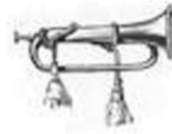




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586th Regular Meeting Wednesday, May 27, 2026

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.

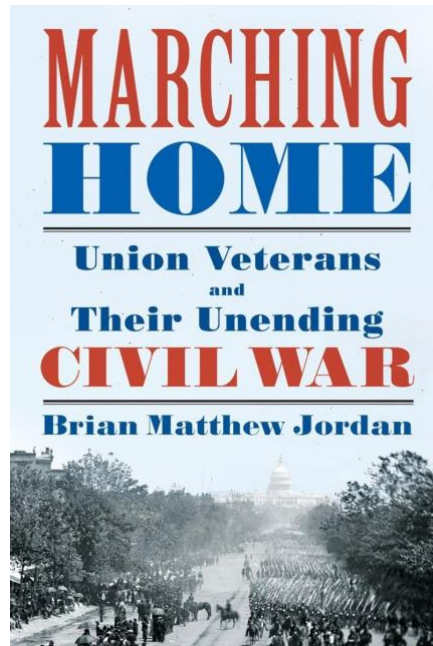
Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, May 19th.

To make a dinner reservation, please contact Marlene Natoli:

<mailto:marnatoli@att.net>

Phone: 913-764-1336

May Program



Our speaker will be **Dr. Brian Matthew Jordan**, who is Professor of U.S. Civil War History and Chair of the History Department at Sam Houston State University, where he has taught since 2015.

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How did Union veterans make sense of their physical, psychological, and emotional wounds as the nation plunged into the years of Reconstruction?

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, May 19th. 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 **\$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 May dinner meeting: Beef medallions with demi-glace, mashed potatoes, and green beans. Dessert will be the Chef's choice. 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



Dr. Brian Matthew Jordan

Dr. Brian Matthew Jordan is Professor of U.S. Civil War History, Co-Director of the SHSU Civil War Consortium, and Chair of the History Department at Sam Houston State University, where he has taught since 2015. Professor Jordan earned his undergraduate degree in Civil War Era Studies at Gettysburg College (under the tutelage of Gabor S. Boritt and Allen C. Guelzo), and M.A., M.Phil., and Ph.D. degrees in History at Yale. His first book, *Marching Home: Union Veterans and Their Unending Civil War*, was a finalist (one of three runners-up) for the 2016 Pulitzer Prize in History. In its dissertation form, that book won the George Washington Egleston Prize (for Best U.S. History Dissertation at Yale) and John Addison Porter Prize (one of Yale's highest academic honors).

Dr. Jordan has authored or edited five other books on Civil War soldiers, veterans, and memory, including: *The War Went On: Reconsidering the*

Lives of Civil War Veterans (with Evan Rothera); *A Thousand May Fall: An Immigrant Regiment's Civil War*, and *Final Resting Places: Reflections on the Meaning of Civil War Graves* (with Jonathan W. White).

Presently, Dr. Jordan is at work on *Written in Blood: A New History of the U.S. Civil War*, a one-volume history of the conflict for Liveright/W.W. Norton; *Abraham Lincoln: A Reference Guide to His Life and Works* (for Bloomsbury), as well as *More Than An Eagle on the Button: Black Military Experiences in the Civil War Era* (co-edited with Lorien Foote and Holly Pinheiro, Jr.).

Dr. Jordan is the founding co-editor of the series "Veterans" at the University of Massachusetts Press, and, for more than a decade, has served as Book Review Editor for *The Civil War Monitor*. He is also the Associate Editor of *Gettysburg Magazine*. In 2020, he appeared as a "talking head" in two episodes of the HISTORY Channel's three-part mini-series on the life of U.S. Grant. He has delivered invited lectures in thirty-five states. In August 2024, he had the honor to eulogize 28 Union veterans inurned at Tahoma National Cemetery in Washington State, perhaps the last Civil War eulogy ever delivered.

Dr. Jordan is a native of Akron, Ohio, and lives in Houston with his wife and four-year old daughter, Elizabeth (who, despite her youth, has already stomped several Civil War battlefields).

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- How did the politics of the post war years complicate their reintegration to civilian life and personal healing?
- Why were so many veterans so unwilling to let go of the war and its legacy, and what urgent messages do those ex-soldiers have for us today?

Dr. Jordan will explore these questions in his talk. Books will be available for purchase and signing for \$25 each (cash/check/PayPal accepted).

Last Month's Program



Arnold W. Schofield

At our dinner meeting on April 8th, Round Table member **Arnold W. Schofield** gave an excellent program titled: "Remembering Women Warriors." Attendance at the meeting was 48.

