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Independence, Missouri

Visitors Always Welcome!

Annual Dues

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President's Letter

You are in command of a Corps in the Civil War. Your commander has just issued orders for you to ready your troops and march to the designated area. How do you get there? What roads do you take? What does the terrain look like? How do you know when there is there?

I know that I am not a GPS person. I have used them, but not willingly. My experience has been a rental car that had the service. I was in Washington, D.C. (a very confusing place) without a clue of where to go. Out comes the GPS and all is well. Two weeks later same place, no GPS and I am totally lost because I didn't pay attention the first time as to where I was going. I listened to the nice GPS lady. I LIKE MAPS. I have them framed and hung on walls. I have books of maps. I have digital maps. I'll say it again; I LIKE MAPS.

There at least two famous map makers in the Civil War; Jedidiah Hotchkiss (Confederate) and William Merrill (Union). Prior to Stonewall Jackson's Valley Campaign he turned to Hotchkiss and said "Make me a map of the Valley." With this map Jackson was able to out march and to appear from nowhere totally confusing the Union forces. William T. Sherman wrote he always carried four things: "a change of underclothing, a flask of whiskey, cigars and my maps." His maps were provided by Merrill. If you look at Civil War maps today you will find high accuracy, intricacy and beauty. Many are viewable at the Library of Congress website.

So, I am starting a new movement today to reduce and to eliminate GPS. Sorry, Garmin. Google Maps are fine for those of you who may be wondering. With a good map in hand you will never ever hear someone say "Route change. Recalculating your route." Well, maybe my wife will be saying "You missed the turn. I'll have to find our way back." You are on your own to get lost, find your way or maybe by serendipity find something new and awe inspiring. Turn the map how you need to. Don't worry about how to fold it. Just use it. The map will be your friend.

Mike Calvert, President
Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

CWRTWM Calendar

September 2019 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, September 11, 2019 – 7:00 pm. Village Heights Community of Christ fellowship hall, 1009 Farview Drive, Independence, MO. John Moloski: “Jo Shelby, U. S. Marshal.”

October 2019 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 9, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. Village Heights Community of Christ fellowship Hall, 1109 Farview Drive, Independence, MO. Ted Stillwell: Program to be announced. Annual Meeting and election of officers and board members.

Daytrip to St. Joseph, MO, Civil War Sites

Saturday, October 19, 2019 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Carpooling to St. Joseph to arrive at Mt. Mora Cemetery, 824 Mt. Mora Road, St. Joseph, MO by 9:00 a.m. Travel to Fort Smith Park at 10:00 a.m. Lunch at the Ground Round at 11:30 a.m. See Murals of St. Joseph painted on nearby buildings. Visit to the Patee House Hotel at 1:00 p.m. Also includes the Jesse James Home. Final stop is the Pony Express National Museum at 3:00 p.m. Cost for museums is \$11 payable to “CWRTWM” and mailed to Barbara Wormington, 5322 W. 139th Street, Overland Park, KS 66224-3545. Lunch and transportation to be paid individually.

Other History Events-September, 2019

First Saturday at Shoal Creek Living History Museum

Saturday, September 7, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 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 with 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.

Liberty, MO Walking Tour

Saturday, September 7, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. Jewell & Lightburne Districts. Meet at the Second Baptist Church parking lot at the corner of Missouri and Kansas Streets. Free.

Westport Lost Arts Fair

Saturday and Sunday, September 7-8, 2019. From

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City MO. Broad array of artisans practicing nearly vanished skills and crafts such as blacksmithing, hand loom weaving, rope making from hemp fiber, and construction of 19th century apparel. Horse drawn carriage to travel between Lost Arts Fair and the Westport Art Show.

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, September 10, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. Buffet menu (about \$12), Golden Corral, 8800 N.W. Skyview Ave., Kansas City, MO (near Home Depot). Jim Two Crows Wallen: “Economic Aspects of the Santa Fe Trail.”

