



★ *The Border Star* ★

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

THIS WEEK IN THE WAR: The Kansas 7th Cavalry (called Jayhawkers after a mythical bird that steals from the nests of other birds) went on a looting and burning rampage in the Fall of 1861 in Cass and Jackson counties. After the raid on Pleasant Hill where eleven guerillas were killed, there followed a raid on Independence where "the citizens were given a little touch of the misfortunes of war." From *Missouri Jayhawking Raids 1861* by Albert Castel.

November ~ December 2011

The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

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Meetings

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

Dear Friends,

As we come to the close of another year I wanted to take the time to thank everyone for their support, energy, ideas and hard work.

Happy Holidays to you and your family from me and mine. I look forward to the New Year and the adventures we will have. It looks like an exciting year ahead of us.

Please, as we enter the Holiday Season remember those who serve in our Armed Forces. May they return to us as we sent them to serve.

~Mike Calvert, President, Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

Famous Quotes from the Civil War

"The last ray of hope for preserving the Union peaceably expired at the assault upon Fort Sumter." ~Abraham Lincoln

"People who are anxious to bring on war don't know what they are bargaining for; they don't see all the horrors that must accompany such an event." ~Thomas J. Jackson

"I foresee that the country will have to pass through a terrible ordeal, a necessary expiation, perhaps, of our national sins." ~Robert E. Lee

"The American people and the Government of Washington may refuse to recognize it for a time; but the 'inexorable logic of events' will force it upon them in the end; that the war now being waged in this land is a war for and against slavery." ~Frederick Douglass.

No Meeting at the Villages of Jackson Creek in November and December

We have some special events on Wednesday, November 9th & Saturday, December 3rd which take the place of our monthly meeting at the Villages of Jackson Creek.

On Wednesday, November 9th, please join us at **6:30 p.m.** outside the Old Jail Museum, 217 N. Main, Independence, Missouri, for a reenactment of a Jayhawker Raid. Afterwards we'll go inside the museum for a panel discussion about Jayhawker Raids on Independence. Following a break for refreshments we will continue with our Annual Business Meeting with the election of officers and board members. There is a parking lot directly across the street from the Museum.

On Saturday, December 3rd, please join us for our annual Christmas luncheon with the Union Cemetery Historical Society at the Loose Park Garden Center building at 52nd and Wornall Road in Kansas City. Park in front of the large outdoor pavilion and walk through it to the building on the left side. We'll gather at Noon to share deli trays and drinks provided by the Round Table and other dishes brought by you. After lunch we'll show the DVD of the George Caleb Bingham 200th anniversary at Union Cemetery. No gift exchange this year.

For further information please call (816) 225-7944 (cell)

CWRTWM Calendar

November 2011 Membership Meeting

Wednesday, November 9, 2011 – **6:30 p.m.**

Old Jail Museum, 217 N. Main Street, Independence, MO. Reenactment of a Jayhawker Raid outside followed by a panel discussion about the Independence Corral and other Jayhawker raids inside. After the program and refreshments, we will hold our Annual Business Meeting. Parking lot across the street.

Annual Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 3, 2011 – Noon

Loose Park Garden Center, 52nd and Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO. Park in front of large pavilion and walk through to building on the left. In cooperation with the Union Cemetery Historical Society. Deli trays and drinks will be provided. Everyone else can bring a dish to share. The program will be a showing of the DVD made at Union Cemetery to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Caleb Bingham. No gift exchange this year.

Board Meeting

No Board Meeting in November or December.

Other Civil War Events

Louisa May Alcott, the Woman Behind Little Women

Thursday, November 3, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.

North Independence Library, 317 W. 24 Highway, Independence, MO. Alisha Cole will lead a discussion after the showing of the documentary film. Refreshments will be served. Sign up at (816) 252-0950.

Knife and Fork Club

Friday, November 4, 2011 – Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Community of Christ Auditorium (lower level dining room), 1001 W. Walnut, Independence, MO. \$12. For reservations call Bill Newton at (816) 478-0380.

Program: Barbara Hughes will be portraying Laura Flanery, the Woman Who Walked to Texas.

Bluegrass Benefit Concert – Save the Train Depot

Friday, November 4, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church, 15th & Main Street, Blue Springs, MO. \$10 per person or \$20 per family. Concert by the True Blue Gospel Bluegrass Band. Sponsored by the Blue Springs Historical Society.

