you to the Annual Meeting of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. following our monthly program. We will have election of officers and board members and reports of the Sonny Wells Little Blue Battlefield Commission and the Lewis-Gregg Cemetery Commission.

We invite anyone who is interested in serving on the board for 2018 to contact Mike Calvert (816-898-2603) or Beverly Shaw (816-225-7944) or E-Mail Beverly at bevjoshaw@hotmail.com. Nominations from the floor will be accepted with the prior permission of the nominee. The board meets every other month immediately following the program on the 2nd Wednesday night of the month. We are sorry to lose Melanie and Perry Johnson from the board because of “grandchild night,” and we appreciate all they have done to host us at the Silver Heart Inn while we were searching for a place to meet.

Dues for 2018

The Round Table collects dues on a calendar year basis and will be happy to accept dues at the meeting on November 8th or December 2nd or by mail to “Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri, P.O. Box 3019, Independence, MO 64055.” Individual dues are \$25 or a family for \$35. If you want just a subscription to the *Border Star* newsletter, the cost is \$12 a year. Indicate if you want delivery by E-Mail or by U.S. mail.

Silent Auction at November 8th Meeting

A former member, Mary Ann (Hazzard) Yoder, has very generously given the Round Table some Civil War books to use as we wish. Some we will keep for specific research and others will be available for our silent auction. Some titles of local interest are Civil War in the Ozarks, Jesse James Was His Name, and The Outlaw Youngers, A Confederate Brotherhood. A reprint of From Manassas to Appomattox by General James Longstreet will be available.

Friends and Family

At our October 11th meeting we were pleased to greet family and friends of some of our members. Pat Gradwohl brought her son and daughter-in-law; Ruth Payne brought her daughter; Perry and Melanie Johnson brought their granddaughter, Alice; and Dayton Saunders brought friends who may be interested in membership. This is just a reminder that one of the best ways to increase our membership is for you to invite people to come with you.

The Gettysburg Address 154 Year Ago

There are special observances scheduled for November 18-19, 2017 for the Gettysburg Address. Here is the last paragraph of that famous speech:

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate – we can not consecrate – we can not hallow – this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us – that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion – that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain – that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom – and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Abraham Lincoln, November 19, 1863

*Wishing you blessings at
Thanksgiving, peace at
Christmas, a joyful New Year
and all of these throughout 2018*