One of the least known and almost forgotten aspects of the Civil War is that individual women served as combat soldiers. Contemporary research indicates that 250 women soldiers served in the Union and Confederate armies. There were probably more, but since all the women disguised themselves as men and used a masculine alias or name, the total number of women warriors will probably never be known.

Arnold's program was an overview of these women warriors and he focused on the who, why, when, and where they served. His program also included a description of primary resources and mentioned several known female soldiers from Kansas and Missouri. Arnold emphasized the story of one female soldier who lived in Kansas for eight or so years after the Civil War.

Upcoming Civil War Round Table Programs

Our monthly dinner meetings are typically held on the third Wednesday of each month. However, the dinner meeting in May had to be rescheduled due to a scheduling conflict at Milburn Country Club.

- **June 17, 2026:** Round Table member **Dick Titterington** will give a program titled: "Gunpowder Girls."
- **July 15, 2026:** **Dr. Chris Mackowski**, Editor-in-chief and co-founder of Emerging Civil War will give a program titled: "The Last Days of Stonewall Jackson."
- **August 19, 2026:** **James Hessler** will give a program about the dispute between Union Generals George Meade and Daniel Sickles over command of the Union troops at the Peach Orchard during the second day of the Battle of Gettysburg.
- **September 16, 2026:** **Robert J. Amsler, Jr.** will give a program about railroads during the Civil War and their use as both strategic and tactical assets.
- **October 21, 2026:** **David Jackson** will give a program titled: "Lockdown: Outlaws, Lawmen, and Frontier Justice in Jackson County MO."
- **November 18, 2026:** **Jeff Kluever** will give a program about U.S. Colored Troops at the Battle of New Market VA.
- **December 9, 2026:** **Mr. Ron Coddington** will be speaking about Civil War photography. He is a Civil War historian, author, and editor.

Member News

We would like to welcome new member **Jacqueline Becks**, who attended the Johnson County Library's Genealogy Open House and Resource Fair on March 28th. Jacqueline lives in Lawrence and works at the Kansas Legislative Research Department in Topeka. She is beginning a Master's degree program in history at Pittsburg State University in the fall. Jacqueline is particularly interested in the First Kansas Colored regiment.

We would also like to welcome new member **Eldon Yeakel**. Eldon lives in Kansas City KS and is Curator of Collections at the Wyandotte County Historical Museum in Bonner Springs KS. He is particularly interested in African-American soldiers, Kansas soldiers, and the Trans-Mississippi theater. Eldon has several ancestors that served in the Illinois cavalry and infantry.

Dick Titterington said he was contacted recently by a granddaughter of **Mr. Laurence R. Deforest**, to see if the Round Table was interested in accepting a donation of Civil War books from Mr. DeForest's library. According to Mr. DeForest's obituary, he loved Civil War history. He died in 2018.

On Saturday March 28th, Civil War Round Table members **Liz Edmundson, Dr. David Meyers, and Dick Titterington** attended the Johnson County Library's 2026 Genealogy Open House and Resource Fair. They manned the Civil War Round Table's exhibit table during the fair. See photo below.



Liz Edmundson, Dr. David Meyers, and Dick Titterington at the Johnson County Library

Liz Edmundson sent the following e-mail on March 29th:

"Hi Dave,

"I have a picture for the next newsletter.

"Here we are manning the CWRTKC exhibit table for the 2026 Genealogy Open House and Resource Fair, Saturday March 28th.

"It was a pretty good crowd and we had a good amount of traffic at our table. Lots of interest and many stories of family members who were in the Civil War. Hopefully we sparked some interest and will see new members at our meetings in the future. :)"

"Take care, Liz"

Thank you, Liz, David, and Dick for publicizing the Round Table and for encouraging library patrons and prospective Round Table members to further their interest in the Civil War.

Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield Dispatches #716

Memorial Day: A Sense of Place and Well Being

Monday, May 25, 2026, is the 159th anniversary of the establishment of “Memorial Day.” It was initially called “Decoration Day” because the memory and graves of “Union” soldiers, who died in the crucible of combat that was our Civil War, were to be remembered and “strewn” or decorated with flowers. This was to occur and did occur on May 30, 1867 in Public, Private, Family and National Cemeteries throughout the United States. A cemetery is one of the places that contribute to a Country’s, state, city or town’s “Sense of Place and Well Being.” Any community or church cemetery is a tie that binds the citizens or congregations together with the memories of deceased family members and friends buried in the respective cemetery.

In this country and other nations of the world, deceased military veterans of previous and present generations are honored and remembered in the “National Cemeteries” of the respective nations. Because of this, the ground that comprises our National Cemeteries is Hallowed and Sacred Ground. Our National Cemeteries were created as a final resting place for the Union veterans who were killed in combat or died from disease during our Civil War from 1861-1865. Fort Scott National Cemetery was among the original fourteen National Cemeteries that were established between July 17 and December 31, 1862. The majority of the original burials were the remains of Caucasian or white “Union” soldiers. However, there were more than seventy-five African American soldiers of the 1st and 2nd Kansas Colored Volunteer Infantry Regiments and fourteen Confederate Prisoners of War who were also buried there.

