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Next Meeting

Wednesday, July 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library Center,
4653 South Campbell.



The feature speaker will be Associate Professor of History, Jan Johansson of Rogers State University. Her lecture will be on an interesting subject, Native Americans in the Civil War. Her talk is entitled "Albert C. Elliphorpe, Union Colonel, First Indian Home Guard."

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President's Message

This July the 10th begins our joint effort with the Library Center to bring the 1863 Civil War to events to interested individuals.

It is my hope that each one of the CWRTO members will bring at least one guest so the Civil War of 1863 can be explored.

Our meeting on July 10th 2013 will kickoff the series. The first topic will be presented by Jane Johansson. Associate Professor Johansson will be speaking of Albert C. Ellithorpe, Union Colonel, 1st Indian Home Guard. This series of Civil War topics will be one of the highlights of the Library and the CWRTO Series. There will also be a dandy book sale. I hope you can attend.

Dan Cunningham, President CWRTO

Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks
Minutes of the meeting of June 12, 2013

President Cunningham called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. There were 45 people in attendance.

Reports:

Treasury report for June: As published in the Buck and Ball - The income was \$175.00. The expenses were \$947.45. The monthly ending cash balance was \$2,483.16. The Savings Account amount is \$5,002.78. Total Fiscal Assets as of June 12, 2013 was \$7,485.94. Report was presented to membership. Motion was made for approval and report approved by membership.

Membership report: No membership report.

Ted Hillmer, the Superintendent of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, reported and discussed the following:

- On August 10, 2013, there will be an anniversary ceremony. Of the 163 acres acquired by the Foundation, the Trust purchased 40 acres to transfer to the Park Service.
- The bus tours with the school students has ended
- Attendance in the Park is down some from last year

President Cunningham asked for guests to be introduced.

President Cunningham discussed a trip to the Museum of Art in Columbia, Missouri, to tour the historical art collection. It is a private tour for the Civil War Round Table by Joan Stack on Friday, August 9, 2013. Details will be in the July Buck and Bull.

Fund Raising report: Jim Scaminaci announced that out of the 56 all but eight of the State Coin Bear Collection has sold. The remaining State Bears are on display at tonight's meeting for membership to purchase at \$10.95 each.

Jim Scaminaci discussed the June 14th Flag Day event at the Library Center to thank the four banks and many restaurants that support/donate to the Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks. There will be local media coverage. The entire event will be taped and shown at an upcoming meeting.

Bill Piston discussed the opportunity drawing for the evening. The three books are:

- "The Last Full Measure" by Richard Moe
- "Lincoln in American Memory" by Merrill D. Peterson
- "The Devil Knows How to Ride" by Edward E. Leslie

Bill Piston announced that the speakers/authors, John Bradbury and Lou Werner, have several of their book "Colonel Monk" to sale to the membership.

President Cunningham discussed the July meeting will be during the week of the Library Civil War programs which is open to the public. The Civil War Round Table will have a book sale during the meeting date of July 10. The speaker for the July meeting will be Jan Johansson of Rogers State University.

It was announced that member, Don Akers, is recovering from a concussion.

-----Break-----

After the break, President Cunningham announced that Alice Richardson was visiting and has donated over \$1300 to the Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks.

One of the guests made an announcement regarding the World War II symposium on September 29, 2013 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Details will be in the "Bookends" - the Library publication.

Bill Piston introduced the speakers and topic for the evening. John Bradbury and Lou Werner presented "*William Monks, Union Anti-Guerrilla Fighter*" and answered questioned from the membership.

The book opportunity drawing was held

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield News Release

July 3, 2013

For Immediate Release

Contact: Angela Pirotte @ 417-732-2662, ext 221

Special Presentation: Missourians Who Fought at Vicksburg

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield is honored to present a talk on the significance of the Battle of Vicksburg to the Trans-Mississippi Theater of the Civil War.

National Park Service employee Mr. Daniel "Jake" Koch, Park Guide at Vicksburg National Military Park, is scheduled to speak at 1:00 p.m., on Saturday, July 13th, on "The Missourians who fought at the battle for Vicksburg". The presentation will held in the multi-purpose room located in the Visitor's Center.

