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President's Letter

Ever so often someone will tell me about beginning their interest in the Civil War. Once the conversation has gone past battlefields that have been visited, favorite or most disliked leader and other subjects, the conversation often turns to books about the Civil War. I am asked "What book should I read for an overall understanding?" or "How can I learn more about the war in our area?" I thought I would answer those questions in this month's President's Letter.

First, for an overall understanding I would turn to Shelby Foote's trilogy. When you crack these volumes open, be sure you have plenty of time. At about 850 pages each they require some dedicated reading. My opinion though is that Foote has provided a fairly comprehensive study of the War in an easy to read narrative. Early on historians looked down on this work as not "true history." However, every fact was researched for accuracy. If I have one criticism it would be that the war west of the Mississippi River was poorly covered. If you don't have the time to read 2500 pages pick up James McPherson's *Battle Cry of Freedom*. At only 900 pages it's a mere novelette. However, it does provide a good big picture of the War.

Now for our area. I will have to present these in a list. There are several I feel are well worth the reading. Some are general studies; others pertain to certain events.

War on the Border Volume 1 & 2 by Wiley Briton
Grey Ghost of the Confederacy by Richard Brownlee
October 25th and The Battle Of Mine Creek by Lumir F. Buresh
Civil War Kansas; Reaping the Whirlwind by Albert Castell
General Sterling Price and the Civil War in the West by Albert Castell
William Clarke Quantrill; His Life and Times by Albert Castell
Noted Guerillas by John Edwards
Shelby and his Men by John Edwards
The Devil Knows How to Ride; The True Story of William Clarke Quantrill and His Confederate Raiders by Edward Leslie
The Last Hurrah by Kyle S. Sinisi

The list is not complete. Space won't allow for a comprehensive listing. If you need more, just let me know. In the meantime, pick up a book, read and learn about the history of the place you live.

~Mike Calvert

President, Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

CWRTWM Calendar

October 12, 2016 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 12, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall, Village Heights Community of Christ Church, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence, MO. Mark Kelly: “Annie Dougherty Ruff.”

No Board Meeting in October. Since we will be electing our officers and board members at the November meeting, we will have our first board meeting after refreshments in November.

Trip to Lexington, MO

Saturday, October 15, 2016 – 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

We will use private cars to get to the Battle of Lexington State Historic Site by 9:30 a.m. If you need a ride from Independence, please call Beverly Shaw at 816-225-7944. See article elsewhere in this *Border Star*.

Other History Events

Ars Moriendi: The Art of Dying

Saturday, October 1, 2016 – 10:00 a.m. Arrow Rock State Historic Site Visitor Center. Paula Zalar: “The Art of Dying.” She will trace how Americans have faced death, grief, and commemorated it from Colonial times to the present.

Burnt District Festival-Harrisonville, MO

Saturday, October 1, 2016 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The Sharp-Hopper Cabin, 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO, will be open for tours. On October 21st and 22nd it will be the starting point to take a bus tour to the cemetery and back.

Liberty, MO Walking Tour

Saturday, October 1, 2016 – 10:00 a.m. Walking tour of the Jewell & Lightburne Historic Districts. Meet at the corner of Franklin and Lightburne Streets.

Find-a-Grave Session

Saturday, October 1, 2016 – 10:30 a.m. Trails West Library, 11401 E. 23rd Street, Independence, MO. Come a little early for a light brunch. Connie Mogg will teach you how to use this free, on-line website and navigate it to find burial information such as epitaphs, birth and death dates, and other family members. Sponsored by the Jackson County Genealogical Society now located at 625 N. Sterling

Ave., Suite 400, Sugar Creek, MO. For information call 816-252-8128.

Veterans Project – Truman Library

Monday, October 3, 2016 – Deadline for delivering photos and information about local veterans in preparation for the tribute at the Truman Library on Sunday, November 6, 2016. Do not send original photos – only copies – because they will not be returned. In addition to the photo, include the name, dates of service, branch, and conflict or war and any additional info you would like to have displayed. This can be done electronically via Email to kzimmerman@indepmo.org. You may also mail or hand-deliver photos to the Truman Memorial Building, 416 W. Maple Ave., Independence, MO 64050, Attn: Miriam Alexander. For questions, call Miriam at 816-325-6200.

