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Next Meeting

The Next Meeting of the Civil War Round Table of the
Ozarks:

Wednesday, May 11th, 2016

6:30pm

Library Center

Springfield, Missouri

Our featured speaker will be Dr. David Dalton, College of
the Ozarks; and his presentation entitled "How Firm a
Foundation? The Denominational Schisms as a Prelude to
War"

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President's Message

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. Over two dozen cities and towns claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day. While Waterloo New York was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon B. Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day.

One thing is abundantly clear about Memorial Day—it was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor our dead. In the Spring of 1866, the Ladies Memorial Association of Columbus, Georgia passed a resolution to set aside one day annually to memorialize the Confederate dead. The date was selected by Mrs. Elizabeth Rutherford Ellis and she chose April 26, the first anniversary of Confederate General Johnston's final surrender to Union General Sherman.

It was proclaimed on May 5, 1868, by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. In General Order No. 11 Logan stated, "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land." The date of Declaration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

By 1890 it was recognized by all the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day honoring their dead on April 26th. This continued until after World War I, when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war. It is now observed in almost every state on the last Monday in May with Congressional passages of the National Holiday Act of 1971.

This Memorial Day let us all pause and remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Their sacrifice ensured the freedoms that we enjoy today—always remember Freedom is not free!

Connie Langum
President, CWRTO

**Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks
Minutes of the Meeting of April 13, 2016**

Meeting called to order by President Connie Langum.

Invocation by Walt Hamer followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Recognition of visitors.

Minutes of last meeting approved as written.

Copies of the treasury report available on back table.

Membership report given by Jim Scaminaci. We currently have 68 paid members for 2016. Dues for 2016 will be accepted until May 10. After this date all unpaid members will be dropped from membership.

Dan Cunningham reported on fundraising activities. Connie reported on the blacksmith program to be held at the Newtonia Battlefield site in June. CWRTO will have a table at the event.

Ted Hilmer reported on the following activities at Wilson's Creek Battlefield:

National Park Week April 16-24 – free admission with numerous program topics.

Arts in the Park starts April 30 with the College of the Ozarks performing.

June 4th is the Ray House Jamboree sponsored by the Wilson's Creek Foundation.

The Springfield Cardinals will recognize the NPS and the Wilson's Creek Battlefield for the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service.

A naturalization ceremony for new citizens will be at the Battlefield on the 100th anniversary of the NPS Aug. 25.

Dr. Piston discussed the books available for the book raffle.

Dr. Piston introduced our speaker for the evening, Paul D. Walker. Mr. Walker's topic for the evening was the life of Adolphus Washington Greely as a military leader during and after the Civil War and his contribution to scientific explorations.

Meeting adjourned by President Connie Langum.

Respectfully Submitted,

John D. Kinsley, Secretary, CWRTO

Tentative Presentations for 2016

May- Dr. David Dalton, College of the Ozarks; “How Firm a Foundation? The Denominational Schisms as a Prelude to War”

June- Show and Tell

The rest of the year’s programs are under construction!!!

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