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May Meeting

Wednesday, May 12

Back to The Library Center

6:30 pm

Mr. Don Smith will speak on Ulysses Grant's becoming a three-star general.

Don Smith

Mr. Smith is a retired educator, 45 years of teaching social sciences and teacher education. He spent twenty-five years at Ozark High School teaching Social Studies; twenty-three years at Drury University teaching Archaeology, Anthropology, Sociology, Native American Studies, and Minorities; and fourteen years at Missouri State University as Supervisor of Student Teachers. (*Editor's note: some of these were Nancy Piston's!*) Some of these were concurrent.

For five years he has been a volunteer with the Artillery Demonstration Team at Wilsons Creek National Battlefield.

He has been the recipient of a Fulbright scholarship and a scholarship from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

At present, he is the Education Specialist for the History Museum on the Square.

Mr. Smith's presentation will be on U.S. Grant becoming a three-star general.

President's Message

Greetings. Hoping to have an enjoyable spring if it ever stops raining. Janey and I made an overnight visit to Carthage a few weeks ago. We always enjoy Carthage and of course the Civil War history. I went to the Civil War Museum and talked with Steve Cotrell, the museum's curator. They are having their 160th reenactment of the Battle of Carthage, on May 21 and 22, one year late because of Covid. The event will be held at the Civil War Ranch on Civil War Road north of Carthage. A great chance to see Civil War history just an hour away from Springfield. I hope to make it for one of the days' events.

April 13, 2022 Minutes for Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks

Meeting called to order by President John Kinsley at 6:30 p.m.

The invocation was delivered by Walt Hamer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes as presented in the *Buck and Ball* were voted on and approved.

Treasurer's report was given by Tim Noonan. Received \$185 in dues. Balance in excess of \$6000 and \$300 in Founders' Fund.

Membership report given by Walt Hamer.

Janet Perry announced programs scheduled so far for coming year.

Superintendent Sarah Cunningham gave a report on Wilson's Creek Battlefield.

Bill Piston gave a review of books available for the raffle.

President called for a ten-minute break for refreshments furnished by Jackie and Karen at 6:50.

Jan introduced William C. Meadows, who gave a very interesting program about the Code Talkers of World Wars I and II.

The book drawing was held by Bill Piston.

Meeting adjourned by John Kinsley.

Minutes submitted by Bill Perry, Secretary.

Book Raffle Titles for May 2022

Gabor S. Boritt, ed., *Why the Confederacy Lost* (1992). Essays by James M. McPherson, "American Victory, American Defeat"; Archer Jones, "Military Means, Political Ends: Strategy"; Gary W. Gallagher, "Upon Their Success Hang Momentous Interests: Generals"; Reid Mitchell, "The Perseverance of the Soldiers"; Joseph T. Glatthaar, "Black Gold; The African American Role in Union Victory."

Paul D. Casdorff, *Prince John Magruder; His Life and Campaigns* (1996). "As befits its bold and brassy subject, *Prince John Magruder* is a riveting – and overdue – portrait of one of the nineteenth century's most charismatic military figures. It reveals new insights into the inner workings of the Confederacy, and sheds new light on lesser-known engagements in Texas and the American West." From the dust jacket.

Avery Craven, *The Coming of the Civil War* (1942). "In recent years a highly industrious school of historians has begun asking whether the war should have been fought at all and whether it was perhaps not more the fault of the North than of the South. Seeking to revise earlier judgements, they have become known as revisionists, and one of the most gifted and studious of them all is Avery Craven." From the back of the book.

Winston Groom, *Shrouds of Glory; From Atlanta to Nashville; The Last Great Campaign of the Civil War* (1995). *Shrouds of Glory* brings the reader into the general's tent, where Grant, Sherman, Lee, and others plot out their often unorthodox strategies for winning the war. At its center is the courageous but reckless General Hood, prematurely thrust into the spotlight by a combination of destiny and fate." From the dust jacket. **Groom is the author of the novel *Forrest Gump*.**

Edwin C. McReynolds, *Missouri; A History of the Crossroads State* (1962). Chapter titles include "Border Conflict and the Outbreak of the Civil War"; "The Civil War in Missouri"; "Adjustment to Revolution"; and Democratic Recovery and Control."

Gordon C. Rhea, *To the North Anna River; Grant and Lee, May 13-25, 1864* (2000). "From unprecedented research into more than 550 published and unpublished sources, Rhea produces an exciting new take on this overlooked passage in the Civil War. He discovers a surprising similarity in military temperament between Lee and Grant, whom historians traditionally contrast." From the dust jacket.