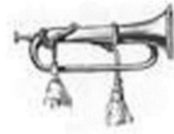




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572nd Regular Meeting Wednesday, March 19, 2025

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, March 11th.

To make a dinner reservation, please contact Marlene Natoli:

<mailto:marnatoli@att.net>

Phone: 913-764-1336

March Program



Mr. David Connon will be giving a program titled: "Josiah Bushnell Grinnell and the Iowa Underground Railroad." "Preacher," "congressman," "negro-stealer": Josiah Bushnell Grinnell was called all of those things during his life. He was called a negro-stealer because he participated in the Iowa Underground Railroad.

J.B. Grinnell and other Grinnell residents helped at least 37 fugitive slaves who passed through their town before the Civil War. But some residents opposed this work.

David Connon will tell a story of racism, noble actions and conflict. He will highlight abolitionist John Brown's visit to Grinnell, and Grinnell's first riot over the presence of fugitive slaves in the public school.

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, March 11th.** 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://cwrk.org/digital_payments/

Dinner Menu

Milburn Golf and Country Club will serve the following meal at the March dinner meeting: Italian sausage lasagna and asparagus with garlic bread. Dessert will be Tiramisu. All dinners are served with house salad and Milburn house dressing, 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



Mr. David Connon

David Connon is an independent researcher and writer. He has spent nearly two decades researching dissenters in Iowa: Grinnell residents who helped on the Underground Railroad, and their polar opposites, Iowa Confederates. This research culminated in his book titled: *Iowa Confederates in the Civil War* (Charleston: Fonthill Media/Arcadia Publishing, 2019). Listed on the Humanities Iowa Speakers Bureau, Connon is a member of the Sons of Union Veterans, and he is a member of the Des Moines Civil War Round Table.

Book: *Iowa Confederates in the Civil War*

The following text is from the Amazon books website:

“Confederates from Iowa were as unusual as slaves in Dubuque. David Connon shares the intensely human stories of Iowa Confederates in the Civil War. Seventy-six of these men entered the Confederate service. Readers will follow their prewar, war-time, and post-war experiences, ranging from difficult relationships to disease, imprisonment, desertion, and adventure. More stories illuminate the turbulent Iowa home front, where life was hard for parents of Confederates and for Peace Democrats.”

Last Month's Program

Unfortunately, the dinner meeting that scheduled for February 19th was canceled due to snow forecasted in the greater Kansas City area on Tuesday night February 18th. Civil War Round Table member and historian **Arnold W. Schofield** was planning to give a program titled: "A Brief History of Jennison's Jayhawkers or the 7th Kansas Volunteer Cavalry." We had expected a very good turnout for Arnold's program. A total of 56 people had made dinner reservations.

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.

- **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 the Struggle for Missouri

Round Table member **Dick Titterington** is teaching another SPARK Life-long Learning course at UMKC this spring titled: "Border State Contest: The Struggle for Missouri at the Start of the American Civil War." The 6-week course is being taught on Wednesdays, March 26 to April 30, 2025, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at UMKC, 4747 Troost Avenue, Kansas City MO. Attendance requires paying a fee of \$40 for the course, a fee of \$15 for a quarterly membership in SPARK, and \$3 daily for parking, for a total of \$73, which is just a little more than \$12 per session. Please see the flyer on Page 8 of this newsletter.

Upcoming Programs at the Plaza Library

Crossings: Women on the Santa Fe Trail:

Author and historian **Dr. Frances Levine** discusses the trailblazing women who traveled the Santa Fe Trail. While many books focus on the stories of men, women from a variety of cultural and economic backgrounds also had reasons to traverse the Santa Fe Trail. The program is at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4th with a reception beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Guerrilla Violence in the American Civil War:

The Civil War killed more service members than both world wars and the Vietnam War combined – over 620,000 people. Though numbers that large tend to strip tragedy from the imagination, **Andrew Fialka and Anderson Carman** make horrors very real in their book *Hope Never to See It: A Graphic History of Guerrilla Violence during the American Civil War*. The program is at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11th.

Please Renew Your Membership for 2025

If you have not already done so, please 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.

You can 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. Members that have not renewed their memberships by March 31st will be dropped from the rolls.

