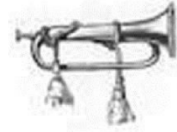




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Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City



486th Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Sunset Ballroom, 8th Floor, Holiday Inn

8787 Reeder Rd., Overland Park, KS 66214

Social Hour - Cash Bar – 5:30p.m.

Dinner - 6:30p.m.

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November Speaker

**Paul Kahan will be speaking about Abraham Lincoln's
Secretary of War, Simon Cameron.**

Paul Kahan will be speaking about Abraham Lincoln's Secretary of War, Simon Cameron. Mr. Kahan's book titled: *Amiable Scoundrel: Simon Cameron, Lincoln's Scandalous Secretary of War*, was published in July of 2016.



Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Please be sure **Susan Keipp** receives all reservations by **12 noon on Friday November 11, 2016** along with payment of \$27.00 per person. Mail to:

Susan Keipp, 436 W. 88th Ter Kansas City, MO 64114-2912

Report any necessary adjustments to Susan at 816-333-0025 by 12 noon on the Friday before the Tuesday meeting.

Use your debit/credit card at our website, <http://www.cwrtkc.org>. Go to [Dinner Reservation](#) under the Meetings tab, fill out the reservation form, and then make your payment in the box to the left on that page through PayPal. If you are using this service please send **Susan** an email so she will not miss your reservation. skeipp@kc.rr.com.

A Message from Your President

In October, we lost two long-time members of the Civil War Round Table, Sylvia Gault and Ruth Turney.

- **Sylvia Gault** passed away on October 11, 2016, at the age of 78. Sylvia was born on February 7, 1938, in Creighton MO. She graduated from Park College in 1960 with a degree in Home Economics. She married Paul Gault in 1964. Sylvia and Paul served as treasurers of the Round Table for many years. Sylvia worked at Park College and was an active member of the Parkville Presbyterian Church in Parkville MO. She served as secretary and treasurer of her church for 33 years. Sylvia also had a passion for local history and genealogy. She was an expert regarding the history of Parkville, Park College, and Parkville Presbyterian Church. I will always remember Sylvia for greeting everyone when they checked in at the treasurers' table at our dinner meetings. I also remember Sylvia's smile, especially when I asked her at dinner one night, how she and Paul met. Paul and Sylvia have a son named Edwin.
- **Ruth Turney** died on October 9, 2016, at the age of 87 at her home in Lawrence KS. Ruth was born on November 25, 1928, in New Bedford MA. She graduated from Brown University in 1949 with a degree in mathematics. She married Austin Turney in 1951. Ruth later earned a masters degree in English literature from Western Connecticut State University and a masters degree in library science from Southern Connecticut State University. She worked for the Ferguson Library in Stamford CT. Ruth was an active member of the Trinity Episcopal Church in Lawrence KS. Ruth used to come to the Round Table dinner meetings with her husband, Austin, and their son, Austin C. Turney. Ruth lived with her husband in a very historic house in Lawrence. In May of 2013, the Round Table took a bus trip to Lawrence, following the route of Quantrill's Raid. During the tour, the bus driver drove right past the Turney's house. The Turneys offered to give the Round Table members a tour of their house. That was a very gracious offer.

The Civil War Round Table of Kansas City did not allow women members until 1981. Thank goodness that rule was changed. Sylvia and Ruth both helped to make the Round Table what it is today. They will be truly missed by all who knew them.

Next Friday, November 11 is Veterans Day. In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as Armistice Day, in remembrance of the end of World War I. In 1954, Congress changed Armistice Day to Veterans

Day, to honor American veterans of all wars. Veterans Day is a day of celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for our country. Please join us at the Civil War Round Table dinner meeting on November 15, as we honor our members who have served in the armed forces.

Next Tuesday, November 8 is Election Day. Please exercise your right to vote. According to the Official Ballot, we have the following options for the offices of president and vice-president of the United States:

- Stein and Baraka - Independent
- Trump and Pence - Republican
- Clinton and Kaine - Democratic
- Johnson and Weld - Libertarian
- Write-in candidates of your choice

This has been a very contentious Presidential campaign. Many people are worried about the future of our country, depending on which candidates are elected, or no matter which candidates are elected. Maybe some good will come out of this election, because of the issues that have been raised during the political campaigns. Our country has survived a Civil War. We can surely survive this election.

