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7:00 p.m. ~ Fellowship Hall
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1009 Farview Drive
Independence, Missouri

Visitors Always Welcome!

Annual Dues

Individual ----- 25.00
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President's Letter

"History is Scary" ~Bruce Ratner, Director Museum of Jewish Heritage

It has started happening again - the removal and/or defacing of war monuments and memorials. There hasn't been the front page coverage like before. These acts have been on my mind, and I have been trying to figure out why a group of people continue to want to remove something they may not understand or care to. Now, these are my own thoughts and conclusions; they are not based on any study and are certainly not conclusive. Here goes. Have you ever heard of the terms helicopter parent or lawnmower parent? Each deals with parenting. In the first, the parent hovers over his child protecting or smoothing over any unpleasantness he or she encounters in his life. The second is the same principle, only the parent runs out ahead and diverts any unpleasantness. Parents have spent so much time protecting their children that the child doesn't know how to handle an adverse situation. Their only mode of operation is to remove it much like their parents have done for them. Don't confront. Don't learn. Don't understand. Just remove. Another thing that I think contributes to the monument activity is (and this will sound crazy) when we give everyone trophies. We are again shielding from unpleasantness.

History is scary, unpleasant, confrontational and six more adjectives I can't think of right now. We as a society are not giving our children the tools they need. We spend so much time protecting our children from difficulties and ugliness that they have no concept of how to handle these things. The bottom line is instead of trying to understand the unpleasant side or any side of our history, their only reaction is to remove or destroy it. We cannot continue this. Let's present history in a way that will not hide the warts, present all sides fairly in an interesting manner, and engage in meaningful discussion. Study and learning is the answer-- not condemnation and removal.

Mike Calvert, President
Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

CWRTWM Calendar

July 2019 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, July 10, 2019 – 7:00 pm. Village Heights Community of Christ fellowship hall, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence, MO. Sarah Elder: “The Civil War in St. Joseph, MO.”

The Round Table is planning a daytrip to St. Joseph on Saturday, October 19, 2019. Barbara and Denis Wormington will be planning the itinerary and we will have more info soon.

Walking Tour of the First Battle of Independence

Saturday, August 10, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Meet at the Old Jail Museum, 217 N. Main Street, Independence, MO. Mike Calvert will be leading a walking tour around the Square and close by. If there's rain, the tour will not be rescheduled. Free to the public as a way of advertising membership in the Round Table and selling our Monuments book. Please invite prospective members.

August 2019 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, August 14, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. Village Heights Community of Christ fellowship hall, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence, MO. Larry Wood: *Bushwhacker Belles*.

Other History Events – July

The Great Americans Project Sculpture Unveiling

Wednesday, July 3, 2019 – 5:30-7:00 p.m. Historic Downtown Liberty, NW Corner of Kansas and Water Streets. Unveiling of a bronze statue of a suffragette to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Missouri's ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which gave women the right to vote. This is the third bronze statue in the downtown Liberty area: George Washington at the corner of Mill and S. Leonard and Mark Twain at the corner of Kansas and Missouri streets.

First Saturday at Shoal Creek Living History Museum

Saturday, July 6, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.-3 p.m. Shoal Creek Living History Museum, 7000 N.E. Barry Road, Kansas City, MO. Family fun with reenactors who bring the village to life, food, and craft vendors. Free but some activities do charge for their services (cash only). Located inside Robert Hodge Park. From Highway 152, turn north onto Shoal Creek Parkway and then an immediate left onto Barry Road. Go west to Hodge Park. Turn right into the Park and follow the road past the driving range and up the hill to the iron gate entrance.

Sabres and Longknives

Monday, July 8, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. South Independence Library, 13700 E. 35th Street, Independence, MO. Arnold Schofield: Discover one of the most overlooked military campaigns fought during the American Civil War – the conflict between the Union Army and the Plains Indians in central and western Kansas. RSVP to (816) 461-2050.

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, July 9, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. Buffet menu (about \$12), Golden Corral, 8800 N.W. Skyview Ave., Kansas City, MO (near Home Depot). Rob “Grizzle Bear” Brannon: “The Telegraph.”

Freedom's Frontier Partners Meeting

Thursday, July 11, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. Fort Osage, Missouri.

Slavery on the Periphery: The Kansas-Missouri Border in the Antebellum and Civil War Eras

Thursday, July 11, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center, 600 W. Main Street, Jefferson City, MO. Dr. Kristen Epps traces the rise and fall of chattel slavery on the Kansas-Missouri border.

