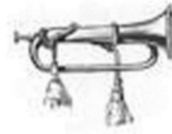




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## 572nd Regular Meeting Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Milburn Golf and Country Club

7501 West 69th Street, Overland Park, KS 66204

Social hour begins at 5:00 p.m. and dinner is at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting will include a plated dinner at a cost of \$35.00 per person.

Reservations are required in order to attend the dinner meeting.

**Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, February 11th.**

**To make a dinner reservation, please contact Marlene Natoli:**

<mailto:marnatoli@att.net>

Phone: 913-764-1336

## February Program



At our dinner meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup>, Civil War Round Table member and historian **Arnold W. Schofield** will give a program titled: "A Brief History of Jennison's Jayhawkers or the 7<sup>th</sup> Kansas Volunteer Cavalry."

The 7th Kansas Volunteer Cavalry was organized at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas on October 28, 1861. It mustered in for three years under the command of Colonel Charles R. Jennison. The 7th Kansas Cavalry mustered out of service at Fort Leavenworth on September 29, 1865.

Colonel Jennison served as leader of the Jayhawker militias until being dishonorably discharged for murder and robbery.

## Dinner Meeting Reservations and Payments

- **A reservation is required in order to attend the dinner meeting. All reservations must be submitted to Marlene Natoli by Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.** This will ensure that an accurate count can be submitted to the Milburn Country Club on Wednesday, one week ahead of the dinner meeting, as specified in our contract with the Country Club.
- Please e-mail or call Marlene if you are planning on attending. To make a reservation, call Marlene at 913-764-1336 or e-mail her at <mailto:marnatoli@att.net> If you send Marlene an e-mail and do not get confirmation back, then you do not have a reservation.
- **Please note that the cost of a dinner is now \$35.00 per person.** If you make a reservation, but are not able to attend the dinner meeting for any reason, you *must* contact Marlene Natoli by either phone or e-mail prior to the reservation deadline to cancel. You are responsible for the cost of your meal if you made a reservation, did not attend, and did not cancel before the deadline.
- You can pay for your meal at the dinner meeting or by mailing a check to **Dick Titterington**. Make check payable to the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City. Dick's mailing address is: 4125 NW Willow Drive, Kansas City MO 64116.
- You can also pay for your dinner using a credit or debit card. The Civil War Round Table of Kansas City is now accepting digital payments. This process is simple to use and secure. The Round Table uses the Square Digital Payment Processing System. Square charges the Round Table a fee for this service. The Round Table passes this fee on to its members who choose to use this service. The fees are slightly more if you pay online than paying in person at our dinner meetings. For more information or to see a schedule of the processing fees charged, visit our website [https://cwrtrkc.org/digital\\_payments/](https://cwrtrkc.org/digital_payments/)

## Dinner Menu

Milburn Golf and Country Club will serve the following meal at the February dinner meeting: Beef short rib with natural sauce, mashed potatoes, and green beans. Dessert will be New York Cheesecake. All dinners are served with house salad and Milburn house dressing, sliced bread, iced tea, water, and coffee.

Gluten free and vegetarian meals are available with advance notice. Please advise **Marlene Natoli** if you require a gluten free or vegetarian meal when making your reservation. Also, if you have a food allergy,

Marlene requests that you please be very specific on what items you can't eat on that month's menu when making your dinner reservation.

## This Month's Speaker



**Arnold Schofield and his son Austin at the Dinner meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Arnold W. Schofield** is a retired Public Historian with 50 years of public service. He was born and raised in the small village of Newton Upper Falls, Massachusetts, attended college on the GI Bill, and received a degree in United States History. His Public Service includes:

- 6 years in the US Army.
- 10 years as a civilian with the Department of Defense.
- 33 years with the National Park Service.
- 7 years with the Kansas Historical Society, as Superintendent of the Mine Creek Battlefield State Historic Site.

Arnold's National Park Service career included tours of duty at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, the Blue Ridge Parkway, and Fort Scott National Historic Site. While at Fort Scott he was the Site Historian and Cultural Resource Specialist.

Arnold is a recognized lecturer throughout the Midwest on Westward Expansion, the Permanent Indian Frontier, and Bleeding Kansas and the Civil War. Two of his special interests include the roles of the American Indians and African Americans in the Civil War.

Arnold has been involved with Civil War Battlefield Preservation for more than 40 years and is co-founder of the Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation, which has raised more than one million dollars, purchased 326 acres of

prime battlefield land, reprinted the only book on the Battle of Mine Creek, assisted in the production of a video on the battle by Curtis Productions, and produced a brochure on Price's 1864 Campaign in Missouri and Kansas.

