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Honoring the Irish Brigade for St. Patrick's Day!

Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 9

The Library Center

6:00 pm

John Sellars will speak on
the History of Springfield

John Sellers is a native Springfieldian who has been Executive Director of the History Museum on the Square since 2005. He began his career with the museum as a volunteer when it was founded as a part of the Bicentennial celebration in 1976. After his retirement from a career in marketing in the beverage industry, Mr. Sellers returned to Springfield and retired in 2004.

He and his wife Jane, a retired school teacher, have five children and seven grandchildren.

Upcoming Meetings . . .

April-Dr. Bill Meadows-Codetalkers of WWI and WWII

May-Don Smith as General Grant

June-open

July-James Erwin-Steamboat Disasters on the Missouri River

August-Arnold Schofield-Jayhawkers at the Battle of Wilson's Creek

September-open

October-open

November-Tom Rafiner

December-Christmas meeting

President's Message

Greetings -

March has arrived and we can look forward to warmer weather and hopefully touring some Civil War battlefields. I'm going to try and visit the Pea Ridge Battlefield in March. I find it a most interesting battlefield but somewhat difficult to understand the logistics and scope of the two-day battle but it is always thought-provoking.

Looking forward to our March meeting and having John Sellers speak about Springfield's history.

Sincerely,
John Kinsley

February 9, 2022, Minutes for Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks

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

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

January minutes were approved as written in the *Buck & Ball*.

Tim Noonan gave treasurer's report. Bank Balance is \$5,749.21.

Comments were given on the Matthew H. Ritchey House in Newtonia, Missouri, as a possible National Park site. The Ritchey House is also known as the Mansion House and Belle Starr House.

Newtonia Days will be September 24, 2022.

Walt gave membership report with 2 new members added.

Walt suggested that we send out letters to members who have not paid their dues. We could tell them about all of the great programs we have lined up for this year.

John Purtell was reported as unwell and our best wishes go out to him and his family.

Bill Piston gave descriptions of the books that were to be raffled.

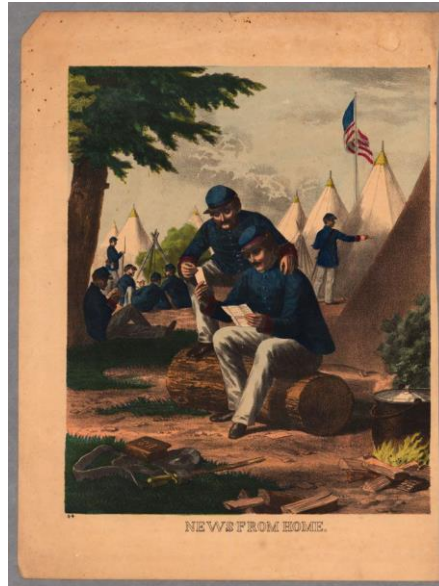
Superintendent Sarah Cunningham gave a report from Wilson's Creek Battlefield. New projects include digitizing letters and plans for Arts in the Park.

Janet Perry introduced Nancy Piston as our speaker for the evening. Nancy gave a very informative and interesting program on Thomas Nast Cartoons and how they related to the history of our country.

Book drawing netted \$34.00.

Meeting adjourned by John Kinsley at 7:50.

Minutes submitted by Bill Perry, Secretary



March Book Raffle

David Hardin, *After the War; The Lives and Images of Major Civil War Figures After the Shooting Stopped.*

“The explosive romance between Jefferson Davis’ daughter and the grandson of a Yankee abolitionist, the struggle between the irreligious William T. Sherman and his devout Catholic wife for the soul of their unstable son . . .”
From the dustjacket.

Randall C. Jimerson, *The Private Civil War; Popular Thought During the Sectional Conflict.*

“He examines the effect the war had on racial attitudes, and the changing role of blacks in society. He looks at northerners’ and southerners’ conceptions of each other as the enemy. . . . He also examines internal divisions – resulting from class differences, rivalries between eastern and western regions, and other factors.” From the dust jacket.

Nelson Lankford, *Richmond Burning; The Last Days of the Confederate Capital*.

“As southern soldiers moved out they set the city on fire, leaving a blazing ruin to greet the Union troops. National newspapers and private journals were filled for weeks with tales of Richmond’s burning.’ From the back cover.

R.P. Matthews, *Nine Months in Infantry Service; The Civil War Journal of J.P. Matthews*.

“Robert P. Matthews, a lieutenant in Phelps’ Regiment, penned his memoirs of service from 1861-1862. Although never published, the ‘Souvenir’ of R.P. Matthews is the most complete literary effort by any member of the Phelps’ Regiment and arguably the finest military recollection by a southwest Missouri soldier of events leading up to the Pea Ridge campaign.” From the Introduction.

Horace Porter, *Campaigning with Grant*.

“Horace Porter served as a lieutenant colonel attached to Ulysses S. Grant’s staff. . . . His portrait of Grant is the most incisive and readable first-hand account that we have.” From the dust jacket.

Robert Roper, *Now the Drum of War; Walt Whitman and his Brothers in the Civil War*.

“Walt Whitman’s work as a nurse to the wounded soldiers of the Civil War had a profound effect upon the way he saw the world. Much less known is the extraordinary record of his younger brother, George Washington Whitman, who led men in twenty-one battles.” From the dust jacket.