Mary Lobb: Pioneer Life

Saturday, July 13, 2019 – 2:00 p.m. Midwest Genealogy Center Programming Room, 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, MO. Barbara Hughes tells of the life of early Jackson County settler, Mary Lobb, from her migration from Kentucky in the 1840s to the Border War that jeopardized her family and community. RSVP to (816) 252-7228.

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.

Historic Liberty, MO Walking Tour

Saturday, July 13, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. Tour of Main Street and the Garrison School. Meet at the fountain in front of City Hall, 101 E. Kansas Street, Liberty, MO.

Brown Bag Lunch at the Shawnee Indian Mission

Wednesday, July 17, 2019 – Noon. Bring your own lunch and enjoy a program about 12:30 p.m. 3403 W. 53rd Street, Leawood, KS. North building. Come upstairs from the street. Ben Terwilliger will talk about the Eudora (KS) Historical Society. (Eudora was the daughter of Paschal Fish).

Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, July 17, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. Perkins Restaurant, 3939 S. Bolger Drive, Independence, MO (across from Walmart). Peggy Buhr: “Jo Shelby in Bates County.”

“To Secure These Rights”

Thursday, July 18, 2019 – 6:30 p.m. Truman Library, 500 W. U.S. Highway 24, Independence, MO. Reception at 6:00 p.m. Program at 6:30 p.m. Federal District Judge Richard Gergel, author of *Unexamined: The Blinding of Sgt. Isaac Woodard and The Awakening of President Harry S. Truman and Judge J. Waties Waring*. This is a free special event offered in honor of the anniversary of President Truman’s desegregating the military. RSVP required by going to www.TrumanLibraryInstitute.org/Events or by calling (816) 400-1220. The Truman Library will be closing for a transformative renovation after Monday, July 22, 2019.

A Burned Land: Author Event

Saturday, July 20, 2019 – 1:00 p.m. John Wornall House Museum, 6115 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO. Robert R. Laven: *A Burned Land: The Trans-Mississippi in the Civil War*. \$5.00.

Missouri River Outfitters Membership Meeting

Sunday, July 21, 2019 – 2:00 p.m. Raytown Historical Society Museum, 9705 E. 63rd Street, Raytown, MO. Stephen Sullins, President of the Independence Patriots SAR Chapter “History of the Pinkerton Detective Agency.” Parking available on the east side of the museum and enter through the double doors in the back.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, July 23, 2019 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner (\$29). Holiday Inn and Suites, 8787 Reeder Road, Overland Park, KS. Sunset Ballroom, 8th Floor. Dr. Tim Smith:

“The Golden Age of Battlefield Preservation.” Dinner Reservations must be made by Noon Wednesday, July 17, 2019 by calling Susan Keipp at (816) 333-0025.

Clay County Museum Trivia Night

Thursday, July 25, 2019 – 5:00p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Belvoir Winery, 1325 Odd Fellows Road, Liberty, MO. \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Call (816) 792-1849 for reservations.

Other History Events – August 2019

The Historical Society of Lee’s Summit

Friday, August 2, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.- Reception; 7:00 p.m.-Program. Museum, 220 S. W. Main Street, Lee’s Summit, MO. Marge Padgett: “The Ginger (Rogers) Museum.”

Local History Expo – Fort Osage, MO

Saturday, August 3, 2019 – 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Fort Osage National Historic Landmark, 107 Osage Street, Sibley, MO. History vendors such as publishers, local history sites and organizations, living history exhibits. Special guest speakers. Adults-\$8, Seniors-\$4, Youth 5-13-\$4, Children under 5-Free. Take Hwy. 24 east to Buckner. Turn north at BB Hwy. Travel 2-3 miles while watching for directional signs. Drive through Sibley following the signs to Fort Osage. The Round Table will have a table there.

First Saturday at Shoal Creek Living History Museum

Saturday, August 3, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 7000 N. E. Barry Road, Kansas City, MO. Family fun. (See July 6th notice).

Saturday Lecture Series at Arrow Rock

Saturday, August 3, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. Arrow Rock State Historic Site. Rick Manfredi: “Retribution of Arrow Rock.”

Historic Liberty, MO Walking Tour

Saturday, August 3, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. Downtown Murals. Tour meets at the Fountain in front of City Hall, 101 E. Kansas Street.

