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## The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

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## *Introduction by Beverly Shaw, Treasurer*

Mike Calvert has graciously given his space on the front page of the *Border Star* for opinions from other members and friends concerning the recent events in the U.S. following the killing of people in a church in South Carolina by a man who is shown in a picture with the Confederate battle flag. This Civil War symbol has stirred controversy over the display of other monuments and markers which evoke racism and slavery. This has gone from moving a 6-ton rock in Columbia, MO to the Centralia battlefield and the repainting of a carousel horse in Michigan which showed the image of the battle flag.

### Opinion of John Moloski, member

I live in Cass County but I am addressing this Email to all members of the Missouri House.

A frenzy of vandalism, ignorance, the rewriting of our history and dishonoring our veterans and their families is sweeping across our country. It is occurring in Baltimore, South Carolina, Mississippi, New Mexico, California, Virginia and Alaska.

It is now in Missouri in Saint Louis, Boone County and Lexington. What will you as legislators do to preserve the sanity that should be controlling the actions of government bodies in our state?

The head of the Missouri parks system ordered the flag of the Missouri State Guard to be removed from display at the Lexington Historic Site. What is the explanation for his decision at this time? Mister Bryan is using his office to make a political statement from his office that flying the flag is a racist statement. That flag had as its central image the same image that is on the official flag of the State of Missouri. So by association does our state flag now become a racist statement?

The Boone County Commissioners have voted to move a rock that is dedicated to the memory of soldiers who are considered veterans by the Federal Government. This rock could not be moved if the legislators had taken action to pass a law protecting historical markers, monuments and signs that honor historical events or individuals. If such memorials are allowed to be moved or flags taken down, what will prevent the POW flag from coming down one day because it offends a group that presented a petition signed by 500 people? A few states have such laws. Will you also pass such laws to defend our history?

The flag at Lexington was not offensive to anyone. Ninety-nine out of 100 people would have not known the history of the flag but upon visiting the site in Lexington they might ask to know about the flag. It would present a moment to share the history of Missouri, the Civil War, Bleeding Kansas, the Freedom Frontier National Heritage Area and the story of slavery in Missouri. Removing the flag is a step toward ignoring our history and rewriting it to be politically correct.

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## CWRTWM Calendar

### August 2015 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, August 12, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Silver Heart Inn, 1114 S. Noland Road, Independence, MO. Program: Jim Beckner-Trips to Appomattox and Springfield, IL for the commemoration of the death of Abraham Lincoln.

With regret we are saying goodbye to the Villages of Jackson Creek where we have enjoyed meeting for several years. The Villages now have a hospice which is using the lower level for office space. We thank them for their hospitality.

Melanie and Perry Johnson, board members and owners of the Silver Heart Inn at 1114 S. Noland Road (near the corner of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and Noland Road), Independence, MO have invited us to meet there in August while we decide where to schedule our meetings on a more permanent basis. This is a great opportunity to see the Stone-Gamble House, an antebellum home which was on our tour several years ago.

The Immanuel Baptist Church has very graciously allowed us to use their parking lot at 112 W. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street because there's no street parking on Noland Road, and the Silver Heart Inn has limited parking at the rear of the home which we will reserve for the speaker, the refreshment providers, and handicapped persons.

From the parking lot at Immanuel you can walk around the corner at Noland Road, north a half block to the front entrance or go through the alley to the back entrance.

### Family Fun Day at National Frontier Trails Museum

Saturday, August 8, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., 318 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. Civil War battle reenactments, soldier encampments, information about the Civil War battles of Independence, MO, Order No. 11, a marionette performance "Trouble on the Border," tours of the Chicago & Alton Depot, free wagon rides to and from the Museum and the Square. For the children there is half price admission to the Museum with a paid adult admission, making pretend bullets using a mold, and writing with a quill pen.

The Round Table will have a tent on the grounds to visit with people about our activities and to sell copies of our "Monuments" books. We have the Wormingtons and Clays volunteering in the morning, and Karen Wells and Pat Gradwohl from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. but we could use a couple more volunteers in the afternoon. If you can help, please call Beverly Shaw at (816) 225-7944 (cell).

### 2015 Commemoration of the Battle of Lone Jack

Saturday, August 15, 2015. Civil War Battlefield Park and Cemetery, 305 S. Bynum Road, Lone Jack, MO (1/2 mile south of Highway 50 exit). The Round Table will have a table to distribute information about our activities and sell our "Monuments" books. We need volunteers to staff our table from 9:00 a.m. to Noon and from Noon to 3:00 p.m. Please call Beverly Shaw at (816) 225-7944 if you can help.

