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## Meetings

Second Wednesday  
of the month at 7 pm  
at Blue Ridge Mall,  
40 Hwy & I-70, in  
the Community Room,

## Visitors

Always  
Welcome

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December 2003

# The Border Star

Monthly publication of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri, Inc.

## from the Pres...

The Christmas Party will be on the second Saturday of December, instead of the usual first Saturday, at the Harris-Kearney House, home of the Westport Historical Society, 4000 Baltimore, in the Westport area. There is a parking lot just to the south of the house. Bring your Happy Ho Ho smile.

Set up starts at 11:00 am with the dinner starting at noon. Those who get there on time get the best selection of eats. Those who arrive late get the left overs. Those who don't arrive at all don't get anything. Over by 3:00.

We will have the low fat turkey, roast beef and ham with all the fixins' for sandwiches. Karen tells me we will have plenty of Christmas Slush mix. Last year we ran low so this year she is making a double batch. The slush alone should be enough to encourage everyone to attend.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish of some kind, but if that is a problem, don't worry about it, there is always plenty.

A tour of the house will follow the dinner which will be followed by the Election of Officers and the drawing for gifts.

Each member of the Round Table gets two tickets and all guests get one ticket. Be sure to sign your name on the ticket before you put it in the drawing jug. And sign it so it can be read by a half blind, half deaf half wit.

Biggest item on the agenda for early 2004 will be deciding what to do about the 501(c)(3) application. Sooner or later the group will need to move on this. Is this the time? I believe this is as good a time as any. Income from the sale of the Monuments book will help raise the money.

If you know anyone who might like to have a book as a gift, now is the time to get them one. Only 43 color books remain. The black and white books are on sale for \$10. Postage is \$2.00 if they are mailed. I am placing ads in the Sun papers the week after Christmas listing the \$10 price.

Former member Dean Mitchell suffered a heart attack in September. He is home now but his activities are very much limited.

Richard Abbott received a nice *Thank You* card from the ladies at Immaculata Manor in Liberty. I arranged for a dozen of his birdhouses to be given to the mentally challenged women who reside at the facility. The women are going to paint them up and give them to others as a Christmas gift. This is the 4th year in a row that Richard has made, and donated, over 1,000 of the birdhouses to others.

I have finished the booklet on the Siege of Vicksburg. Being confined to the house has allowed me to set down with the text and finish it.

*Season's Greetings to all*



# On the Calendar

## December 2003

**Saturday, December 13th, 11:30-3pm**

### **Annual Christmas Party**

**and Elections for 2004,  
at Harris-Kearney House,  
Home of the Westport Historical Society,  
4000 Baltimore, in Westport**

**Wednesday, December 24th  
Tis the night before Christmas**

**Next Day**

**Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas  
Season's Greetings to all**

## January 2004

**Wednesday, January 14, 7 pm**

**CWRTWMO Meeting**

**Site to be announced**

**Wednesday, January 21, 7 pm**

**Board Meeting**

**Site to be announced**

### **Looking Ahead**

**Wed., Feb. 11, meeting**

**March 10th, meeting**

**March 31-April 2**

**Lincoln's Schedule**

**Monday, March 29, in Lincoln, Nebraska**

**School Programs 9:30, 1:30, Drama 7 pm**

**Tuesday, March 30, Lincoln, Nebraska**

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**Wednesday, March 31,**

**Syracuse, Nebr., 9:30 & Auburn, Nebr. 1:30  
Drama at G.A.R. Museum, Nebraska City, 7 pm**

**Thursday, April 1,**

**School Programs 10:30 & 1:30 at Mt. Gilead,  
Evening Program at Fort Leavenworth 7 pm**

**Friday, April 2, in Liberty/Kearney**

**School Programs 9:30, 1:30, Drama 7 pm**

**Saturday, April 3, Reception 5 pm**

### Newsletter News

Over the years there have been many requests for copies of *The Border Star* from interested parties who cannot attend our Wednesday night meetings.

The Board has approved a way for non-members to receive the newsletter even if they are not regular, dues paying members.

Effective January 1, 2004, we will set up a special mailing list for non-members to enable them to receive copies of the newsletter.

The newsletter costs us just over 70 cents to print the 4 pages, make the labels, get the envelopes and the cost of stamps.

Thus the fee to be on the new special mailing list will be \$9.00 per year.

The format over the years has been as follows....

pg 1--update from the President or editor,

pg 2--calendar of events and Board info,

pg 3--Historical data of some kind,

pg 4--News story or Historical reprint.

The incoming President may choose to change the format and/or appoint a new editor, that is his option.

I would expect the newsletter to continue to be mailed out around the first of each month.

