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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Civil War Round Table of
the Ozarks

Wednesday, February 8th 6:30pm

at

The Library Center

Reconstruction: The Uncivil End to the Civil War.

We remember our Civil War through battlefields and cemeteries, reenactments and Round Tables, but what about Reconstruction? It lasted longer than the war, and has its own set of issues and controversies, heroes and villains. Yet it is not part of our popular culture and has largely escaped popular memory. For our February program CWRT Ozarks member Bill Piston, historian at Missouri State University, will present an overview of this often overlooked and neglected aspect of the Civil War's legacy.

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President's Message

Here it is already February and we are having our second meeting of 2017. I am so honored that you elected me to serve as President again this year. I promise to give it my best efforts!

February is rich in important birthdays—George Washington and Abraham Lincoln top that list in our nation's history. But several members of my family have birthdays in February and I am certain there are members of our group that have February birthdays as well. Since we are a Civil War Round Table I thought I would dispel a couple of common myths about Abraham Lincoln—(thanks to the President Lincoln's Cottage Blog for the info).

--Lincoln Owned slaves—this is one that simply is not true. Lincoln did not own slaves, nor did his father. Some of his wife Mary's relatives in Kentucky did own slaves, but Lincoln can hardly be held accountable for something his wife's relatives did before he even knew her.

--Lincoln was depressed—There is new scholarship on this topic (see Lincoln's Melancholy) but it is still debated. Many people point to the obvious signs of aging and stress on Lincoln's face over the course of the war to show how he changed physically as a result of that stress. Even I know that depression and stress is not the same thing. Look at pictures of our recent presidents before they took office and after they leave—the job of leading this nation certainly takes its toll.

--Lincoln did not want to issue the Emancipation Proclamation; he was forced to do it. (this one make me laugh) Though he did not believe he had the authority to issue a proclamation of emancipation at first, and was uncertain about whether issuing it would hurt the Union cause or strengthen it, the decision was his. He stated that his "whole soul is in it"—pretty much sums it up for me.

Thank you to Walter Cowart, Janet Sing, John Kinsley, and Stubby Kyle for serving as officers this year—I look forward to working with you all. A big thank you goes to Dan Cunningham for continuing to work on our fundraising efforts, and to Jim Scaminaci for continuing as our Membership Chairman. And of course thank you to the wonderful ladies who make delicious snacks for us each month—don't forget to make a contribution to that cause. If you haven't paid your dues for 2016 please be sure to do so and invite a friend to not only come to our meetings but to join our organization as well
I hope to see everyone on the 8th!!

Connie Langum
President, CWRTO

Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks

Meeting 1-11-2017

Meeting called to order by President Connie Langum.

Invocation by Stubby Kyle followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Minutes of previous meeting as written in the Buck & Ball were approved.

Connie went over the election of officers for 2017 and thanked everyone for serving.

Treasurers report by Janet Sing.

Dan Cunningham reminded members to thank managers of the restaurants who provide the CWRTTO with gift certificates.

Jim Scaminaci gave a membership report with 32 paid members for 2017.

Ted Hilmer spoke concerning activities at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield.

A Senior Park passes are going up from \$10 to \$80. These are lifetime passes for seniors ages 62 and above.

B. Four "Concerts in the Park" have been scheduled in May, 2017.

C. New Wilson's Creek Battlefield calendar is available. CWRTTO members receive one with payment of 2017 dues.

D. Dr. Piston reported on the books being raffled. \$100 was raised.

Connie introduced Michael Price from the Greene County Library Center who presented a most interesting program on the history of the creation of the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Kinsley, Secretary CWRTTO

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