Arnold served as president of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City in 2003. He received the Steve Treaster Civil War Preservation Award in 2012 and the Valiant Service Award in 2009 and again in 2016. Arnold currently serves as Director of Preservation for the Round Table.

Arnold and his wife Clara live in Fort Scott KS. Arnold also writes a column for the *Fort Scott Tribune*.

## Last Month's Program



The speaker at our dinner meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup> was **Christopher L. Kolakowski**, Director of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum. He gave an outstanding presentation about his recent book titled: *Tenth Army Commander, the Writings of Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., 1944-45.* Attendance at the January dinner meeting was 45.

Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr. was a major figure in the Pacific War, directing the defense of Alaska and leading the Tenth Army in the Battle of Okinawa until his death by enemy fire on June 18, 1945. The son and namesake of a Confederate general, he led a remarkable life and is the senior American killed by enemy fire in WWII and the 20th Century. The program covered General Buckner's background, family, and military career, with an emphasis on his time in the Pacific.

Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr. is the father of Round Table member **William C. "Bill" Buckner** and the grandfather of Round Table member **Simon Bolivar "Chip" Buckner, IV** (see photo on Page 5).

## Upcoming Civil War Round Table Programs

Our monthly dinner meetings are typically held on the third Wednesday of each month except for December which will be the second Wednesday of the month.

- **March 19, 2025:** **David Connon** will be speaking about Josiah Bushnell Grinnell and the Iowa Underground Railroad.
- **April 16, 2025:** Round Table member **Todd Stettner** will be giving a program titled: "Judah Benjamin, Jewish Son of the Confederacy." Benjamin served as a U.S. Senator from Louisiana and served as Attorney General, Secretary of War, and Secretary of State for the Confederacy.
- **May 21, 2025:** **John C. Fazio** will be giving a program about the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln.
- **June 18, 2025:** **Dr. Joseph Beilein, Jr.** will be giving a program titled: "A Man By Any Other Name: Quantrill."
- **July 16, 2025:** **A. Wilson Greene** will give a program about the Petersburg Campaign 1864-1865.
- **August 20, 2025:** **Kristopher D. White** will be our speaker. The program topic is to be determined.
- **September 17, 2025:** Round Table member **Dr. David Meyers** will be giving a program about Civil War Medicine.
- **October 15, 2025:** **Joseph D. Ricci** will be giving a program titled: "Lessons of the Civil War are Still Relevant Today."
- **November 19, 2025:** **David N. Duncan**, President of the American Battlefield Trust, will be giving a program about Battlefield Preservation.
- **December 10, 2025:** Program to be determined.

## UMKC Course on Bleeding Kansas

Round Table Treasurer **Dick Titterington** is teaching a SPARK Life-long Learning course at UMKC this winter titled: "Bleeding Kansas: Where the American Civil War Began." The 6-week course is being taught on Wednesdays, January 15 to February 19, 2025, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at UMKC, 4825 Troost Avenue, Kansas City MO, room 112 or via Zoom. Attendance requires paying a fee (\$40) for the class and a fee (\$50 annual or \$15 per quarter) to become a member of SPARK. For more information visit:

<https://lifelongspark.org/events/bleeding-kansas-where-the-american-civil-war-began/>

Dick said if things go according to plan, he will follow this course up with three more courses at SPARK:

- Border State Contest: The Struggle for Missouri at the Start of the American Civil War.
- Guerrilla War in Missouri and Kansas from 1862-1864.
- Price's 1864 Invasion of Missouri and Reconstruction in Missouri.

## Executive Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Round Table's Executive Committee at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. The meeting agenda will include a review of the previous meeting's minutes, treasurer report, 2026 programs and speaker, and any new business.

The meeting will be held at the Lenexa Library, located at 8778 Penrose Lane in the Lenexa City Center. All current members of the Round Table are welcome to attend.

## Please Renew Your Membership for 2025

It is time to renew your membership in the Civil War Round Table for 2025. The dues for 2025 are the same as they were for last year: \$40 per individual, \$60 per family, or \$20 for non-residents of Kansas or Missouri.

Our annual membership dues cover expenses associated with obtaining quality speakers, primarily for transportation and lodging. The dues also cover administration expenses such as website service fees, bank charges, corporate reports and returns, office supplies, postage, award plaques, name tags, etc.

