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MEETINGS

The second Wednesday
at 7 pm, in the Library,
at Truman High School,
3301 South Noland Rd,
Independence, Missouri,
except July, August
and December.

Visitors Always
Welcome

FROM THE PRES.....

What an outstanding program by Eric and Matt on the 54th Mass. Great job guys! The presentation far exceeded my expectations and I am indeed a "proud papa". By the way, I checked on Sgt. Carney's Medal of Honor. It was awarded on May 23, 1900.

Carney was born on Feb. 29, 1840, died on Dec. 9, 1908, buried in Oak Grove Ceme., New Bedford, Mass. Rather than being the first black to receive a Medal of Honor, his was the next to the last Civil War Medal of Honor to be awarded to an Afro-American.

Item... A rural Kansas G.A.R. Post which closed in the 1930's donated all of its belongings to a nearby museum. That museum is now selling much of that merchandise as it needs some funds. Among the items up for sale is a knife and fork set of triple plated silver ware with G. A. R. stamped in the handles. Asking price is \$25 per set. Collectors price on such an item is \$40-50. Also high back, 6 slat chairs with G. A. R. painted on the top back in gold with red trim. A very unique item, dating to 1893, well worth the \$200 asking price.

Item... The tombstone on the grave of J. Frank Dalton (one of those who claims he was the real Jesse James) in the Granbury, Texas, cemetery was recently changed. The old stone said *Jesse W. James, alias J. Frank Dalton*. The new one is grey with a square battle flag at the top and is worded *Jesse Woodson James, 1849-1951, supposedly killed in 1882*. And the newly published Chamber of Commerce flyer says... "Visit the grave of Jesse James".

How surprising it was to read about a meeting last August with the St. Louis, Johnson County, Kansas, and Mid Missouri Round Tables to organize some kind of group to study the war in Missouri. It seems "other round tables" will be invited to join the group. Seems to me the way to establish a little harmony among the round tables and promote the study of the war in Missouri would have been to invite the "other round tables" to participate at the first meeting, thus being a part of the organizing, not the left overs.

Item... Our son Kevin called from the set of the new Teddy Roosevelt movie in Texas. His group is in the actors squad which will be around Tom Berringer much of the time. Their squad leader is none other than Sam Elliott, who Kevin worked with in *Gettysburg*.

The eight day "Boot Camp" got everyone's weight under the 180 Lb. limit, as required by the contracts. The film set will move to near Houston in a few days and then on to San Antonio where the San Juan Hill scenes will be shot.

For the second time, I forgot to bring the 125th Anniversary Battle of Westport Medals to the meeting to present to Amy Holmes and Mary Ann Hazzard. I will not forget again. I have already put the medals in the name tag box so I will not mess up again on this matter.

Preliminary work has begun on putting together a Civil War Show for late April or early May of 1997. There seems to be much enthusiasm for the show but there will also be some opposition. All must be considered. Nothing has been decided yet.

After checking with Tim and the Holmes', it has been decided to have the program on Joshua Chamberlain in January. The museum in Maine indicated the program was available then and so were the presenters. What a way to start the new year!

Karen and I just returned from a five day trip to central Texas. We visited the Acton Cemetery where Davey Crockett's wife and kids are buried, the "Jesse James" gravesite in Granbury, Dealy Plaza in Dallas and the Oklahoma City bomb site. There are thousands of teddy bears and messages of compassion on the fence surrounding the bomb site in Oklahoma City. I'll show the video at next meeting if time permits.)

At the Board Meeting

The Board of Directors met on Wednesday, September 18th at 7 pm at the Truman Campus Building.

Incoming mail was passed around and the info discussed.

The fantastic program Matt and Eric gave on the 54th Mass. Inft. was the main theme of conversation.

The upcoming May 6-8, 1997, school days event was discussed.

Newsletter.. 120 printed, 109 mailed, cost \$5.83 ea. Spent \$62.28.

Treasurers Report....Beg. Bal. \$1,122.33, Deposits \$ 25.00, Paid Out \$ 75.60, New Bal. 1071.73.

Balance in Reserve Account \$161.00

Coffee Fund...Beg. Bal. \$15.84, Purchases \$28.24, In Donation Jar \$22.37, From book sales \$40.00, New Balance \$49.97

2nd V.P. Report...43 Members and 6 visitors at September meeting.

