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## Next Meeting

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

Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

At

The Library Center

Our Featured Speaker

Dr. Larry Toll

*Unknown Photographer: Dr. George Holmes Bixby and the  
Mississippi Squadron*



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## President's Message

This month Wilson's Creek celebrates 157 years since the battle of Wilson's Creek on August 10, 1861.

Our speaker this month is Larry Toll. Larry is currently working as a park ranger at Wilson's Creek. He spent 27 years as a history professor from Muncie, Indiana. He is an avid living historian who reenacts the Civil War, Mexican War, Westward Expansion and War of 1812. He is currently working on writing interpretive text for 18 new waysides around the park. The program will trace the story of photographer Dr. George Holmes Bixby. Dr. Bixby served as a naval surgeon assigned to the Mississippi Squadron of the US Navy during the Civil War. He was in charge of the first US Navy hospital ship, the USS Red Rover. While serving on the Rover Bixby photographed some of the ships in the Navy's flotilla on the Mississippi River.

During the battle of Wilson's Creek, General Nathaniel Lyon was killed. Three generals, Lyon, Rains and McCulloch were hoping to lay a trap to maneuver the other into a good position and location to do battle. Position of the forces and terrain were key in this battle. Many serious mistakes were made, ending in a vast number of casualties suffered by both sides. Gen. Lyon and his forces charged time after time and gave ground, which they eventually regained. Inexperienced troops under Gen. Price and McCulloch carried the day.

On Aug 11th U. S. Grant sent troops to Caledonia. Two companies were for the protection of the railroad and four companies to Potosi from Ironton. The Home Guard was deployed as spies to find out the location of the Confederates. Around this time the Home Guards began to organize in earnest. On Aug. 14th martial law was declared in St. Louis.

On Aug 15th assistance is requested for reinforcements to hold back further invasion of Price's army. Maj. McDonald arrived in St. Genevieve and surrounded the town. Finding no Confederates closer than Pilot Knob, he forced Merchants Bank of St. Louis to open and removed a strong box said to contain around \$57,000 in coin and currency.

On Aug 19, Missouri was admitted to the Confederate States of America.

I'd like to extend an invitation to all to attend our celebration of the anniversary of the Battle of Wilson's creek on August 10 at 10:00 a.m. Hope to see you there!!

Stubby Kyle

**Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks**  
Minutes of the CWRTTO MEETING 7-11-18

Meeting called to order by President Stubby Kyle.

Invocation given by O.K. Armstrong followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Minutes from last month's meeting approved as written in the "Buck and Ball".

Ted Hilmer reported on activities at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield.

August 9 - (5:30-7:00 p.m.) The Wilson's Creek Battlefield Foundation will have a special reception (not open to the public) at the Wilson's Creek National Park. Visitor's Center to highlight the park's extensive museum collection and give their supporters a behind-the-scenes look at some artifacts that are not on display to the public.

Aug. 10 - Anniversary program will be held at the Park.

Artillery firing on July 21.

Bill Piston reported on a meeting to be held on

Sat., July 21, from 3-5 p.m. at the Tie and Timber Beer Company for the purpose of organizing, in Springfield, a chapter of the Ayr Burns Club of Ayr, Scotland for all lovers of Scotland and the poetry of it's immortal bard, Robert Burns. Scottish ancestry is not a pre-requisite for membership. See Dr. Piston or Bill and Sara Carr for more information.

Stubby announced that pamphlets from the VFW are available to all members on displaying the American flag.

Stubby Introduced visitors.

Connie mentioned speakers are needed for upcoming year.

Dr. Piston introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Todd Wilkerson, a former seasonal ranger at Wilson's Creek, who teaches at OTC and is also a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. He spoke about "Fire on the Prairie" the Iowa and Minnesota-Dakota Wars of 1857-1863. It was an Informative and interesting presentation about the Indian Wars that were happening during the Civil War years.

The book drawing raised \$64.00.

Meeting adjourned by President, Stubby Kyle.

Submitted

John Kinsley Secretary

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