Ambassadors Meeting, Raytown Historical Society

Monday, October 3, 2016 – 10:00 a.m. Raytown Historical Society, 9705 East 63rd Street, Raytown, MO. History of Local Cemeteries. Free.

Haunted Ghost Tours–1859 Jail, Independence, MO

Friday Nights in October – October 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th. Tours at 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Guests will go on an hour long tour of the 1859 Jail and Marshal’s Home and hear the history of the buildings as well as some spooky residents. Then they will go on a covered wagon tour of the Independence Square. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children. Tickets **must be purchased in advance** through the Jackson County Historical Society website: www.jchs.org.

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.

Saturday, October 8, 2016 – 9:00 a.m. Broadway Grille, 1207 S. Broadway, Oak Grove, MO. Shelby Country Guerrilla Bus Tour going to Dover, Waverly and Lexington. 3:30 p.m. Bus tour returns to Oak Grove. 4:30 p.m. – WCQS Annual Meeting. 5:30 p.m. – WCQS Awards Banquet. Order from menu. Bus Tour – \$13. Mail check to William Clarke Quantrill Society, P. O. Box 520123, Independence, MO 64052. Reservations requested by **October 1, 2016**, but some spots may be available after that date. For late inquiries, send an Email to info@wcqsociety.com.

Shawnee Indian Mission Fall Festival

Saturday and Sunday, October 8-9, 2016 – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., 3403 W. 53rd Street, Fairway, KS. Parking at Bishop Miege High School and St. Agnes Church. Living history presenters, Haskell Native American Dance Exhibition, and Free Trappers Campfire Stories. Free admission.

Historical Epitaphs, Voices from the Past, Union Cemetery - Saturday, October 8, 2016 – 6:00 p.m. Dinner at one of K. C. Finest Food Trucks. Guided tour at 7:15 p.m. Dessert at the Serton's Cottage. Suggested donation of \$25 for dinner, tour, and dessert. Space is limited so send your check and how many in your party to Union Cemetery, 227 E. 28th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64108 or use PayPal at the website: www.uchskc.org.

Election of 1844

Saturday, October 8, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. \$10. A re-creation of the famous 1844 Presidential Campaign between James K. Polk and Henry Clay. Hear surrogates for the candidates explain why each is best to be president. Bring your cheers (and boos), along with a supply of vegetables for throwing. (Please no rotten eggs).

Antique Appraisals Fair – Liberty, MO

Sunday, October 9, 2016 – 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. \$5 per item or collection for verbal evaluation. Appraisals by Jason Roske, K. C. Auction Company and Steve Meirowsky, Whiteside Jewelry, Inc.

Then and Now Quilt Show – Silver Heart Inn

Monday, October 10, 2016 (Columbus Day) – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Silver Heart Inn, 1114 S. Noland Road, Independence, MO. Parking in the Immanuel Baptist Church lot at 112 W. 23rd Street. “Handcrafting in the 1800’s and early 1900’s” such as needlework, tatting, spinning, quilting, lacing, and more. Free to the public. Rain or Shine.

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, October 11, 2016 – 6:00 p.m. Buffet menu (about \$12), Golden Corral, 8800 NW Skyview Ave., Kansas City, MO (near Home Depot). Jeff Broome: “Incidents from the Cheyenne War: Indian Raids on the Roads to Denver, 1864-1869.”

Kansas City: Our Collective Memories

Tuesday, October 11, 2016 – 6:30 p. m. Plaza Library, 4801 Main Street, Kansas City, MO. Professional photographer Bruce Mathews and Steve Noll, executive director of the Jackson County Historical Society, walk through a uniquely illustrated history of Kansas City featuring “Collections.” RSVP to www.kclibrary.org or call 816-701-3407.