Executive Committee Meeting

There was a meeting of the Round Table's Executive Committee on Saturday, February 15th at the Lenexa Library, located at 8778 Penrose Lane in the Lenexa City Center. The following is a summary of the meeting:

- The minutes of the June 8, 2024 Executive Committee meeting were read and approved.
- **Dick Titterington** handed out copies of his Treasurer's report. He noted that the CWRT membership for 2024 was 115. So far, 64 people have renewed their memberships for 2025. Dick noted that the Veterans Recognition dinner on November 20, 2024 did not cost extra. All of the Veterans paid for their own dinners. On the same evening, Valiant Service Awards were presented to **Dick Titterington** and **Judy Smith**.
- **Gary Nevius** appointed CWRT Board members **John Kussman**, **Deb Buckner**, and himself to conduct a financial review of the CWRT. A financial review will be conducted every two years.
- **Gary Nevius** handed out a list of speakers and programs for 2025 and 2026. He is still working on confirming some of the speakers for 2026.
- Under new business, the Board needs to consider future Board members to replace those Board members who will be completing their terms.
- More discussion is needed on various ways that the CWRT can be promoted in the future.

Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield dispatches #807

Missouri Freedom Fighters

During the Civil War approximately 180,000 African Americans served in the volunteer Forces of the United States Army and 20,000 served in the U.S. Navy. This included (2) Infantry Regiments and (1) Artillery Battery from Kansas and (5) Infantry Regiments from Missouri. The Kansas Regiments included the First & Second Colored Volunteer Infantry and the Independent Colored Light Artillery Battery. The Missouri Regiments included the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 18th Infantry Regiments of African descent.

Early in the War in 1861 and 1862, hundreds of African Americans escaped from slavery in Missouri and traveled into eastern Kansas. In the summer and fall of 1862 they joined the 1st Kansas Colored Volunteer Infantry at Fort Scott, Mound City, and Leavenworth, Kansas. A year later in the summer of 1863 others joined the 2nd Kansas Volunteer Infantry at Fort Scott.

On January 1, 1863, there was a celebration in the camp of the first Kansas colored volunteers in Fort Scott which celebrated the implementation of the Emancipation Proclamation. A newspaper reporter from the Anglo-American Newspaper from New York City was there and concluded his column with the words, "So celebrated the FREEDMEN of MISSOURI who were now soldiers of the Union."

However, because Missouri was according to the Federal Government a Border State and not part of the Confederacy, the Emancipation Proclamation did not apply to it. This did not matter to the slaves in Missouri and hundreds went to the Union occupied cities like Saint Louis, Kansas City, Rolla, and Springfield believing that they were free. Because of this, it was not until December of 1863 and January of 1864 that the first four regiments of African descent were organized and joined the Union Army at Benton Barracks near Saint Louis.

In March of 1864, the U. S. War Department issued Special Order #7, which renamed all of the State Black Regiments as individual regiments of United States Colored Troops or "U.S.C.T." Therefore, the 1st through 4th Missouri Regiments of African descent became the 62nd, 65th, 67th, and 68th Regiments of the U.S.C.T.

Between January and September of 1864, the 18th U.S.C.T. Regiment of former slaves from Missouri was organized and joined the Union Army.

Eventually, by April of 1864, all of these regiments were transferred from Saint Louis to active field service in Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, and Texas. The major battles they participated in are as follows: From December 15-28, 1864 the 18th U.S.C.T. participated in the Battle of Nashville, Tennessee and the pursuit of General Hood's Confederate Army to the Tennessee River. On April 9, 1865, the 68th U.S.C.T. participated in the assault and capture of Fort Blakely, Alabama on Mobile, Bay. After this, it was transferred to Garrison duty at Montgomery, Alabama which was the first capitol of the Confederacy. From May 12 -13, 1865, the 62nd U.S.C.T. participated in the Battle of Palmetto Ranch, Texas, which was the last recorded Battle of the Civil War.

After the civil War ended in 1865, the Missouri Regiments of African descent performed garrison and occupation duty in Texas, Louisiana, and Alabama. The 18th, 62nd and 68th U.S.C.T. were mustered out and discharged in February and March of 1866. The 65th and 67th U.S.C.T. were discharged on January 8, 1867. The exact number of African Americans that served in these regiments is not known. However, the recorded number of those who did serve is 8,344 and they were all "Freedom Fighters" from Missouri!

Confederate Memorial Hall Civil War Museum



Memorial Hall, Louisiana's oldest museum. Organized January 8, 1891 in New Orleans.

Davis, donated a large collection of Davis related memorabilia. Items on display include uniforms, and other apparel of officers and the common soldier, guns, swords used by leaders of the Confederacy, mess kits, and personal belongings of the soldiers.

