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## The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

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(lower level)

Independence, Missouri

**Visitors Always Welcome!**

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**THIS MONTH IN THE WAR:** January 31, 1865. Washington. By a vote of 119 to 56, the House of Representatives passes the proposed constitutional amendment abolishing slavery throughout the United States. The amendment will now go to the states. It must be ratified by three-fourths of them before it will become part of the Constitution.

President Lincoln gives Secretary of State William H. Seward instructions concerning his upcoming conference with the Confederate peace commissioners. Lincoln insists that recognition of Federal authority is a necessary precondition to peace, while Davis still clings to independence as the only basis of negotiations.

## President's Letter

The past year, much like all years, has seen its share of beginnings and endings.

In 2014 the Round Table had two charter members called home, Harriett Lionberger and Art Kelley. Both were great supporters of our organization and I feel they were great supporters of me. Every time I made a presentation, I could always count on two friendly faces in the crowd. Thanks Harriett and Art for your contributions to our organization and your support of my efforts. You will be greatly missed.

The Round Table also saw a long time project come to fruition. Many starts and stops occurred in the publication of our second monuments book. That is until Barb and Denny Wormington stopped me at a meeting and asked if they could take on this project. In the effort of full disclosure I didn't know whether to cry or hug them both. I hugged. It is through their primary effort the Round Table has the newly published *Civil War Monuments and Memorials in Western Missouri*. I know that Barb and Denny weren't the only contributors and they will be the first to say so, but without their work this book would not have been published. Take a look at the book and you will find a listing of all the contributors.

The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil War gave the Round Table the opportunity to partner with The Quantrill Society to present two events. First, was the rededication of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Colorado Monument in Woodlawn Cemetery. Well attended and well-presented is all that can be said. I want to personally thank Dick Hughes, Terry Chronister, Charles McCorkendale and Karen Wells for their readings. Also thank you's go out to Elliott's Scouts, the Missouri Irish Brigade and Ken Draper for being the honor guard. Second, was the anniversary tour of the Battle of the Little Blue. A big thank you to Beverly Shaw and Harold Dellinger for the hard work to organize all the many items that must be done in order for the tour to come off without problems and to ensure all participants had a good time.

Congratulations are in order to The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri for being awarded the Independence Heritage Commission's W.Z Hickman Award for distinguished service. Being recognized for the contributions our organization makes to the preservation of history I must humbly say, was deserved.

Thanks to all who make our organization what it is and does. Without your contributions we would not, could not exist. Here's to the end of the old year and looking forward to the beginning of a new one. May it find each of you healthy and happy.

**~Mike Calvert, President CWRTWM**

### Use of Keypad at Villages of Jackson Creek

Our meeting room is in the Fitness Center on the lower level of the far east wing with the number "3980A" above the entrance. If the inside sliding door is secured, use the keypad on the right to enter 1207\* and stand in front of the door to activate. If there is a problem, call Beverly at (816) 225-7944 (cell). To exit the building, use the keypad to the left of the sliding door and enter 1207\*. Stand directly in front of the door to activate. Please do not try to force the door but instead call Beverly at (816) 225-7944 for assistance.

## **CWRTWM Calendar**

### January 2015 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Villages of Jackson Creek, 3980-A S. Jackson Drive (lower level), Independence, MO. Open Round Table: Members and friends can bring Civil War memorabilia, books they are reading, information on Civil War ancestors, etc. for a five minute presentation.

### January 2015 Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 21, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.  
Home of Beverly Shaw, 17313 E. 51<sup>st</sup> Terr. Court, Independence, MO.

## **Other Civil War Events**

### Freedom's Frontier Partners Meeting

Thursday, January 8, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Watkins Museum of History, 1047 Massachusetts, Lawrence, KS. Lunch for \$11. Next meeting will be March 12, 2015 at the Lee's Summit Museum.

### The Grinter Stove Series – Wyandotte County, KS

Saturday, January 10, 2015 – 11:00 a.m. Grinter Place State Historic Site, 1420 S. 78<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, KS. Topic: Delaware Indians and other tribes removed to Kansas. Light lunch for \$5 (adults) or \$3 (children under 12). To make a reservation please call (913) 299-0373.

Grinter Place is the oldest home in Wyandotte County overlooking the historic Delaware Crossing on the Kansas River. It was the home of Annie, a Lenape (Delaware) Indian and Moses Grinter who operated a ferry and trading post with the Lenape Indians.