Cass County Civil War Round Table

Tuesday, September 10, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. Pearson Hall, Cass County Library, 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO. Naomi Cook: “Citizenship after the Civil War—Then and Now.”

Mid-Missouri Civil War Round Table

Monday, September 16, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. Boone County History Center, 3801 Ponderosa Drive, Columbia, MO. Barry Cardwell: “The Radicalization of Abraham Lincoln.”

Premiere of Documentary of Battle of Liberty

Tuesday, September 17, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. B&B Theatre, 1903 Victory Drive, Liberty, MO. Free screening of “Battle of Liberty/Blue Mills Landing.” The Clay County Museum also has an exhibit with artifacts and a diorama along with stories of soldiers, residents, and families. 14 North Main Street, Liberty, MO.

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.

Civil War Spy – Elizabeth Van Lew

Tuesday, September 17, 2019 – 6:30 p.m. North Independence Library Community Room 2, 317 W. 24 Highway, Independence, MO. Christine Henderson: First-person reenactment of how Elizabeth accidentally ended up spying for the Union Army. RSVP to 816 252-0950. Program will be repeated on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Antioch Library Community Room 1, 6060 N. Chestnut Ave., Gladstone, MO. RSVP to (816) 454-1306.

Brown Bag Lunch at Shawnee Indian Mission

Wednesday, September 18, 2019 – Noon. Bring your own lunch and enjoy a program about 12:30 p.m. 3403 W. 53rd Street, Fairway, KS. North building. Come upstairs from the street. Donald Davis will present a program on the Delaware.

Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, September 18, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. Perkins Restaurant, 3939 S. Bolger Drive, Independence, MO (across from Walmart). Dennis Garstang: “Tombstone and the OK Corral.”

2019 CWRT Congress-St. Louis, MO

Friday-Sunday, September 20-22, 2019. The 3rd CWRT Congress is designed to assist CWRT leaders to improve their member recruitment and retention, develop effective fundraising for program and preservation efforts, and enhance community outreach efforts. \$135.

Trails to Truman Trivia Night

Friday, September 20, 2019 – 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. Teams of 4-6 adults over 21 for trivia questions dealing with trails – historic and modern Adult refreshments. Prizes for top 3 teams. Spectators also welcome but space is limited. Reservations may be made on the Mid-Continent Library website or by calling (816) 252-7228.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, September 24, 2019 – 6:30 pm. Dinner (\$29). Holiday Inn and Suites, 8787 Reeder Road, Overland Park, KS. Sunset Ballroom, 8th Floor. Bjorn Skaptason, from the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop in Chicago, IL: “The 2nd Colorado Cavalry Regiment.” Dinner reservations must be made by noon Wednesday, September 18, 2019 by calling Susan Keipp at (816) 333-0025.

Other History Events-October, 2019

Historical Society of Lee’s Summit, MO

Friday, October 4, 2019 – 6:30 p.m. Museum at 220 S.W. Main Street, Lee’s Summit, MO. Mike Calvert and Jim Beckner are first person veterans of the First Battle of Independence, MO.

First Saturday Lectures at Arrow Rock, MO

Saturday, October 5, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. Arrow Rock Historic Site Visitors Center, Arrow Rock, MO. Chris W. Nelson: “Kicking Off Two Hundred Years of Hemp in Arrow Rock, Missouri.”

Battle of Pea Ridge, AR Reenactment

October 4-6, 2019. Webb Family Farm, 17398 Patterson Road, Pea Ridge, AR. \$2.00.

Historic Walking Tour of Liberty, MO

Saturday, October 5, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. Fairview Cemetery. Meet at the stone arch on Schrader Street.

Log Cabin Festival-Harrisonville, MO

Saturday, October 5, 2019 – 1:00 p.m. Sharp-Hopper Cabin in Historic Downtown Harrisonville. Buffalo Soldiers from the 9th and 10th Cavalry will be dressed in Civil War era uniforms and will talk about their role in the war At 2:00 p.m. there will be a visit from legendary abolitionist John Brown (aka Kerry Altenbernd) who will talk about his work to keep Kansas a free state and end slavery in the United States.