On August 16, 1862 a furious and bloody battle swept through the peaceful streets of Lone Jack. In the aftermath one civilian dies – Lucinda Cave whose husband owns the Cave Hotel, now a historic site of the Lone Jack Historical Society. Recently California descendants of Lucinda's son Jesse, have loaned her death bed to the museum and it will be on display.

At 10:00 a.m. the always moving wreath-laying ceremony will be conducted at the cemetery. At 1:00 p.m. listen to the sounds of Missouri as they echo from past times. Hank Roberts seeks to tell the stories of Missourians living along the border and experiencing the horrific times of the Border War and Civil War with his ballads of Missouri Sounds. During a Cave Hotel Open House from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., a Civil War reenactor will portray Lucinda Cave in first person. Food will be for sale on the grounds.

### August 2015 Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 19, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Home of Beverly Shaw, 17313 E. 51<sup>st</sup> Terr. Court S., Independence, MO.

### Daytrip to Osceola, Missouri

Saturday, September 12, 2015, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Meet at the Blue & Grey Book Shoppe, 106 E. Walnut Street, Independence, MO. There is street parking on Walnut at 9:00 a.m. but the city lot to the west is now used for the Farmers' Market. We will carpool to Osceola and have very knowledgeable guides such as Richard Sunderwirth who wrote two good books about the burning of Osceola. We will have a special home-cooked lunch at an area church with barbecued brisket and baked chicken breast, baked potato, green beans, salad, rolls, beverage and chocolate or coconut pie. The cost for transportation and lunch is \$25. If you want to drive yourself and meet us at Osceola Cheese Company at 11:00 a.m., you may reserve lunch only for \$16. Send checks to "CWRTWM, P.O. Box 3019, Independence, MO 64055." Deadline for lunch reservations is September 9, 2015. You can call Beverly Shaw at (816) 225-7944 even if you have not mailed your check yet.

Our first stop will be the Osceola Cheese Company to use the nice restrooms and stretch your legs a minute. We suggest that you not buy your cheese until the end of our day so you don't have to bring an ice chest to refrigerate it. However you can sample a few varieties on our first stop. It's located at the outskirts of Osceola at 3700 NE Highway 13, Osceola, MO.

Another guide, Rick Reed, will meet us there to take us to the Missouri Brigade Monument at Sauk River Camp (p. 26 in our "Monuments" book). This granite monument in the shape of the state of Missouri is dedicated to the Missourians who served in the Confederate army. From there we will go to the First Assembly of God church. 3845 NE Old Highway 13 (intersection of NE Old Highway 13 and NE 451 Road) to have lunch.

After lunch Richard Sunderwirth will be taking us to the Museum, the marker on the Courthouse lawn (p. 23 of our "Monuments" book), the Osceola Historic Cemetery, (p. 24-25 of our "Monuments" book), and a private home built in 1840 and added on to in 1860 where Jim Lane and officers were invited for Christmas dinner.

If you want to read about the burning of Osceola prior to our trip, Richard Sunderwirth's second book on the subject is called *Osceola, Missouri, The Burning of 1861* and is available from Amazon.com. I'm sure Richard will be willing to autograph your copy and also the earlier book called *The Burning of Osceola*. The Round Table has a copy of the 2013 book that can be lent to members for no longer than 10 days. Call Beverly Shaw at (816) 225-7944 to reserve it.

### Future Round Table Programs

September 8, 2015: Keith Nelson – "History of the Chouteaus in Missouri." Keith is trying to build a fountain monument to Francois Chouteau north of the Missouri River because he and his wife actually stopped at Randolph Bluffs in 1821 to establish a trading post between present-day Harrah's Casino and Cerner Corporation. Some consider him to be Kansas City's founding father.

October 14, 2015: Lane Smith portraying General Robert E. Lee.

November 11, 2015: Randal Durbin portraying General Ulysses S. Grant.

December 5, 2015: Kevin Fewell portraying President Abraham Lincoln.

### Exhibits

**Paleo Kansas City** at the Linda Hall Library, 5109 Cherry, Kansas City, MO. From now through September 12, 2015. Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday and 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. the second Saturday of the month. Free admission. Fossil exhibit of Kansas City's prehistoric residents.