1st V.P. Report...Next month's program will be on the Sultana Trials. November will be announced soon.

Old Business...

The application for a Tax Exemption has been rejected by the IRS stating we needed to make changes in our State Charter. The ruling is being appealed.

Toby Giese reported the highly publicized Civil War Symposium was cancelled due to lack of participants.

Pros and cons of participating in the upcoming Civil War Show were discussed.

Use of the Bingham-Waggoner grounds as a site for the 1997 picnic was discussed.

New Business...

The board voted 8 to 0 with 1 abstention, to underwrite the upcoming visit to Kansas City of Mr. & Mrs. A. Lincoln, (Max and Donna Daniels) at a cost not to exceed \$150.00. Sponsors will be sought to pick up the balance of the cost.

The Board approved the selection of **Tim Cox** to be chairman of the Nominating Committee. **Bob Benson** volunteered to serve on the committee. Tim will select the third person to be on the committee.

Bob Benson was asked to be chairman of the Christmas Party Committee. He agreed.

The medals are all sold. A dozen more have been ordered.

T-shirts, sweat shirts and ball caps are also being re-ordered.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

October

Wed. 9th **CWRTWMO Meeting**

The *Sultana* Trials

Wed. 16th **Board Meeting**

November

Sat. 2nd **Possible Day Trip**

Wed. 13th **CWRTWMO Meeting**

To be announced

Wed. 20th **Board Meeting**

December

Sat. 14th **Christmas Party**

Upcoming Re-enactments

October

5- 6 **Nebraska City, Nebr.**

At Arbor Lodge State Park

11-12 **Shelbina, Mo.**

over by Hannibal

Cookies, & more Cookies

Has anyone failed to make note of the scrumptious delectable goodies on the table during the break?

Of particularly appreciation are all those 100% guaranteed not to be non-fattening, sugar free, fat free items, if in fact there really were such things.

Claudetta McCorkendale and Debbie Richey supplied the goodies at the September meeting.

Charlotte Tindall and Harriett Loinberger are on the list for October.

Let us worry not about the caloric count and simply have a diet soda or no calorie coffee to balance it out.

Janaan Adams and Kathleen Tuohey are scheduled for November.

If any one doubts the culinary expertise of our ladies, let them simply dig in at the cookie tray.

Many, many thanks to the cookie cookers from the cookie crunchers.

Luv it, Luv it, Luv it, M-m-m-m-m- boy, dat's good!

Free Tours of Union Station

Each Sunday in Oct., Noon to 4 pm.

(Another story said Saturdays.)

The newsletter is late and small because September and October are such busy months for me.

October Program

The upcoming program should be called **Sultana-Part II**.

Because of the extensive amount of material **Connie** and **Sue** found in researching the story of this mostly unknown disaster, the program had to be divided into two parts.

Part I was the story of the disaster itself. It included quotes from some who survived the sinking of the overladen riverboat and statistics about those who were on board.

Part II will be on the aftermath of the disaster....The Trials.

Who was put on trial, who wasn't? Who was convicted and who wasn't? Was anyone convicted of anything?

It still is a puzzle as to why so many could die and so little was done about it.

Maybe the upcoming presentation will shed a little light on this situation.

The Trials of the Sultana

This should be another good one!

Christmas Party '96

With **Bob Benson** again serving as Chairman, the 1996 Christmas Party is being planned for the second Saturday in December from 1-4 pm.

The show starts promptly at 1:00 with a period style show put on by Dori Semler and friends.

Attire and uniforms of the era will be the focus of this show.

Chow line starts at 2:00. Awards and drawings will begin at 3:30.

Again this year the meat tray will be from Fritz', down on State Line, and will feature salt free and low fat roast beef, ham and turkey.

Everyone is asked to bring a salad dish, chip & dip dish or desert of some kind. Paper plates, plastic utensils and cups will be furnished.

Raspberry sarsaparilla, creme soda and the usual sodas will be furnished.

And, oh yes, the slush. Fixins for good ole *southern slush* will be there.

Volunteers are needed for decorationing, table setting and food service.

Contact Bob Benson or Mary Ann Hazzard.