### Vernon County Historical Society

Sunday, January 11, 2015 – 2:00 p.m. The Bushwhacker Museum, 212 West Walnut, Nevada, MO. Annual Meeting and Program. Geoff Giglierano: "The Power of our Stories: Preserving and Sharing Community, Family, and Personal Narratives." Geoff is the former Executive Director of the Missouri Humanities Council.

### Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, January 13, 2015. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.  
Red Lobster, 450 Northwest Barry Road, Kansas City, MO. Dennis Garstang: "The King of the Cowboys."

### Civil War Round Table of Cass County

Tuesday, January 13, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.  
Harrisonville Public Library, 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO. Diane Rogers: "Elizabeth's War." New book showing the courage of a woman taking care of her family during Order No. 11.

### The U.S. Marine Corps in the Civil War

Thursday, January 15, 2015 – 6:30 p. m.  
Central Library, 14 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO. Wilburn "Bud" Meador of the U. S. Army Command and General Staff College in Leavenworth: The Marine Corps' role throughout the Civil War. Special notice of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Fort Fisher, a two-part, Marine-assisted Union assault on the last major coastal stronghold of the Confederacy.

### Mid-Missouri Civil War Round Table – Columbia, MO.

Monday, January 19, 2015 – 7:00 p. m.  
Boone County Historical Society Museum, 3801 Ponderosa Drive, Columbia, MO. Dave Poche: "General J.E.B. Stuart."

### Bleeding Kanas 2015 – Lecompton, Kansas

Sunday, January 25, 2015 – 2:00 p.m.  
Constitution Hall State Historic Site, 319 Elmore, Lecompton, KS. Barry Greis, statehouse architect: "The Kansas Statehouse Restoration." Remarks by Matt Veatch, state archivist, Kansas Historical Society. Suggested donation of \$3 for adults.

### Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, January 27, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner – \$27. Holiday Inn & Suites, 8787 Reeder Road, Overland Park, KS. Located south of 87<sup>th</sup> Street and east of I-35 and Highway 69. Access off 87<sup>th</sup> on Reeder Road. Sunset Ballroom on the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor. Park on south side of the hotel and use elevators in the lobby. Dr. Ethan Rafuse: Petersburg Campaign and Siege. He recently published his *Guide to the Richmond-Petersburg Campaign*. For dinner reservations call Paul Gault at (816) 741-2962.

### Sentinels on the Prairie

Tuesday, January 27, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.

National Archives, 400 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO. Debra Goodrich Bisel: *Kansas Forts and Bases: Sentinels on the Prairie*. From early exploration of America, Bleeding Kansas, the Civil War, and the Plains Indian wars to the world wars and the modern era, the forts and bases of the Sunflower State have been central to America's defense. Beginning with Fort de Cavagnia in 1744 through the defunct fields of Cold War missile silos, *Sentinels on the Prairie* provides a guide to the forts and posts throughout Kansas. Copies will be available for purchase and signing after the program. For a reservation call (816) 268-8010.

### Silent Voices of the Civil War

Saturday, January 31, 2015 – 1:00 p.m.

Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, MO. Jim "Two Crows" Wallen had 16 ancestors who served in the Civil War. His program focuses on the people, not military or political actions. Speaking in the voice of his great-grandfather Chaplain William Maple of the 49<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry, he tells powerful stories of the women, children, and soldiers affected by the war. For reservations call (816) 252-7228.

### Raytown Historical Society

Monday, February 2, 2015 – 10:00 a.m., 9705 E. 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Raytown, MO. Open House Social featuring interesting things found at the museum.

### Starring Abe Lincoln

Tuesday, February 3 - Saturday, February 14, 2015. Various times. H&R Block City Stage, Level B, Union Station, 30 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO. Theatre for Young America commemorates the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of President Lincoln's assassination. Single ticket price is \$10 with a discount for groups of 15 or more. Our friend Kevin Fewell, president of the Union Cemetery Historical Society, will be appearing in the play. For more details visit [www.tya.org](http://www.tya.org).

### **Payment of Dues**

The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri operates on a calendar year basis so we collect dues at the beginning of January. You can mail dues or pay them at the January 14, 2015 meeting. The

dues for a family are \$30 and for an individual, it's \$20. This includes the Border Star newsletter sent either by E-Mail or U. S. mail.