One display case in the museum contains the well-preserved uniforms of Confederate Generals P.G.T. Beauregard, Braxton Bragg, Franklin Gardner, and Daniel Weisiger Adams.

Memorial Hall welcomes thousands of visitors yearly. The greatest turnout was on May 27-28, 1893, when over 60,000 people paid respects to the remains of Jefferson Davis who died in New Orleans and was buried in the city from 1889 to 1893. His remains lay in state at Memorial Hall before being moved to Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia for reburial.



Republic of Louisiana Secession Flag adopted at the State Convention on February 11, 1861.



Interior of the Memorial Hall Civil War Museum



1st Mississippi Light Artillery flag, Cowans' Battery. General Earl Van Dorn adopted a red banner with stars and a crescent moon as the battle flag for his command.

Memorial Hall is the oldest operating museum in Louisiana. The museum was erected as a repository for records, artifacts, reports, and memorabilia of the Civil War. On January 8, 1891, the 76th anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans (1815), Mr. Frank T. Howard presented the building to the Louisiana Historical Association in memory of his father. The museum is owned and operated by the Memorial Hall Museum, Inc. Louisiana residents donated most of the contents of the museum, and Varina Howell Davis, wife of Jefferson



**Bust of General P.G.T. Beauregard (1818-1893).
He was born in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana.**



**Uniform of Captain John B. Richardson, 2nd
Company, Washington Artillery of New Orleans.**



**Oil painting of General Braxton Bragg (1817-1876).
He was born in Warrenton, North Carolina.**



**Uniform of William Miller Owen, 1st Lieutenant and
Battalion Adjutant, Washington Artillery of New
Orleans.**



Confederate artillery display



Ten Dollar Bill or DIX in French

“Dixie”

The term “Dixie” we have all come to know as meaning the Deep South, was born in Louisiana prior to the Civil War. The following is the story of how the term Dixie got started.

In 1860, the population of New Orleans was 168,675, making it the sixth largest city in the United States and the second largest city in the South (after Baltimore). It was also the fourth largest port in the world.

Prior to the Civil War, the economy of New Orleans was literally bursting at the seams. The levee on the riverfront was lined for miles and miles with steamboats and there was virtually no room left to store the cargoes brought to the port. Like the cargo, money was flowing like water and the prevalent bill was the \$10.00 bill.

New Orleans at this time in history was still a divided city with Canal Street serving as the neutral ground between the Americans and the Creoles. After selling their cargoes and wishing to spend their money, the keel boatmen were inconvenienced since they had to use French money on the downriver side of Canal Street and American currency on the upriver side.

The enterprising Citizens’ Bank of Louisiana, located on Toulouse Street, solved the problem. They simply printed on the front of each note the English words “ten dollars” and on the back of each note the French word for ten which is “DIX.” The keel boatmen corrupted the word by saying, “We’re going to New Orleans to get those good old DIXIES.” Hence the deep South has been known as the land of Dixie ever since.



Camp Silver Service used by General Robert E. Lee



Painting of the Confederate Ironclad CSS Arkansas. Destroyed by her crew on August 6, 1862 after her two engines broke down following the Battle of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Border State Contest

The Struggle for Missouri at the Start of the American Civil War



The Death of General Lyon at the Battle of Wilson's Creek

Dick Titterington will be teaching a course, "Border State Contest: The Struggle for Missouri at the Start of the American Civil War." The course is sponsored by the SPARK Flossie Pack Center for Lifelong Learning on the campus of UMKC. The course is six weeks long from March 26 to April 30, 2025, on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. The classes will be held at 4747 Troost in Kansas City, Missouri (<https://lifelongspark.org/about-spark/relocating-in-2025/>). **Note: Attendance requires paying a fee for the class and fee to become a member of SPARK**

As a border state, keeping Missouri in the Union was of paramount importance to the Lincoln Administration. A large majority of Missourians wanted Missouri to stay in the Union. But there were two political extremes struggling against one another during the first year of the war. One, led by Claiborne Fox Jackson, wanted Missouri to secede from the Union. The other, led by Frank Blair, would do anything to keep Missouri in the Union. Come discover the decisions made that brought Missouri into the war. Events covered include Camp Jackson and the battles of Boonville, Carthage, Wilson's Creek, Lexington, and Pea Ridge. We will also learn about the political struggle taking place in Missouri during this time.

For more information visit <https://lifelongspark.org/>