Cass County Civil War Round Table

Tuesday, October 11, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. Pierson Hall, Cass County Library, 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO. Program to be announced or call Jim Beckner at 816-916-5693.

Cole County at War: 1861-1975

Thursday, October 13, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center, 600 W. Main Street, Jefferson City, MO. Military historian Jeremy P. Amick provides a glimpse into the lives of the Cole County men and women who have selflessly given of their time and lives in defense of state and nation.

Center for Missouri Studies

Saturday, October 15, 2016 – 1:00 p.m. Courtyard by Marriott and Conference Center, 3301 LeMone Industrial Boulevard, Columbia, MO. Lecture by nationally acclaimed biographer T. J. Stiles: “Men of the Border: Custer, Jesse James, and Missouri’s Role in the American Past.” Donation of \$10. If you also wish to attend the luncheon meeting of the State Historical Society of Missouri, the fee is \$35

for members or \$40 for non-members. Reservations due by October 5th by mail: SHSMO, Attn: Annual Meeting, 1020 Lowry, Columbia, MO 65201.

Building Your Mid 19th Century Wardrobe
Saturday, October 15, 2016 – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO. Belinda Canaday will get you started as a Civil War reenactor or other dressing for period appropriate. \$10. Registration and pre-payment are required: Westport Historical Society, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64111.

“The American Artist” Film Premiere-George Caleb Bingham - Saturday, October 15, 2016 – Two showings: one at 3:30 p.m. (doors open at 2:30 p.m.) and one at 8:00 p.m. (doors open at 7:00 p.m.) Arrow Rock Lyceum Theatre, Arrow Rock, MO. General admission seating including a glass of champagne prior to the showing: \$35. Go to www.friendsofarrowrock.org/binghampremiere. No tickets will be mailed; check in at the Will Call table when you arrive. This is the premiere of the eagerly awaited film about the life of artist George Caleb Bingham. You can also take advantage of pre-sale prices on “The American Artist” DVD by going to www.binghamfilm.com.

Mid-Missouri Civil War Round Table
Monday, October 17, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. Boone County Historical Society Museum, 3801 Ponderosa Drive, Columbia, MO. Gene McArtor: The CSA sea raider “Shenandoah.”

Independence Civil War Study Group
Wednesday, October 19, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. Perkins Restaurant, 3939 S. Bolger Drive, Independence, MO (across from Walmart). Surprise video presentation for Halloween.

The African American Experience in Missouri Lecture Series – Thursday, October 20, 2016 – 6:30 p.m. Missouri Theatre, 203 S. 9th Street, Columbia, MO. Miller W. Boyd III will share insights about the African American experience in Missouri during the Civil War and unraveling the motives for service such as fighting to destroy slavery, securing black citizenship, preserving the Union, and a chance to financially provide for their families. The question might have been asked, “Why don’t you

come down here and enlist and fight for your country?”

Third Thursday Program at the Clay County Museum - Thursday, October 20, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. Keith Nelson: “The History of the Crowley Family – Always on the Frontier.” Free.

Heroes, Heroines & Humorists-Voices of the Past in St. Joseph, MO - Thursday and Friday, October 20-21, 2016 – Tours of Mount Mora Cemetery at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Thursday. Tours begin at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion, 1100 Charles Street, St. Joseph, MO. Tickets are \$22 for participants 14 years of age or older and must be purchased in advance at the St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave. or by calling 800-530-8866. The Friday tours are at 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., and 8:00 p.m.

Stories behind the Graves – Harrisonville, MO
Friday and Saturday, October 21-22, 2016 – 7:30 p.m. Meet at the Sharp-Hopper Cabin, 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO, to take a bus ride to the cemetery and back.

Big Shoal Cemetery Tour – Gladstone, MO
Saturday, October 22, 2016 – 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Atkins-Johnson Farm, 6607 NE Antioch Road, Gladstone, MO. Enjoy a guided tour and refreshments as history comes alive and gives voice to Clay County’s earliest settlers. \$10. The event will be cancelled in the event of extreme weather.

