



★ *The Border Star* ★

Official Publication of the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri
"Studying the Border War and Beyond"

THIS MONTH IN THE WAR: Battle of Antietam, Sharpsburg, Maryland. September 17, 1862. On September 16, 1862, Major General George B. McClellan and his Union Army of the Potomac confronted Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia in the single bloodiest day in American military history. While Antietam is considered a draw from a military point of view, Abraham Lincoln and the Union claimed victory. This hard-fought battle, which drove Lee's forces from Maryland, would give Lincoln the "victory" he needed before delivering the Emancipation Proclamation, a document that would forever change the geopolitical course of the American Civil War.

September/October 2012

The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

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2nd Wednesday of each month
7:00 p.m.

Villages of Jackson Creek
3980-A S. Jackson Drive
(lower level)

Independence, Missouri

Visitors Always Welcome!

Annual Dues

Individual ----- 20.00
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President's Letter

Often when I tell people about my interest in the Civil War, I am asked if I reenact. My standard and rather quick reply will always be "Wool and I don't mix, especially in the heat of summer." That being said my hat (fedora not a kepi) is raised to all those brave, sometimes foolish individuals that take the time to trek into the field and present what life was like without the comforts I am so fond of.

Through the physical and mental effort of so many individuals (we won't even bring up the expense) a little bit of Civil War life becomes reality. Go to a reenactment and watch. First, observe the person in wool portraying their persona making sure that attire, speech and mannerisms are correct. Then, watch the people and their reactions. I still remember one reenactment I went to that had an individual as a 19th century doctor performing an amputation. Between his deft use of the instruments, the fake blood and the all too enthusiastic patient I became just a little squeamish. I was convinced that a leg would soon be thrown on a nearby pile of discarded limbs, fake of course.

Bringing a bit of reality to a 150 year old event engages people as no amount of reading can do. So all your reenactors keep up the good work, be careful and above all have fun.

~Mike Calvert, President

Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

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

September 2012 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, September 12, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

The Villages of Jackson Creek, 3980-A S. Jackson Drive, Independence, MO. Robbie Maupin: “Reenactment of the Battle of Albany.”

Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 19, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

Home of Beverly Shaw, 17313 E. 51 Terr. Court, Independence, MO.

October 2012 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 10, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

The Villages of Jackson Creek, 3980-A S. Jackson Drive, Independence, MO. Liz Murphy: “What you don’t know about Frank and Jesse.”

Civil War Exhibits

“Life and Times of Jesse James”

Now through September, 2012. St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., St. Joseph, MO. 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Mon.-Sat. & 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Sunday. Adults-\$5, Seniors-\$4, Students-\$3.

“Terror and Triumph: Quantrill’s Raid”

Now through December 31, 2012. Watkins Museum, 1047 Massachusetts St., Lawrence, Kansas. Features the painting “Blood-Stained Dawn” by Ernst Ulmer showing Quantrill’s raid on Lawrence, KS.

Other Civil War Events

Grandview Historical Society

Tuesday, September 4, 2012 – 6:30 p.m.

Depot Museum, 1205 Jones (behind City Hall), Grandview, MO. Memorial Brick Dedication and viewing of the Main Street. 1920 Diorama; 1912 movie at 7:30 p.m.

“Thunder on the Border”

Saturday, September 8, 2012 – 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Missouri Town 1855, 8010 E. Park Road, Lee’s Summit, MO (Fleming Park). Reenactment of personal drama and tensions of pre-Civil War Missouri. Adults-\$5, Youth 5-13 and Seniors-\$3, under 5 are free.

Liberty, MO Walking Tour

Saturday, September 8, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

Historical Murals. Meet at the Lewis & Clark Mural at the corner of Mill & S. Water Street. Free.

“Trouble on the Border” – Watkins Mill

Saturday, September 8, 2012 – 2:00 p.m.

Watkins Woolen Mill State Historic Visitors Center, Northeast 161 Street and County Road RA, about 7 miles east of Kearney. “Trouble on the Border” is a production of the Puppetry Arts Institute and offers a brief glimpse of the Civil War through the eyes of the youth of a small working farm in western Missouri. Marionette performance, guided tour and a puppetry workshop for children 4th grade or higher to create a puppet to take home. Cost is \$8.

Freedom Seekers

Saturday, September 8, 2012 – 2:00 p.m.