Battle of Athens Civil War Reenactment

Saturday-Sunday, August 3-4, 2019. Battle of Athens State Historic Site, Revere MO. Sat., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.- Free tours of The Cannonball House and Museum; also between 2-4 p.m. 1 p.m.-Battle of Athens Battle Reenactment. 3 p.m. Traditional Civil War Reenactment. Same schedule on Sunday with the addition of a Church Service at 10:30 a.m. Free. Drills and

medical and civilian scenarios. Food, crafts, and memorabilia. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket.

U. S. Grant Symposium, St. Louis, MO

Friday, August 9, 2019 – 9:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Soldiers Memorial, 1315 Chestnut Street, St. Louis, MO. 9:45- Welcome from Mark Sundlov, director of Soldiers Memorial Military Museum. 10 a.m.-10.50 a.m.- “Julia Dent Grant and the Importance of Family.” 11:00-11:50 a.m.- Gregory Carr - “Standing on the Promises: James Milton Turner and the Promise of America.” Lunch and Museum break. 1:15-2:10 p.m.- Timothy B. Smith - “The Military Education of Ulysses S. Grant.” 2:15-3:00 p.m. - James W. Erwin - “Suppressing the Rebellion: Missouri State Militia and Missouri Enrolled Militia.” Free but pre-registration required by going to this website; www.mohumanities.org/2019-grant-symposium/. Lunch is on your own.

Walking Tour of the First Battle of Independence

Saturday, August 10, 2019 – 9:00 a.m. Meet at the 1859 Old Jail Museum, 217 N. Main Street, Independence, MO. Conducted by Mike Calvert. Free but the Round Table will be selling the Monuments book. Will take a couple of hours around the Square and beyond. The tour will not be rescheduled if it is raining hard.

Grand Opening of the Center for Missouri Studies

Saturday, August 10, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. State Historical Society’s Center for Missouri Studies, 605 Elm Street, Columbia, MO.

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, August 13, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. Buffet menu (about \$12), Golden Corral, 8800 N. W. Skyview Ave., Kansas City, MO (near Home Depot). Don Bates: “Daniel Boone.”

Commemoration of the Battle of Lone Jack

Saturday, August 17, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, August 18, 2019 – 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lone Jack Battlefield and Museum, 301 S. Bynum Road, Lone Jack, MO. “Area History through the Ages: A Living History Weekend.” Tables for promoting historic sites, museums, collections, and organizations.

Disorder on the Border Symposium

Friday and Saturday, August 16-17, 2019. Carnegie Building, 200 W. 9th Street, Lawrence, KS. \$35.

Complete schedule can be obtained by calling Beverly Shaw at (816) 225-7944.

Guided Tour of Black Jack Battlefield

Sunday, August 18, 2019 – 4:00 p.m. Black Jack Battlefield and Nature Park, 163 E. 2000 Road, Wellsville, KS. Tour conducted by John Brown and Henry Clay Pate. For Information call Kerry Altenbernd at (785) 380-9156.

Brown Bag Lunch

Wednesday, August 21, 2019 – 9:00 a.m. Meet at the Kansas City, KS Main Library, 625 Minnesota, Kansas City, KS. Presentation on the Wyandot artifacts that they have followed by a walking tour of the adjacent Huron Cemetery. For those who do not want to walk, they can stay at the Library and hear a history of the Huron Cemetery. No lunch or meeting at the Shawnee Indian Mission because of this special event.

Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, August 21, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. Perkins Restaurant, 3939 S. Bolger Drive, Independence, MO (across from Walmart). Denis Wormington: “The Confederate Navy: Success or Failure?”

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, August 27, 2019 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner (\$29). Holiday Inn and Suites, 8787 Reeder Road, Overland Park, KS. Sunset Ballroom, 8th Floor. Chris Edwards: “Quantrill’s Raid on Lawrence, KS.” Dinner reservations must be made by noon Wednesday, August 21, 2019 by calling Susan Keipp at (816) 333-0025.

CWRTWM Patches

If anyone would like a CWRTWM embroidered patch, please contact Beverly Shaw at (816) 225-7944. Cost for just the patch is \$2.25 or Beverly will sew one on a plain colored cap for \$5.00 (patch and cap). A great way to help support your organization and hopefully, new people ask, “*What’s it all about?*”

**Next CWRTWM Newsletter will be the
September–October 2019 Issue
Where has the year gone?**

