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Individual \$15.00  
Family \$22.50  
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### MEETINGS

The Second Wednesday  
Of the month at 7 pm  
July-Annual Picnic  
September-Historic Tour  
December meeting is  
Annual Christmas Party

**Visitors Always  
Welcome!**

## NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 14, 2001  
7:00 p.m. at

*Truman High School – Library*  
*3301 S. Noland Road*  
*Independence, Missouri*

**The Battle of Vassar Hill, Mo. &  
The Battle of Kirksville**

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*Refreshments following program*

## Symphony Designers' Showhouse

On Thursday evening, May 10, 2001, members of the Civil War Round Table are invited to use their guiding skills to act as docents at the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Symphony Designers' Showhouse located at 1030 West 65<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, Missouri. For the last several years, some 10 of our members have participated in this community effort to raise money for the Kansas City Symphony. It's really a lot of fun for people who enjoy seeing large, historically interesting houses decorated by area designers.

Our job is to stand in different areas of the house and act as guides from 4 pm (or as soon after work as you can get there) until 8 pm. Thursdays are the only "late night" viewing of the house for those who can't get there during the day or on the weekends.

If you can't participate as a guide, maybe you would like to tour the house during its public viewing from April 28 through May 20. The cost at the door is \$12, but Beverly Shaw will have tickets in advance for \$10. For those who work with us on May 10, the admission is free.

The house was built in 1936 for a daughter of Tom Pendergast, and was significantly enlarged by the Berl Berry family in the 1950's.

See Beverly Shaw at a meeting, or call her at (816) 478-7648, to volunteer to serve on May 10.

*Submitted by Beverly Shaw*

**New on KCPT – Channel 19  
Begins Monday, February 19, 8 pm  
American Experience:  
Abraham & Mary Lincoln:  
A House Divided**

A 3-part, six-hour series on Abraham Lincoln and his wife, Mary.



## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

**Wednesday, February 14, 7 pm**

**CWRTWMo. Meeting**

The Battle of Vassar Hill, Mo. &

The Battle of Kirksville

Truman High School Library

**Wednesday, February 21, 7 pm**

**Board Meeting**

Room 101, Truman Campus

**Monday, March 12 to Friday, March 16,**

**Abe & the Mrs. in KC**

**Wednesday, March 14, 7 pm**

**CWRTWM. Meeting**

Truman High School Library

**Friday, March 16, 4-6 pm**

**Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln appear at**

**James Country Mercantile**

**On North Main in Liberty**

**Friday, March 16, 7-10 pm**

**Reception for Max & Donna Daniels**

**Sonny & Karen's place**

**Tuesday, March 20 – Friday, March 23**

**Seminar on Abraham Lincoln**

Max Daniels has been invited by the Smithsonian Historical Society of the Smithsonian Institution to conduct the seminar.

**Break a leg, Max!**

**Wednesday, March 21, 7 pm**

**Board Meeting**

Room 101, Truman Campus

**Wednesday, April 9, 7 pm**

**CWRTWMo. Meeting**

Mr. William Farley, Author of

1<sup>st</sup> Missouri Cavalry, CSA

Truman High School Library

Did you know that there was a forty year parliamentary battle on Capitol Hill, which began with the Missouri Compromise in 1819 and culminated in the Civil War?

Read *Congress and the Civil War* by Edward Boykin, 1955, The McBride Co., Inc.

## The Stained Glass Windows

During the tour of the church at the Christmas Party, many of the members commented about the three tiffany style stained glass windows in the sanctuary.

The windows were installed in the newly built church in 1905.

A church in Cincinnati, Ohio, had originally purchased the windows, but changed their mind when another style of window was offered them.

Total purchase price was about \$1800. It cost another \$200 to ship them back to Liberty, a trip which was mostly by riverboat.

Information about the windows is etched on the bottom of the front pew on the west (left) side of the sanctuary.

The theme of the main window, on the North wall behind the pulpit, is "The Rock of Ages." It is based on Psalm 18:2.

The theme of the East Window is "The Resurrection." It is based on two scriptures, John 20:16 and Rev. 11:13.

The Theme of the West Window is "The Tree of Life." It is based on Rev. 22:1-2a which speaks of a pure river of water of life.

