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Next Meeting

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



Our feature speaker will be Historian Bruce Nichols. His lecture is entitled "Civil War Guerrilla Warfare in Southwest Missouri." Bruce has a M.A. in history and has so far published four volumes on Guerrilla Warfare in Missouri. He will be available to sign books if you desire.

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President's Message

I have just gotten back from two weeks in Israel. We got stranded three extra days because of the FAA ruling to have no United States planes flying in or out of Tel Aviv, a purely political move, since there was no danger to flying aircraft at the Ben Gurion Airport. Anyway, this was my third trip over and the guide on this trip was a Palestinian. It was interesting to get his perspective on the war between Israel and the Muslims. My feeling is that the war there is very complicated and everyone tries to simplify it down to a few sound bites.

Made me think about the War Between the States that we experienced. When you talk to average people, you find that they usually have a single sound bite depending on their background or area of the country from which they come. The wonderful thing about being in the Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks is coming to learn that our war was very complicated and cannot be put into a few short sound bites, no matter what your perspective. That is why I enjoy coming to the meetings and hearing the speakers. But I also enjoy hearing each member share their thoughts or raise their questions. There is a huge pool of knowledge in our organization and I feel so inadequate in most of the discussions. So many of you know so much more than I do about the Civil War.

That is why we need each of you at our meetings to grow our knowledge base and also to help you grow in your understanding and perspective of the war. If you have not attended recently, may I encourage you to do so in order to make our organization a strong body? Plus, you will get a lot out of it for your own mental development.

I will not be at the meetings in August and September because family activities are taking us out of the area. One of the trips will take me into North Carolina and I hope to visit some historical sites while there. Vice President Jim Gallion will conduct the meeting in my absence. Thanks, Jim, for your help. So I will look forward to seeing all of you in October.

Walter Hamer

CWRTO President

Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks

Minutes of the meeting of July 9, 2014

President Hamer called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. There were 41 members and guests in attendance.

President Hamer asked guests and first time visitors to be introduced. There were five visitors.

President Hamer asked for a motion that the minutes be approved as published in the Buck and Ball. Minutes were approved.

Kay Martin gave the Treasurer's report for July. The income was \$129.00. The expenses were \$807.75. The monthly ending cash balance was \$2,107.38. The Savings Account amount is \$5,003.66. Total Fiscal Assets as of July 9, 2014 was \$7,111.04. Report was approved by the membership.

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

- There is a need for additional volunteers at the Park
- The Park has an exhibit at Top of the Rock resort in Branson. Mr. Morris, Owner of the resort, asked the Park to be part of the exhibits. It is not open to the public yet.
- Member, John Purtell, suggested that the Park also have an exhibit at George Washington Carver - National Park Service.
- The National Park Service Foundation just concluded the two week program with the Republic School students 9 through 12 years of age. There was approximately 30 students the first week and approximately 20 students the second week. Activities include games, crafts, etc. in an effort to involve young people with the Park. The program was provided through a National Park Service Foundation grant.
- The grand opening of the Sweeney Exhibit will be in November
- There is road re-surfacing at the Park and other projects to improve the Park
- August 10th ceremony at 2:00 p.m. for the 153rd Anniversary of the Battle of Wilson's Creek. Invitations have been sent out.
- The "Arts in the Park" had a total of approximately 1700 in attendance

Member, Jim Scaminaci, announced that one new member joined tonight with a total of 71 members.

Member, Dan Cunningham, announced we still have shirts for sale.

President Hamer thanked the refreshment team for always providing the great treats.

Program Chair, Connie Langum, announced that if members are not receiving the Buck and Ball to let her know.

President Hamer indicated that depending on the interest there might be a day trip to Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove in Arkansas. He also indicated that a longer trip to Vicksburg might be considered.

Member, Jim Gallion, discussed the opportunity drawing for the evening. The three books are:

- "The H. L. Hunley" by Tom Chaffin
- "Voices of the Civil War" by Richard Wheeler
- "The Civil War Chronicle" edited by J. Matthew Callman

-----Break-----

Program Chair, Connie Langum, introduced the speaker and topic for the evening.
Dr. Tim Smith, History Professor at the University of Tennessee at Martin, presented “Leadership at the Battle of Champion Hill”.

The book give away was conducted

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Future Presentations for 2014

September—Pam Sanfilippo, Historian Ulysses S Grant National Historic Site—“White Knight & Drunken Butcher: Robert E. Lee & Ulysses S. Grant in American Memory”

October—Thomas Cartwright, Historian at the Lotz House, Franklin, Tennessee--“The Death Angel Gathers Its Last Harvest--The Battle of Franklin” (kick-off event for the Library’s 1864 Lecture series)

November—Virginia Dyer, Park Ranger Pea Ridge National Military Park—“The Battle of Pea Ridge”

December—Dale Phillips, Superintendent Lincoln Home National Historic Site—“The Battle of Baton Rouge and Port Hudson—The Rest of the Vicksburg Story” and Annual Christmas dinner

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AUGUST 10TH, 2014

153rd Anniversary of the Battle of Wilson’s Creek

Ceremony at 2:00 p.m.

Visitors Center Lawn

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