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

Wednesday, November 14 at 6:30 pm at the Library Center, 4653  
South Campbell

### Our November Program: A Civil War Authors Forum

Instead of an individual speaker, our November program will provide the authors of several recent works on the Civil War in the Ozarks an opportunity to share their scholarship with us. Come prepared to buy copies of their works and get them autographed.

The featured works and authors are:

- *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.
- "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

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A documentary film maker and author, Anita Roberts holds a degree in history from Missouri State University. She is an associate historian at the Springfield-Greene County Library District. Her daughter Savannah, a graphic artist, is completing an International Baccalaureate Program at the secondary level in Springfield. Anita is also the author of *Springfield, 1830-1930*.

Fair Grove native Larry Wood is a retired public school teacher. His numerous articles have appeared in *America's Civil War*, *Blue and Gray*, *Missouri Historical Review*, and other publications. His previous works include *The Two Civil War Battles of Newtonia* and *Wicked Joplin*. Wood received his BA and MA degrees from Missouri State University and now lives in Joplin with his wife, Gigi.

Kip Lindberg is the author of several articles on the Civil War, including seminal studies of the Kansas Redlegs and the Battle of Lone Jack. He holds a degree from Drury University and is the former site superintendent of the Mine Creek Battlefield State Historic Site. He is currently the director of the U.S. Army Chemical Corps Museum at Fort Leonard Wood.

Thomas P. Sweeney, M.D., is a retired physician, St. Louis native, and lifelong student of the Civil War. He and his wife Karen are the former owners and proprietors General Sweeney's museum, the premier collection of Civil War artifacts relating to the Trans-Mississippi. The collection is now part of the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. Sweeney is co-author of *Portraits of Conflict: A Photographic History of Missouri in the Civil War*.

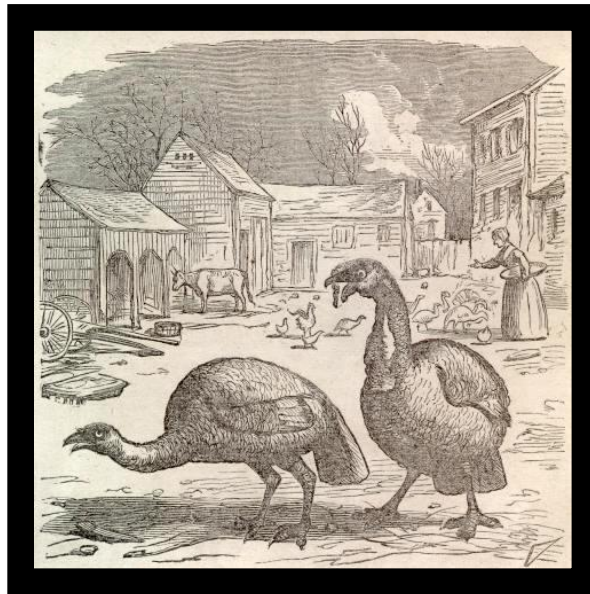
John C. Rutherford, a local history associate at the Springfield-Greene County Library, is a past Missouri state department commander of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and past president of the Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks. He has published a number of articles about Springfield history. His grandmother first sparked his interest in American Civil War history when she described a flag which her great-grandmother had made for her great-grandfather's Civil War unit.

William Piston teaches in the Department of History at Missouri State University and is the author of several Civil War publications, including most recently *A Rough Business: Fighting the Civil War in Missouri*, an anthology of articles from the *Missouri Historical Review*. He and John Rutherford are expanding their article on the Battle of Springfield into a fuller study of John S. Marmaduke's January 1863 Missouri raid.

**President's Message for November 5, 2012**

Official and unofficial days of thanksgiving already had a long history by the time of the Civil War, but the tradition was strengthened by President Abraham Lincoln's October 3, 1863, proclamation setting aside the last Thursday in November for giving thanks. The message ended with Lincoln's plea for "the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility, and union."