In 1867, the remains of Union General Joseph Bailey were buried in the Fort Scott National Cemetery with full military honors. However, this was not to be his final resting place. It seems that his widow, Mrs. Bailey, wrote a letter to the Secretary of War, requesting that she and their children be buried alongside General Bailey’s grave. At that time, this was not allowed and no answer to her letter has been found, if indeed there ever was one. Therefore, Mrs. Bailey’s patience being exhausted took matters into

her own hands and had General Bailey’s remains disinterred and reburied in a family plot in Evergreen Cemetery in Fort Scott, where she and their children were also eventually buried.

Before the end of the 19th Century, the U. S. War Department allowed the remains of Civil War veterans who died after the Civil War, to be buried in the National Cemeteries. Eventually, in the 20th Century, burial was expanded to include all honorably discharged U. S. military veterans and their spouses, which is as it should be.

Today, each Memorial Day and Veterans Day on November 11th are the two National Holidays that recognize and remember our military veterans and their families, who have served in our armed forces during both war and peace. Traditionally, Memorial Day was always recognized as being on May 30th regardless of what day of the week it appeared on the calendar. However, some years ago the politicians in Washington, D. C. decided in their infinite wisdom to establish the fourth weekend in May as “Memorial Day Weekend” and designated the last Monday in May as Memorial Day. This was also to be a “Holiday Weekend” that was to signify the beginning of summer and all of its fun activities, which in effect diminishes the original significance of Memorial Day. There are some folks, who are a definite minority, that would like to see the National Memorial Day returned and observed on May 30th every year, but that will probably never happen.



Now then, hopefully Monday, May 25th will be a beautiful day, weather wise, and that a couple of hundred folks or so will come out to the Fort Scott National Cemetery (see photo above) to attend the annual traditional Memorial Day Program. Thank You, in advance, to one and all who attend the program which contributes to Fort Scott’s “Sense of Place and Well Being.”

The Battle of Chancellorsville VA

The Battle of Chancellorsville was fought from April 30 to May 6, 1863. From Wikipedia:

“Confederate General Robert E. Lee's risky decision to divide his army in the presence of a much larger enemy force resulted in a significant Confederate victory, described by some historians as Lee's "perfect battle". The victory, a product of Lee's audacity and Union General Joseph Hooker's timid decision-making, was tempered by heavy casualties, including Lt. Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson. Jackson who was hit by friendly fire, requiring his left arm to be amputated. He died of pneumonia eight days later, a loss that Lee likened to losing his right arm.”

The following are some quotes regarding the Battle of Chancellorsville from the book by Randall Bedwell titled: *War is All Hell, A Collection of Civil War Quotations*:

“My plans are perfect. May God have mercy on General Lee, for I will have none.”

Union Major General Joseph Hooker, April 1863

“General: I have placed you at the head of the Army of the Potomac.... I have heard, in such a way as to believe it, of your recently saying that both the Army and the Government needed a Dictator. Of course it was not for this, but in spite of it, that I have given you the command. Only those generals who gain successes can set up dictators. What I now ask of you is military successes, and I will risk the dictatorship.”

Abraham Lincoln to Union Major General Joseph Hooker, April 1863

“The Chancellorsville campaign was over, and a tired, disappointed, disgusted army had nothing for the present to do but to wend its way back to its old camping ground.”

Lt. Porter Farley, 140th New York Infantry

“To tell the truth, I just lost confidence in Joe Hooker.”

Union Major General Joseph Hooker

“Hooker’s career is exemplified by that of a rocket. He went up like one and came down like a stick.”

Captain George Armstrong Custer, Union 1st Cavalry

“My God! My God! What will the country say?”

Abraham Lincoln responding to the news of the Union defeat at Chancellorsville, May 6, 1863

“Jackson died but his memory lived in the hearts of the soldiers, and on many a subsequent hard-fought field, I heard them exclaim, “Oh for another Jackson!”

Confederate General James Henry Lane

“In the midst of this awful scene, General Lee ... rode to the front of his advancing battalions. His presence was the signal for one of those outbursts of enthusiasm which none can appreciate who have not witnessed them I thought that it must have been from such a scene that men in ancient days rose to the dignity of gods.”

Major Charles Marshall, aide on Lee’s staff



Painting by Everett B. D. Julio in 1869, depicting the last meeting of Generals Lee and Jackson on the evening of May 1, 1863 during the Battle of Chancellorsville. It was originally titled: “The Heroes of Chancellorsville.”