The West Window has been repaired several times, once after a tornado blew several pieces of debris through it.

All three windows were removed, releaded, and restored in 1996, at a cost which far exceeded the original purchase price.

Some portions of the West Window were replaced with catspaw granite glass, made for this window by a company in Kokomo, Indiana.

The story on Federal soldiers trying to stop the congregation from holding services, the Preacher's Photo Wall, and the trip to the former trench site, added to Civil War aura of the party.

Karen and I have attended Liberty Christian since 1980.

*Submitted by Sonny Wells*

## DUES FOR 2001

Dues are now being accepted for the year 2001. You can pay at a meeting, or mail a check made payable to:

**CWRT-WMo**

Mail to:

**Beverly Shaw, Treasurer  
17313 East 51<sup>st</sup> Terrace Court  
Independence, Missouri 64055**

**Dues are:**

Single	\$15.00
Family	\$22.50
Student	\$ 5.00



## Abe & the Mrs. '01

Plans for the 2001 visit by Max and Donna Daniels, in their roles as the President and Mrs. Lincoln, are firming up. The March 12-16, 2001, tour will include programs in several area schools, which have not been visited by the Lincolns previously.

The 2001 Schedule includes a day in the Richmond-Lexington area, a day in the Leavenworth-Fort Leavenworth area, a day in Wyandotte County, and a day in the Northland area. A strong effort is being made to be in schools which had to be bypassed in previous years because of time limits. Less than half of the presentations will be in schools where they have appeared before.

Evening presentations will be for the Wyandotte County Historical Society at 7 pm on Wednesday, March 14; in Bell Hall at Fort Leavenworth at 7 pm on Thursday, March 15; and at James County Mercantile in Liberty on Friday, March 16, from 4-6 pm.

By special request, Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln will make an appearance on Thursday, March 15 at 4:30 pm at the Havana Club at a gathering of the foreign officers currently in training at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth.

Members of the Round Table who would like to visit with Max & Donna are invited to attend any of the evening programs or attend a reception at Sonny & Karen's on Friday evening, March 16, from 7 to 10 pm.

They will leave early Saturday morning for Washington, D.C., Max's first program at the Smithsonian is at 10 am on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Submitted by Sonny Wells

### *Resignation*

*Bonnie Sommerville has resigned as Secretary. Travels back and forth to help care for a seriously ill mother, have taken most of her free time, and she feels she just cannot handle the job at this time.*

*Tim will appoint someone to fill the position at the next board meeting.*

*Our thoughts are with you Bonnie, and we hope your mother gets well soon.*

### *Smiles*

*Did you see that our own Harold Dellinger was the centerpiece of an article written by Dennis Boone in The Kansas City Star, Sunday, January 21, 2001, because of his new book The Bykins Neighborhood Guidebook? Congrats.*

## It's Closer Than You Think

### Information on the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration in Independence

At a meeting attended by Tim, Joel, and Sonny, plans for the July Fourth Celebration sponsored by Independence One were discussed.

The Ferris Battery will set up a living history camp in the area east of the swimming pool and south of the access road. Water and porta-pots will be close by. A small stage with a PA will be set up by the pool.

The Civil War Round Table will have a display near the Ferris Battery camp and the Civil War Shoppe will be set up on the far end adjacent to the Round Table's display. The photo board and activities pictures will be part of the display. A weapons display is still being considered.

Those assisting in the Round Table display should wear a T-shirt or ball cap, or both, to identify them as members.

Parking for participants will be along the exit road just south of the camp area. You will need your membership car to get into the parking area.

We will be the only living Historians set up in this area. The Missouri Fur Trappers will be set up behind the LDS Visitors Center, near what will be the main stage.

Food vendors will be set up along Pleasant Avenue, which should help draw people to our area.

The Living History camp will open to the public at 9:00 am. Cannon firing demonstrations will take place at 10:00, noon, 2:00, 4:00, and 6:00. A talk on Women in the Civil War will be at 11:00 and possibly at 3:00 or 5:00.

The possibility of a bus tour to the Little Blue Battlefield and the other related sites in Independence is being considered.