-- Dave Pattison

Meet Our Speaker

Dr. **Paul Kahan** earned a Ph.D. in U.S. history from Temple University where he worked with William W. Cutler, III. Prior to that, Dr. Kahan earned his M.A. in Modern American History & Literature from Drew University and B.A.s in history and English (with minors in medieval/Renaissance studies and music) from Alfred University.

In 2008, Dr. Kahan published his first book, *Eastern State Penitentiary: A History*. This book explores the penitentiary's history and is written for a popular audience. In February 2012, Peter Lang published Dr. Kahan's second book, *Seminary of Virtue: The Ideology and Practice of Inmate Reform at Eastern State Penitentiary, 1829-1971*. His third book, *The Homestead Strike: Labor, Violence, and American Industry*, was published by Routledge in late 2013. He recently published his fourth book, a biography of Lincoln's first Secretary of War, Simon Cameron.

The Sergeant Major's Book Auction

Arnold Schofield will auction three books at the meeting.

- *Lone Star Regiments in Gray*. Ralph A. Wooster, 2002, Eakin Press, DJ, 1st Ed., Mint Condition.
- *This Hallowed Ground*. Bruce Catton; Doubleday & Co. 1956, DJ, Excellent Condition, a Catton Classic!

- *The Limits of Dissent: Clement L. Vallandigham and the Civil War* by Frank L. Klement. Book is in mint condition with mylar wrapped dust jacket. Beautifully inscribed to Bill Lucas, president of the CWRTKC in 1978, from the author. Now donated from the collection of Don Bates. "Every American war has brought a heated debate over the extent to which national security will permit protestors to exercise their constitutional guarantee of freedom of expression. The most famous Civil War case was that of Clement L. Vallandigham, the passionate critic of Lincoln's policies." New hardcover costs \$110 on Amazon.

Dinner Menu

Chicken Cordon Bleu: Lightly breaded chicken breast stuffed with ham and Swiss cheese, then topped with a white wine sauce. Served with chef's choice of vegetable and seasoned whipped potatoes. Served with a house salad, freshly baked bread with herbed butter, chef's choice of dessert, coffee, iced tea & water.

The Holiday Inn & Suites has advised they can provide the following 3 options for dinner:

- The main entree meal as selected by the Civil War Round Table.
- A vegetarian meal as determined by the chef.
- A gluten-free meal as determined by the chef.

The Holiday Inn & Suites indicated they cannot provide a low-carb meal.

Check out the Round Table's website for the [2016 menu selections](#).

Election of Round Table Officers and Directors for 2017

At our dinner meeting on November 15, we will hold elections for the officers and directors of the Round Table for 2017. During the dinner meeting held in October, the following people were proposed as officers and directors of the Round Table:

- President: **Chip Buckner**
- 1st Vice President: **Ron Basel**
- 2nd Vice President: **Dan Dooley**
- Secretary: **Judy Smith**
- Treasurer: **Susan Keipp**
- Assistant Treasurer: **Dennis Garstang**
- Director of Preservation: **Arnold Schofield**
- Directors: **Don Bates, Sylvia Stucky, and Les Thierolf**

Please Renew Your Membership in the Civil War Round Table

It is time to renew your membership in the Civil War Round Table for 2017. The membership dues are the same

as they have been for the past several years: \$30.00 per individual or \$45.00 per couple. The membership dues go to pay for the travel costs for our speakers coming in from out of town, as well as our administrative costs such as printing, mailing, post office box, website fees, etc. We have a great list of speakers scheduled for next year. Seven of the speakers will be coming in from out of town. Attached is the 2017 Civil War Round Table membership renewal form. Please submit your membership renewal form and dues to our treasurer, **Susan Keipp**, by December 31, 2016. Thank you for being a member of the Round Table!

Bus Trip to Fort Leavenworth

Phil Baker has planned an exciting bus trip to Fort Leavenworth KS for Saturday, April 22, 2017. The cost of the bus trip is \$30.00 per individual. Lunch can be purchased at the Army dining facility for \$5.55 in **cash**. The bus will depart from the Johnson County Community College in Overland Park KS at 8:00 a.m. and will return at 3:30 p.m. Attached are the information sheet and the sign-up form for the bus trip. Please submit your sign-up form and payment to our treasurer, **Susan Keipp**. The bus trip is limited to the first 40 people that sign up and pay. Susan said she already has a number of people that have made reservations.