“Negroes to Hire” Documentary Film

Saturday, November 5, 2011 – 2:00 p.m.

Westport Library (2nd Floor), 118 Westport Road, Kansas City, MO. Gary Jenkins will show a short version of his film and talk about how he came to make

a documentary about slavery in Missouri. Free. Sponsored by the Westport Historical Society.

“War Between the States”

Sunday, November 6, 2011 – Door open at 1:30, Greg Higginbotham speaking at 2:00 p.m., Masonic Hall, 308 S.W. Main Street, Blue Springs, MO. His topic will be the Civil War or for eastern Jackson County residents in 1860, the “War Between the States.” Donations requested and go to the Blue Springs Historical Society.

Little Known Facts: The American Civil War

Thursday, November 10, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., St. Joseph, MO. Dr. Robert Corder will share often overlooked stories of the men, women, and children who lived during the Civil War.

Childhood in the Civil War

Thursday, November 10, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

South Independence Library, 13700 E. 35th Street, Independence, MO. Ages 8 & Up – family. How did the war affect children? Were Yankee children different from Rebel children? To register call (816) 461-2050.

Lincoln and Citizens Rights

Thursday, November 10, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

Missouri State Archives, 600 W. Main Street, Jefferson City, MO. Dennis Boman: Lincoln and Citizens Rights in Civil War Missouri: Balancing Freedom and Security.

Border Wars Conference Keynote Address

Thursday, November 10, 2011 – 6:30 p.m.

Central Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO. Michael Fellman: “I Came Not to Bring Peace, but a Sword”: The Christian War God, and the War of All Against All on the Kansas-Missouri Border. To Register call (816) 701-3400.

Border Wars Conference – Making the Border Bleed

Friday, November 11, 2011 – Continental Breakfast-8:30 am. Talks from 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Plaza Library, 4801 Main Street, Kansas City, MO. “Making the Border Bleed: Slavery and Politics in Territorial Kansas.” To register call (816) 701-3481.

Border Wars Conference – Sectional Crisis

Friday, November 11, 2011 – 1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Plaza Library, 4801 Main Street, Kansas City, MO. Sectional Crisis and the Civil War on the Western Border. To register call (816) 701-3481.

Border Wars Conference – Book Sale

Friday, November 11, 2011 – Noon – 6:00 p.m.

Plaza Library, 4801 Main Street, Kansas City, MO.

To register call (816) 701-3481.

Border Wars Conference – The Border Reconstructed

Saturday, November 12, 2011 – Continental Breakfast-

8:30 a.m. Program: 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The Border

Reconstructed and Remembered. Plaza Library, 4801

Main Street, Kansas City, MO. To register call (816)

701-3481.

Darryl Levings' Saddle the Pale Horse

Sunday, November 13, 2011 – 2:00 p.m.

Central Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO.

Journalist with the Kansas City *Star*, Darryl Levings,

discusses his new work of historical fiction that follows

Price's Raid in 1864 from crossing the border from

Arkansas to clashes at Westport and Mine Creek.

To register call (816) 701-3400.

Outlaws of Missouri!

Thursday, November 17, 2011 – 2:00 p.m.

South Independence Library, 13700 E. 35th Street,

Independence, MO. Ages 7 and up - children. Jesse

James, Calamity Jane and others are why Missouri

is sometimes called the Outlaw State. Learn about

Missouri outlaws and the people who chased them.

To register call (816) 461-2050.

Daniel Woodrell: The Outlaw Album

Thursday, November 17, 2011 – 6:30 p.m.

Central Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO.

Author Daniel Woodrell discusses his new collection of

short stories, *The Outlaw Album*. He is the author of

Woe to Live On, the basis for "Ride with the Devil."

Civil War Santa

Saturday, November 19, 2011 – 2:00 p.m.

North Oak Library, 8700 N. Oak Trafficway,

Kansas City, MO. Jim Two Crows Wallen, dressed as

the Thomas Nast Santa, uses actual letters and diaries

from Civil War soldiers, wives, parents, and children to

describe Christmases during the war. To register call

(816) 436-4385.

