

# Buck and Ball

Official Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks www.cwrto.com December 2016

### **Next Meeting**

Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield.

Come join us as we hold our annual Christmas Dinner meeting. We will eat a meal, enjoy some social time together, and most importantly elect our new leadership for 2017!

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### **President's Message**

It's beginning to look and feel a lot like Christmas and I am sure that all of us are getting into a holiday mood. I find our Christmas dinner together at Wilson's Creek is a fun and entertaining time. I look forward to it each year. The meeting marks the changing of the guard as officers and directors finish their terms of service and new leaders are elected for the coming year.

As the year of being president of this wonderful organization comes to a close, I want to say thank you to all the people who have faithfully served and worked with me. I believe that we had a good year and it was made possible by our directors and staff. I appreciate the work of our vice-president Walter Cowart who moderated the meetings for me when I had to be gone.

I have appreciated the accuracy and details of the minutes kept for our meetings this year and want to give accolades to John Kinsley for faithfully filling the position as our secretary. Thank you also to Janet Sing, who carefully and accurately maintained the financial records of our round table, and made my life a lot less stress free!!

Jim Scaminaci gave us gung-ho efforts at obtaining new members for the round table and I just want him to know that I appreciate his efforts. And a big thank you to three ladies who each month prepared outstanding refreshments: Karen Hamer, Norma Clinton, and Jacquie Faenger.

I do appreciate that my predecessor, O.K. Armstrong, serving as past president—he always had helpful comments at our meetings. Dan Cunningham has worked hard to help provide the serious money we need to do the work as a round table here in the Ozarks, and he has served as our Member at Large.

Thanks to Dr. Bill Piston for helping me plan programs and managing our book raffle every month. Also thanks to Ted Hillmer for keeping us informed of all the interesting things taking place at the battlefield.

My sincere thanks go to Jacob Scott for doing such a great job as the editor for the Buck and Ball. I know personally how much time this job takes and I am very grateful for his efforts.

I am looking forward to sharing some turkey and ham with you at our meeting on Wednesday, December 14th at the Wilson's Creek Battlefield at 5 p.m. We will elect our new officers, so be thinking about how you can serve!!. Sounds like an interesting and fun time. See you there!

Connie Langum
President, CWRTO

#### **Upcoming Presentations for 2016**

December- Annual Christmas Meeting

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

Minutes of the Meeting 11/9/16

Meeting called to order by President Connie Langum. Invocation given by Stubby Kyle followed by the Pledge to the Flag. Introduction of visitors. Minutes of Oct. meeting approved in the Buck and Ball. Treasurer's report by Treasurer Janet Sing. Fund raising report by Dan Cunningham. Membership report by Jim Scaminaci ending the yearwith 87 members.

Connie reported on the Christmas banquet to be held at Wilson's Creek Visitor Center starting at 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 14. She also reminded members of the program at Wilson's Creek Battlefield on Saturday, Nov. 12 at 10:00 in honor of the flags that have been preserved and returned to the museum.

Ted Hilmer spoke on activities at Wilson's Creek:

Sat. Nov. 12 A tribute to veteran's from the Revolutionary War through the Iraq and Afghanistan wars will be held at the Visitor's Center with reinactors in period uniforms.

Dec. 3 The volunteer banquet at the Visitor's Center.

Dec. 10 The Wilson Creek National Battlefield will present the thirteenth annual memorial Luminary driving tour from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Free admission.

The 2017 calendars will be available at the meeting on Dec. 14.

Dr. Piston reported on the books available for the raffle.

Connie reported that the officer election for 2017 will be at the Dec. 14 meeting.

Hal Funk will be presenting a program on the life of George Armstrong Custer on Nov. 15 at the Library Center beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Connie introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Brian Cutchen, who is the present superintendent at Ft. Donelson National Battlefield. He showed a new film on the history of the Dover Hotel and then gave an interesting presentation about the Battle of Ft. Donelson which included pictures of the development of the battlefield for historical purposes. Ft. Donelson became a national park in 1928.

Meeting adjourned by President Connie Langum.

Respectfully Submitted,

John D. Kinsley, CWRTO Secretary

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Steak and Shake	Famous Dave's BBQ			



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2016 Couple's Membership	\$35.00 🗖
2016 Individual Membership	\$25.00 🗖
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## **Coffee Table Book Sale**

Just in Time for Christmas

At our December meeting we will offer for sale a number of coffee table books donated by the late Ralph Thaemlitz. All are in "good" to "mint" condition, suitable for Christmas presents; none is priced higher than ten dollars. They will go on a first-come basis.

We accept cash and checks.