Candlelight Hospital Tours – Battle of Lexington
Saturday, October 22, 2016 – 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Battle of Lexington, State Historic Site, 1101 Delaware Street, Lexington, MO. \$5 for adults 18 years of age and above and \$4 for youth. (Not recommended for children under the age of 9 due to graphic content of doctors performing surgeries.) A limited number of tickets are available and must be purchased in advance by calling 660-259-0654.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City
Tuesday, October 25, 2016 – 6:30 p.m. – Dinner (\$27). Holiday Inn and Suites, 8787 Reeder Road, Overland Park, KS. Sunset Ballroom, 8th Floor. Arnold Schofield: “The Frontier Guard.” This is the story of Abraham Lincoln’s lost guard which defended him from a kidnapping and

assassination plot in the opening days of the Civil War. Dinner reservations must be received by Friday Noon, October 21, 2016. Call Susan Keipp at 816-333-0025.

Virtual Genealogy Fair on YouTube

Wednesday and Thursday, October 26th and 27th, 2016 – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. CDST. A new topic every hour. Sponsored by the National Archives. Handouts will be available to download at your convenience. Reservations not required. For topics go to www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair.

Trip to Lexington, MO - October 15, 2016

We hope for beautiful fall weather for our trip to Lexington on Saturday, October 15, 2016. We will be using private cars for transportation to Lexington which is at the intersection of 24 Highway and 13 Highway. If you would like a ride from Independence, please call Beverly Shaw at 816-225-7944. You can work out with the driver an appropriate amount for gasoline. We want to be at the Battle of Lexington State Historic Site, 1101 Delaware Street, by 9:30 a.m. so we would recommend that you allow about 40 minutes to drive from Independence to Lexington. There are many way-finder signs when you turn off the highway.

We will allow a couple of hours for a guided tour of the Anderson House which was used as a hospital during the battle and the battlefield itself. We will then adjourn to lunch at the Spotted Pig at 1211 Franklin where you can order off the menu and pay individually. The price for lunch would run about \$10.

About 1:00 p.m. we will be picked up by a school bus so that we can have a guided tour of the City of Lexington with its famous Lafayette County Courthouse which still shows a cannonball shot in one of the columns. We will then have a stop at the city museum and will probably be finished by about 3:00 p.m. Sometimes school buses can be a little rough riding so you might want to bring a cushion.

For those of you who are interested in seeing the equestrian statue of General Jo Shelby in Waverly, MO, you could continue the tour by driving another 20 minutes east on 24 Highway. The statue is near downtown Waverly and there is also a city park along the banks of the Missouri River which shows a good view of the 65 Highway bridge across the river and an idea of what this stretch of land looked like to Lewis and Clark. There are also many apple orchard stands in the area including Peter's Orchards on 65 Highway.

We would like to give the Round Table's check for admittance prices and the use of the bus in Lexington. To make a reservation for this tour, please send a check for \$12.50 to "Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri," P. O. Box 3019, Independence, MO 64055 or pay at our membership meeting on October 12th.

Round Table Elections - November 8, 2016

Per our By-laws we must hold an election each year in November to elect our officers and board of directors. You can see who is presently serving on the masthead of the *Border Star*. We can always use the talents of new people on our board if you are willing to stay an extra hour every other month following our membership meeting. It's a way for you to contribute ideas to the group concerning tours, fundraising, book publishing, and other activities. Please call Beverly Shaw at 816 - 225-7944 or Mike Calvert at 816-898-2603 if you would like to have your name put in nomination. If you have other people in mind for a leadership position, please obtain their permission before nominating them at the November 8 meeting. We would like to hold the first board meeting of the new leaders on November 8th following the refreshment time.

News About Members and Friends

We would like to send condolences to the Raytown Historical Society for the death of their longtime volunteer, **Roberta Bonnewitz** who passed away on September 18, 2016.