**Lives in Fabric** at the Alexander Majors House, 8201 State Line, Kansas City, Missouri. August 29 – October 18, 2015. Open during normal public tour hours and admission is included with the public tour ticket. The exhibit will display rarely-seen items from the Wornall/Majors collection, including quilts, coverlets, clothing, samplers, and more. Learn about the history and importance of sewing and fabric work in the lives of Civil War-era Americans.

### Other Civil War Events

Battle of Westport Museum – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Program  
Thursday, August 6, 2015 – 1:00 p.m. 6601 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO. Private Joe Mattox of the United States Colored Troops (USCT): African American Soldiers who fought for freedom and slavery. Cold water and handouts.

Revenge, Retaliation and Retribution  
Thursday, August 6, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. Grandview Library, 12930 Booth Lane, Grandview, MO. Arnold Schofield will talk about the brigade of Jayhawkers led by General James Lane and the campaign of destruction and devastation they caused across western Missouri in 1861 (including the Burning of Osceola). It was a time of retaliation for the destruction during the epoch of Bleeding Kansas. Nothing was safe – homes, barns, outbuildings, fencing, and businesses were destroyed by fire. Please RSVP to (816) 763-0550.

Historical Society of Lee's Summit Membership Meeting. Friday, August 7, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Lee's Summit Historical Museum, 220 SW Main Street, Lee's Summit, MO. Janice Lee, Metropolitan Community Colleges Archives: Preservation of family artifacts.

Battle of Westport Saturday Program Series  
Saturday, August 8, 2015. 10:00 a.m. 6601 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO. Lane Smith: "A Conversation with Robert E. Lee."

Westport Library Speaker Series  
Saturday, August 8, 2015 – 2:00 p.m. 118 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO. Joe Vaughan: "Thomas

Johnson's Story and the History of Fairway, KS." In Joe's new book on the subject, he explores the history of Johnson's Shawnee Indian Mission. Speaker's reception will follow at the Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO.

#### Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

Tuesday, August 11, 2015 – 6:00 p.m. Buffet menu (about \$12). Golden Corral, 8800 NW Skyview Ave., Kansas City, MO (near Home Depot). Magaret and Gary Kraisinger: Texas Cattle Trails.

#### Recipient of Grace – Donald L. Scott

Thursday, August 13, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. Central Library, 14 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO. Former Library of Congress Chief Executive Officer Donald Scott discusses his new memoir. Mr. Scott grew up poor in Hunnewell, Missouri, joined the U. S. Army and retired as a Brigadier General. From there he was a founding director of Americorps and then on to the Library of Congress. He is quite interested in the Island Mound memorial to U.S. Colored Troops.

#### History Road Trips for the Whole Family

Thursday, August 13, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Parkville Library, 8815 Tom Watson Parkway, Parkville, MO. Aaron Barnhart gives tips on finding new places to visit. You can use the guide that he and his wife wrote called *The Big Divide* or you can use our "Monuments" book for Civil War sites for day trips. RSVP (816) 741-4721.

#### The Bald Knobber Vigilantes

Thursday, August 13, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center, 600 W. Main Street, Jefferson City, MO. Dr. Matthew J. Hernando: *Faces like Devils: The Bald Knobber Vigilantes in the Ozarks*. He follows the rise and fall of Missouri's most legendary post-Civil War vigilantes.

#### Confederate Flag Rally

Sunday, August 16, 2015 – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Missouri State Capitol south lawn, Jefferson City, MO. Sponsored by the Missouri Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans with a permit to hold the rally. Please bring lots of flags – not just the Confederate battle flag but other Civil War flags of all sizes. The Missouri Division flags will be on prominent display. This is meant to be a peaceful display to honor Confederate ancestors. There will be no alcohol permitted and the premises must be picked up to leave no debris in order to leave a positive impression on the public. In 1906 Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee said in New Orleans, LA: "To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the

defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish."

#### Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, August 19, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Perkins Restaurant, 3939 S. Bolger Drive, Independence, MO (across from Walmart). Dr. Vanessa Steinroetter of Washburn University in Topeka: American Literature of the Civil War.

#### Civil War on the Western Frontier – Lawrence, KS

Saturday, August 22, 2015 – 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Watkins Museum of History, 1047 Massachusetts Street, Lawrence, KS. A look back at Quantrill's raid on Lawrence, KS. Advance registration for bus and walking tours. Complete list of events can be found at [www.watkinsmuseum.org/civil-war](http://www.watkinsmuseum.org/civil-war).

#### Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, August 25, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. – Dinner. \$27. Holiday Inn and Suites, 8787 Reeder Road, Overland Park, KS (Sunset Ballroom – 8<sup>th</sup> Floor). Park on the south side of the hotel and use the elevators in the lobby. Beth Foulk of Genealogy Decoded will speak about Civil War women and their organizations. Her talk is "Up Close and Personal." Deadline of Noon on Friday, August 21, 2015 for dinner reservations. E-mail Susan Keipp at [skeipp@kc.rr.com](mailto:skeipp@kc.rr.com) or call (816) 333-0025.

Confederate Women and The Civil War Military Justice System. Saturday, August 29, 2015 – 2:00 p.m. Battle of Lexington State Historic Site, 1101 Delaware, Lexington, MO.

#### Tour to Mine Creek Battlefield and Fort Scott, KS

Saturday, October 24, 2014 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m. The Kansas City Round Table invites you to join them on a guided bus tour which leaves at 8:00 a.m. SHARP from the Johnson County Community College parking lot at 12345 College Boulevard, Overland Park, KS. Cost is \$48 per person which includes lunch and snacks as well as maps and handouts. Arnold Schofield guides this tour for the 151<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Mine Creek. Please send reservations payable to the "Civil War Round Table of Kansas City" and mail to Susan Keipp, 436 W. 88<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64114.

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### Opinion of Lane Smith, member of the Kansas City Round Table

Your editorial for the Friday issue of the *KC Star* you, and so many in this nation, blame the confederate battle flag as a symbol for the racially motivated shooting at the church in S.C. It's all the fault of the flag. What are you saying then about the Marines that were killed yesterday, was that racially or ethnically motivated by a flag? How about the Ft Hood massacre? I hope that you can correct me, but I have never seen an editorial directing blame because of racial or ethnic motivation on those killings. Would you say the same things about the Muslim or ISIS flag that it should be destroyed and there will be no further killings? No we won't say that was racially or ethnically motivated, we don't want to offend the Muslims; we want to pick and choose just those issues that we want to address and leave certain others alone. What are you going to say when someone wraps themselves in the American Flag and shoots a bunch of people, are you going to call that racially or ethnically motivated and we need to destroy the American Flag? What about the killings in the movie theatre and Columbine High School in Colorado, were those racially motivated? I never heard about racial or ethnic motivation ever about those killings, the victims were white Caucasians so there was no racial motivation there, right? But yet the killings were just as evil. Your solution is to remove the symbol of the evil of slavery and that will cure the problem. We can destroy every southern memorial and every symbol representing the Confederacy in this nation, we can remove all history of the civil war and slavery, and it will change nothing. We can destroy every symbol representing any and every ethnic group and it will change nothing.

### Opinion of Nancy Ehrlich, member

After pondering the controversy for another week, I have come to the conclusion that some Americans have forgotten that our allegiance is to the United States flag, the symbol for the country. We have had no king since July 2, 1776. The Confederate government and constitution were patterned on that of the country from which those states seceded and their flag became the symbol to which they owed their allegiance. From what little I have read, most Confederate folks in 1865 accepted the death of the organized Confederacy and went home to pick up the pieces of their lives. Souvenirs remained and were treated as such. The dead of each side were honored by each side and the lessons of the conflict remembered in different ways by each side. Over time only part of this memory remains. Current

events put the present at a crossroads. History students shout, "No." These students know that there are many ways to interpret events just as they know that there were many interpretations of the causes. Removal of any or all stifles democratic discourse. Desecration destroys the possibility of civil discourse.

We are one country owing allegiance to one flag.

## Family of Booth's Doctor Visits Jail

About 80 descendants of Dr. Samuel A. Mudd marked on July 24, 2015 the 150th anniversary of Mudd's arrival at an isolated Gulf of Mexico fort where he was imprisoned after splinting the broken leg of President Abraham Lincoln's assassin. Wearing "Free Dr. Mudd" t-shirts, the group toured Fort Jefferson, a former Union military prison on an island 68 miles west of Key West in remote Dry Tortugas National Park. Most visited the cell where Mudd spent four years after being convicted as a co-conspirator in Lincoln's assassination. Great-grandson Tom Mudd, who spearheaded the pilgrimage, believes the doctor was unaware of John Wilkes Booth's crime when he treated Booth. "You have to really believe that history is not cut in stone," Tom Mudd said. "That history is flexible; it's pliable—and we sincerely believe that Dr. Samuel Mudd was innocent. (From the Associated Press)

## 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.wcq society.com](http://www.wcq society.com) or send an E-mail to [wcqsociety@aol.com](mailto:wcqsociety@aol.com).



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