We Remember, Again

The Civil War Round Table of Kansas City is soliciting articles for the book titled: *We Remember, Again* to be published in 2017. It will be a collection of articles about the Civil War ancestors of current members of the Round Table. It will be the second volume published to celebrate and memorialize the heritage that is personal for each member. This will be a limited edition publication to share with family and friends. Visit the [CWRT Website Home Page](#) for submission criteria. Members that are interested in participating in this project need to e-mail the articles on their Civil War ancestors to Harriet Duff (hfduff@gmail.com) no later than March 1, 2017.

Future Programs

Visit our website to see the list of [Scheduled Meetings](#).

December 20, 2016: Dr. Ian Michael Spurgeon has been rescheduled to speak about the 1st Kansas Colored Infantry. Mr. Spurgeon's new book is titled: *Soldiers in the Army of Freedom*. Mr. Spurgeon lives in Washington D.C.

2017 Speaker Schedule

January 24, 2017: Round Table member **Arnold Schofield** will give a program titled: "The Frontier Guard." Arnold's talk will be based on James P. Muehlberger's book: *The 116: The True Story of Abraham Lincoln's Lost Guard*. This book was published in December of 2015 and is the definitive account of the Frontier Guard who defended President Lincoln from a

kidnapping and assassination plot in the opening days of the Civil War.

February 28, 2017: Civil War Round Table member **Dan Smith** will give a program on Edward F. Winslow, who led the 4th Iowa Cavalry at the Battle of Westport. **Dick Titterington** has edited the unpublished Civil War memoirs of Edward F. Winslow and is planning to publish the book sometime in 2016. Dan wrote the foreword for the book and has done quite a bit of research on the life of Winslow. Winslow is a fascinating individual. The talk would not be a story of battles, but rather a story of Winslow the man, kind of a Horatio Alger story.

March 28, 2017: John Liepa, sports editor from Des Moines IA, will be giving a program about baseball in the Civil War.

April 25, 2017: Round Table member **Lane Smith** will give a first person presentation on Confederate General Robert E. Lee.

May 23, 2017: Dr. Justin S. Solonick will be discussing his book titled: *Engineering Victory, The Union Siege of Vicksburg*. This book was published in April of 2015 and deals with the implements and tactics that Grant's soldiers used to achieve victory. Mr. Solonick is a former adjunct instructor in the Department of History and Geography at Texas Christian University.

June 27, 2017: Dr. Timothy B. Smith will be speaking about his latest book titled: *Shiloh, Conquer or Perish*, that was published in 2014. Dr. Smith is a former National Park Service Ranger at Shiloh and currently teaches history at the University of Tennessee at Martin. He has written numerous books on the Civil War.

July 25, 2017: Rev. George C. Wunderlich, Assistant Director for Human Formation at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, will be speaking about the U. S. Army Medical Corps. Rev. Wunderlich previously served as Executive Director of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick MD.

August 22, 2017: Rich Gillespie will be speaking about Confederate cavalry officer John S. Mosby and the Mosby Heritage Foundation. Colonel Mosby was known as the "Grey Ghost" and commanded the 43d Battalion, 1st Virginia Cavalry. This unit became known as "Mosby's Rangers" or "Mosby's Raiders."

September 26, 2017: John Michael Priest will be speaking about the Battle of South Mountain, which was the prelude to Antietam. Mr. Priest is a Civil War historian/author and a tour guide at Antietam National Battlefield.

October 24, 2017: Dr. Kyle S. Sinisi, Professor of History at The Citadel, will be speaking about his book titled: *The Last Hurrah, Sterling Price's Missouri Expedition of 1864* that was published in July of 2015.

November 28, 2017: Dr. John T. Kuehn, the William A. Stofft, Chair of Historical Research at the U.S.

Army Command and General Staff College, will be speaking about Gideon Welles, Gus Fox, and the U. S. Naval Blockade.

December 19, 2017: Round Table members Herschel and Jacque Stroud will give a presentation titled: "Abe and Mary, a Family Portrait." This talk is based on the book written by Harold Holzer and Robert Neely, regarding the Lincoln's family photograph album, which they kept in the White House. The album was lost until 1985, rediscovered, and Holzer and Neely produced their book on the album titled: *The Lincoln Family Album*. Herschel and Jacque will appear in period dress, but not as Abe and Mary, but as Herschel and Jacque, commenting on the book and its ramifications.

Free Publication Available Online!

