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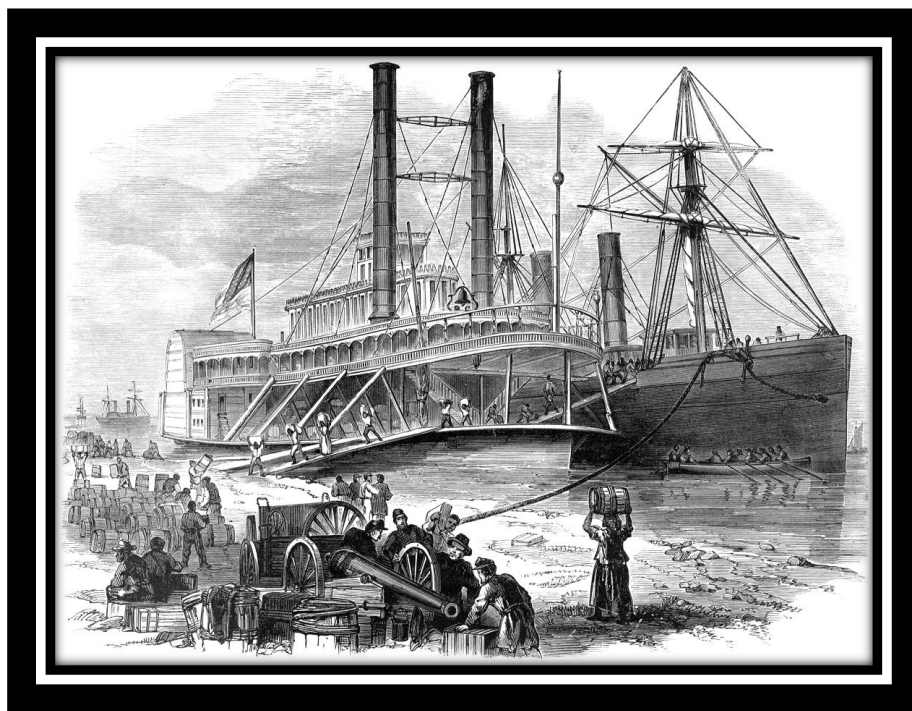
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July Meeting

Wednesday, July 13

The Library Center

6:30 p.m.



James Erwin will speak on

“Steamboat Disasters on the Lower Missouri River”



Historian and Author
St. Louis

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

James Erwin is a retired attorney who practiced law in St. Louis for 38 years. Erwin is the author and co-author of books on the Civil War in Missouri, the history of St. Charles, steamboat disasters, and true crime in Missouri. He is a frequent speaker on the Civil War and local history. Currently, he is vice-chair of the Kirkwood (Missouri) Arts Commission, president of the St. Louis Civil War Roundtable, and treasurer of the Unbound Book Festival.

STEAMBOAT DISASTERS OF THE LOWER MISSOURI RIVER

During the nineteenth century, 300 boats met their end in the steamboat graveyard that was the Lower Missouri River, from Omaha, Nebraska, to its mouth a few miles north of St. Louis. Although derided as little more than an “orderly pile of kindling,” steamboats were in fact technological marvels superbly adapted to the river’s conditions. Their light superstructure and long, wide, flat hulls powered by high-pressure engines drew so little water that they could cruise on “a heavy dew” even when fully loaded. But these same characteristics made them susceptible to fires, explosions, and snags (tree trunks ripped from the banks, hiding under the water’s surface). And the river held other dangers—disease, crime, and (in time of war) guerrillas. Historian and author James Erwin tells the story of the perils that steamboats, their passengers, and their crews faced on every voyage.

President's Message

Greetings, hoping all of you had a safe, enjoyable and patriotic 4th of July. As Janey and I have become older we tend to stick close to home and watch fireworks from our back porch patio.

Over the years we usually managed to vacation sometime in July and visit civil war battlefields as much as possible. On July 4, 1862, the Seven Days Battle (June 25-July 1), had concluded in which Robert E. Lee drove the invading Union Army, commanded by George McClellan, away from Richmond and into a retreat down the Virginia Peninsula.

See you Wed., July 13, at our next meeting.

Sincerely,

John Kinsley

President, CWRTTO

June 16, 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 Janey Kinsley 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.

A discussion about new CWRT tee shirts was led by John Kinsley

John Kinsley gave a report on the rededication of the GAR Monument he attended at Mountain Grove, MO.

Janet Perry announced programs scheduled so far for coming year. The program for the July meeting will be given by James Erwin on Steamboat Disasters on the Missouri | River

John Kinsley gave a review of books available for the raffle.

President called for a ten-minute break for refreshments furnished by Jackie and Karen at 6:45

Meeting called back to order at 7:00

Jan introduced Jim Gallion as he presented a program in which he portrayed John Ray and his

experiences of the Wilson Creek Battle.

The book drawing was held by John Kinsley.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 by John Kinsley.

Bill Perry, Secretary

Book Raffle Titles for July 2022



James D. Bulloch, *The Secret Service of the Confederate States in Europe*, 2 vols. “At the outbreak of the Civil War, Jefferson Davis sent merchant marine James D. Bulloch to Europe to clandestinely acquire arms and ships for the Confederate navy. His first stop was Britain, a country hedging its bets on who would win the War Between the States and willing to secretly provide the Confederacy with the naval technology to fight the Union on the high seas. Bulloch's mission continued for the length of the war, and his story, told by the man himself, is one of the least-understood aspects of the Civil War, even today.” Review on Amazon Books.

J.Q.A. Campbell, *The Union Must Stand; The Civil War Diary of John Quincy Adams Campbell, Fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry*. “With its unique point of view, valuable insights into the conduct of various campaigns, and some of the most vivid descriptions of Civil War Combat ever set to paper, Campbell’s diary offers both a wealth of new primary material for historians and exciting reading for enthusiasts.” From the dust jacket.

Edward O. Guerrant, *Bluegrass Confederate; The Headquarters Diary of Edward O. Guerrant*. Guerrant brought considerable powers of observation and insight to bear on his commentary. He evocatively portrays the homesickness all soldiers felt, offers stirring testimony to the influence of religion in the war, and mirrors wonderfully the interests and concerns of a young man out in the world for the first time.” From the dust jacket.

Thomas Wentworth Higginson, *Army Life in a Black Regiment*. “These pages record some of the adventures of the First South Carolina Volunteers – the first slave regiment mustered into the service of the United States in the late civil war. . . The only contemporary regiment of a similar character was the First Kansas Colored, which began recruiting a little earlier, though it was not mustered in – the usual basis of military seniority – till later.” From the introduction.

Daniel E. Sutherland, *Seasons of War; The Ordeal of a Confederate Community, 1861-1865*. "Sutherland's account of the war [in Culpepper County, Virginia,] is unlike any other. Both social and military history, it details the life of a single Confederate community without losing sight of the titanic struggle of a nation divided." From the dust jacket.

Bennett Young, *Confederate Wizards of the Saddle; Being Reminiscences and Observations of One Who Rode with Morgan*. "This book is a veritable 'greatest hits' of the exploits of the Confederate cavalry, including chapters on twelve different commanders and their mounted men: J.E.B. Stuart, H.H. Sibley, John Hunt Morgan, John B. Magruder, Nathan Bedford Forrest, Joseph Wheeler, John Singleton Mosby, John S. Marmaduke, Wade Hampton, J.O. Shelby." From the back cover.