



# Buck and Ball

Official Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks  
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## Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 12 at 6:30 pm at the Library  
Center, 4653 South Campbell

Final Fundraiser for 2012 at our December meeting!

Our last get together of the year should be an enjoyable one. The Holidays are rapidly approaching and besides the Turkey and Ham dinner and social discussion we have some more incentives.

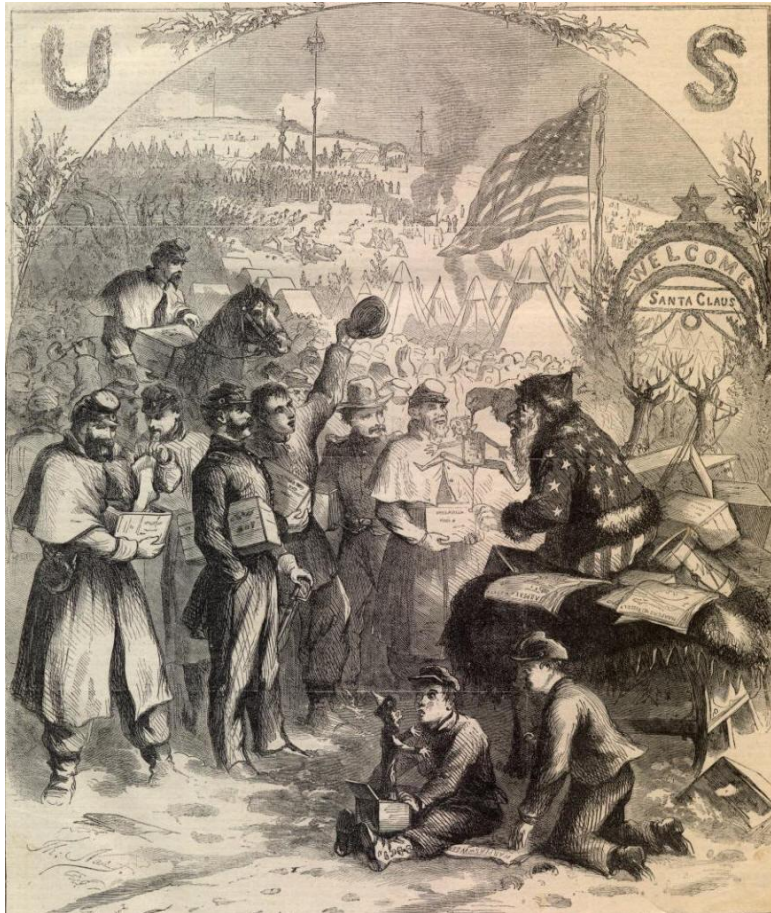
At least 10 restaurants have given us over 15 door prizes for meal discounts. Everyone will have an opportunity to win, members and guests.

In conjunction with all activity, we have a huge selection of CW related books at bargain prices along with the remaining gifts donated by Alice Richardson. Alice is planning to fly from Oregon to be with us that evening.

If time permits, Bill Piston will give a presentation of the emotional story of "The Big Parade". The Grand Review of the Eastern and Western armies through Washington D.C. shortly after the war. A great story you will enjoy. Come and bring a guest who enjoys history.

## Our December Program

Our December Program is a series of treats. First, we will gather to celebrate the season with an end-of-the year banquet, featuring ham, turkey, and beverages provided by the Round Table, plus additional food from our membership. **Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.** I need to correct an error I made at our last meeting. There will be no charge for anyone attending the meal. We are also making December a major fundraiser, and will have a number of donated items for sale, including a large selection of Civil War books. On top of that, we will have door prizes, featuring free or discount meals at local restaurants. In place of a speaker, we will have a true round table discussion of Civil War topics, where members can share their views and interests. Time permitting, we will also have a brief presentation regarding the Big Parade, the victory celebration which took place in Washington DC in 1864.



PS: I can't let Christmas go by without inserting a historical note. In the *Harper's Weekly* illustration above, note how different St. Nicholas appears from modern imagery. By placing Santa in a star-spangled coat and striped trousers, the artist appears to be making a highly partisan suggestion regarding who has been naughty and who has been nice. I guess poor Jeff Davis gets a lump of coal. I haven't found a corresponding pro-Confederate Christmas illustration, but they must have existed.