The Combat Studies Institute Press at Fort Leavenworth recently published the *Battlefield Atlas of Price's Missouri Expedition of 1864* by Charles D. Collins, Jr. This is a guide to that raid, including over 75 maps that recount the operation in detail. It's available as a full color PDF at http://usacac.army.mil/sites/default/files/documents/cace/CSI/CSIPubs/Prices_Missouri_Expedition_web.pdf.

The Round Table's Website

Embedded throughout our emailed newsletter are links to the website. Just click on those links and find out what great information is available on the [Civil War Round Table of Kansas City website](#).

Check out the Round Table's Facebook page, and make sure you "like" the page.

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October Meeting Photos

[Link to an archive of Prior Meetings for more photos](#)



Round Table member Father Richard Frank (left) and our October speaker, J. Y. Miller (right) who presented a program about the Battle of Glasgow, October 15, 1864.



Second VP Ron Basel (right) and his dad, Brian (left)

Sergeant Major's Roar

Arnold Schofield will be back next month with a special column for the Christmas season. For this month, your intrepid editor offers the following substitution.

Price's Retreat from Missouri

It was November 1864, and Maj. Gen. Sterling Price has moved his defeated Confederate army into Arkansas, still being pursued by Maj. Gen. Samuel R. Curtis. Price's destination was Camden in southwestern Arkansas. With the news of Federal reinforcements at Little Rock and Fort Smith, Price detoured his retreat into the Indian Territory.

I determined not to risk the crossing of the Arkansas between Fort Smith and Little Rock, on which route I could not procure subsistence, forage, or grass in anything like sufficient quantity, but I decided to cross through the Indian country, where beef at least could be obtained.

On November 7, Price crossed the Arkansas River west of Fort Smith, and the Federals called off their pursuit. But problems continued to mount for the Confederate army. Brig. Gen. Jo Shelby wrote about the retreat in his official report.

After crossing the Arkansas River provisions were scarce, flour a myth, and salt numbered with the things that were. Yet we got along as well as could be expected, and only when actually suffering did I ask of General Price permission to return to the Canadian [River] and kill and jerk beef. After losing many valuable horses and resorting to almost every expedient to get my battery through, I arrived at Boggy Depot [Indian Territory] with my command tired, weary, and very hungry.

After crossing the Arkansas River, Price divided his command into three columns. Maj. Gen. James F. Fagan headed southeast and reentered southwestern Arkansas. The other two columns crossed the Red River into Texas before crossing the Red River again, arriving in Laynesport, Arkansas on December 2, 1864.

Shelby's adjutant, Maj. John N. Edwards described the retreat in his book written after the war.

After crossing the Arkansas the worst stage of misery came upon the army, and the sufferings were intense. Horses died by thousands; the few wagons were abandoned almost without exception; the sick had no medicines and the healthy no food; the army had no organization and the subordinate officers no hope. Bitter freezing weather added terrors to the route and weakness to the emaciated, staggering column. Small-pox came at last, as the natural consequence, and hundreds fell out by the way-side to perish without help and to be devoured by coyotes without a burial.

A newspaper editor after the war, Edwards writing has always struck me as melodramatic.

Events around Town

Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri

The Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri will hold its December, 2016 meeting on December 3, 2016 at the Loose Park Garden Center, 51st and Wornall, Kansas City, MO in cooperation with the Union Cemetery Historical Society. At noon there will be a potluck luncheon with the host organizations providing deli trays, plates and forks, and drinks. Everyone else is invited to bring a dish to share. The garden center is the building just to the west of the open pavilion on Wornall Road. There is parking in front of the pavilion and also on Pennsylvania Street just south of the pavilion. The program will be a history of "hair art" which was popular during the Civil War and into the Victorian era. Visitors are welcome.

Call **Beverly Shaw** at 816 225-7944 for details. Check their Calendar (<http://www.cwrtwm.org>) to verify the date, location and find out about the next program topic. Visitors are always welcome!