Historical Epitaphs, Voices from the Past

Saturday, October 5, 2019 – 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Union Cemetery, 227 E. 28th Terr., Kansas City, MO. A guided tour and theatrical event that will take you through Kansas City’s oldest public cemetery, the final resting place of many of those who founded and developed Westport and Kansas City.

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, October 8, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. Buffet menu (about \$12), Golden Corral, 8800 N.W. Skyview Ave., Kansas City, MO (near Home Depot). Robert Jones: “Famous Women of the Old West.”

Blacks in Blue at the Battle of Westport

Tuesday, October 8, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. North Independence Branch of Mid-Continent Library, Community Room 2, 317 W. 24 Highway, Independence, MO. Daniel Smith: “Blacks in Blue.” The substantial role of African Americans during the

Battle of Westport is less well known. Discover their key roles and heroism under trying conditions. RSVP to (816) 252-0950.

Meet Civil War Spy, Elizabeth Van Lew

Tuesday, October 8, 2019 – 6:30 p.m. Antioch Branch of Mid-Continent Library, Community Room 1, 6060 N. Chestnut Ave., Gladstone, MO. Christine Henderson does a first-person reenactment of how Elizabeth accidentally ended up spying for the Union Army. RSVP to (816) 454-1306.

Quantrill Society Picnic – Blue Springs, MO

Saturday, October 12, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. – Cemetery Tour. Between 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Potluck Picnic Lunch. Pink Hill Park, Shelter House #3, at 2715 NW Park Drive, Blue Springs, MO (between James Lewis Elementary School and Burr Oak Woods Nature Center). If you want to take a cemetery tour to Hudspeth and possibly others, meet at 10:00 a.m. at Pink Hill Park to carpool. Because the Quantrill Society was involved with “Disorder on the Border,” they will not be sponsoring a bus tour this fall. The Society will provide fried chicken, drinks, cups, plates, and forks. Everyone should bring a dish to share and a chair. The annual meeting will be held after the meal. To get a count for ordering the chicken, please email president, Cindy Taylor at taylorci53@yahoo.com.

Walking Tour of Big Shoal Cemetery

Saturday, October 12, 2019 – 2:30 pm. Parking off NE 64th Street, Cemetery at 4215 NE 64th Street, Gladstone, MO. Hear stories of those buried there such as Clay County’s earliest settlers, veterans, and colorful characters. Tickets are \$10 for guided tour and refreshments. Comfortable shoes and a jacket. In the event of extreme rain, the walking tour will be canceled.

Bluecoat and Pioneer: The Recollections of John

Benton Hart - Sunday, October 13, 2019 – 2:00 p.m. Central Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO. (Parking in garage across the street on Baltimore). John Hart, great-grandson, will discuss the book and show some pictures. John Benton Hart was a native Kansan and member of the 11th Kansas Cavalry which clashed with Gen. Sterling Price at the Battle of Westport, was a bullwhacker carrying mail to the forts on the Bozeman Trail, and was a friend of scout Jim Bridger and Chief Blackfoot of the Mountain Crow. RSVP to (816) 701-3407.

Cass County Civil War Round Table

Tuesday, October 15, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. Pearson Hall, Cass County Library, 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO. Program to be announced.

Brown Bag Lunch – Shawnee Indian Mission

Wednesday, October 16, 2019 – Noon. Bring a lunch and hear a program at 12:30 p.m., 3403 W. 53rd Street, Fairway, KS. North Building. Come upstairs from the street. John Byrum: “Jotham Meeker.”

Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, October 16, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. Perkins Restaurant, 3939 S. Bolger Drive, Independence, MO. (across from Walmart). Sam Gill: “Black Regiments in the Civil War.”

Hulston Mill Civil War Days

Saturday and Sunday, October 19-20, 2019. In the Stockton Lake area. This was rescheduled from earlier in the year because of flooding. For information, please visit;

[www.Facebook.com/Hulston-Mill-Civil War Days](http://www.Facebook.com/Hulston-Mill-Civil-War-Days).

