



# Buck and Ball

2023

Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks

May 2023

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## SPECIAL DATE AND PLACE!

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

The Library Station

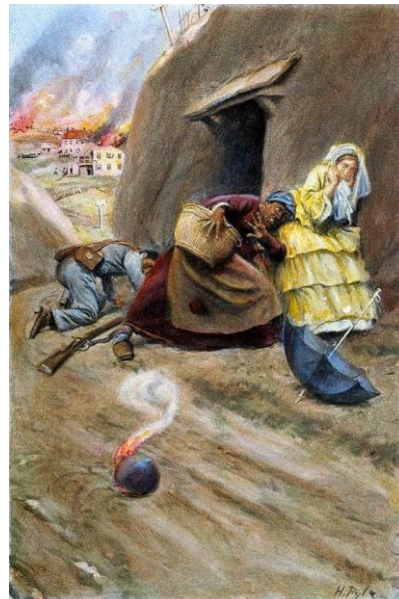
N. Kansas Expressway

Frisco Room

6:30 pm

Terry Winschel

“Shut Up As in a Trap: Citizens Under Siege”





Terry Winschel is a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and a graduate of The Pennsylvania State University. He also holds M.S.S. (Master of Social Science) and Ed.S. (Education Specialist) degrees from Mississippi College. Mr. Winschel retired in 2012 following a thirty-five-year career with the National Park Service, most of which time he served as Historian at Vicksburg National Military Park.

Terry has written 100 articles on the Civil War and is author of *Triumph & Defeat: The Vicksburg Campaign, Vols. I and II*; *Vicksburg is the Key: The Struggle for the Mississippi River*; *The Civil War Diary of a Common Soldier*; and *Vicksburg: Fall of the Confederate Gibraltar*.

In 2016, Mr. Winschel returned to work in a part-time capacity with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as Historian at the Engineer Research and Development Center.

### Upcoming Speakers

**June**--Dr. Bill Mulligan--"Chauncey H. Cooke and I: Finding a 16-year-old Union Soldier and Why His Letters are an Important Window into the Civil War in West Kentucky."

**July**--Show and Tell

**September**—Richard W. Hatcher III, "Thunder in the Harbor; Fort Sumter and the Civil War."

**October**--David Schieffler--"Terrain, Torrents, and the Trans-Mississippi Mud March: The Environments Pivotal Role in the Helena Campaign"

**November**--Dr. Isaias McCaffery – topic TBA

*Several of you asked about this!*

**Speaker Schedule for the Bella Vista, Arkansas, CWRT**

June 1 - Jim Spillars - *Civil War Band Instruments*

July 6 - Kerry Jones - *The Story of the Sultana*

Aug. 3 - Dr. Brooks Blevins - *Before the Firing Squad” - Major Enoch O. Wolf (CSA) and Civil War Retaliation.*

Sept. 7 - Larry Hunt - *The Battle of Newtonia*

Oct. 5 - Lisa Childs - *Murder and Revenge in the 1st Arkansas Cavalry (US)*

Nov. 2 - Abigail Freeman - *Women in the Civil War*

Dec. 7 - John Schwarz - *The Abolition Spirit in the Army of the Frontier in the Prairie Grove Campaign*

**President’s Message for May 2023  
Our Contentious Memory of the Civil War**

“April showers bring May flowers.” So the saying goes, and Springfield has certainly had some rain. According to the Internet (which is never, never wrong!) the folk saying about May flowers originates with Thomas Tusser’s 1557 publication *A Hundreth Good Pointes of Husbanbdrie*, which contains a line of poetry reading “Sweet April showers, do spring May flowers.” When loved ones placed flowers on the graves of fallen Civil War soldiers, they followed a custom dating to ancient times. When families gathered on the outskirts of Springfield in 1867 for the dedication of the National Cemetery, they were benefitting from a wartime decision by the Lincoln Administration to provide each soldier with an individual grave, marked with the soldier’s name, if known. In previous conflicts fatalities had been interred in both individual and mass graves, without a system. Mass graves were often the only practical option and were not considered disrespectful to the dead. A single monument might honor the many, rather than any individual. Why then, were National Cemeteries established during the Civil War? The reasons were complex, and for a good look at this topic I recommend

to you *The Memory of the Civil War in American Culture*, a collection of essays edited by Alice Fahs and Joan Waugh. Although published in 2004, current debates over Civil War monuments make it immediately relevant. But I recommend even more strongly a brief book published in 1995 by G. Kurt Piehler entitled *Remembering War the American Way*. Piehler's study demonstrates that throughout American history memory has been "contested." By this he means that political, religious, ethnic, and social groups have, even from colonial times, used the memory of wars to advance their particular agendas. Our present-day debate about how, when, if, and by whom the Civil War should be remembered is not something new. It is part of a continuing process by which our society embraces and shapes its memory of the past to suit its vision of the future.

The Springfield-Greene County Library does not have either book, but you may read them at Missouri State University's Meyer Library.

– Bill Piston

### **The Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks**

**April 12, 2023**

President Bill Piston called meeting to order at 6:30.

He asked if there were any guests or new members. A visitor Tommy Smith introduced himself.

Walt Hamer led the members in prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes from last meeting approved.

Treasurer's report was given by Tim Noonan

Walt reported on new memberships in the members' report.

Program chair Connie Langum announced that next month meeting will be moved to May 3 at the Library Station on North Kansas Expressway due to scheduling of the speaker Terry Winchell. A motion was made to share travel expense for the speaker and was approved by vote.

Nancy Piston asked of members not receiving the *Buck and Ball* to please let her know and she would make an effort to remedy the problem

Sarah Cunningham gave a report on the Battlefield. She mentioned upcoming National Volunteer Week, National Park Week, and National Junior Ranger Day. She also noted that May would be Arts in the Park

Bill Piston announced that, due to an over purchase of 2011 reenactment tee shirts, they were being given away free to members, as well as extra calendars.

Jim Gallion announced the book sale April 26-30 at the E\*plex Ozark Empire Fairgrounds to benefit the Springfield Greene County Library.

Walt announced Apple Butter days sponsored by the Monett Lions Club.

Books for raffle described by Janet Perry.

A break at 6:50; return to business at 7:00

Connie introduced our speaker, Dr. Michael A Verney. His presentation was entitled, *"A Great and Rising Nation": Naval Explorations and Global Empire in the Early Us Republic*. He described how the US Naval expeditions affected a commercial dominance in the Pacific as well as global attention to our influence in world affairs.

Following the program, the book drawing was held and the meeting adjourned



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**Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks  
Membership Application or Renewal**



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We appreciate your past participation in the CWRTTO and we look forward to your involvement in the coming year. See forms on the next page!

## RENEWAL

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2023 Couples Membership.....\$35.00 ☐

2023 Individual Membership.....\$25.00 ☐

2023 Student Membership.....\$10.00 ☐

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Individual	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
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