Program to be repeated as follows:

Dec. 13th – 6:30 p.m. Kearney (816) 628-5055

Dec. 15th – 10:30 a.m. North Oak (816) 436-4385

Dec. 17th – 10:00 a.m. Platte City (816) 858-2322

Dec. 17th – 3:00 p.m. Blue Ridge (816) 761-3382

Fight at the Mockbee House

Saturday, November 19, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

Historic 1897 Courthouse on Harrisonville Square,

Harrisonville, MO. An original drama with music and dance to remember the 150th anniversary of how Cole Younger clashed with local Federal authorities and took to the brush to join Quantrill's band. \$2 per person.

Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Tuesday, November 22, 2011 – Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Homestead Country Club, 6510 Mission Road, Prairie

Village, KS. Doug Mischler portrays Jefferson Davis.

\$25 for dinner. Reservations: Paul Gault at (816) 741-

2962.

9th Annual Christmas Homes Tour – Blue Springs, MO

Candlelight Tour Friday, November 25 – 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Saturday, November 26 – 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. \$12.

Tickets at the Dillingham-Lewis Museum, 15th & Main

Street, Blue Springs, MO. Five decorated homes to

benefit the Blue Springs Historical Society.

Holiday Candlelight Tour – Harris-Kearney House

Friday, November 25, 2011 – 6:00 – 9:00 pm and

Saturday, November 26, 2011 – 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Tours

begin every 15 minutes and last an hour. Reenactors will

be portraying the first Christmas of the Civil War. The

1855 Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas

City, MO will be decorated for the season. Admission is

\$8 for adults and \$5 for students/children. Under 5 are

free. Refreshments will be served. Reservations can be

made at (913) 648-0952.

Quantrill's Mother

Monday, November 28, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

North Independence Library, 317 W. 24 Highway,

Independence, MO. Barbara Hughes portrays Caroline

Quantrill and discusses her son's exploits. To register

call (816) 252-0950.

Civil War Medicine

Tuesday, November 29, 2011 – 2:00 p.m.

Kearney Library, 100 S. Platte-Clay Way, Kearney,

MO. Ages 8 and up-Family. A look at doctors and

medicine during the Civil War and handling of antique

medical supplies. How to properly treat a bullet wound

and bandage a soldier. To register call (816) 628-5055.

Civil War Era Toys

Wednesday, November 30, 2011 – 11:00 a.m.

North Independence Library, 317 W. 24 Highway,

Independence, MO. Ages 6 and up-Family. Real Civil

War era toys and the stories behind them. Make corn

husk and yarn dolls or soldiers to take home. To register

call (816) 252-0950.

Johnny Reb and Billy Yank

Wednesday, November 30, 2011 – 6:30 p.m.

Central Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO. Shawn Faulkner of the Military History Department of the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth will talk about the daily lives of soldiers including food, clothing, shelter, and medical care. What motivated soldiers on both sides to fight and endure the hardships of war? To register call (816) 701-3400.

Legacies of the Civil War: Why Mark Twain Matters
Wednesday, November 30, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Johnson County Public Library, 9875 W. 87th Street, Overland Park, KS. Twain expert Martin Zehr will speak about the author's ongoing relevance in American literature.

The Real Santa Claus
Saturday, December 3, 2011 – 2:00 p.m.
National Frontier Trails Museum, 318 W. Pacific, Independence, MO. Dressed as a Civil War Santa, Jim Beckner will tell how modern Christmas traditions began. Free with regular admission fees of \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors 62 & Older, \$3 for youths 6-17, and free for children 5 and under.

Christmas at the Historic Pharis Farm
Sunday, December 4, 2011 – 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Pharis Home, 20611 EE Highway, Liberty, MO.
Civil War Christmas with reenactors and the home decorated in 1860's fashion.

Civil War Music-Clay County Historical Society
Thursday, December 15, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main Street, Liberty, MO. \$3 donation.

MO/KS Border War Network Meeting
Wednesday, December 21, 2011 – 10:00 a.m.
Johnson County Historical Society, Warrensburg, MO.

Annual Business Meeting

The present officers and directors have volunteered to serve for 2012 but at the Annual Business Meeting we will also have nominations from the floor. Please secure the permission of any nominees to be sure they are willing to serve. The present slate is as follows:
President-Mike Calvert, 1st Vice President-Pat Gradwohl, 2nd Vice President-Art Kelley, Secretary-Karen Wells, Treasurer-Beverly Shaw, Historian-Barbara Hughes, Editor-Dennis Myers, Board Members-Terry Chronister, Delbert Coin, Karen Coin, Terry McConnell, Don Moorehead, Kathy Moorehead, Liz Murphy, Steve Olson, and Carol Olson.

