



# *The Border Star*

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## **The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri**

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### **Meetings**

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 ----- 15.00  
Family ----- 25.00  
Student (under 21) ----- 5.00  
Newsletter Only (no meetings) 10.00

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**The bombardment of Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861 was the opening engagement of the American Civil War. The countdown to the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on April 12, 2011 is just 153 days away, as of the date of our next Round Table meeting on November 10, 2010.**

### ***President's Letter***

The eleventh month, the eleventh day, the eleventh hour; the month, day and time that the firing across no man's ceased in The Great War. The day that Humanity said there would be no more war.

Jump ahead 34 years to an early morning, October 24, 1942 at the Norfolk, VA Navy Facility before you in the harbor, a great armada is underway to begin the first operations against Hitler's Third Reich. What you are viewing is the start of Operation Torch or the invasion of North Africa. On one of those ships, in fact the destroyer escort USS Quick, are two young men from Missouri. They have joined the Navy not for the adventure, though they will surely have them. They have committed the next few years or possibly their lives to destroying a great evil and in some way bring order out of the madness that has enveloped the world. The two young men I write of are my dad and my uncle. Two young men from the Midwest that have never been that far away from home much less traversed a vast ocean. Like most men in the endeavor they didn't know where they were headed or what was to happen. On the voyage they encounter an Atlantic storm that had the veteran sailors betting when not if the ship would roll over. How afraid they must have been. The ship didn't roll over and these two young sailors served throughout the North African Invasion, the Sicily Invasion and made 18 crossings of the Atlantic doing escort duty as the first line of defense against German U-boats. Their story is not unique. It is shared by many others.

November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veteran's Day. The day we have set aside to honor those who have served, are serving or made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedoms. The debt we owe these individuals is more than we could ever repay. On this Veteran's Day take time to thank those persons in uniform you might encounter and be sure to thank a vet.

I want to thank everyone for the commitment and support they have given during the past year. Our Round Table could not accomplish anything without you. Next year promises to be just as full as this year and I again ask for your help to ensure its success.

Since this is the last Border Star to be published this year I want to wish each of you Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year.

*~Mike Calvert, President, Civil War Roundtable of Western Missouri*

## **CWRTWMO Calendar**

### November 2010 Meeting

Wednesday, November 10, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.  
Villages of Jackson Creek (lower level),  
3980-A S. Jackson Drive, Independence, MO  
Bill and Annette Curtis: The Jabez Smith  
Cemetery in Eastern Jackson County.

### Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 17, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.  
Home of Beverly Shaw, 17313 E. 51 Terr. Court,  
Independence, Missouri.

### Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 4, 2010 – Noon  
Instead of an evening meeting in December, we  
have a Christmas luncheon with the Union  
Cemetery Historical Society at the Loose Park  
Garden Center, 50<sup>th</sup> and Wornall Road, Kansas City  
(park in the circle drive and walk through the  
pavilion to the garden center building.) The Round  
Table provides a deli tray and drinks. You can bring  
a dish to share and your own service. If you wish to  
exchange a gift, you can bring it wrapped or un-  
wrapped. The Union Cemetery Historical Society  
will be presenting the program.

### No Board Meeting in December

## **Other Events**

### Bleeding Kansas and Guerrilla Warfare

Thursday, November 4, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.  
Trailside Center, 9901 Holmes, Kansas City, MO  
Jim Howk: Bleeding Kansas & Guerrilla Warfare –  
1854-1861. Jim will examine some of the events  
that led to the origin of the Border War.

### I Voted For Lincoln

Saturday, November 6, 2010 – 10:00 a.m.  
Cass County Public Library, 400 E. Mechanic,  
Harrisonville, MO. John Moloski: First person  
Interpretation of D. P. Hougland, a Cass County  
resident who was one of only three people in his  
precinct to vote for Lincoln in the 1860 presidential  
election and the effect this had on him and his  
family when his name was published in the  
newspaper as being a Black Republican.

### Fall Soup and Craft Days

Saturday and Sunday, November 6-7, 2010 – 11:00  
a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Rice-Tremonti Home, 8801 E. 66  
Street, Raytown, MO. Homemade soup, cornbread,  
homemade pie, and beverage all for \$6. Crafts for  
sale. Oldest standing frame home in Jackson  
County, MO (1844).

### Volunteer Orientation at Alexander Majors Home

Thursday, November 11, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.  
Alexander Majors Home, 83<sup>rd</sup> and State Line,  
Kansas City, MO. Victoria Chapman will give an  
orientation to prospective docents. RSVP to the  
Wornall House (816) 444-1858. The Wornall House  
and the Majors Home will be merging in January,  
2011.

### Holiday Tours at the Rice-Tremonti Home

Saturday and Sunday, November 11-12, 2010 –  
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Rice Tremonti Home, 8801 E.  
66 Street, Raytown, MO. Tours for \$5 (children 12  
and under free). Cookies and cider served. Country  
store with gift items and homemade baked goods.

### Victorian Christmas Traditions

Thursday, December 16, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.  
Clay County Museum, 14 N. Main, Liberty, MO  
Victorian Christmas traditions presented by a period  
Santa Claus. Fee just \$3. Proceeds benefit the Clay  
County Museum and Historical Society.

## **Annual Meeting of the CWRTWMO**

The election of officers will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup> as  
well as annual reports of the Lewis-Gregg Cemetery  
Commission and the Sonny Wells Little Blue Battlefield  
Commission. The slate of officers is the same as our  
present board. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

## **Dues for 2011 Are Now Payable**

You may pay dues at the regular meetings of the Round  
Table or mail them to CWRTWMO, 17313 E. 51 Terr.  
Court S., Independence, MO 64055. Family dues are \$25,  
single dues \$15, and a subscription only to the newsletter is  
\$10. Those who joined in July, 2010 or later are paid for  
2011.

## **Ordinance of Secession –150 Years Ago**

After the election of Abraham Lincoln on November 6,  
1860, the state of South Carolina adopted the Ordinance of  
Secession on December 20, 2060 which prompted  
Charlestonian James L. Petigru to famously quip that the  
state was “too small to be a republic and too large to be an  
insane asylum.”