Please mail your dues payment to our treasurer, **Dick Titterington**, 4125 NW Willow Drive, Kansas City MO 64116, or you can pay him at the next dinner meeting. Memberships that are not renewed and paid by March 31<sup>st</sup> will be dropped from the membership rolls.

## Member News:

We would like to welcome new member **Jerry A. Coffelt** who lives in Olathe KS. He is interested in collecting Grand Army of the Republic items, mostly the yearly national encampments from 1883-1949. Jerry's great-grandfather served in the 10<sup>th</sup> Missouri Cavalry.

We would also like to welcome new member **Christopher Cotton**, who serves as Director of the Kansas City MO Parks & Recreation Department.

We are very sad to report that a long-time member of our Round Table, **Mike Epstein** passed away on December 31<sup>st</sup>. He had been battling prostate cancer. Mike served as editor of the *Border Bugle* newsletter for many years. See photo of Mike on Page 5.

**Dr. Dan Cudnik** reported that a new great-granddaughter, Phoebe Kure, was added to his family on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Dan now has seven great grandchildren. Congratulations Dan!

**Lane Smith** gave a presentation on General Robert E. Lee at the John Knox Village Civil War Round Table in Lee's Summit MO on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Rev. Dave Holloway** recently visited Fort Gaines at the mouth of Mobile Bay AL. See photo on Page 7.

**Phil Baker** sent the following e-mail on January 14<sup>th</sup>:  
"Hi Dave!

Thanks for the email regarding my Veteran status! I didn't know that was annotated on the roster and only became aware of it when Dick Titterington put out the Membership sign-up form recently. It's a great idea! I am honored to be included! I've included my info below; thanks for publicizing it!

- Philip J. Baker, Jr., Army (1971-1995). Cold War Warrior! West Point, United States, Germany.
- My father was a Veteran: Philip J. Baker, Sr., Navy (1942-1945), WWII, South Pacific.
- My Maternal Grandfather was a Veteran: Joseph H. McDonald, Army (1917-1918) WWI, cook (Never got deployed overseas!).

"My wife Pam and I are doing well up here in the Frozen North! Yesterday's high was 7 degrees; right now, it's 3 degrees outside at 2:00 p.m.! No big deal! We see our daughter, son-in-law, and grandkids almost every day. We are so fortunate! My youngest daughter, in Virginia, just got engaged and will marry in September! She's 43 and waited almost 20 years for "Mr. Right" to come along. I'm glad she did, because he is a wonderful guy!

"I have been a member of the Twin Cities CWRT since moving here in 2017. I am currently on the Board of Directors (or as our President calls it, "Board of Volunteers"! My job is selling the donated CW books at our monthly meetings. I am certainly not the "Arnold Schofield of the TCCWRT", but it is fun "pushing the merchandise" each month! I take a pilgrimage to Chickamauga each March to enjoy a two-day walking/riding tour of the battlefield and surrounding area; very rewarding!

"I enjoy reading your newsletter each month! I especially enjoyed seeing the article on the Byram's Ford Battlefield Markers. Kudos to Dan Smith, Dick Titterington, and all who shepherded that project for several years!

"Best wishes and good luck for the upcoming season! Give my regards to the other "Old Timers", including especially Dan Smith, Dick Titterington, Bill Buckner, Don Bates, and Arnold Schofield!

"Sincerely, Phil Baker"

## Remembering Mike Epstein



**Round Table Member Mike Epstein  
(photograph taken June 19, 2024)**

**Dick Titterington** received the following e-mail regarding **Mike Epstein's** passing on January 6<sup>th</sup>:

“Good morning:

“I have the sad task to let you know that Mike passed away on December 31st. He left a great deal of Civil War memorabilia that the CWRT might want to collect in the near future; many old maps, books, and other items that might be of interest. Please call 816-898-2923.

“Judith Epstein (step-mother)”

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We were not able to find an obituary for Mike Epstein in the *Kansas City Star*. However, we did find the following message on Facebook that was posted by Nancy Taylor Flavin, Shawnee Mission South Class of 1971, on January 12, 2025:

“I'm sad to share the news of the passing of Michael J. Epstein, who passed away unexpectedly on New Years Eve, December 31. Many of you knew he had fought cancer in recent years, but his death is being reported as natural cause (likely cardiac).

“Many of us knew Mike as a very kind soul, with a big heart for his beautiful dog(s). And for those wondering about his 4-legged soulmate, he has found a home now.