Dues for 2012

The Round Table collects dues on a calendar year basis so this is your opportunity to support our activities for 2012. Those members who joined mid-year in 2011 were given a pro-rated rate to include 2012 so you will not be billed again until 2013.

At its meeting on October 19, 2011 the board voted to increase dues to reflect our capital expenses for creating a website (www.cwrtwm.org) and buying audio-visual equipment to support the programs we offer to our membership. The new rates are \$20 for an individual, \$30 for a family, \$5 for a student, and \$10 for a subscription to the *Border Star* only.

Please send your dues to CWRTWM, P.O. Box 3019, Independence, MO 64055 or you may pay at a meeting.

Save the Train Depot

The history of the Chicago and Alton Depot in Blue Springs, Missouri began in 1834 when a young legislator and later 16th president Abraham Lincoln and a few Springfield, Illinois visionaries proposed laying tracks to connect Springfield with the Mississippi River. Nothing happened until 1847 and then the Civil War came along. In 1878 present day downtown Blue Springs was platted and by February, 1879 the C & A tracks were established. After various depots were destroyed by fire, the present depot was built in 1926. There wasn't a need for an employee to live there so it was just one-story building with outer walls no longer all wood but mainly stucco. The story comes down to April, 2011 when the present owner, Kansas City Southern Railway, applied for a city demolition permit. By July the Blue Springs Historical Society had established a "Save Our Depot" committee in order to move it to Central Park. Naturally this effort will require funds so the Bluegrass Benefit Concert was planned for November 4. There is also Save Our Depot merchandise on sale at the Dillingham-Lewis Museum in Blue Springs. Sweatshirts are \$20, Engineer Caps are \$5, and a Child's Train Whistle is \$3. Volunteers for Save Our Depot may call Mary Potter at (9816) 797-4870 or send her an E-mail at this address, MPotterEducation@comcast.net.

Brownlee Grant

The Round Table has been notified that we have been awarded a Brownlee Grant in order to publish a second volume of our "Monuments" book. Mike Calvert hopes to attend the meeting of the Missouri Historical Society in Columbia, Missouri on Saturday, November 5, in order to accept it in person.

We will then be able to start collecting the names and locations of Civil War markers in our area in order to

send reporters and photographers from our membership to document these significant markers that we were not able to include in our first book. When you send in your dues, why not include a note with your favorite marker that you think should be included.

St. Louis in the Eye of the Civil War

A new Civil War book called *The Great Heart of the Republic: St. Louis and the Cultural Civil War* came out in January, 2011, and its author Adam Arenson has been traveling in support of it. No site embodied the battle of ideas, dueling moral systems, and competing national visions than did St. Louis, Missouri, the largest city along the border of slavery and freedom. St. Louisians tried to reorient the nation's political landscape to the West with itself as the cultural and commercial capital. Notables such as John C. Calhoun, Frederick Douglass, Walt Whitman, and John Brown monitored events in St. Louis and observed how its leaders failed to control the national destiny. Author and historian Shelby Foote was asked by Ken Burns why the Civil War happened, and he replied, "Americans like to think of ourselves as uncompromising people. But our real genius is for compromise, and when it broke down we murdered each other in great numbers."

In Grant's Final Victory: Ulysses S. Grant's Heroic Last Year the two most famous men in America come together in 1884 to collaborate on one of the great works of American letters. Charles Bracelen Flood tells the story of the race to complete Grant's memoirs with the help of Mark Twain. Grant and his wife Julia had been swindled by a family friend and were about to lose the family home in St. Louis, but they wanted to repay their debts as a matter of honor so Grant wrote his memoirs to raise money. The time was short because Grant was suffering from throat cancer and would die just three days after completing the two-volume text with 291,000 words which is considered a masterpiece of historical literature. Flood points out that Twain, a former Confederate infantryman-turned-writer, is far from the only Southerner who admired Grant. Robert E. Lee was so grateful for Grant's generous treatment of his army at Appomattox that he never allowed a word against Grant to be spoken in his presence. One ex-rebel even sent Grant a remittance of one hundred dollars as a gift in remembrance of his magnanimity towards the South. Near the close of his book Grant wrote, "I feel that we (the North and South) are on the eve of a new era ...the universally kind feeling expressed for me at a time when it was supposed that each day would be my last, seemed to me to be the beginning of the answer to 'Let us have peace.'"