According to Superintendent Hillmer, "The commemoration of the Sesquicentennial of the Battle of Vicksburg took place in May, this year, with great enthusiasm. Mr. Koch will bring that excitement as he talks about the significance, bravery, and sacrifice of the Missouri soldiers, who fought on both sides, in his presentation. Mr. Koch is an example of the next generation of park employees that will keep the spirit of the National Park Service alive for the next generation. Please mark your calendars to attend this special presentation at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield."

Mr. Koch is a graduate of Capital University, with a BS in History, and has a MS in History from East Tennessee State University. He and his wife live in Vicksburg, MS, where Jake has been stationed since graduating from ETSU. This presentation will discuss how the battle of Vicksburg was determined to be a turning point in the American Civil War over 150 years ago.

Administered by the National Park Service, Wilson's Creek National Battlefield preserves the site of the first major battle of the Civil War in the West, site where the first Union general was killed in the Civil War and evokes the rural character experienced by the combatants. Wilson's Creek is located 10 miles southwest of Springfield, Missouri, at the intersection of Highway ZZ and Farm Road 182. To receive more information call (417)732-2662.

Turning Points: The American Civil War in 1863

All events will be held at the Library Center. Special thanks to Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, Friends of the Library, The Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks, Phelps Camp No. 66, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation, The Library Foundation, and Newtonia Battlefields Protection Association.

Wednesday, July 10, 2013

- **Civil War Round Table presents "Albert C. Ellithorpe, Union Colonel 1st Indian Home Guards"**
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the auditorium for adults.
Union Colonel Albert C. Ellithorpe served in the 1st Indian Home Guards Regiment, a tri-racial unit comprised of whites, refugee Creek and Seminole Indians, and African-Americans. Learn about the nature of warfare in the Trans-Mississippi Theater and the role of Indian troops. Presented by Jane Johansson, associate professor at Rogers State University. A Turning Points: The American Civil War in 1863 event.

Thursday, July 11, 2013

- **Civil War in Indian Territory**
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the auditorium for adults.
The Battle of Honey Springs was the largest of 107 documented "hostile encounters" in the Indian Territory. Native troops from both armies also fought in Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas. Presented by Ralph Jones, retired superintendent of Honey Springs Battlefield Historic Site. A Turning Points: The American Civil War in 1863 event.

Friday, July 12, 2013

- **Ulysses S. Grant, Vicksburg, and Freedom**
7:00 pm for adults.
Learn about the significance of Grant's long Vicksburg campaign and the multiple views of freedom the capture of Vicksburg represented. Presented by Pam Sanfilippo, historian and education director at Ulysses S. Grant National Historical Site. A Turning Points: The American Civil War in 1863 event.

Saturday, July 13, 2013

- **Battle of Springfield Driving Tour**
10:00 am to 12:00 pm for adults.
Library local history associate John Rutherford will lead a driving tour of key sites from the Battle of Springfield. Meet at the Library Center front door. Tour is limited to 11 people. A Turning Points: The American Civil War in 1863 event.
Registration starts June 17; call 882-0714.
- **Library Center - "It Haunts Me Night and Day" The Baxter Springs Massacre**
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the auditorium for adults.
The slaughter at Baxter Springs, Kan., on Oct. 6, 1863, was one of the most heinous acts of the war, and yet the event has long remained a mystery. How did one of the most

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victorious Union generals in the trans-Mississippi succumb to such a calamity? Presented by Matt Mathews, military historian at the U.S. Army's Combat Studies Institute. A Turning Points: The American Civil War in 1863 event.

- **Library Center - Battle of Wilson's Creek Driving Tour**

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm for adults.

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield staff will lead a tour of the battlefield. Meet at the Library Center front door. Tour is limited to 11 people. A Turning Points: The American Civil War in 1863 event.

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- **Library Center - Vicksburg: Crucial to the Outcome**

7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the auditorium for adults.

A look at the military, political and economic significance of Vicksburg and its connection to the vast Trans-Mississippi region. Our presenter makes the case that Vicksburg was a city of strategic significance and that its loss doomed the Confederacy. Presented by Terry Winschell, retired Vicksburg National Military Park historian. A Turning Points: The American Civil War in 1863 event.