As shopping malls throughout American prepare for one of the busiest periods of the year, it is sobering to contrast Lincoln's heartfelt words with our current commercialization of Thanksgiving. But it is also worth remembering that even amid the unprecedented destruction wrought by civil war, some Americans treated the Thanksgiving holiday with humor. The November 29, 1862, issue of *Harper's Weekly* printed the cartoon below, with its knee-slapping (?) caption:



*About Thanksgiving-Time*

*Mr. Gobbler: "Ain't you going to eat anything?"*

*Mrs. Gobbler: "No, I ain't going to fatten myself up for other people's benefit."*

*Mr. Gobbler: "Why you fool, you're only injuring yourself; you'll be sold for 12 cents a pound, that's all. But I see what will be the end of you -- you'll be eaten at a boarding house, that's what you'll come to."*

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Well, maybe it was funny to Lincoln.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours, from Bill & Nancy

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## Upcoming December Elections

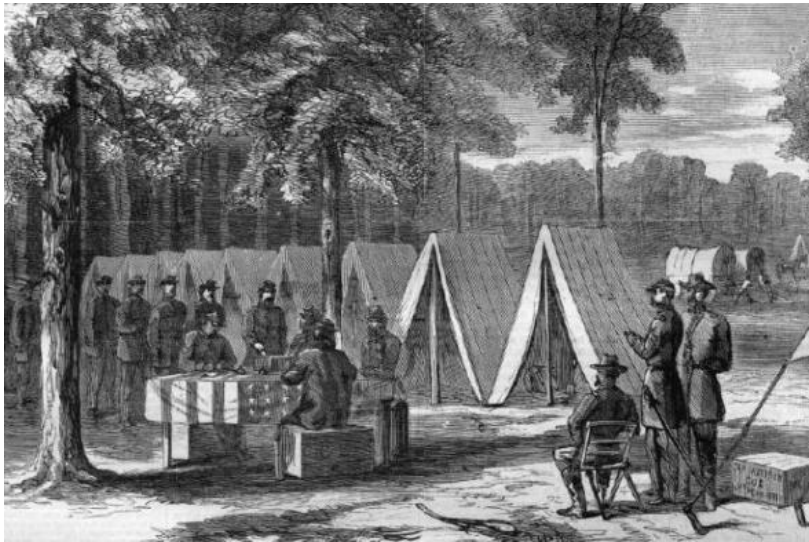
According to our bylaws, the following offices are up for election in December: president; vice president; secretary; treasurer; program chair; and board member at-large. The following candidates are presented for your consideration:

- President: Dan Cunningham
- Vice President: Steve Buffat
- Secretary: Sue Fuller
- Member-at-large: Herb Primrose

No one is currently nominated for the offices of treasurer or program chair.

The following positions are appointed by the board: membership chair; book raffle chair; webmaster; fundraising chair; and *Buck & Ball* editor. Should it please the board elected in December, Walter Hamer has agreed to remain membership chair; Bill Piston to remain book raffle chair; John Rutherford to remain webmaster; Jim and Dori Scaminaci to remain fundraiser co-chairs; and Michael Price to remain *Buck & Ball* editor.

All paid-up members are eligible to vote run for office. If you wish to add to the list of nominees, please contact me.



**Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks**  
**Minutes of the meeting of 10 October 2012**

President Bill Piston called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm. President Piston welcomed those visiting and asked them to stand and introduce themselves. No visitors were present. There were no minutes from September due to the Mid-America Conference on History replacing our regular meeting.

Treasurer, Richard Quinn, reported current cash balance as of October 10, 2012 is \$1026.40. Money market amount reported as \$5278.09. Total fiscal assets are \$6304.49.

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

- Calendar money is due and it was requested that \$150.00 be given for these calendars by the CWRTO
- Springfield Battle markers need to be updated.
- Luminary at the battlefield will be December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Sweeney collection is in boxes now and it is the hope that most of the collection will be brought out by September 13.
- Land purchase price was agreed by Judge Keith's son. There is an additional purchase being investigated behind the Ray House of ten acres.

Fund raising of Alice Richardson's donations was priced at the \$252.85 mark.

Member Don Acres made a point to members to visit the Chrystal Museum in Arkansas, to see the American Art exhibit.

It was announced that the November meeting will be a gathering of authors and their published books including the recent book by Dr. Piston and John Rutherford. Also there will be a fund raiser in the December meeting of books given by a donation from St. Louis. In addition, there will be a CWRTO discussion and door prizes given at the December meeting.