Westport Library, 118 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO. Filmmaker Gary Jenkins will show clips from his latest film “Freedom Seekers: Stories from the Western Underground Railroad.” Time for questions and answers.

“Stories from the Civil War” – Jim Two Crows Wallen

- Monday, September 10, 2012 – 2:30 p.m.

Lee’s Summit Library, 150 NW Oldham Parkway, Lee’s Summit, MO. Storyteller Jim Two Crows Wallen had 16 ancestors who served in the Civil War. Speaking in the first person as Chaplain William Maple, he will tell powerful stories of people affected by the War as well as discuss the prelude to the War and the Border War. To RSVP call (816) 524-0567.

Civil War Round Table of Cass County

Tuesday, September 11, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

Cass County Library, 400 E. Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO. Arnold Schofield: “Battle of Island Mound.”

Clay County Study Group

Tuesday, September 11, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. “Historic Clay County Post Offices.” Free.

Battle of Island Mound – Jim Denny

Wednesday, September 12, 2012 – 6:30 p.m.

Central Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO. Jim Denny examines the first Civil War battle in which African-Americans soldiers engaged in combat. To RSVP call (816) 701-3407 or go to www.kclibrary.org.

Civil War Medicine

Friday, September 14, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.
Grandview Library, 12930 Booth Lane, Grandview, MO. A look at doctors and medicine during the Civil War. Handle some antique medical supplies. Hands-on bandaging of a wounded soldier. RSVP to (816) 763-0550.

“Saddle the Pale Horse” – Darryl Levings

Saturday, September 15, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.
Bates County Museum, 801 Elks Drive, Butler, MO. Darryl Levings will talk about his historical novel based on the youngest boy to ride with Quantrill. Free will offering for a noon meal will follow.

Freedom Festival, Osawatomie, KS

Saturday, September 15, 2012 – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Osawatomie, KS. Civil War reenactors. Noon – Kansas River Gang Wild West Gunfight. 3:00 p.m. – John Brown portrayed by Kerry Altenbernd. 4:00 p.m. – Battle of Osawatomie (John Brown and 30 Free State guerrillas fought John Reid and 250 proslavery militia.)

Sunday, September 16, 2012 – Noon to 5:00 p.m.
Noon – Grady Atwater: “John Brown, Hero or Villain?” 1:00 p.m. – Reenactment between Union troops and Confederate partisans. 2:00 p.m. – Lecompton Reenactors portray Territorial Kansas historical figures. 3:00 p.m. – Dr. Doug McGovern portrays Alexander Gardner, Civil War photographer. 4:00 p.m. – Kansas River Gang Wild West Gunfight.

Camden County’s 1861 Battle of Monday’s Hollow

Saturday and Sunday, September 15-16, 2012 – Opens at 9:00 a.m, Missouri Trapshooters Association, State Highway A in Linn Creek, MO (near Camdenton. State Highway 54 to State Highway A). Battle reenacted both days. \$10 per car parking donation. For schedule please visit the website at www.camdencountymuseum.com.

Bingham-Waggoner Estate Pig Pickin’ Feast

Saturday, September 15, 2012 – 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Bingham-Waggoner Estate, 313 W. Pacific Ave., Independence, MO. \$15 for adults; \$6 for children 8 and under. Call (816) 461-3491 for advance tickets.

Clay County Historical Society Dinner Fundraiser

Monday, September 17, 2012 – 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Conrad’s Restaurant, 210 N. 291 Hwy., Liberty, MO. 10% of food proceeds will be donated to the Museum.

Antietam: The Bloodiest Day

Tuesday, September 18, 2012 – 6:30 p.m.
Central Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO. Panel of historians will discuss the bloodiest day in American military history. To RSVP call (816) 701-3407 or go to www.kclibrary.org.

Missouri/Kansas Border War Network

Wednesday, September 19, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.
Bi-monthly meeting at Franklin County Historical Society, Ottawa, KS.

Independence Civil War Study Club

Wednesday, September 19, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
NEW MEETING PLACE: South View Manor, 2600 Hub Drive, Independence, MO. Harold Dellinger: “March 22, 1862 – One Day in the Life of Quantrill’s Guerrillas.”

“Frontier Transportation – 1750 to 1880”

Thursday, September 20, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. Bruce Hughes: “Frontier Transportation.” \$3 donation.

Martial Law & Bushwhackers

Saturday, September 22, 2012. Arrow Rock, MO. Civil War Encampment: Martial Law & Bushwhackers. For additional information visit www.FriendsofArrowRock.org.