If you cannot attend meetings but wish to receive the Border Star as a subscription, it costs \$10 a year.

By mail you can send a check payable to "CWRTWM," P. O. Box 3019, Independence, MO 64055.

### **Monuments Book**

Our second "Monuments" book is now available for purchase at a meeting or by mail. The cost for full color for members is \$20, and postage and handling is \$2.75. The book is called *Civil War Monuments and Memorials in Western Missouri* and extends out about 50 miles from Kansas City to the north, east, and south for a possible daytrip. We plan to do a Kansas book in the future.

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### **News About Members and Friends**

The Round Table is so sorry to lose our Second Vice President, **Art Kelley**, on December 5, 2015. His wife Sharon sends the following note: "Thank you to the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri for the beautiful orchid and poinsettia plants. This group was very special to Arthur, and he cherished his association with each individual, as well as the tours and events he was able to do."

Art Kelley will be long remembered for his attention to the history of this area and its people. May he long remain in our hearts. If you would like to express sympathy to Sharon Kelley and the family, you may send cards to 15110 E. 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Independence, MO 64055.

The Round Table lost a founding member, **Harriett Joan Lionberger**, on December 8, 2015. Condolences may be sent to her sister, **Charlotte Tindall**, at 502 N. Rogers, Independence, MO 64050.

Our condolences are also extended to our president, **Mike Calvert** and his family, for the loss of his mother, **Virginia Mae Calvert**, on December 31,

2014. Cards may be sent to Mike and Cindi at 420 N. Pleasant, Independence, MO 64050.

Our friend **Lila Aamodt** from the Kansas City Round Table has let us know that she plans to participate in the “People of the Past” first person portrayals in Independence. The volunteers will be interacting with visitors from April through October.

The Andrew County Historical Society (Savannah, MO) has invited **Mike Calvert** to come speak about the Battles of Little Blue and Second Independence on Saturday, April 25, 2015.

We were happy to get a Christmas card from former member **Margaret Bardgett** who has recently moved to the Gardens at Jackson Creek and wants to start attending our meetings again. She won’t have far to travel as these are the apartments next to the Villages of Jackson Creek where we meet.

There are not too many Civil War reenactments in the winter but we have received word that the **Battle of Helena (Ark.)** is slated for March 13-15, 2015. Fort Curtis, located on Columbia Street in historic downtown Helena will be the main event site.

**Vicki Beck** has a new biography of Kate King, the wife of William Clarke Quantrill. Frank Haight interviewed her in the November 14, 2014 *Examiner*. *Kate in Fact and Fiction* is available at the Blue & Grey Book Shoppe or by calling Vicki at (816) 716-0825.

The **Clay County Historical Museum** will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015 and the historical society is planning special projects and events while the museum is presently closed for a winter break.

**Kay Cox** has announced that her son Andrew will be marrying Kelsea Albert in January. Andrew is one of the twin boys that our late president, **Tim Cox**, used to bring to our meetings at Truman High School.

**Freedom’s Frontier** is expanding its support of historical groups in the western Missouri and eastern Kansas area by the expansion of staff

members. **Kathleen Quigley** has been promoted to Partnership and Development Coordinator, and **Elizabeth Hobson** has joined the staff as the Education and Interpretation Manager. **Beverly Shaw** recently joined the Heritage Traveler program and will receive a customized e-newsletter containing partner site features which she will share in the *Border Star*.

The Independence Pioneers Chapter held its annual Veterans Day luncheon on November 11, 2014 and honored **Bob Grover**, a U. S. Navy veteran, for his service as Color Guard Commander for the Missouri Society Sons of the American Revolution.

**The Jackson County Historical Society** will hold its annual dinner on January 22, 2015 and will honor the following: Historic Kansas City Foundation – “Historic Preservation” award; R. Crosby Kemper, III and Henry Fortunato – “Bringing History to Life” award for their roles in the Kansas City Library’s “Meet the Past” interview series; The Midwest Afro-American Genealogical Interest Coalition – “Local Group Making a Difference” award; Bruce Mathews – “Local History Book of the Year” award for *Windows of Kansas City*; Ed Matheny and *Cowtown* in partnership with Mid-Continent Public Library – “Collaboration in History” award; and Paul White, Archives and Research Library, and Timothy Truman, 1859 Jail Museum – “Volunteers of the Year” award. **David Jackson** will also be recognized for almost 14 years with the Jackson County Archives and his retirement on July 31, 2014.

