

## Buck and Ball

Official Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks www.cwrto.com March 2013

2013 Executive Officers

**President** 

Dan Cunningham

Vice President

Past President

William G. Piston

**Treasurer** 

At Large Member

Herb Primrose

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation Liaison

Ted Hilmer, Jr.

**Secretary** 

Sue Fuller

**Buck and Ball Editor** 

Michael Price

Refreshments

Nancy Piston

Website

John and Clara Rutherford

Membership Chairman

Walt Hamer

**Fundraiser** 

Jim Scamanici

# **Next Meeting**

Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library Center, 4653 South Campbell.

True Veterans and Tried": The 14th Iowa Infantry at the Battle of Pilot Knob

Todd Wilkinson is a librarian and adjunct history instructor at Ozarks Technical Community College in Springfield, Missouri. He also is a per-course instructor in Civil War and Frontier history at Drury University, and has taught Military History, American & World history at Missouri State University. He received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in History from Missouri State. From 1999 to 2009, he worked as a seasonal park ranger at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. He has also worked as a local history and genealogy librarian for the Springfield-Greene County Public Library. Todd, his wife Page and their two children Shannon and Nicholas reside in Springfield.



A great-great grandson of 1st Lt. William I. Williamson, Co. F, 11th Iowa Infantry, he is past camp commander of Phelps Camp No. 66, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Commander of the Missouri Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. He is also active in a number of Scottish heritage & cultural organizations. Todd's talk, "'True Veterans and Tried': The 14th Iowa Infantry at the Battle of Pilot Knob," is an examination of the 1864 Battle of Pilot Knob/Ft. Davidson, Missouri, through the eyes of the officers and men of the 14th Iowa Infantry, who played a decisive role in the Federal victory against General Sterling Price's forces.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED TRIVIA OF THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION

FACT # 6: THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION CHANGED THE FOCUS OF THE WAR. UP UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1862, THE MAIN FOCUS OF THE WAR HAD BEEN TO PRESERVE THE UNION. WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION FOR SLAVES NOW BECAME A LIGITIMATE WAR AIM.

FACT # 7: THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION HELPED PREVENT THE INVOLVEMENT OF FOREIGN NATIONS IN THE CIVIL WAR. BRITAIN AND FRANCE HAD CONSIDERED SUPPORTING THE CONFEDERACY IN ORDER TO EXPAND THEIR INFLUENCE IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. HOWEVER, MANY EUROPEANS WERE AGAINST SLAVERY. ALTHOUGH SOME IN THE UNITED KINGDOM SAW THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION AS OVERLY LIMITED AND RECKLESS, LINCOLN'S DIRECTIVE REINFORCED THE SHIFT OF THE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL MOOD AGAINST INTERVENTION WHILE THE UNION VICTORY AT ANTIETAN FURTHER DISTURBED THOSE WHO DIDN'T WANT TO INTERVENE ON THE SIDE OF A LOST CAUSE.

FACT # 8 THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION PAVED THE WAY FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN TO FIGHT FOR THEIR FREEDOM. LINCOLN DECLARED IN THE PROCLAMATION THAT AFRICAN-AMERICAN OF "SUITABLE CONDITION, WOULD BE RECEIVED INTO THE ARMED SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES." FIVE MONTHS AFTER THE PROCLAMATION TOOK EFFECT; THE WAR DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES ISSUED GENERAL ORDER NO. 143, ESTABLISHING THE UNITED STATES COLORED TROOPS (USCT). BY THE END OF THE WAR OVER 200,000 AFRICAN-AMERICANS WOULD SERVE IN THE UNION ARMY AND NAVY.

FACT # 9: THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION LED THE WAY TO TOTAL ABOLITION OF SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES. WITH THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION, THE AIM OF THE WAR CHANGED TO INCLUDE THE FREEING OF SLAVES IN ADDITION TO PRESERVING THE UNION. ALTHOUGH THE PROCLAMATION INITIALLY FREED ONLY THE SLAVES IN THE REBELLIOUS STATES, BY THE END OF THE WAR THE PROCLAMATION HAD INFLUENCED AND PREPARED CITIZENS TO ADVOCATE AND ACCEPT ABOLITION FOR ALL SLAVES IN BOTH THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH. THE  $13^{\rm TH}$  AMENDMENT, WHICH ABOLISHED SLAVEY IN THE UNITED STATES, WAS PASSED ON DECEMBER  $6^{\rm TH}$ , 1865.

Civil War Roundtable of the Ozarks P.O. Box 3451 Springfield, Mo. 65808

www.cwrto.com

Charitable Organization

An IRS 501 (c) (3)

Meeting Continuously Since 1960

3

FACT # 10 LINCOLN CONSIDERED THE EP THE CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT OF HIS PRESIDENCY. HERALDED AS THE SAVIOR OF THE UNION, PRESIDENT LINCOLN CONSIDERED THE EP TO BE THE MOST ASPECT OF HIS LEGACY. "I NEVER, IN MY LIFE, FELT MORE CERTAIN THAT I WAS DOING RIGHT, THAN I DO IN SIGNING THIS PAPER,". HE DECLARED, "IF MY NAME EVER GOES INTO HISTORY IT WILL BE FOR THIS ACT, AND MY WHOLE IS IN IT".

#### Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks

Treasury Report February 13, 2013

#### Income:

Membership	\$30
Purchase of Donation	\$10
Total	\$40

#### Expenses:

Klein Hotel	\$66.65
Board Meeting	\$19.44
Envelopes and Paper	\$69.29
Total	\$155.38

Operating Cash Balance	\$2579.78
Money Market	\$5002.15
Total Fiscal Asset	\$7581.93

#### Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks Minutes of the meeting 13 of February 2013

President Dan Cunningham called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. There were 49 people in attendance. President Cunningham welcomed those visiting. There were no minutes for January since the Civil War Round Table partnered with the Library to bring Fritz Klein as Lincoln to Springfield as part of the Battle of Springfield events in January.

The Treasury Report for January was accepted by the membership as reported in the Buck and Ball.

President Cunningham announced that the Civil Round Table of the Ozarks still did not have a Treasurer, Vice President, and Program Chair Person for 2013 and asked if anyone was interested.

V. Kay Martin was nominated and approved by the membership for Treasurer.

President Cunningham announced that the Civil War Round Table of the Ozark's status as a 301(c) non-tax organization had been approved by the state of Missouri for 2013.

#### Reports:

Ted Hillmer, the Superintendent of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, gave a report. He reported and discussed the following:

- Volunteer group training will be March 8, 2013. Training is for those volunteering at the park to help with tours, etc. Those interested in volunteering can contact Dave Hudson, Volunteer Coordinator at the park.
- The Library will be having another week of sessions on the Civil War in July similar to the sessions in January, 2013. It will be the second week of July to combine with the Civil War Round Table of the Ozark monthly meeting. Information will be included in the Bookends publication from the Library.
- Budgets cuts from the Federal Government will affect the programs at the park. Budget cuts will be approximately 8% of the overall budget to the park.
- The remains found at the park will hopefully be buried in the National Cemetery in Springfield. The archaeologist has identified the remains as a confederate soldier. The grave side ceremony is scheduled for May 4, 2013.
- Arts in the Park will be coming up in May and Ted is hoping the Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks will help with funds for the musicians.
- The meeting night for the Civil Round Table of the Ozarks was left off of the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield calendar for 2013. Those members paying dues for 2013 receive a calendar and stickers are provided for the Civil War Round Table meeting night to be placed on the second Wednesday of each month.

Treasury report for February: The income was \$40.00. The expenses were \$155.38. The monthly ending cash balance was \$2579.78. Money market amount is \$5002.15. Total Fiscal Assets as of February 13, 2013 was \$7581.93.

Membership report: The list of paid members for 2013 was published in the Buck and Ball. Member, Howell Funk, asked for the list of paid 2012 members so those individuals could be contacted. President Cunningham indicated that the list would be in the next Buck and Ball.

Fund Raising report: Jim Scaminaci reported that funds of \$2300 were raised in 2011, \$1970 in 2012, and \$1000 has been raised to date for 2013. Great Southern Bank and Commerce Bank have been donators since 2007.

Dori Scaminaci announced that member Carol Lee's husband passed away and a sheet was circulated for members to sign expressing sympathy to be given to Carol.

Dori Scaminaci asked the membership if they were interested in another opportunity drawing for a quilt to be donated as a fund raiser. The Civil Round Table of the Ozarks has done this in the past as a fund raiser. The opportunity drawing for a quilt was voted on and pasted by the membership.

Past President Bill Piston discussed future speakers:

- March speaker will be Todd Williamson (member and teacher at OTC). Topic will be about the 14<sup>th</sup> Iowa infantry
- May speaker will be Professor Jessica Cannon from Central Missouri State. Topic will be about Antietam
- Possible other future speakers include Matt Matthews, Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, and John Bradbury, Archivist with Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Past President Bill Piston discussed the opportunity drawing for the evening. There were 3 books for the drawing.

President Cunningham announced that member, Dudley Martin, had volunteered to be Vice President. Member, Dudley Martin, was nominated and approved by the membership for Vice President.

----Break-----

After the break, President Cunningham introduced the speaker and topic for the evening. Speaker and member, Bill Piston presented "The Big Parade" - Grand Review of the Armies of the US – May 23, 1865. Speaker and member, Bill Piston, answered questions from the membership.

The book opportunity drawing was held

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Sue Fuller (Secretary)
Civil War Round Table of the Ozark



## Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks

P.O. Box 3451, Springfield, MO. 65808-3451 "Meeting Continuously since 1960"



## Membership Form (2013)

Date:	<u> </u>	New member	F	Renewal
No changes to address/phone/email,	check this box.			
Name:				
Address				
City:				
Zip:				
Home/cell/work telephone: Email address:			_	
Yearly Dues	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr.	2ndQtr.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr.	4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr.
Individual	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
Individual/Spouse	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$20.00
Full Time Student	\$10.00	\$ 7.50	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.50
Please bring this form to the nex	xt meeting or ma	il it with your d	ues to:	
CWRT of the Ozarks P.O. Box 3451 Springfield, MO, 65808-3451				

### Civil War Book Discussion Group At The Library Center

Monday March 25 at 7:00 P.M. in Meeting Room A, Mary Chestnut's Diary by Mary Chestnut.

Monday May 20 at 7:00 P.M. in Meeting Room A, *Lee's Tarnished Lieutenant: James Longstreet and His Place in Southern History* by William G. Piston. Dr. Piston will join us as we discuss his book

Monday July 22 at 7:00 P.M. in Meeting Room A, *Beneath A Northern Sky: A Short History of the Gettysburg Campaign* by Steven Woodworth.

Monday September 30 at 6:30 P.M. A screening of *The Red Badge of Courage* starring Audie Murphy, the most decorated American soldier of World War II. **Please note, this meeting will begin at 6:30 P.M. in the Auditorium!** 

Monday November 18 at 7:00 P.M. in Meeting Room A, The Union War by Gary Gallagher.

All of these books are available for check out from the Springfield-Greene County Library.