“Scouts, Spies and Detectives”

Monday, September 24, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
Red Bridge Library, 11140 Locust, Kansas City, MO. Learn about high priced espionage in Kansas and Missouri during the Civil War. RSVP to (816) 942-1780.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, September 25, 2012 – Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Homestead Country Club, 6510 Mission Road,
Prairie Village, KS. Ethan Rafuse: “2nd Bull Run.”
\$25 for dinner. Reservations: Paul Gault at (816)
741-2962.

“Scouts, Spies and Detectives”

Friday, September 28, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.
Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee’s Summit
Road, Independence, MO. Learn about high-priced
espionage in Kansas and Missouri during the Civil
War. RSVP to (816) 252-7228.

35th Annual Austin Bean Eatin’

Saturday, September 29, 2012 – 10:30 a.m.
Grounds of the Austin Baptist Church, Austin, MO.
(291 South to Archie Exit. East on B blacktop for 3
miles to T blacktop. One mile north). Serving ham
and beans, cornbread, coleslaw, homemade pie. \$6
for adults; \$3 for children under 12. Musical
entertainment. Collins Battery C, 10th Missouri
encamped on the grounds. Tours of historic church,
horseshoe tournament, cake walk, kiddie games.
Local history authors.

Historic Bus Tour of Grandview

Monday, October 1, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
Meet at the Depot Museum, 1205 Jones (behind
City Hall), Grandview, MO. \$20. Call Judi Beckner
for reservations: (816) 322-3736.

Mourning during the Civil War

Tuesday, October 2, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.
Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee’s Summit
Road, Independence, MO. Barbara Hughes
portrays Amanda Pine Stout who is mourning for
her brother who died in the Civil War. 19th century
view of mourning. To RSVP call (816) 252-7228.

Narcissa Whitman: Pioneer Missionary

Tuesday, October 2, 2012 – 1:30 p.m.
North Oak Library, 8700 N. Oak Street Trafficway,
Kansas City, MO. Dressed in costume, Barbara
Hughes portrays Narcissa Whitman who made her
home among the Indians of the Oregon Territory.
To RSVP call (816) 436-4385.

The Idea of African-American Liberty

Tuesday, October 2, 2012 – 4:30 p.m.

Woodruff Auditorium, Kansas Union, University of
Kansas, Lawrence, KS. Quintard Taylor will speak
on “Freedom’s Frontier: Kansas and the Idea of
African-American Liberty, 1856-1877.”

Clay County Historic Homes Tour

Saturday & Sunday, October 6-7, 2012
Four historic structures in Liberty plus the Clay
County Museum. \$10 tickets available at the door
or at the museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO.
Visit www.claycountymuseum.org.

Liberty, MO Walking Tour

Saturday, October 6, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.
Mt. Memorial Cemetery. Enter William Jewell
campus from Miller Street and continue up the hill.

Dedication of the Liberty Arsenal Marker

Saturday, October 6, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.
South side of Liberty, MO on the west side of 291
at Southview Drive and Seven Hills Road. Joint
project of the Native Sons and Daughters of Greater
Kansas City, the Clay County Millennium
Historical Board and the City of Liberty.

Quilts of the Civil War

Sunday, October 7, 2012 – 2:00 p.m.
The James Farm, Kearney, MO. Civil War Speakers
Series: Quilts of the Civil War. Free Program. Visit
www.jessejames.org.

Clay County Study Group

Tuesday, October 9, 2012 – 7:00 p.m. Free.
Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty,
MO. “One Room Schoolhouses of Clay County.”

Civil War Round Table of Cass County

Tuesday, October 9, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
Cass County Library, 400 E. Mechanic,
Harrisonville, MO. Jon Lynn: “Confederate
Memorials in Kansas City.”

Freedom’s Frontier Bi-monthly Meeting

Thursday, October 11, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.
Bates County Museum, Butler, MO.

Sons of Confederate Veterans

Thursday, October 11, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
NEW LOCATION: Ryan’s Steak House, 1511 E.
23rd Street, Independence, MO. Jon Lynn:

“Confederate Memorials in Kansas City. Visitors welcome.