Should that change, it would be announced, where else, but in the newsletter.

Those wishing to get on the Special Newsletter Mailing List should send a check for \$9.00 to Beverly Shaw, Treasurer, Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri, Inc., 17313 East 51st Terrace Crt., Independence, Mo., 64055.

Please write Special Mailing List in the lower left corner of the check. You will receive a confirming call.

Membership in the Round Table costs \$15 per year for an individual or \$22.50 per year for a family. Members automatically receive the newsletter and are on the call list for special events such as the annual summer picnic, the Christmas Party, the annual Fall Tour and what ever else comes up.



## About Stamps

Notice anything different about the newsletter this month? Look closely at the stamp.

The Postal Service currently has for sale a little booklet that has twenty 37 cent flag stamps in it and also has several pages on different styles of unusual flag designs.

The booklet has a nice 50 star flag for a cover. The cover is so sharp it actually looks like a patch, not a print. The packet is called Old Glory (Prestige Booklet). Item number 882001. The stamps are inside the booklet. Total cost \$7.40, which means the booklet is free when you pay for the stamps.

This is a really unique item, maybe a good, rather inexpensive Christmas gift.

I attended a Coin & Stamp show recently. I picked up several full sheets of 100 Anniversary of the Civil War stamps.

These are full sheets of 50 stamps with the plate block numbers still attached.

If you have an interest in any of the following historic stamps, please contact me.

<b>Fort Sumter</b>	Item #1178	4 cent
Issued 4-12-1961	101,000,000 printed	
List price \$16.00	On sale	\$ 9.50

<b>Shiloh</b>	Item #1179	4 cent
Issued 4- 7-1962	125,000,000 printed	
List price \$19.00	On sale	\$12.50

<b>Gettysburg</b>	Item #1179	5 cent
Issued 7- 1-1963	80,000,000 printed	
List price \$34.00	On sale	\$19.50

<b>The Wilderness</b>	Item # 1180	5 cent
Issued 5- 5-1964	125,000,000 printed	
List price \$19.00	On sale	\$10.50

<b>Appomattox</b>	Item #1181	5 cent
Issued 4- 9-1965	113,000,000 printed	
List price \$26.00	On sale	\$16.50

Also available was the 8-29-1949 3 cent **Last Reunion of the G.A.R.** and the 5-30-1951 3 cent **Last Reunion of the U.C.V.**

## The Battle of Shaw's Shop

Morton, Ray County, Missouri

Sunday, September 18, 1864

During the summer and fall of 1864, units of the 51st Enrolled Missouri Militia (EMM) were constantly moving in and out of Ray County chasing the Southern partisans. Co. F, under the command of Lt. William Ralston, was stationed at Shaw's Shop in Morton, about 20 miles east of Richmond.

For almost a week the men on Co. F had been foraging the area gathering up items for a special Sunday dinner planned for September 18th.

Chickens, hams, vegetables, fruits, flower and sugar were all on their shopping list.

Two young men walked over to the area where all the cooking was going on. The pickets stopped them and asked who they were.

The boys responded, "We are Johnny Rebs". The pickets let them pass and the young men headed over to the tent where the food was being cooked.

Suddenly there was a lot of commotion by the food tent. Bushwhackers, under the command of George Todd and wearing Federal uniforms, rode in hollering the rebel yell and shooting up the place.

A number of Ralston's men were killed before the fighting was over. The remaining men of the 51st hurriedly left town and Todd's men sat down to a luscious meal.

The History of Ray County lists the killed as William Harris, Rich Lozier, Elias McBee, Napoleon Petty, John Phillips and John Solomon.

The preceding item was gleaned from the current issue of the Ray County Reflections Quarterly, Vol. XII, No. 3, page 83.

The story was told by Miss Louise Darneal whose father, Henry, and uncle, William, are the two lads who walked down to the tent and proudly proclaimed themselves to be "Johnny Rebs".

The two boys were living with their uncle, John Hubbell, at the time. Hubbell had founded the village of Morton in 1850. Hubbell was a known Southern sympathizer, according to the article.

Mr. Hubbell's life was threatened several times after the battle and he eventually moved his family to Centralia, Illinois, according to Miss Darneal's text.

After the War he moved back to Missouri, settling in Columbia where he was a successful merchant and an early trustee of the Christian Church and Christian College in that city, stated Miss Darneal.

This battle is listed in the *Regimental History of Missouri Units in the War of Rebellion* under the 51st EMM. It is also mentioned in *History of Ray County*.



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RUSSELLVILLE 1876-1893  
U.S. POSTAGE SERVICE - PO. of Missouri;