“Mike's obituary and future Celebration of Life will be coming as soon as it's available. This has been a shock to his sister Mindy Levine who is sorting through it all now.”

## Photographs from the January Dinner Meeting



**Marlene Natoli and Dick Titterington  
at the Check-in Table**



**(l to r) Chip Buckner, Bill Buckner and our speaker  
Chris Kolakowski**



**Speaker Chris Kolakowski**

## Sergeant Major's Roar

### Battlefield Dispatches #806 Buffalo Soldiers

After the Civil War was over in 1865, the U. S. War Department demobilized or reduced the Army to a small standing force by discharging all of the former "State Volunteer Regiments." That was a common practice, but in 1866 there developed the need to increase the regular Army, to suppress the rebellion of various Indian tribes in the western states. Therefore, on July 28, 1866, Congress passed legislation that authorized the creation of six regiments of African American soldiers that included two Cavalry and four Infantry Regiments. These consisted of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry and the 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 38<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiments. All of these Regiments saw active service in the western states from 1867 to the 1890's. Eventually, these African American soldiers were called "Buffalo Soldiers" by the Native Americans because their courage, bravery, and tenacity in combat resembled that of Bison or Buffalo of the plains.

The following column describes nine identified "Buffalo Soldiers", who are buried in the Fort Scott National Cemetery. The first three of these soldiers retired and lived in Fort Scott and the remaining six, died while on active duty when they were stationed at Fort Elliot in extreme northwest Texas in the 1880's.

#### **Sergeant Major John C. Pendergrass, Troop A, 10th U. S. Cavalry**

From the Fort Scott Tribune, Feb. 18 (P.8) & Feb. 19 (P.5), 1931:

"Sergeant Major John C. Pendergrass, who had been a resident of Fort Scott since 1892 and prior to 1910 a member of the U. S. Army for 31 years, died yesterday afternoon at Mercy Hospital of paralysis.

"He was born in Jamestown, Illinois on December 29, 1861 and married Amanda Hickman, of Fort Scott in 1892. Among his effects were found papers and documents relating to his service in the Army. He enlisted in Troop A, of the Tenth Cavalry on December 5, 1881 [when he was 20 years old], was promoted from Private to Sergeant Major during his service career. Sgt. Major Pendergrass was an expert marksman and received numerous marksmanship awards.

"In 1898 he was commissioned by President McKinley as a Second Lieutenant and served in the Spanish American War. He was in the first expedition against Spain in Cuba in 1898 and took part in the Battles of Las Guasimas, Santiago, and San Juan and was with the Fifth Army Corps, which received mention by the

President for "Brilliant and Effective Work" during the campaign. After the Spanish American War, he returned to the 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry and was promoted to the rank of Color Sergeant Major and was the highest-ranking Non-Commissioned Officer of the regiment at that time. He retired from the U. S. Army in 1910.

"The funeral of Sgt. Major John C. Pendergrass, who served with honor in the United States Regular Army for 31 years and had a distinguished service record, was held from McCray Chapel on Wall and Lincoln Streets, yesterday, February 19, 1931, at 2 o'clock. A number of World War and Spanish American War Veterans attended and a group acted as pallbearers for the military burial in the National Cemetery.

"The casket was draped with the U. S. Flag and three of his medals showing distinguished service in the Indian Wars and the War with Spain and Expert Rifleman, were buried with him. There were some very handsome floral pieces, including a double spray of lilies, roses, and carnations from Mr. and Mrs. John Simmons who lived with him and a spray from the Clair Harkey American Legion Post. A tribute to his military record, from ex-service men was prepared by Clem Parks and was read by Quinn Morton.

"Burial was in the National Cemetery, in Section 5 #326, beside his late wife. Pallbearers were Joe Jenkins, Albert Bastion, James Hall, Elmer Fleming, Frank Wilkerson, and Quinn Morton. Taps were sounded by J. F. Morrow."

#### **Sergeant Lawrence Lovejoy, 10<sup>th</sup> U. S. Cavalry**

From the Fort Scott Tribune, June 23, 1936, P. 4:

"One of the largest Negro funerals held in Fort Scott for a good many years was the one yesterday, on June 22, 1936, for Lawrence Lovejoy, retired 58 years old United States Army Sergeant. He was born in Elmore County, Alabama on March 20, 1878 and enlisted in the United States Army shortly after the Spanish American War in 1898. He served in the Army for more than 30 years and retired at the rank of Sergeant and had been cited for distinctive service. U. S. Army Veteran Clemmie Parks, in behalf of the local veterans, paid tribute to Sergeant Lovejoy's dedicated service.