Sunday, July 14, 2013

- **Battle of Wilson's Creek Driving Tour**

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm for adults.

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Monday, July 15, 2013

- **Common Foe of Mankind: Guerrillas, Civilians and the Nature of War in 1863**

7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the auditorium for adults.

Explore the complex and often brutal guerrilla war in the Ozarks in 1863. Presented by Matt Stith, assistant professor of History at University of Texas at Tyler. A Turning Points: The American Civil War in 1863 event.

Tuesday, July 16, 2013

- **'Revenge Was the Watchword': The Lawrence Massacre, Order Number 11 and Guerrilla War in the Summer of 1863**

7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the auditorium for adults.

The Lawrence Massacre of August 21, 1863, in which raiders under William C. Quantrill killed more than 170 men and boys, was one of the worst atrocities of the Civil War.

Presented by Dr. Jeremy Neely, Missouri State University history professor. A Turning Points: The American Civil War in 1863 event.

Wednesday, July 17, 2013

- **The Campaign to Take Little Rock, 1863**

7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the auditorium for adults.

In August and September 1863, some 12,000 Union troops from southeast Missouri and Helena, Ark., marched west to bring a fourth Confederate capital under Union control. A smaller but determined Rebel force braced to face them. The outcome of the campaign would determine control of the Arkansas River Valley. Presented by Mark Christ, community outreach director, Arkansas Historic Preservation Program. A Turning Points: The American Civil War in 1863 event.

Thursday, July 18, 2013

- **James Longstreet and the Gettysburg Controversy**

7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the auditorium for adults.

The question of responsibility for the Confederate defeat at Gettysburg preoccupied Southern veterans after the war and has intrigued historians ever since. The greatest controversy centers on allegations of inaction and ineptitude on the part of James Longstreet, second-in-command to Robert E. Lee. Presented by Dr. William Piston, Missouri State University history professor. A Turning Points: The American Civil War in 1863 event.

Friday, July 19, 2013

- **Victor of Gettysburg: George Meade and Civil War History**

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the auditorium for adults.

Despite winning the largest battle of the Civil War, Union Gen. George G. Meade is not rated among the war's greatest generals. Learn how Meade guided his army to victory over the seemingly invincible Gen. Robert E. Lee and why his reputation continues to suffer. Presented by Library Local History Associate Michael Price. A Turning Points: The American Civil War in 1863 event.

- **An Evening of Civil War Music with Granville Automatic**

8:00 pm to 10:00 pm Patio for all ages.

Enjoy an outdoor concert by Granville Automatic featuring music from their new Civil War-themed album, "An Army Without Music." Program will move to the auditorium in the event of rain. A Turning Points: The American Civil War in 1863 event.

Saturday, July 20, 2013

- **Battle of Wilson's Creek Driving Tour**

10:00 am to 1:00 pm for adults.

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield staff will lead a tour of the battlefield. Tour attendees will also see a cannon firing demonstration at the battlefield. Meet at the Library Center front door. Tour is limited to 11 people. A Turning Points: The American Civil War in 1863 event.

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- **One By One the Boys Pass Away: The Hospital Diary of Corporal William Miller, 75th Indiana Infantry**
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the auditorium.
In early 1863, William Bluffton Miller of the 75th Indiana Infantry put aside his musket to serve as a hospital attendant in Gallatin, Tenn. His detailed daily diary offers a unique "common soldier" perspective on life as a caregiver and patient during the Civil War. Presented by Jeff Patrick, military historian and Wilson's Creek National Battlefield librarian. A Turning Points: The American Civil War in 1863 event.

- **From Virginia to Missouri: The Civil War in 1863**
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the auditorium for adults.
While American fascination with Civil War in 1863 largely centers on Gettysburg, crucial events occurred elsewhere during that decisive year. This presentation will explore the major military events of 1863, placing them in the context of the Civil War's social and political developments. Presented by Dr. William Piston, Missouri State University history professor. A Turning Points: The American Civil War in 1863 event.

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