Quantrill Reunion

Saturday, October 13, 2012 – Bus tour at Noon. Bus leaves from south side of the Independence Square. \$13 reservations must be received by Oct. 6: William Clarke Quantrill Society, P.O. Box 520123, Independence, MO 64052. “One Day in the Life of Quantrill’s Guerrillas.” (27th Street Bridge over The Blue River, Alexander Majors’ Home, New Santa Fe, several Battle of Westport sites and Forest Hill Confederate monument.) Annual Meeting at 5:00 p.m. and Awards Banquet at 6:00 p.m., both at the Rheinland Restaurant, 208 N. Main, Independence, MO. Order from the menu for authentic German cuisine.

Independence Civil War Study Group

Wednesday, October 17, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
NEW LOCATION: South View Manor, 2600 Hub Drive, Independence, MO. Jon Lynn: “Confederate Memorials in Kansas City.”

Early Clay County Pioneers

Thursday, October 18, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. Chery Holtman: “History of the Gittings and Carr Family.” \$3 donation.

Walking Tour of Westport

Sunday, October 21, 2012 – 2:00 p.m.
Meet at the Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO. Dan Smith will give a tour and tell about John Calvin McCoy, founder of Westport, and the launch point of the Oregon, California and Santa Fe Trails \$5. Preregistration requested at (816) 483-8300. Sponsored by the K.C. Museum.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, October 23, 2012 – 6:30 p.m. dinner, Homestead Country Club, 6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS. Arnold Schofield: “Island Mound.” For \$25 dinner reservations call Paul Gault at (816) 741-2962.

Island Mound Historic Site Dedication

Saturday, October 27, 2012 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Battle of Island Mound State Historic Site, 8 miles southwest of Butler, MO off Highway K in

Bates County. Dedication: 11:00 a.m. Guided tours and living history interpretation.

5:00 p.m. – Bates County Historical Society, 802 Elks Drive, Butler, MO. Reenactors, artisans, craftsmen, historians, and musicians. Free will offering for chili and childog dinner.

Walk with the Spirits – Lone Jack, MO.

Wednesday, October 31, 2012 – Dusk to 9:30 p.m. Lone Jack Cemetery, Lone Jack, MO. Remembering Civil War burials from 150 years ago.

News about Members and Friends

Our sympathies are with the families who have recently lost loved ones. **Mike Calvert’s uncle, Robert Edward “Bob” Calvert**, passed away August 25, 2012 at age 87. **Beatrice “Bea” Cornish**, longtime member of the Union Cemetery Historical Society, the Independence Pioneer Chapter of the DAR, the Dixie Chapter of the UDC, and Westport Historical Society, passed away on August 20, 2012 at age 96. **E. F. “Rusty” Corwin**, founder and past president of the Union Cemetery Historical Society, passed away on June 28, 2012 at age 83.

Congratulations to **Kay Cox** on the arrival of her first grandson whose name is **Zeke Timothy Nicolaus**. We are glad that our late president **Tim Cox** will be remembered by his daughter and son-in-law Sara and Philip Nicolaus in the naming of their son who arrived August 9, 2012 and weighed in at 8 lbs., 12 oz.

Welcome to new members of the Round Table: **Joe L. Mattox, Armin Schannuth, and Verla Dickey.**

Heather Carpini is the new historic preservation officer for the City of Independence, Missouri. She has a Master’s in public history and historic preservation from the University of South Carolina and started her new job in July 2012. She implements and manages preservation programs for the Community Development Department and supports the Heritage Commission of which **Mike Calvert** is now Chairman.

We received a thank you note from **Arlene Long of the Confederate Memorial Friends Association** which helps ensure that the Confederate soldiers at

the cemetery in Higginsville are not forgotten. We assisted with the floral tribute for Confederate Memorial Day.

As if **Harold Dellinger** were not busy enough organizing the Quantrill Society's Annual Reunion, he also has an interest in marking the graves of early baseball players in the Kansas City area. He is pictured in the Kansas City *Star Magazine* of July 8, 2012 at a grave in Elmwood Cemetery as a part of the special article when the All Star game was played in Kansas City.

Congratulations to **Sharon Snyder and Nancy Ehrlich** for the professional handling of the dedication of the historical panels in McCoy Park and the events highlighting the First Battle of Independence in August. Nancy has written a booklet called "August 11, 1862, First Battle of Independence, an Urban Confrontation" which is available for \$5 plus \$2 for shipping and handling from the author: Nancy M. Ehrlich, 303 E. Partridge, #E, Independence, MO 64055.