Independence Civil War Study Group

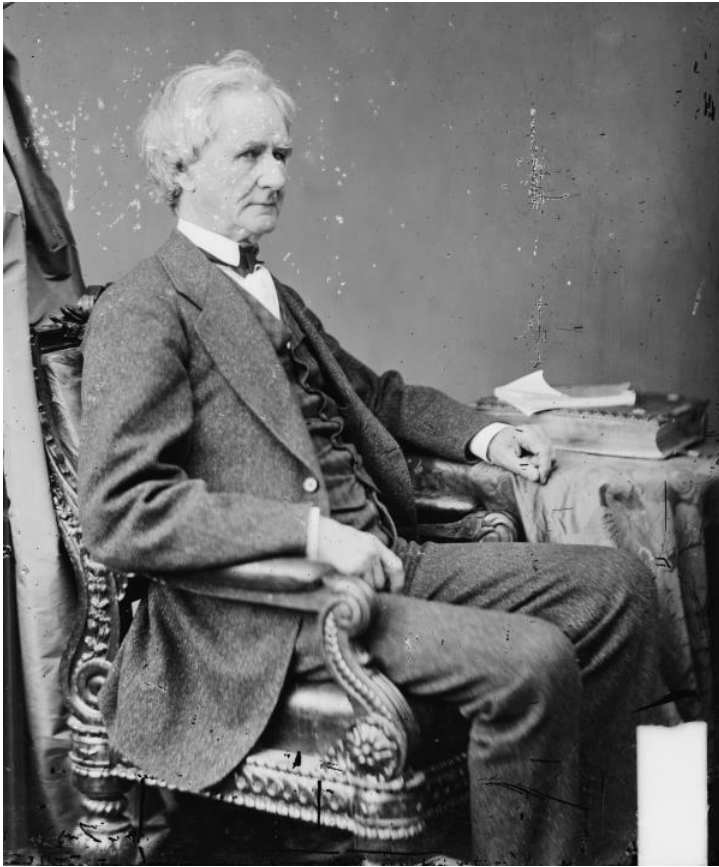
Meets every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Perkins Restaurant, 3939 S. Bolger Drive, Independence, MO (across from Walmart).

Upcoming meetings:

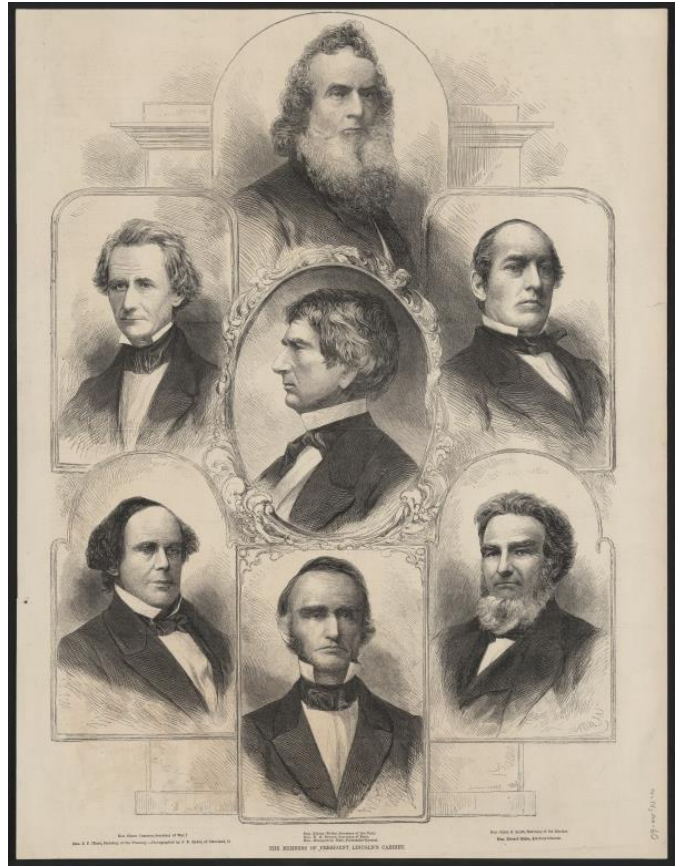
- December 21, 2016--We will once again enjoy the music of **Dave Para** and **Cathy Barton** for our Christmas dinner.

Kansas City Posse of the Westerners

Deborah Buckner will give a talk about "Custer's Best Friend: Lawrence Barrett" at the December 13 meeting of the Westerners. The Westerners meet at the Golden Corral restaurant (near the Home Depot), 8800 NW Skyview Avenue, Kansas City, Mo. 64154. Dinner at 6 p.m. from the buffet menu. Cost is \$12 or less and non-members are welcome. For more information, see **Deborah Buckner** or **Dennis Garstang** or call (816) 569-1180.



Simon Cameron



Lincoln's Cabinet

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