At 7:00 there will be a free concert at the RLDS Auditorium featuring a group from Branson. The concert will be followed by a fireworks display at approximately 9:30.

It is expected this year's crowd will surpass the 6,000 who attended last year's celebration.

Another meeting is being considered with the entire planning committee. Final approval of all events is set for February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next issue of

The Border Star will be

**February 22, 2001**

**Articles are always welcome**

Send them to:

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## What's in the News

The following article appeared in *The Kansas City Star* on January 24, 2001, and was written by The Associated Press.

### ***Efforts under way to explore Civil War submarine Hunley***

CHARLESTON, S.C. – Reaching through a hole in the ballast tank, scientists began cleaning silt out of the Confederate submarine Hunley on Tuesday – the first step toward exploring the vessel and removing the remains of its nine-man crew.

The Hunley, the first submarine to sink an enemy ship, rammed a black-powder charge into the Union ship *Housatonic* off nearby Sullivan's Island on Feb. 17, 1864. The *Housatonic* sank, but so did the submarine, which was fashioned from locomotive boilers.

The Hunley was raised last August and has since rested in a tank of cold water at the former Charleston Navy base. On Tuesday the water level was lowered, and the scientists were suspended alongside the sub to work.

It will take about a week to remove sediment from the ballast tank. Scientists then will have a better idea of how the hand-cranked sub was put together, said Kellen Butler, a spokeswoman for Friends of the Hunley.

Scientists will open the crew compartment and remove artifacts and any remains. The entire project is expected to take about three months.

The crew's remains probably will be buried in the Hunley plot in Charleston's Magnolia Cemetery next to two earlier ill-fated crews.

**On the Net:** Friends of the Hunley  
[www.hunley.org](http://www.hunley.org)

### **Civil War Medicine Museum**

The Civil War Medicine Museum is located in Frederick, Maryland, in an historic downtown building which served as both an embalming facility and a coffin-making shop during the Civil War, according to *The Civil War News*, December 2000, Vol XXVI No. 11. Frederick became a major hospital center because of its proximity to Antietam, South Mountain, and other battlefields. Small admission fees and open seven days a week, it's a must see. Exhibits include surgical items, original hospital gowns, the hospital flag that flew at City Point, VA, medical personnel in action on the battlefield, veterinary medicine illustrations, dental medicine, and soon, an exhibit on naval medicine. (There's a gift shop, too!)

### **Coming Soon \*\*\*\*\***

The personal experiences of one of our members while on a Civil War tour. You won't want to miss this!!

## Can You Help?

Bryce Benedict is searching for information, and would like your help. Here's his letter:

In reviewing an 1889 report of the Adjutant General of Kansas, there was mention of a need to procure muster rolls of Kansas' soldiers, and one of the units for which such roll was needed was the "Missouri Home Guards, Companies F, G, H, and I; commanded by Captains A. Thomas, C. Lovejoy, B. F. Simpson, and C. Hill. Raised in Johnson, Douglas and Miami counties. Organized in fall of 1861, and mustered out February, 1862."

Further research has revealed that the Missouri Home Guards were Colonel Andrew Nugent's (or Newgent's) regiment; it appears to have been raised in Cass county. The Kansas companies had attached themselves to Newgent's regiment, and then in December, 1861 the governor of Kansas attached these four companies to the then-forming 2d Kansas Cavalry.

In early 1862, Nugent raised the Second Battalion Cavalry, Missouri State Militia; his regiment must have been disbanded by then.

I have found practically nothing regarding Nugent's regiment, other than a brief mention in the Official Records. I would like to add this unit to the ones already listed on the home page of the Museum of the Kansas National Guard.

You can write to Bryce Benedict at 1273 Oakley, Topeka, Kansas 66604, or call him at 785-357-7953 (home) or 785-296-7012 (work).

## Wilson's Creek National Battlefield

### Presents

### **"1861: Storm Over the Land"**

**A Symposium examining the personalities  
and events of the first year of the  
Civil War**

**Clarion Hotel  
3333 South Glenstone Avenue  
Springfield, Missouri 65804  
(417) 883-6550**

**April 6-8, 2001**

\$75.00 includes all sessions, beginning with a Friday afternoon guided tour of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield and the General Sweeny Museum.