Civil War Stamps

The U. S. Postal Service has issued two Civil War stamps for the 150th anniversary of the Civil War – Fort Sumter and Bull Run. The series is called "The Civil War 1861, A Nation Touched with Fire." Below is the text which accompanies the stamps:

Abraham Lincoln's election in November, 1860 set in motion a series of events that led to the most searing experience in American history. By the time Lincoln took the oath of office as President on March 4, 1861, seven southern states had already seceded from the Union over his antislavery views – and the fuse of the Civil War was all but lit.

The following month, on April 12th, war broke out when Confederate forces opened fire on Fort Sumter, a federal garrison in South Carolina's Charleston Harbor. On April 15, after Union soldiers stationed at the fort surrendered, Lincoln called for 75,000 volunteers to put down the rebellion.

Northerners and Southerners alike believed the war would be a quick affair. Certainly neither side anticipated the four-year ordeal that would result in the loss of 620,000 lives – by far the bloodiest conflict in American history.

Bull Run, the first significant engagement of the war, dispelled any notion of a prompt resolution to the conflict. The battle took place on July 21st in Virginia some thirty miles southwest of Washington, D.C., near a stream called Bull Run, close to a vital rail line at Manassas Junction.

Union leaders decided to engage Confederate forces there, hoping to avenge Fort Sumter, crush the rebels, and move on to Richmond, the newly established capital of the Confederacy. What they witnessed instead was fierce resistance from southern troops and a preview of the long war to come.

The Fort Sumter and Bull Run stamps – the first in a series commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War – are part of efforts across the country that will pay tribute to the American experience during the tumultuous years from 1861 to 1865.

News about Members and Friends

The Round Table extends its condolences to the family and friends of **Donald Bartels** who passed away September 27, 2011. He is survived by his wife **Carolyn Bartels** with whom he operated Two Trails Publishing in Independence. We very much appreciate his efforts to add to the historical literature of the Civil War in our area.

Congratulations go to our friends at the **Bingham-Waggoner Estate** who were able to raise the funds to “box the gutters” at the mansion. The Round Table made a small contribution and we applaud their efforts to keep this historical house in good repair and to restore the boxed gutters of the era. The Friends of the estate work very hard to raise funds for its upkeep, and one of the most popular is coming up. The Estate will be open for “A Woodland Christmas” tour from November 25th through December 30th except for December 23-25. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 6 to 16. The hours are Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. They will also have one twilight tour on Sunday, December 4th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm with entertainment and refreshments.

Mike Calvert has been asked by the National Council for History Education to provide a Civil War tour when they meet at the Westin Crown Center in March, 2012.

Our member **Robert Grover and friend James Scott**, members of the Missouri Sons of the American Revolution, served as honor guard for the Naturalization ceremony held at the Truman Library on September 18, 2011. Fifty applicants from 27 countries became new American citizens.

Barbara Hughes portrayed Mary Lobb at the Blue Springs Historical Society’s 35th birthday bash on October 25, 2011. This was part of the Society’s 150th anniversary of the Civil War events.

Former Hi-Boy owner **Jerry Mackey** was honored as Citizen of the Year by the Truman Heartland Community Foundation in October, 2011. We know him best for his work with the steamboat *Arabia* excavation and for the program he and his wife brought to the Round Table.

We would like to thank the **Missouri’s Civil War Heritage Foundation** for sending us copies of the Gray Ghosts Trail maps. The Gray Ghosts Trail is spreading from the St. Louis area to Kansas City as it marks Civil War events across the state.

Liz Murphy chose Charleston, SC as her destination for a free trip awarded as part of her outstanding work as a historical guide at the James Farm. Lucky **Pat Gradwohl** was invited to accompany her and they will surely have plenty of pictures of Fort Sumter and other Civil War sites to share. Congratulations to our friends at the **Pleasant Hill Historical Museum** for being able to break ground on a 2,000-square-foot addition to the old museum on

Wyoming Street in the downtown district. This will allow them to move their displays and stored materials into the new addition and expand their library and research area in the current museum building. The gift which put them over the top in their 11 years of fundraising came from **Nelson Gipson**, a retired Social Security Administration employee, who used to research information on the black families who lived in Pleasant Hill before he died of cancer. Curator **Bob Kennedy** says Mr. Gipson was the only child of “Miss” Lelia Gipson, the last teacher at the school for Pleasant Hill’s black children.