**Jay and Barbara Jackson** travelled to Tennessee in 2014 to honor Jay’s great uncle, Edward Chamberlain, and place a wreath on his grave at McGavock Confederate Cemetery. His final battle was at Franklin where the young Chamberlain was shot in the leg and died a few days later.

The American Historical Association honored the **Kansas City Library** with the Roy Rosenzweig Prize for Innovation in Digital History in October, 2014 for its historical website called “Civil War on the Western Border: The Missouri-Kansas Conflict, 1854-1865.” Members of the Round Table who are on our E-Mail list have been sent samples of this compilation of primary source materials.

**The Kansas Humanities Council** received the Helen and Martin Schwartz Prize in October, 2014 for its Twitter reenactment commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Quantrill's Raid on Lawrence. The prize was awarded by the Federation of State Humanities Councils.

Our friends at Lecompton, Kansas were awarded a financial grant from Freedom's Frontier to help update their website. Lynn Ward, the new curator at the **Territorial Capital/Lane Museum**, and Paul Bahnmaier, President of the **Lecompton Historical Society** are spearheading this project.

**The Missouri History Museum (St. Louis, MO)** received the 2014 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award from Michelle Obama in November, 2014. This was in recognition of the Museum's "Teens Make History" program.

**Dennis and Dorothy Myers** pass by the **Historic Pitcher Cemetery** on their way home from work and stopped by recently. They looked for some of the brochures that **Kathy Tuohey** used to leave in a mailbox there but found it empty. They have volunteered to continue to supply the brochures in Kathy's honor. Dennis has brought the brochure up to date as a lasting memorial to Kathy who died in 2011. The Historic Pitcher Cemetery is located west of Blue Ridge Cutoff at 33<sup>rd</sup> Street in Independence, MO and was established about 1830. One of its famous burials is Ledstone Noland who fought in the American Revolutionary War. It is adjacent to the Phil Roberts Park where the Round Table has held picnics in the past.

Just a reminder that Platte County has celebrated its 175 anniversary with the publication of a book called **Platte County's History Illustrated**. This 70 page book is full color for \$25 at the Platte County Landmark Office and Ben Ferrell Museum in Platte City.

We want to congratulate a couple of our members who have recently retired. **Karen Wells** has retired as a legal secretary and the **Honorable Ron Taylor** has retired from being a Judge in St. Joseph, MO. The legal community has lost two wonderful professionals.

Ripley's Believe It or Not had a drawing of **Henry Clay Thruston**, standing 7 feet, 7 inches tall, who was the tallest soldier in the Civil War. He fought for the Confederate army and toured with the Barnum and Bailey Circus after the war.

We have word from **Larry Short of the Missouri River Outfitters and Santa Fe Trail Association** that plans are proceeding for the open air kiosk and three historical panels to be placed at the Salem Park at the corner of 24 Highway and Blue Mills Road where there are two Battle of Little Blue markers. One is the low profile marker placed by the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri which was recently refurbished by inserting a new color panel. The new panels will discuss the Blue Mills Landing and the Santa Fe Trail where it intersected with the Oregon and California Trails. The Jackson County Parks and Recreation will be increasing parking at this site. Plans are for the kiosk and markers to be in place by September 2015.

We received an acknowledgement from the **State Historical Society of Missouri** (Columbia, MO) for the copy of our new book, *Civil War Monuments and Memorials in Western Missouri*. We thanked them for the \$500 Brownlee Grant which helped us publish the book. Dean Hargett, Acquisition Librarian, wrote, "It is always nice to see what comes of the Brownlee grants and this is a fine result."

We have received word from former member **Connie McQuain** that **Sue Valentine** has been on the disabled list due to some invasive infections that necessitated the amputation of her right foot. The good news is that Connie and friends have been able to get her moved to an apartment on ground level so that she can recuperate at home after some rehab at Carmel Hills in Independence.

**The William Clarke Quantrill Society**  
The William Clark Quantrill Society is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the study of the Civil War on the Missouri-Kansas border with emphasis on the lives of Quantrill, his men, his supporters, his adversaries and the resulting historical record. For information visit; [www.wcqsociety.com](http://www.wcqsociety.com) or send an E-mail to [wcqsociety@aol.com](mailto:wcqsociety@aol.com).

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