Our good friend **Richard Sunderwirth** of Osceola, MO is facing the end of his earthly life but is looking forward to the next chapter. If you would like to thank Richard for his many contributions to history for the writing of the story about the burning of Osceola, MO during the Civil War or for his tour directing for our group and many more, you can write him at Richard Sunderwirth, P. O. Box 543, Osceola, MO 64776-0543.

Ruth Payne will be celebrating her birthday on October 15th and won't be able to go on our tour to Lexington, but she will be enjoying Yellowstone National Park with relatives during the centennial of the national park system.

We want to thank the 19 members and friends who went to the special program on the "Election of Lincoln" at the Plaza Library on September 13th in lieu of our regular meeting on September 14. Afterwards some of us stayed around and had our picture taken with **Jonathan Earle and Crosby Kemper**.

A new acronym that is being used in the North Carolina elections this year is “**CARY.**” It stands for “Contained Area for Relocated Yankees.”

A recent interview by the American Free Press resulted in an article which appeared August 30, 2016 with the provocative question, “Is a Civil War Atrocity Being Censored?” Dave Gahary is referring to the subject of the book called *Blood in the Ozarks: Union War Crimes Against Southern Sympathizers and Civilians in Occupied Missouri* by **Clint Lacy**. It’s the story of the **Wilson Massacre in Ripley County** in the eastern Ozarks which took place on Christmas Day, 1863.

A new stone monument near the back of the **Columbia, MO Cemetery** where black people were buried when the graveyard was segregated and close to the grave of musician “Blind” Boone has been dedicated to 42 men who served in the U. S. Colored Troops. A spokesman said, “We don’t look upon these as colored soldiers or black soldiers; we look upon them as American soldiers who fought for their country and deserve recognition.” We will probably be able to include this monument in our revised Monuments book.

The fall issue of the *Missouri Resources* magazine has an article called “The Bricks That Built St. Louis.” It talks about the fact that when Pierre de Laclede Liguest and Rene Auguste Chouteau founded St. Louis in 1764 at the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers, they did not know that the city was sitting atop a wealth of very special “dirt” called loess (pronounced *luhs*). This soil was used to make the distinctive red brick that is still seen on numerous buildings in the St. Louis area. Quoted many times in the article is **Mimi Garstang**, retired Missouri State Geologist with the Department of Natural Resources, and wife of Civil War scholar **Dennis Garstang** who presently is active with the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City and a former president, but when he first moved here, he was a member of our Round Table. One of the historic buildings built of the red brick is the Eugene Field House & St. Louis Toy Museum built in 1829 at 634 South Broadway. The author Eugene Field grew up in this house that was owned by his father, **Roswell Field**, the attorney who worked free of charge on **Dred Scott’s** federal court case to free him and his family from slavery.

Aaron Barnhart is proud to announce the publication of a new book for junior readers called *Gunpowder Girls: Three Civil War Tragedies* by Tanya Anderson. It’s the story of the tragic story of 140 girls and young women killed by gunpowder explosions in three arsenals where they produced ammunition for Civil War armies. Said author James McPherson, “This book...is outstanding.”

Our president, **Mike Calvert**, is culling through his Civil War library because of the “Cindi” rule that if something new comes in, something old must go out. The list of books elsewhere in the Border Star shows what will be for sale at the October membership meeting and a “reserve price” because many are first editions. If you are interested in purchasing any of these books, bring your checkbook or call Mike at 816-898-2603 to reserve a title.

Cheryl Harness, Independence, MO author and artist who has been our speaker before, has recently published a new book called *Hillary Clinton: American Woman of the World* and is aimed at 8-to 12-year olds. It’s a part of the “Real-Life Story” line by Aladdin, a division of Simon & Schuster.

A hundred years ago a woman by the name of **Mrs. Theresa C. Hobbs** of Omaha was in Kansas City for the 50th encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. So far as is known she was the only woman ever enlisted in the U. S. Army as a private soldier. When President Lincoln called for volunteers in the fall of 1862, her husband, **Dr. J. C. Hobbs**, enlisted, and Mrs. Hobbs was determined to go with her husband and serve as an army nurse. She was told the only way on earth she could go was to enlist as a regular soldier, receive her two blankets, her knapsack and rations of hard tack and step into the ranks. Thanks to **Jillayne Ritchie** of the Examiner for this interesting blast from the past.