"The funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Shiloh Baptist Church and were conducted by Reverend Spiller, who was assisted by the Rev. Collins and Rev. Simon Thomas. The services were attended by many friends of the family, Masons from Leavenworth and ex-service men. The local Masonic lodge attended in a body.

"Masonic Services were held at the church and at the National Cemetery, with E. J. Hawkins as Master. The casket was covered with the American flag and

surrounded by a large number of floral offerings. Including offerings from the family, Eureka Lodge No. 27 A. F. & A. M. of Leavenworth, the U. S. Cavalry at Fort Leavenworth, the Retired Enlisted Men's Club of Leavenworth, West Side Neighbors, Sewing room ladies and a number of personal tokens.

"The pallbearers were selected from the local veterans and masons and were Raymond Simpson, J. B. Tomlin, Leon Vann, Clarence Cummings, Isaac Owens and Mr. Wallace. Interment was made in the Fort Scott National Cemetery [Section 5 #587]. At the Cemetery "Taps" were sounded by J. F. Morrow.

### **Lowell Brown, World War I, Co. D, 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment**

From the Fort Scott Tribune, March 20, 1963, P.4:

"U. S. Army Veteran Lowell Brown, aged 73, died at his home at 623 Burke Street March 16, 1963. He was a veteran of World War I and served with Company D of the 24<sup>th</sup> the Infantry Regiment. Funeral services for Lowell Brown were held at 2 p. m. yesterday, March 19, 1936, at Earl's memorial Home on south National Avenue. Rev. J. F. foster, pastor of the AME Church officiated and the Pallbearers were Albert E. Hill, J. K. Graham, Edward Young, Fred Morgan, J. C. McNear, and Clair McDowell.

"Interment was in the Fort Scott National Cemetery in Section 5 #2146. The Flag, which draped the casket, was presented to Mrs. Anna Parks Brown by P. O. Crawford, who is the Superintendent of the National Cemetery."

### **Fort Elliot, Texas Buffalo Soldiers**

In Section One West of the Fort Scott National Cemetery, there are the graves of six identified Buffalo Soldiers. They and the number of their graves are as follows from Company B: W. Jones (#486), J. H. Thomas (#489); Company H: Henry Hart (#487), Peter Bercren (488), Samuel Brady (478), and Burt Blackham (#475) from Company F. This is their final resting place, but it is not where they died. They all died in the 1880's at Fort Elliot, which was a small "fort" in extreme northwest Texas, north of Amarillo, and not far from the present town of Mobeate.

In the early 1890's, Fort Elliot was abandoned by the U. S. Army. After it was closed, the Quartermaster hired a civilian contractor to disinter the remains of these and other soldiers and their military dependents from the Fort Elliot Cemetery. The remains were then placed in new coffins and transported by wagon to Dodge City, Kansas. There they were shipped by train to Fort Scott and buried as a group in individual graves as their final resting place in an open area of the Fort Scott National Cemetery. The reason that they were shipped to Fort Scott is that the Fort

Scott National Cemetery was the closest National Cemetery in the Military Division of Missouri to Mobeate, Texas at that time.

### **Fort Gaines, Dauphin Island AL**



**Interior of Fort Gaines  
(photo courtesy of Rev. Dave Holloway)**

**Fort Gaines**, is a historic fort located at Dauphin Island along Mobile Bay. It was named for Edmund Pendleton Gaines and was established in 1821. Fort Gaines was a crucial site for the south during the Civil War. The well-preserved ramparts of Fort Gaines have guarded the entrance to Mobile Bay for more than 150 years. Now a historic site, the Fort stands at the eastern tip of Dauphin Island, where it commands panoramic views of the bay and the Gulf of Mexico. The Fort was recently designated as one of the Eleven Most Endangered Historic Sites in America due to on-going shoreline erosion.

Fort Gaines is one of the key sites in the famous Battle of Mobile Bay, where Union Admiral Farragut shouted his now-famous order: "Damn the torpedoes! Full speed ahead!" The fort has original cannons, a blacksmith shop, kitchens, a museum, gift shop, and tunnels. Fort Gaines provides guided tours for groups of 15 people or more with at least two weeks in advanced notice for booking. The tours are conducted by a soldier in period uniform, which brings history to life, and include a cannon firing demonstration and blacksmithing.

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