Clay County Historical Society Antique Appraisal

Sunday, October 20, 2019 – 2:00 p.m. Museum at 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. \$10 fee per item. Book launch of the 3rd installment of “Self-guided Tour of Historical Clay County, Missouri.” This one covers the period 1870-1890.

Mid-Missouri Civil War Round Table

Monday, October 21, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. Boone County Historical Museum, 3801 Ponderosa Drive, Columbia, MO. Robert W. Maxey: “Savior of Gettysburg-George Gordon Meade.”

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, October 22, 2019 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner (\$29). Holiday Inn and Suites, 8787 Reeder Road, Overland Park, KS. Sunset Ballroom, 8th Floor. Eric Wittenburg will be speaking about the Battle of Brandy Station. Dinner reservations must be made by noon Wednesday, October 16, 2019 by calling Susan Keipp at (816) 333-0025.

Walk with the Civil War Spirits – Lone Jack , MO

Saturday, October 26, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Guided tours around the cemetery adjacent to the museum. \$5.00-Adults.

African Americans Settling Along the Missouri River Valley - Monday, October 28, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. Red Bridge Library-Programming Space. Red Bridge Shopping Center, 11134 Holmes Road (near the Blue Moose Restaurant), Kansas City, MO. Ray Hill will explore the migration of freed slaves moving to and developing settlements in Missouri after emancipation. RSVP to (816) 942-1780.

Clay County Historical Society Bingo Night
Saturday, November 2, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. \$10.
Glenaire Club House, 309 Smiley Road, Liberty, MO.

Civil War Round Table Annual Meeting

On October 9, 2019 the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri will be holding its Annual Meeting after the program and refreshments. We will be electing officers and board members. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact Mike Calvert at (816) 898-2603 or E-Mail him at mwcal53@aol.com. We will also be taking nominations from the floor, but please check with the person before placing his/her name in nomination.

Day Trip to St. Joseph, MO Civil War Sites Saturday, October 19, 2019 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Transportation will be by car, on your own or carpooling; we can match up drivers and passengers. Except for meeting time at the cemetery, all times are approximate.

Meet at 9:00 a.m. just inside the entrance to **Mt. Mora Cemetery**, 824 Mt. Mora Road., St. Joseph. From I-29 N, take the I-229 Exit #43. Turn east (right) on US Highway 36, then north (left) on S. 10th Street, right on Frederick Ave. and left onto Mt. Mora Road. This will lead to the only entrance into the cemetery.

Three Missouri governors are buried at Mount Mora, along with Brigadier General M. Jeff Thompson, "The Swamp Fox" of the Confederacy. Two Pony Express riders and two of Quantrill's Raiders lie on shady hillsides. Mt. Mora was once the most fashionable burial place for St. Joseph's wealthy and powerful citizens and claims some of the finest "tomb architecture" in the Midwest.

From there we will travel to **Fort Smith Park** (10:00 a.m.), a fort erected on a hill overlooking St. Joseph in

1861 by the Union Army to protect the city from invasion by Confederate forces. It was rediscovered in 2003. Highlights include a lookout point with spectacular views of the city, restored redoubts, full-scale reproduction cannons, an ordnance shed and informative signage. There is a small parking area at the bottom of the hill. Cars with handicap permits are permitted to drive to the top of the hill.

Next we will meet for lunch downtown at the **Ground Round Grill & Bar** (11:30 a.m.) in a private room. Before (11:00 a.m.) or after lunch, depending on time, we will check out five gigantic **Murals of St. Joseph** painted on nearby buildings, depicting scenes of historic St. Joseph. One is a Civil War mural that was redesigned amid controversy.