In September, 2011 **Don Ross** contributed to the *Examiner’s* column on former cinemas in Independence when he remembered the Byam Theatre in Fairmount which was popular because “transportation wasn’t readily available back in those days. People pretty much walked or drove a short distance to their local theater.”

Beverly Shaw is finishing a long and enjoyable tenure as the Secretary of the Westport Historical Society on November 5, 2011. She served on the board as a “Westporter” who lived at the historic house at 36th and Baltimore and continued to serve after she moved to Independence. For the past two years she has coordinated historical programs at the Westport Library. Beverly has agreed to continue helping with the staffing needs at the Harris-Kearney House, 4000 Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri.

Lee Ward presented the Kansas City Museum’s Community Curator program on funeral homes in Kansas City on October 25, 2011 at Union Station.

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.geocities.com/quantrillsoc or send an E-mail to wcqsociety@aol.com.

Save the Little BLUE Buttons
Just \$1.00 each



CIVIL WAR EXHIBITS

Kansas City, MO: Central Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO. Opens November 9, 2011 – January 13, 2012. “Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War.” Some scholars argue that Confederate campaigns and guerrilla activities kept the border states in constant turmoil and that this preoccupied Lincoln throughout the war. Monday – Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s and at 5:00 p.m. the day before each holiday.

Parkville, MO: Now through November 23, 2011. Campanella Gallery in the McAfee Memorial Library in underground Mabee Learning Center of Park University. “Platte County’s Civil War.” Original artifacts and documents related to the economic, military, and social history of Platte County during 1861-65. Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m., Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, 4:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

St. Joseph, MO: Now through December 18, 2011. St. Joseph Museum, 3406 Frederick Ave., St. Joseph, MO. “Divided Loyalties: Civil War Documents from the Missouri State Archives.” 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily.

Columbia, MO: Now through March, 2012. Boone County Historical Society, 3801 Ponderosa St., Columbia, MO. “Civil War Exhibit” on a progressive basis. October, November and December 2011 should feature 1864 and January, February and March 2012 should feature 1865. Tuesday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Jefferson City, MO: Now through June, 2016. Missouri State Capitol Museum. 201 W. Capitol, Jefferson City, MO. “Civil War Missouri: A House Dividing.” Artifacts and documents about the stories of everyday Missourians. Daily 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s and Easter.

St. Louis, MO: Now through March 16, 2012. Missouri History Museum in Forest Park, 5700 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO. “The Civil War in Missouri.” Compelling artifacts, imagery, and interactive elements. Daily 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Border Wars Conference



Thursday, November 10, 2011 6:30 p.m. through Saturday, November 12, 2011 12:30 p.m.

With its horrific combination of robbery, arson, torture, murder, and swift and bloody raids on farms and settlements, the Civil War era in the Kansas-Missouri border region saw some of the most widespread, prolonged, and destructive guerrilla fighting in American history. This was a conflict that approached total war, engulfing the whole populace and challenging any notion of civility as Americans grappled with the problem of liberty and slavery face to face for the first time.

The **Border Wars Conference**, featuring sessions at both the **Central Library** and the **Plaza Branch**, offers an exploration of this most uncivil of wars while providing insight into the ways in which societies can be fragmented by ideology and ultimately rebuilt upon different lines.

The Border Wars Conference is organized by the **Kansas City Public Library**, the **Center for Regional Studies** and the **History Department at the University of Missouri – Kansas City**, and the **History Department at the University of Kansas**. It is co-sponsored by the **Hall Center for the Humanities** at the University of Kansas, the **Barton P. and Mary D. Cohen Charitable Trust**, **Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area**, the **Bernardin Haskell Lecture Fund**, and the **Center for Regional Studies at the University of Missouri–Kansas City**.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Michael Fellman

"I Came Not to Bring Peace, but a Sword": The Christian War God, and the War of All Against All on the Kansas-Missouri Border

Thursday, November 10, 2011

Reception: 6:00 p.m. • Program: 6:30 p.m.

Central Library, 14 W. 10th Street, Kansas City, MO.

