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Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library Center, 4653
South Campbell.



Our feature speaker will be Dr. John Marshall, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri. His lecture is entitled "Same God, Same Prayers, Same Bible." Come listen and learn as we study the War together.

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President's Message

I believe that we had a great board meeting last month as we looked into the future and thought about things to come for our organization. One of the items that got me excited was thinking about trips we could take together, both near and far, visiting Civil War sites and other historical places.

One possible trip would be to Vicksburg. Because that battle took place at the same time as Gettysburg, it seems to have taken a second place position, almost a forgotten position. Yet in *Jeff Shaara's Civil War Battlefields*, we read, "While the great tragedy of Gettysburg was unfolding in Pennsylvania, in the west, a battle of equal or even greater significance has been taking shape for several months."

I have not visited that National Battlefield and have a longing to do so. I dragged out my road atlas and started to see what such a trip would entail. One stop on the way would be Fort Pillow State Park in Tennessee. It was there that we witness how war can take normal, civilized human beings and turn them into agents of the devil. There is not much of a park there, but it would be worth a brief visit.

Then we could stop at Memphis and enjoy some good barbeque and maybe visit some historical spot. I get to this city five or more times a year serving on a board of directors for an agency there. But I never have time to enjoy the city and all it offers. It would be nice to visit one point of interest.

Three hours more on the road we would be in Vicksburg. I checked out hotels. There is one right at the battlefield area that has 118 rooms and reasonable rates. Just thinking about the trip is getting me excited.

You might want to think of other possible trips we could take in the fall of 2014. We could include also short day trips to sites around southwest Missouri. Give a member of the board your feedback for a trip.

I once again wish to thank the ladies who are preparing our "snack" table at the meetings. It is almost like a feast. The food alone is worth the effort for making the meetings.

Thank you also to our own John Purtell for his fine presentation in March on "Civil War Trivia." The handouts were great and will bring new thoughts in the future. As the trivia questions were presented I was amazed at the amount of knowledge held by the members of our roundtable. John, you made us think and peaked our interest in learning more. Again Thank You!

I am looking forward to seeing all of you again this April 9. Hopefully we will have spring in full bloom and not have to worry about the weather.

Walt Hamer
CWRT President

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Minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2014

President Hamer called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. There were 43 members and guests in attendance.

President Hamer asked guests to be introduced. Member, John Purtell, introduced Paul Walker who is a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and author of several books including "Civil War Custer".

President Hamer asked for a motion that the minutes be approved as published in the Buck and Ball. Minutes were approved.

Kay Martin gave the Treasurer's report for March. The income was \$1,973.50. The expenses were \$34.80. The monthly ending cash balance was \$3,071.26. The Savings Account amount is \$5,003.66. Total Fiscal Assets as of March 12, 2014 was \$8,074.92. Report was approved by the membership.

Ted Hillmer, the Superintendent of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, reported and discussed the following:

- Arts in the Park flyers are available to distribute to businesses.
- The first Arts in the Park concert is with College of the Ozarks Orchestra on May 3. There will be 6 concerts this year and all are free.
- The Ray House Jamboree is June 7 with music and barbeque dinner. There will be an admission fee with proceeds supporting the Foundation's proposed activities
- Volunteers sign-up for training was Saturday, March 8.
- The exhibits from Dr. Sweeney's collection will be open in July.
- Island Mound State Park's film will be showing at 6:00 p.m. on March 18 at Bass Pro. It is a 20 minute film showing the first battle with African Americans.

Member, Jim Scaminaci, announced that calendars are available for those that have paid dues. The membership list with 7 new members joining at the meeting totals 67.

Member, Dan Cunningham, is talking to three banks for fund raising. Famous Dave's Restaurant has agreed to provide the CWRTTO with a gift certificate.

President Hamer thanked the refreshment team for the St. Patrick Day treats.

President Hamer announced that possible trips will be discussed at the next meeting.

Member, Jim Gallion, discussed the opportunity drawing for the evening. The three books are:

- "The Civil War Years" by Paul M. Angle
- "The Civil War" by Clark G. Reynolds
- "Gettysburg Requiem" (The Life and Lost Cause of Confederate Colonel William C. Oates) by Glenn W. LaFantasie

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President Hamer introduced the speaker and topic for the evening. Member, John Purtell, presented Civil War Trivia."

The book give away was conducted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Future Presentations for 2014

May—John Dougan, State Archivist for Missouri—“The Battle of Memphis”

June—Bill Fisher, Historian at Fort Scott National Historic Site—“Using Censuses to Quantify Local Effects of the Civil War”

July—Dr. Tim Smith, Historian—“Battle of Champion Hill”

August—Bruce Nichols, author—“Guerrilla Warfare in Missouri”

September—Pam Sanfilippo, Historian Ulysses S Grant National Historic Site

October

November—Virginia Dyer, Park Ranger Pea Ridge National Military Park

December—Annual Christmas dinner