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## President's Message for December 2012

Our most important order of business in December is the election of officers for 2013, according to the provisions of our by-laws:

### ARTICLE VI. *OFFICERS*

- At the December meeting of each year, the Round Table shall elect from among its membership a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Member-at-Large for the Board of Directors. Officers shall serve one-year terms of office commencing January 1<sup>st</sup> and may be re-elected. All officers with the exception of the Member-at-Large may serve a maximum of two consecutive full terms of the same office, without a limit of non-consecutive terms. The Member-at-Large may serve a maximum of one consecutive full term, without a limit of non-consecutive terms.
- Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership in attendance at the meeting in December.

All dues-paid members are eligible to vote and hold office, which makes this a good time to remind you to pay your dues for 2013: \$20/person or \$30/couple.

As the year ends, I offer my deepest thanks to this year's board members and staff for their dedication and service: Vice President Dan Cunningham; Secretary Steve Buffat; Treasurer Rick Quinn; Member-at-Large Herb Primrose; Membership Chair Walter Hamer; Webmaster John Rutherford; *Buck & Ball Editor* Michael Price; Refreshments chair Nancy Piston; Wilson's Creek liaison and past president Ted Hillmer; and Fundraising chairs Jim and Dori Scaminaci. It has been a pleasure working with you.

Nancy joins me in expressing Season's Greetings and best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Bill Piston  
President, CWRT Ozarks

## **Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks**

### **Minutes of the meeting of 14 November 2012**

President Bill Piston called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. President Piston welcomed those visiting and asked them to stand and introduce themselves. No visitors were present. There were thirty four members in attendance. The minutes for the October 2012 meeting were published in the November issue of the Buck & Ball. The minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer, Richard Quinn, reported the beginning balance of \$1026.40. The income from last meeting was \$257.85. There were no expenses from last meeting. The monthly ending cash balance was \$1284.25. Money market amount reported as \$5278.33. Total Fiscal Assets as of November 6, 2012 was \$6562.58. The treasurer's report was approved by the membership.

Jim Scaminaci reported on the fund raising activities. At the December meeting, there will be at least twelve door prizes that will be given out. He reported that both Great Southern Bank and Commercial Bank have agreed to a \$500 contribution to support the organization.

Ted Hillmer, the Superintendent of Wilson's Creek, provided the following report:

- Flyers are available for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Illumination Display at the park, Saturday, December 8, 2012. He encouraged everyone to pick some up and distribute around the community. He mentioned the park can always use more volunteers to set up the luminaries.
- The 2013 calendar will be done by the 27<sup>th</sup> of November.
- Discussed the recent issue with the burglar at the park. The park has the remains of the soldier. They will be reinterred in the Springfield National Cemetery on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013. A special event is being planned that will include re-enactors for the ceremony.
- On May 20, 2013, there will be a land dedication fund raiser to raise \$150k for the Judge Keith property (sixty acres) and the additional ten acres behind the Ray House.
- January 8-13 is a Battle of Springfield 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event commemorating the historic events that took place in 1863.

Don Acres made the suggestion to have some sort of an event to gather donated artifacts from the community that has a connection with Wilsons Creek National Battlefield.

President Piston discussed the December meeting. The information about the meeting will appear in the December issue of the Buck and Ball. The Round Table will bring the meat and drinks. Members are asked to bring a dish. There will be items and books for sale. There will also be a round table discussion lead by President Piston.

Member John Rutherford provided further details on the 1863 Battle of Springfield: Marmaduke's Raid and the events that will take place commemorating the historic battle during January 8-13. He provided everyone with a current copy of "*Bookends*" from the Library Center describing the upcoming events.

President Piston discussed the opportunity drawing for this evening. Due to the nature of the evening's talks, there was only one book for the drawing:

- *Kentucky and Missouri – Confederate Military History*, edited by Clement A. Evans.

Vice President, Dan Cunningham will continue to bring medallions and lapel pins to sell. Medallions are \$5.00 down from \$10.00 and lapel pins are \$1.00 down from \$4.00.

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President Piston mentioned that elections for 2013 officers will be held in December. He reviewed the bylaws for the election and encouraged all to participate.