RSVP for this presentation. (816) 701-3400

Michael Fellman, a preeminent scholar of the American Civil War and an expert on the guerilla warfare that characterized the conflict in the Missouri-Kansas borderlands, considers how perfectly ordinary Americans could revise their moral and religious beliefs to justify such extraordinary

violence with relative ease. Selectively picking texts from Holy Scripture, they assembled a war God perfectly suited to their actions out of Christian belief.

Author of the path-breaking books *Inside War*, and *In the Name of God and Country: Reconsidering Terrorism in American History*, Fellman, a professor of history emeritus at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, explicates a haunting and recurring theme that stalks American history.

CONFERENCE SESSION

[Making the Border Bleed: Slavery and Politics in Territorial Kansas](#)

Friday, November 11, 2011

Continental Breakfast: 8:30 a.m. • Program: 9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

Plaza Branch, 4801 Main Street, Kansas City, MO.

RSVP for this session. (816) 701-3481

Making the Border Bleed: Slavery and Politics in Territorial Kansas, moderated by **Virgil Dean**, Kansas Historical Society, and featuring talks by:

Kristen Epps, Colorado State University – Pueblo; **Before the Border Wars: Slavery and Southern Settlement on the Western Frontier, 1825-1845**

Nicole Etcheson, Ball State University; **The Goose Question: The Proslavery Party in Territorial Kansas and the “Crisis in Law and Order”**

Kristen Tegtmeier Oertel, University of Tulsa; **“Negro-worshipping fanatics” and “villain[s] of the blackest dye”: Racialized Manhoods and the Sectional Debates**

Pearl Ponce, Ithaca College; **“The Noise of Democracy:” The Struggle over the Lecompton Constitution**

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CONFERENCE SESSION

[Sectional Crisis and Civil War on the Western Border, 1860-1865](#)

Friday, November 11, 2011

Program: 1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Plaza Branch, 4801 Main Street, Kansas City, MO.

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Sectional Crisis and Civil War on the Western Border, 1860-1865, moderated by **William Piston**, Missouri State University, and featuring talks by:

Randy Mullis, Command and General Staff College; **The Illusion of Security and the Fragility of Peace: Kansas and Missouri on the Eve of the Civil War**

Jonathan Earle, University of Kansas; **“If I Went West, I Think I Would Go To Kansas”: Abraham Lincoln, the Sunflower State, and the Election of 1860**

Christopher Phillips, University of Cincinnati; **“Purely a question of power not one of law”: The Contours of Federal Occupation in Civil War Missouri, 1861-1863**

Joseph M. Beilein Jr., University of Missouri – Columbia; **The Guerrilla Shirt: A Labor of Love and the Fashion of Rebellion in Civil War Missouri**

Diane Mutti Burke, University of Missouri – Kansas City; **“Slavery Dies Hard”: Enslaved Missourians’ Struggle for Freedom**

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BOOK SALE

Friday, November 11, 2011

General Sales: 12:00 Noon – 6:00 p.m.

Book Signing: 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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A **Border Wars Book Fair** sponsored by the **UMKC Book Store** featuring an extensive list of titles relating to the Bleeding Kansas period and the Civil War in the trans-Mississippi West concludes with a with a book signing by authors participating in the symposium.

CONFERENCE SESSION

The Border Reconstructed and Remembered

Saturday, November 12, 2011

Continental Breakfast: 8:30 a.m. • Program: 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Plaza Branch, 4801 Main Street, Kansas City, MO.

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The Border Reconstructed and Remembered, moderated by **Gary Kremer**, The State Historical Society of Missouri, and featuring talks by:

Aaron Astor, Maryville College; **The Lexington Weekly Caucasian: White Supremacist Discourse in Post-Civil War Western Missouri**

John McKerley, The State Historical Society of Missouri; **Across the Bloody Chasm: Race, Liberalism, and the Reconstruction of Missouri Politics**

Brent Campney, University of Texas – Pan American; **“A Negro Hunting Ground?”: White Supremacy and Racist Violence in Kansas from the Civil War to the Exodus**

Jeremy Neely, Missouri State University; **The Quantrill Men Reunions: The Border Wars, Fifty Years On**

Jennifer Weber, University of Kansas; **“William Quantrill Is My Homeboy,” or, The Border Wars Go to College**

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