



# ★ *The Border Star* ★

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## **The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri**

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### **Meetings**

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***

"We have learned that nations are interdependent and that recognition of our dependence upon one another is essential to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness of all mankind. So long as the basic rights of men are denied in any substantial portion of the earth, men everywhere must live in fear of their own rights and security. No country has yet reached the absolute in protecting human rights. In all countries, certainly including our own, there is much to be accomplished"

**Harry Truman - July 4, 1947**

"We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and the patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over the broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature."

**Abraham Lincoln - First Inaugural Address 1861**

Two of my favorite presidents; the first speaking not long after a conflict that came very closely to leaving the world in total disarray and the second speaking just before a conflict that nearly tore our country asunder. The first wanting us to realize that we are dependent upon each other for the basic building blocks of our being no matter how different we are in appearance or philosophies. The second telling us that no matter how far we are apart we must not feel hatred toward each other. The first telling us that to deny anyone these basic rights is to weaken our hold on these basic rights. The second telling us that no matter how dark the situation is, no matter how far we are parted from each other, there exists the power within ourselves to right the wrongs we have inflicted on each other.

***~Mike Calvert***

***President, Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri***

## CWRTWM Calendar

### July 2018 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, July 11, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. Village Heights Community of Christ Church, Fellowship Hall, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence, MO. Denis Wormington: “The Confederate Navy: Success or Failure?”

### August 2018 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, August 8, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. Village Heights Community of Christ Church, Fellowship Hall, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence, MO. Barbara Hughes: “The Harris and Lobb Families of Blue Springs, MO.”

### Weekend Trip to Pea Ridge Battlefield

Saturday and Sunday, October 6-7, 2018.

We want to arrive at Pea Ridge in NW Arkansas by about Noon for a box lunch and then our tour. We will probably stay overnight in Bentonville. Some may want to tour the Crystal Gardens Museum of American Art or the Benton County Historical Society. On Sunday we will continue to Prairie Grove Battlefield and possibly Cane Hill Battlefield, then return home in the afternoon. More details about the cost will follow.

## Other History Events

### July 4<sup>th</sup> at Fort Scott, KS

Highlights in history including talks, tours, demonstrations, and living history. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fort Scott National Historic Site, 1 Old Fort Scott Blvd., Fort Scott, KS.

### First Saturday at Shoal Creek Living History

Saturday, July 7, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Shoal Creek in Hodge Park, 7000 NE Barry Road. Kansas City, MO. Free family event highlighting the year 1876. From Liberty go west 2 miles on Highway 152. Turn north (right) onto Shoal Creek Parkway and then an immediate left onto Barry Road. Go west to the Hodge Park entrance. Follow the road past the driving range and up the hill to the iron gate entrance.

### Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, July 10, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. Buffet menu (about \$12), Golden Corral, 8800 N.W. Skyview Ave., Kansas City, MO (near Home Depot). Terry

Elliott: Oklahoma Outlaws – A Trail of Connections.”

### Freedom’s Frontier Partners Meeting

Thursday, July 12, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. Banner Creek Science Center and Observatory, Holton, KS.

### Ozarks Civil War History

Friday, July 13, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. Curtis Laws Wilson Library at Missouri S&T, (second floor exhibit) Rolla, MO. Dr. George Hoemann: “Did Slavery Cause the Civil War?”

### Guided Walking Tour of Liberty, Missouri

Saturday, July 14, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. Meet at The HDLI Office, 117B N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. \$10 tickets are limited to the first 25 people and must be reserved in advance by calling (816) 781-3575. Sample the cuisine from several downtown eateries. A portion of the proceeds benefit the Wilkerson Food Pantry.

### Summer Whites at the Harris-Kearney House

Wednesday, July 18, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO. Across from Prydes’s in Old Westport. \$5 for tour of the 1855 Harris-Kearney House and a special exhibit of “summer whites” clothing for women. Call Beverly Shaw to reserve a spot at (816) 225-7944. We may order box lunches to be served on the back veranda. Cost to be determined.

