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June Meeting

Wednesday, June 8

The Library Center

6:30 pm

Jim Gallion will portray

JOHN RAY



Jim Gallion

A native of Springfield, Jim has lived in or around Springfield for all but three years of his life. His family moved to Martinsburg, West Virginia (his mother's hometown), when he was an infant, returning in 1954, when he was three years old.

He attended Southwest Missouri State University from 1969 until 1973. He graduated in August 1973 with a Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in History. Jim has always been interested in the Civil War due to visiting Gettysburg, Antietam, and Harper's Ferry while visiting his grandparents on vacation. His interest really took off in 1963 when he attended both the Centennials of West Virginia statehood and the Battle of Gettysburg, the latter on July 3, 1963.

In 1994, Jim began Volunteering at the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. He has spent most of his time giving tours and conducting programs for school groups and regular visitors. After 28 years, Jim is still as enthusiastic about what he does as when he first started volunteering.

Enlisting in the reserves in 1982, Jim retired from the US Navy in May 2003, after 20 years of service

President's Message

Greetings!

I hope all of you had a pleasant and peaceful Memorial Day weekend.

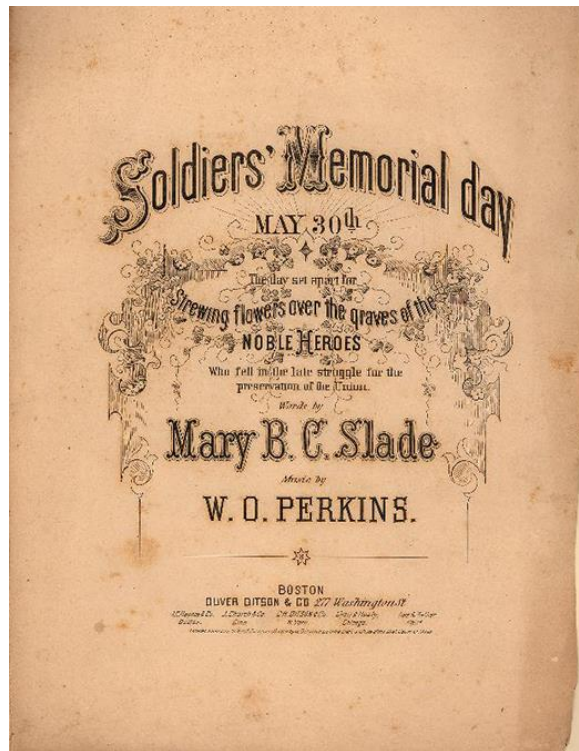
Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day) is a federal holiday in the United States, for mourning the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the U.S. armed services. It is observed on the last Monday in May. It was formerly observed on May 30 from 1868 to 1970.

At least 25 places in the North and South claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day. Despite conflicting claims, the U.S. Congress and President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, New York, as the "birthplace" of Memorial Day on May 30, 1966.

Regardless of the location of origin or exact day, one thing is crystal clear - Memorial Day was born out of the Civil War and a desire to honor our dead. On the 5th of May in 1868, General John Logan, who was the national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, officially proclaimed it in his Grand Order Number 11.

Memorial Day was created as a national federal holiday by a decree of Congress in 1971 and would be celebrated on the last Monday in May.

John Kinsley



May 11, 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.

Treasurers report was given by Tim Noonan. Balance of \$6376 and \$396 in Funders Fund

Membership report given by Walt Hamer.

Janet Perry announced programs scheduled so far for coming year. The June program will be given by Jim Gallion as John Ray.

Superintendent Sarah Cunningham gave a report on Wilsons Creek Battlefield. She informed the group of the recent naturalization ceremony at the battlefield and the availability to watch the ceremony on YouTube.

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 6:45

Meeting called back to order at 6:55,

Jan introduced Don Smith and his portrayal of General Grant explaining the progression to the top rank of the army as General.

The book drawing was held by Bill Piston.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 by John Kinsley.

Minutes submitted by Bill Perry, Secretary

Book Raffle Titles for June 2022



Larry J. Daniel, *Days of Glory; The Army of the Cumberland, 1861-1865*. “While *Days of Glory* draws on the lives of common soldiers, it focuses primarily on commanders. Daniel explores the dynamics of discord, political in-fighting, and feeble leadership that stymied the army achieving its full potential.” From the dust jacket.

Philip Haythornwaite, *Uniforms of the Civil War in Color*. “It wasn’t just Blue against Gray. Civil War battles engaged an exotic range of volunteers and mercenaries; from the Zouaves and Chasseurs to Hussars and Highlanders; from the Lancers and Bersaglieri to the Colored Infantry and the Corps d’Afrique.” From the back cover.

J. Thomas Scharf, *History of the Confederate Navy*. “J. Thomas Scharf was an officer in the Confederate States Navy. He wrote this account a few years after the Civil War, basing it on research and interviews with Confederate naval officers, as well as on his own firsthand observations.” From the dust jacket.

Eleanor Ruggles, *Prince of Players; Edwin Booth*. “[A] man whom millions idolized . . . who, after Lincoln’s assassination, never again mentioned the name of his ill-starred brother, but in whose bedroom until the day of his death the picture of John Wilkes Booth still hung.” From the dust jacket.

Festus P. Summers, ed. *A Borderland Confederate*. “This book is compiled from the Civil War letters and other papers of William Lyne Wilson, 1843-1900, American legislator and university president. His writings are essentially a history of the War from the John Brown incident, which made an armed camp of Charles Town, when Wilson was a student in Columbian College (now George Washington University), through several major campaigns, to Appomattox.” From the back cover.

Richard Wheeler, *The Siege of Vicksburg*. “Wheeler’s book of authentic and vivid word pictures is worth a thousand Mathew Brady photographs.” From the back cover.