The program for the evening was a Civil War Authors Forum. Instead of an individual speaker, local authors of several recent works on the Civil War in the Ozarks were given an opportunity to share their scholarship with the members. The featured works and authors were:

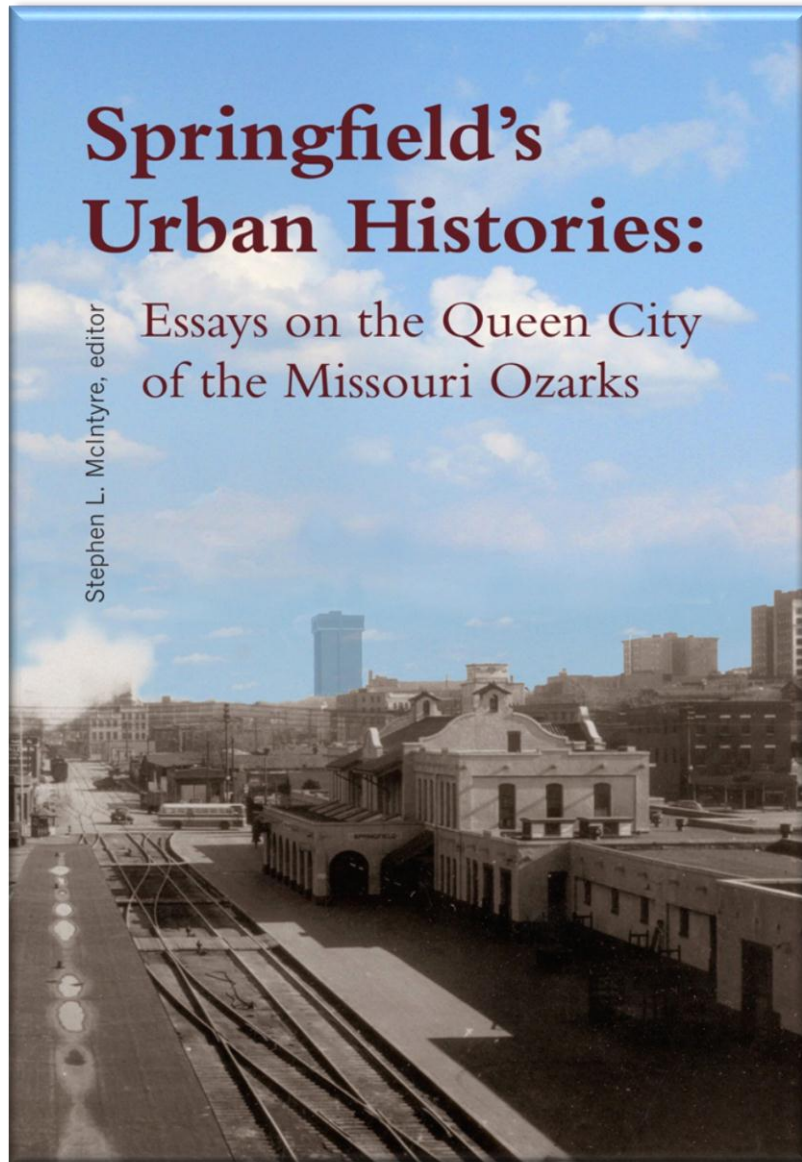
- *Wilson's Creek National Battlefield: Civil War Collection*, by Anita L. Roberts and Savannah G. Roberts
- *Civil War Springfield*, by Larry Wood
- *"A Scene of Horrors": A Medical and Surgical History of the Battle of Wilson's Creek*, by Kip Lindberg and Thomas P. Sweeney, M.D. Neither Kip nor Tom could attend so Ted Hilmer discussed their book.
- "Quinine and Courage; the Battle of Springfield, January 8, 1863," by William Piston and John Rutherford, in *Springfield's Urban Histories*, ed. by Stephen McIntyre

The book opportunity drawing was held. Walt Hamer won the book.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Stephen J. Buffat  
Secretary  
Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks

**Forthcoming November 2012**  
from  
**Moon City Press**



Includes “Quinine and Courage: The Battle of Springfield, January 8, 1863,” by  
CWRT Ozarks members Bill Piston and John Rutherford.

Details on ordering copies are forthcoming.

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