### **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.

Brown Bag Lecture at Shawnee Indian Mission  
Wednesday, July 18, 2018 – Noon. Bring your own lunch and enjoy a speaker about 12:30 p.m. 3403 W. 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, Fairway, KS. North building. Come upstairs from the street. Diane Euston: “Border War and Its Origins.”

Independence, MO Civil War Study Group  
Wednesday, July 18, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. Perkins Restaurant, 3939 S. Bolger Drive, Independence, MO (across from Walmart). Doug Richardson, former Park Ranger at Ft. Donelson.

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at the Clay County Museum  
Thursday, July 19, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.  
Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. Mark Kelly: “Annie’s Story.”

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City  
Tuesday, July 24, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.-Dinner (\$28).  
Holiday Inn and Suites, 8787 Reeder Road, Overland Park, KS. Sunset Ballroom, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor.  
Bill McFarland: *Keep the Flag to the Front: The Story of the Eighth Kansas Volunteer Infantry*. Dinner reservations must be made by Noon Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, by calling Susan Keipp at (816) 333-0025.

Trivia Night at Belvoir Winery, Liberty, MO  
Thursday, July 26, 2018 – 6:30-9:00 p.m.  
Games begin at 7:00 p.m. Snacks and cash bar. Teams of 4 to 8 or come alone and be placed with a team. \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Tickets at Clay County Museum by calling (816) 792-1849 or send an E-mail to [info@claycountymuseum.org](mailto:info@claycountymuseum.org).

Ozarks Civil War History, Rolla, MO  
Friday, August 3, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.  
Curtis Laws Wilson Library (second floor exhibit) at Missouri S&T (Rolla, MO). Connie Grisier: “The Changing Role of Women during the American Civil War.”

First Saturday at Shoal Creek Living History  
Saturday, August 4, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Shoal Creek in Hodge Park, 7000 NE Barry Road, Kansas City, MO. Gunfighters, outlaws, Civil War Soldiers, and mountain men. Historical demonstrations of Life in Missouri in 1872. From Liberty go west 2 miles on Highway 152. Turn

north (right) onto Shoal Creek Parkway and then an immediate left onto Barry Road. Go west to Hodge Park entrance. Follow the road past the driving range and up the hill to the iron gate entrance.

Guided Walking Tour of Liberty, MO  
Saturday, August 4, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.  
Tour meets at the corner of Mississippi and Main Streets. Tour of Main Street and Garrison School. Prior to 1865 when it was against the law to teach a slave to read or write. For more than a century, Liberty African Americans lived under the law of “separate but equal education.” This tour will take you into the neighborhood and school of the first African American residents in Liberty. Free.

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners  
Tuesday, August 14, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. Buffet menu (about \$12), Golden Corral, 8800 N.W. Skyview Ave., Kansas City MO (near Home Depot). Ken Johnson: “Post traders – 1868-1890.”

Brown Bag Lunch at Shawnee Indian Mission  
Wednesday, August 15, 2018 – Noon. Bring your own lunch and enjoy a speaker about 12:30 p.m. 3403 W. 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, Fairway, KS. North building. Come upstairs from the street. Mavis Gippner: “Hair Wreaths and Jewelry.”

Independence Civil War Study Group  
Wednesday, August 15, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.  
Perkins Restaurant, 3939 S. Bolger Drive, Independence, MO (across from Walmart). Chris Harris: “Liberty History through the Civil War.”

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at Clay County Museum  
Thursday, August 16, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.  
Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. “History of the Clay County Savings and Loan.”

Battle of Lone Jack, MO Commemoration  
Saturday, August 18, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. to early afternoon. Then come together for a fiddle contest at 6:00 p.m. The battle commemoration will be part of a larger event known as Lone Jack Heritage Day. Flag raising ceremony and laying of wreaths. City wide picnic and afternoon music. Various organizations will have tables or booths.

### Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, August 28, 2018 – 6:30 p.m. – Dinner (\$28). Holiday Inn and Suites, 8787 Reeder Road, Overland Park, KS. Sunset ballroom, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor. Dr. Leo Oliva Soldiers on the Santa Fe Trail in the Civil War and Fort Larned, KS.” Dinner reservations must be received by Noon Thursday, August 23, 2018. Call Susan Keipp at (816) 333-0025.

## **Civil War Reenactments**

### Old Settlers Day & Civil War Battle Reenactments

July 28 and 29, 2018, Robidoux Park, Waynesville, MO (Pulaski County). **Saturday** -10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.- Old Stagecoach Stop (served as Civil War hospital). 10:30-11:30 a.m.- Presentations by General Grant and President Lincoln. 2:00 p.m.- Battle Reenactment. 7:00 p.m.- Period Dance. 7:30 p.m.- “An Evening with Grant” at Theater on the Square (ticket purchase required). 8:30 - Night Fire & Artillery Show. **Sunday** -9:30 a.m.- Period Church Service. 10:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.- Gospel Music by Back Porch Players. 1:00 p.m. – Battle Reenactment. 3:30 p.m.- Closing. Please visit; [www.facebook.com/Events/1200734773361817](http://www.facebook.com/Events/1200734773361817).

## **News about Members and Friends**

We are all sad about the passing of **Harold Dellinger** on June 4, 2018 at age 70. Harold was a great resource for all of us and added greatly to the body of historical knowledge about Quantrill and many other subjects. He served for many years as the president of the Quantrill Society and organized numerous Quantrill tours which we enjoyed.

The **Union Cemetery Historical Society** has decided to move its annual meeting to September instead of the first Saturday of December. This means that the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri will need to make a decision about our own December meeting. For many years we have had a Christmas luncheon and speaker in conjunction with the Union Cemetery Historical Society at the Loose Park Garden Center in Kansas City. We will need to decide whether to continue having a social event in December on a Saturday instead of a Wednesday night meeting or sponsor a potluck on our meeting night. Would we have it at our usual meeting place in Independence? Would

we like to invite another historical group to join us? Please bring your thoughts to the July meeting.

Thanks to all the members who participated in the Show and Tell at the June membership meeting following our potluck picnic. **Rick Manfredi** of Peculiar, MO gave a preview of his new book, “The Story: Retribution of Arrow Rock.” The Round Table bought a copy, and it will be available to members to read and return in a timely fashion. **Steve Hatcher** shared some readings from a family journal that he is transcribing. **Alec Poff** brought an antique rifle from his family and shared that it was displayed on a wall as he was growing up. **Sarah Poff** told a very sad Civil War story as only a professional storyteller can.

As always, the food we shared at the indoor picnic in June was very tasty, and many people asked for recipes. If you are willing to share the recipe for your dish, please send an Email copy to Beverly Shaw ([bevjoshaw@hotmail.com](mailto:bevjoshaw@hotmail.com)) or bring a hard copy to a membership meeting. Steve Hatcher will make the recipes available on our website. **Molly Clay** has already shared “Molly’s Cheese Dip” and “Molly’s Pig Cake.” Beverly has used the cheese dip recipe to make for a church member who needed meals brought in. Molly also revealed that the distinctive flavor of the Pig Cake is due to using mandarin oranges. Now all she has to do is explain why it’s called “pig cake.” Maybe it’s because you make a pig of yourself when you eat it. You can access the shared recipes on our website at: [www.CWRTWM.org](http://www.CWRTWM.org) or give Beverly a call at (816) 225-7944 for a hard copy.

On Saturdays during the summer, there are Experiential History Programs around the Independence Square and at various sites such as the 1827 Log Courthouse, the National Frontier Trails Museum, the Chicago and Alton Depot, and the Vaile Mansion. Our friend **Lila Aamodt** who belongs to the Kansas City Round Table interprets a woman from the past.

Thank you to all of you who used **Amazon Smile** as you made your purchases. This is the charitable wing of Amazon which donates a percentage of your purchase price to our Round Table if you designate us on Amazon Smile. We recently received a donation of \$5.80 from Amazon’s foundation.