After lunch (1:00 p.m.) we'll meet at the historic **Patee House Hotel**, a four-story interactive museum where one can climb aboard an 1860 train; see a stagecoach and a covered wagon up close; a blacksmith shop; a pharmacy; a saloon; antique furniture and toys; Civil War exhibits, and a wing designed to look like the streets of Old St. Joseph in the 1870's, among many other exhibits.

We'll be given a short introduction by a guide covering both the Patee House and the **Jesse James Home** and then we'll have two hours to explore both museums on our own. There are also places to sit and rest in the Patee House Hotel.

Our last stop (3:00 p.m.) will be the **Pony Express National Museum**. We are hoping for a guided tour there but that has not yet been confirmed. We will for sure be given an introduction.

Projected cost is \$11 per person, which includes reduced admission fees and guide introductions at all of the museums. Each person will order lunch from the menu at the Ground Round and each person will be responsible for his/her lunch bill.

We're planning a fun fall outing. E-Mail Barbara Wormington at b.wormington@att.net or call her at (913) 963-3108 to reserve your spot! You can pay at the September or October meeting or send a check to Barbara Wormington, 5322 W. 139th Street, Overland Park, Kansas 66224-3545. Checks payable to "CWRTWM."

News about Members and Friends

We are sorry to report several deaths since February, 2019, and wish to extend our condolences to the families. **Harold Barchers** died on May 23, 2019. He resided at Richmond, MO and was a good friend of the McCorkendales. **Jo Anna Dale** lost her son **Daniel William Cook** on June 11, 2019. **Norman Ledgin**, local author and historian, died on June 18, 2019. **Karen Wells** lost a brother-in-law in Nebraska in June. **Tony Horwitz**, historian and author of *Confederates in the Attic*, died in May, 2019. **Cathy Barton Para**, a noted banjo player and hammered dulcimer player from Boonville, died on April 17, 2019. **Matthew Silber** from the Platte County Historical Society died on February 3, 2019.

There is a new community facility on 24 Highway in eastern Independence which combines the services of a Mid-Continent Library and a food pantry sponsored by the Community Services League. We congratulate the congregation of nearby **Village Heights Community of Christ Church** for volunteering to staff the food pantry. Village Heights is the congregation which makes their fellowship hall available to us for our monthly meetings.

Steve Hatcher, our website manager, has scanned past copies of the Border Star so that they are available to read on line. He is only missing five issues. If any of you packrats has a copy of the following editions, please call him at (816) 415-0066: Vol. 1, N. 1; Vol. 1, No. 2; April 2002; May 2002; and December 2004. You can read the past issues at www.CWRTWM.org.

The **Bingham-Waggoner Historical Society** is to be congratulated for 40 years of service to the community. They had a gala on June 8, 2019 at the Bingham-Waggoner House and a special tour of the Bingham paintings at the Jackson County Gallery inside the Historic Truman Courthouse. **Joyce Gillespie** helped to plan the gala at the mansion, and **Ron McCarty** arranged the art gallery tour.

Scott Cauger, our long distance member from New York State, attended an American Battlefield Trust Conference in Lexington, Kentucky in June 2019.

The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri was again a donor for the flowers used at the **Confederate Memorial Day** at Higginsville in June, 2019.

Mary Conrad received a lifetime achievement award on May 13, 2019 from the Kansas Anthropological Association for her service on the executive board and her prolific writing.

We congratulate **Sarah Elder**, our speaker in July on the "Civil War in St. Joseph" for her new position as the manager of the St. Joseph Remington Nature Center.

The Historic Truman Courthouse on the Square in Independence, MO is experiencing problems with humidity and water infiltration which has caused the **Independence Tourism Division** staff to move to the Independence Chamber of Commerce building on Truman Road.

The **J. Huston Tavern** in Arrow Rock has reopened after a fire in the kitchen in May, 2019.

The Kansas City area libraries have teamed up to provide an easy way to search all of their collections at the same time. Now when you visit the **Kansas City Public Library's** online catalog, you'll also see links to Mid-Continent Public Library, Johnson County (KS) Library, and Olathe Library. Go to www.kclibrary.bibliocommons.com.