Despite the intense heat and the heavy clothes of a Revolutionary War soldier, **Bob Grover** has been busy this summer helping to add an historical touch to events in the area. On August 28th he was photographed by another member of the Capt. Daniel Morgan Boone chapter of the General Society of the War of 1812 at the dedication of a new trail to Boone's gravesite on 63rd Street. The picture appeared in the August 29th issue of the Kansas City *Star*. The Missouri Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard also volunteered at the Traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in North Kansas City. Then there was a July 4th parade and a new citizens ceremony at Corporate Woods. All of this was in 100 plus temperatures.

The Round Table would like to thank **Goldie and Delbert Lewis** for the donation of some beautiful boxed sets of Civil War books and videos that were collected by their late son "Junior."

Just when you thought there could not be anything more written about **Abraham Lincoln**, the Kansas City *Star's* summer reading list on August 26, 2012 described two more: *38 Nooses: Lincoln, Little Crow, and the Beginning of the Frontier's End* by Scott W. Berg about the Dakota rebellion in 1862

and *Rise to Greatness: Abraham Lincoln and America's Most Perilous Year* by David Von Drehle which calls 1862 "the decisive moment at which the unsustainable compromises of the founding generations were ripped up in favor of a blueprint for a much stronger nation."

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Kathy Moorehead** following a lumpectomy and removal of several lymph nodes. She is waiting for results from the biopsy.

The **National Frontier Trails Museum** was highlighted in the August 23, 2012 *Examiner* when it was revealed that the museum has an architectural rendering of what the complex on Pacific in Independence would look like with the entrance on Osage Street and a realignment of the space. The plan was unveiled at the City Council study session by Cori Day, the city's Director of Tourism.

Our friends at **Past to Present** who helped with our Independence Antebellum Homes Tour have a new project called "Historic Women of Independence." They will be printing a booklet for the Girls Night Out on the Square on October 4, 2012. They want to recognize five extraordinary women of Independence from pioneer days to World War II. The time for submitting names for this first printing has passed, but they plan to do this annually so keep your nominations in mind and E-mail to past2presentresearch@gmail.com or by U.S. Mail to Past to Present Research, P. O. Box 2120, Independence, MO 64055.

Congratulations to **Charlie Pautler** as he assumes his new position as museum director for the Friends of Shawnee Town. A reception will be held on Thursday, September 6, 2012 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Shawnee Town Hall, 11600 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, Kansas.

Thank you to the **Phelps Camp NO. 66, Sons of Union Veterans**, for their recent donation of Civil War artifacts to the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. They include a tintype photograph, two discharges, and family genealogical information relating to Union soldier Thomas Jefferson O'Neal.

We have a note from **Kathy Pickering** following her auto accident saying that it is taking more time

than she would like for her foot to heal. “However,” as she says, “this too shall pass.”

We are glad to hear that the controversy has been resolved at the Gentry Library in Arkansas over the designation of “Quantrill Collection” for the very wide-ranging collection of books and teaching materials put together by **Richard Stewart**. Cooler heads prevailed and it is obvious that the materials include well-researched books that should add to the knowledge of the guerrilla warfare in the Civil War.

The Oxford University Press in New York has published another insightful book on the Civil War called *The Grand Design: Strategy and the U. S. Civil War* by **Donald Stoker**. He explains that strategy is different from tactics. Historians have often argued that the North’s advantages in population and industry ensured certain victory. Stoker asserts that it was the political plan or strategy of Lincoln that in the end was successful after he found the right generals to implement it.

Our member, **Steve Warren**, will soon have a new paperback edition of his book *Brilliant Victory: The Second Civil War Battle of Cabin Creek, Indian Territory*, coming out this fall. Steve is also a metal detector hobbyist who was interviewed in the August 5, 2012 issue of the *Kansas City Star Magazine’s* article called “Bits of History.” He displays his collection in his “relic room” which has items from northeastern Oklahoma not far from where he used to live.

Congratulations to the **Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield** for being named as best battlefield in the Midwest in the July/August edition of *AAA Midwest Traveler*. Superintendent Ted Hillmer noted that Wilson’s Creek “has the finest Civil War Library in the National Park Service, a pristine battlefield, and the most complete collection of artifacts from the Trans-Mississippi theatre for our visitors to experience.”