Recently there was a series of articles in the *Kansas City Star* about **Ancestry.com** and particularly its DNA testing service. They pointed out the risks of giving up personal information and the long-term implications. If you would like copies, please give Beverly Shaw a call at (816) 225-7944.

## Harold Dellinger

By Richard Stewart

I had the privilege of meeting Harold Dellinger as I slowly started learning about William Quantrill and the border wars. He became somewhat of a mentor to me, as did his fellow Quantrill peer, Donald Hale. They taught me more in a few months than I had ever even heard about the subject in school. As we got to know each other, his love of baseball started coming through and the unique combination of Quantrill and baseball was how we formed our friendship

Harold would always have an answer to my many questions and inquiries on the border wars subject. Sometimes, like a teacher, he would point me to a book to find my answer instead of just outright telling me. I gained a lot through his technique of passing on what he knew and what I was looking for. He and Don taught me very valuable lessons on how to gain information by research. Never take anything for granted. Never assume. And never take things at face value. They taught me that depth is the key to answers with Quantrill and the border wars. And that is exactly how I do my research today. In starting the “Quantrill Special Collections Research” project, Harold was one of the very first to kick in with book and financial donations. In the time I volunteered at Elmwood Cemetery, Harold came in once and went over the process of trying to get a stone for Americus McKim, the father of Kansas City baseball. I did whatever small thing he asked and needed. Before the event at Elmwood to unveil the stone to the public and press, we talked on the phone and he came up with the idea for me to have my ball glove ready and, when the ceremony was over, we’d play catch over McKim’s grave. The *Kansas City Star* caught on to it and mentioned in the article that covered the ceremony:

“The speeches done, the cameras shuttered, the crowd began to thin. When only a few were left, Dellinger picked up his ball glove, as did cemetery historian, Richard Stewart, and they split apart on either side of McKim’s grave. Another friend of Dellinger’s borrowed a glove, formed a triangle with the others, and on a perfect afternoon for a ballgame the three middle-aged men started to play catch.”

The way I research and study Quantrill’s guerrillas and the border wars are because of Harold and Don. The

memory I have of our game of catch was always something special in my time at Elmwood. For their time, I give my heartfelt and sincerest Thank You. Once, on the Walnut Street sidewalk in Independence, Missouri, Harold and I were casually talking about Quantrill and the guerrillas. During this conversation, he expressed the sentiment that someday....the old guard would pass on and it would be up to the younger folks to keep things going.

Harold, I will do my best to keep the border fires burning.

Richard Stewart, Quantrill Special Collections Research, Benton County Historical Society, Bentonville, Arkansas. <http://rlshhm.wixsite.com/qscrjosephines>

THIS CAUSE IS JUST!

## Review of Fortune’s Fool

by Terry Alford

This is an excellent historical biography of John Wilkes Booth. Mr. Alford has meticulously researched the life of Booth, as well as the historical events taking place during Booth’s lifetime. The characters are very real to the reader, and the dialog, most of which is taken from historical documentation, reads more like a first-person account of the events than a book written 150 years later.

Alford is non-judgmental in his account of Booth’s life and his motives for the assassination. This allows the reader to at times empathize with Booth, and at other times to abhor his deeds, which involves the reader at an emotional level not often accomplished in a biography.

The book is exceedingly detailed, which makes it seem very real to the reader. Rather than just a factual account of the events, it actually relives the events in a very vivid style. The style of the prose is written as if written during Booth’s lifetime – i.e. early to mid-19th century prosaic verbiage.

Although this makes the book very realistic, at time it bogs down the narrative and can become distracting to the reader. I suspect that after doing the amount of research that Mr. Alford had to do to create the book, including reading masses of mid-19th century works, it would be difficult to write in any other style.

An excellent selection for any aficionado of the story of the Lincoln assassination and particularly anyone wanted a detailed biography of John Wilkes Booth.

Carolyn Hatcher, Civil War Roundtable of Western Missouri, June 2018