The **Huntington Library** in California is trying to transcribe and decode 15,972 telegrams from the Civil War which it has received after being hidden away in a wooden foot locker for more than a century. Biographies of President Lincoln often speak of his time spent at the telegraph office to follow the progress of the war. It would be like Twitter today.

If you will be traveling to Washington, D. C., you now have another Smithsonian museum to try to cover in your time there. It is the newly opened **National Museum of African American History and Culture** which is on the National Mall half way between the U.S. Capitol and the Lincoln Memorial.

You’ve missed it for this year, but keep in mind the annual **Northfield, MN** “Defeat of Jesse James Days” in its festival the middle of September to observe the famous failed bank robbery 140 years ago. You may even want to pick up a t-shirt that says the “Bank that Jesse James did NOT rob.”

Beverly Shaw is honored to receive the Don Hale Award for History from the William Clarke Quantrill Society at their annual meeting on October 8, 2016.

The City of **St. Joseph, Missouri** has published a travel section for the Kansas City *Star* called "Discover St. Joseph." Joseph K. Houts, Jr. who has been a member of the Round Table for many years, contributed an article on the "St. Joseph Murals." These are monumental in size and cover walls of entire buildings in downtown St. Joseph. One is called "Days of Civil War" and shows the train wreck on the Platte River Bridge at the hands of guerrillas, the Union fortification called Ft. Smith atop Prospect Hill, the Provost Marshal's headquarters in the Patee House Hotel, along with Union Troops. Lastly there is an image of President Abraham Lincoln, who visited the city twice in 1859. It was painted by artist Sam Welty and is located at 6th and Edmond Street.

There is another period movie coming out in October called "**The Birth of a Nation**" which will probably open on Thursday, October 6th, at various locations (check your local listings). It's the story of the Nat Turner 1831 slave uprising.

Some 50 years ago **Josephine Turner**, author of *Courageous Caroline*, discovered that **Mrs. Harry S Truman** was one of the few first ladies who were members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and presented her an autographed copy. The book is an account of the life of the founder of the UDC.

You never know what you will find when you start preparing historical records for digitization. Recently a handwritten letter by **Walt Whitman** for a wounded Civil War soldier was revealed in the National Archives.

Post Civil War Highlights 150 Years Ago - 1866

February 12, 1866 - The first formal observation of President Lincoln's birthday is held in Washington, D. C. President Andrew Johnson attends.

April 2, 1866 - The United States declares that a state of peace exists with Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

April 7, 1866 - Congress appropriates \$100,000 to buy Ford's Theater. It will house the Army Medical Museum, the Office of the Surgeon General and War Department records until 1893.

April 22, 1866 - Cholera epidemic begins in New York when an infected passenger arrives in New York.

June 13, 1866 - Thirty-ninth Congress approves the 14th Amendment to the Constitution.

July 25, 1866 - Congress establishes "general of the armies" and Ulysses S. Grant is immediately promoted to 4-star general and put in this position. William Tecumseh Sherman assumes the rank of Lt. General.

July 25, 1866 - Congress creates the rank of Admiral. David Farragut is appointed to that rank.

July 28, 1866 - The U. S. Secret Service begins an investigation into the Ku Klux Klan.

August 20, 1866 - A proclamation of peace with Texas is issued by United States President Andrew Johnson Texas.

December 16, 1866 - A fire in the Philadelphia ship-yard accidentally destroys a number of ships used during the Civil War.

The William Clarke Quantrill Society

The William Clark Quantrill Society is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the study of the Civil War on the Missouri-Kansas border with emphasis on the lives of Quantrill, his men, his supporters, his adversaries and the resulting historical record. For information visit; www.wcqociety.com or send an E-mail to wcqociety@aol.com.