The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri would like to thank the journalists and publishers of the *Examiner* and the *Kansas City Star* for their support of historical observances in the Kansas City area. In case you missed some of these stories during the summer, we would like to recommend

David Jackson’s Historical Perspective columns on the First Battle of Independence and the Battle of Lone Jack in the *Examiner*. Ted Stillwell also featured these two events in his Portraits of the Past which included original artwork. Ted even has an admirer, Donna Stanley, who wrote a letter of thanks in the August 18-20, 2012 issue of the *Examiner*. She echoes our appreciation for Ted’s interest in history and his talks in the community. As she points out, Ted’s stories are short, simple to read, and can be enjoyed by families.

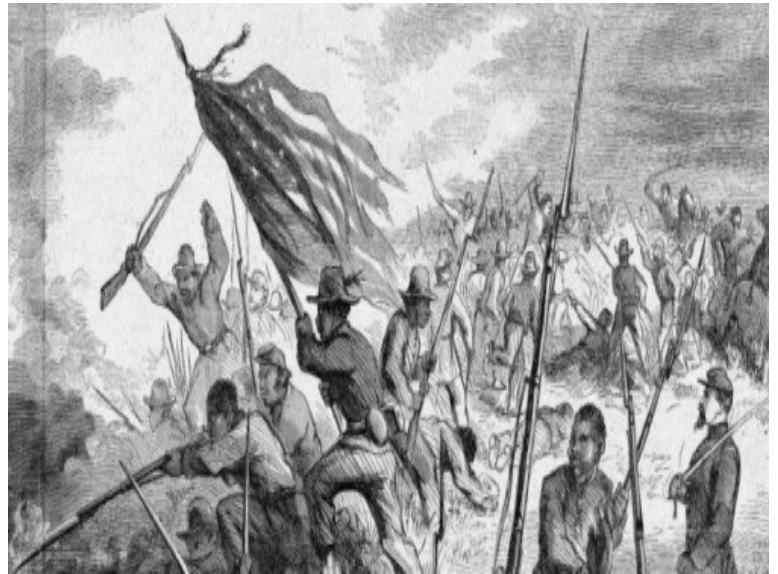
The *Examiner’s* reporters, **Jeff Fox** and **Adrianne DeWeese**, had wonderful articles on August 10, 2012 to let everyone know the “5 Things You Should Know About the First Battle of Independence” and the “Art of History” which showed pictures of the new panels in McCoy Park and gave background on our artist friend Cheryl Harness who contributed historical paintings to the panels.

Lee Hill Kavanaugh of the *Kansas City Star* gave a wonderful invitation to the Battle of Lone Jack in the *FYI Weekend Preview* of August 16-22, 2012 and then followed up with a report of the battle reenactment in the August 20th issue. She is one of the *Star* reporters who visited our meetings several times to get background information for the special 150th anniversary edition.

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers
On November 14, 2012 the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri will hold its Annual Meeting and election of officers and board members. We are always glad to entertain nominations from the floor (with the permission of the nominees), but we wanted to let you know that the present officers and board members (see list on front of the *Border Star*) are available to serve for another year with the exception of Delbert and Karen Coin. Karen is now working a very heavy schedule at Sears in addition to the hours they both put in at their business, the Washboard, at 811 E. 23rd Street, Independence, Missouri. If you are interested in serving, please give Beverly a call at (816) 225-7944. Serving requires one more night meeting every two months to plan the activities of the Round Table. This December marks the 20th anniversary of our founding and we have lots more to accomplish.

The Skirmish at Island Mound

On Wednesday, October 29, 1862, the 1st Kansas Colored Volunteers fought and repelled a superior force of rebel cavalry in Bates County, Missouri. The action occurred before the enactment of the Emancipation Proclamation (January 1, 1863) and long before the men of the 54th Massachusetts stormed Fort Wagner. Although the primacy of this engagement in the chronology of the African American fighting man's experience during the Civil War is acknowledged by the National Park Service, the State of Missouri, the State of Kansas, and scholars alike, no comprehensive study of the engagement has occurred - until now!



Harper's Weekly March 14, 1862

Alas, there is no memorial to the bravery and sacrifice of the African American troops that day. Ironically, the names of those men killed in the engagement, the first to be killed in action during the Civil War from an African American regiment, (1 white officer, 6 African Americans, and 1 Cherokee Indian) do not appear on the African American Civil War Memorial in Washington, D.C. The reason for the omission of their names is because the Skirmish at Island Mound occurred before the troops involved had actually been mustered into federal service and the names upon that national memorial were taken from the muster rolls and the Adjutant General's reports of the various states.