Member, 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. There will be the yearly elections held at the December meeting.

The St. Louis trip was discussed with all that attended having a good time.

Member, Bob Faenger invited everyone to the Veteran's Parade that will be held November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Ulysses S. Grant and Mrs. Grant will also be there.

-----Break-----

After the break, Dr. David Dalton from the College of the Ozarks presented "Confederate

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General Felix Zollicoffer”. Afterwards he answered questions from the membership.

Meeting was adjourned.

Dan Cunningham/Stephen J. Buffat (Secretary)  
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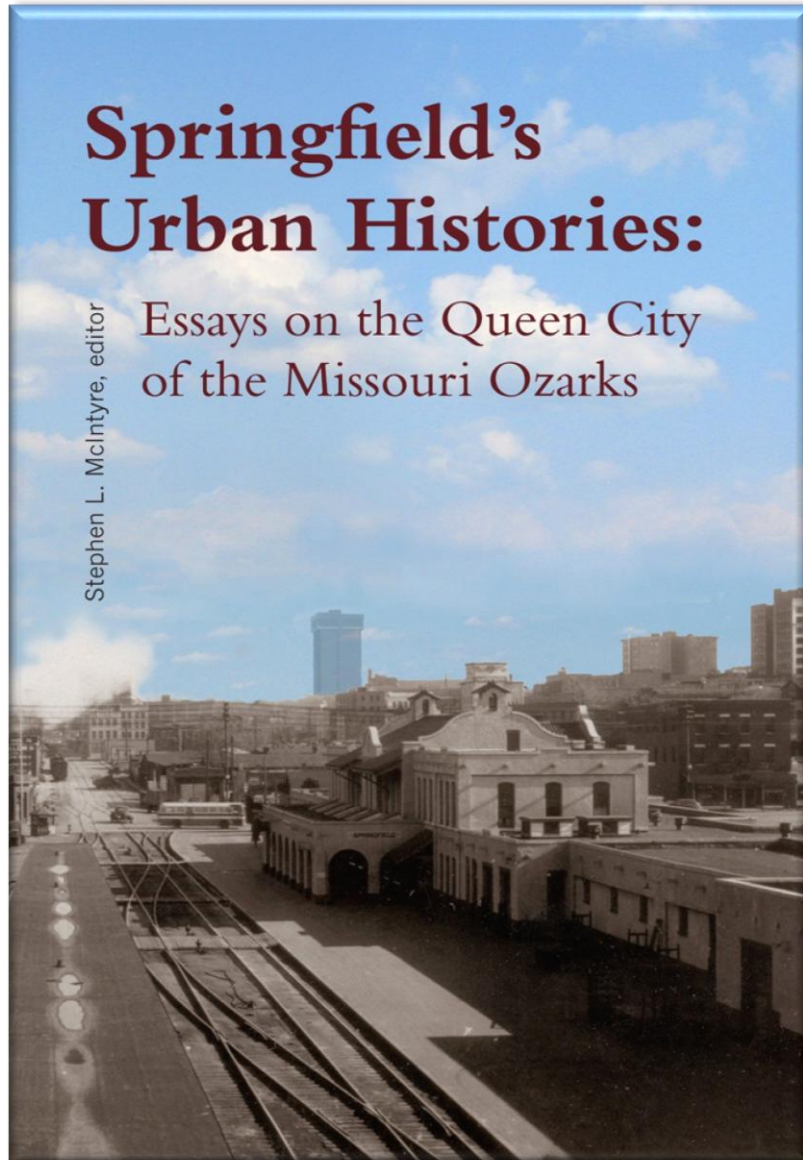
### **CWRTO 2012 Fundraisers**

NEW! The Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks is offering during our Autumn fundraiser one-of-a-kind items for you to enjoy. Suggested donation amounts are listed for each item. Many of these pieces are difficult to find.

For photos and a price list of items available, please visit our web site at  
<http://www.cwrto.com/fundraiser.html>

For more information, or to acquire any of the items listed, please contact CWRTO member Jim Scaminaci at 417-887-7844.

**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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