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Newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks

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November Meeting

Wednesday, November 9

The Library Center

6:30 p.m.



Tim Noonan

**“Sam Watkins and His Diary,
Company Aytch”**

Tim Noonan

Tim Noonan is a retired CPA and the Treasurer of our Round Table. Since his retirement, he has become increasingly interested in Civil War history and genealogy. Combining those interests, he has identified dozens of distant relatives who served as soldiers and sailors on both sides of America's most influential military conflict.

Tim is also a retired soccer referee and currently serves as the Missouri state High School soccer representative in SW MO.

Much like Sam Watkins, Tim married "above his station." He and Mary have been married for 45 years. They have two children and seven grandchildren, none of whom live in SW MO.

Tim's presentation tonight is entitled, "Sam Watkins and His Diary, *Company Aytch*." Sam was a soldier in the 1st Tennessee Infantry and served from 1861 to 1865. Sam, as a young man, witnessed the horrors of war for four years. After returning, he married Tim's distant cousin and raised a family, near his boyhood home in Maury County, Tennessee.

President's Message

Greetings:

I recently made a two- day trip to Kansas City, MO traveling through Cass County and into Jackson County.

I had just finished Tom Rafiner's excellent book, "*Caught Between Three Fires*" and was able to visit several of the Civil War sites mentioned in the book. Thanks to the efforts of several of the historical associations and the Civil War Roundtable of Kansas City, these sites can still be visited with the directions found in the literature they provide. Many of the sites are encompassed by the metropolitan area but can be found with due diligence.

At our November meeting we will be nominating officers for the 2023 Campaign year and also making plans for our December Holiday Dinner and meeting.

See you on Wednesday, November 9th.

Sincerely,
John Kinsley, President

Officers for 2023

According to the Round Table's by-laws, the Executive Committee presents a slate of candidates at the November meeting. The election itself is held at the December meeting. Anyone may be nominated from the floor at the December meeting.

The following have consented to serve in the Round Table's elective and appointive positions:

- President: Bill Piston
- Vice President: Jim Gallion
- Program Chair: Connie Langum
- Treasurer: Tim Noonan
- Secretary: Bill Perry
- Membership Chair: Walt Hamer
- At-large Member: Dan Cunningham
- *Buck and Ball* editor: Nancy Piston
- Book Raffle: Janet Perry

As immediate past president, John Kinsley will serve on the Executive Committee in 2023.

Minutes of the Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks

October 12, 2022

President John Kinsley called meeting to order at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge and a prayer.

There were 23 in attendance.

Appreciation for refreshments addressed,

Minutes from last meeting approved.

Treasurers report was given.

Walt Hamer gave membership report of 54 members noting no change since last meeting

Jan Perry gave a report on programs. Next month to be presented by Tim Noonan.

Sarah Cunningham gave a report on The Battlefield. She noted the new fiscal year; fall field trips; a new museum tech, Hayley Moore; and the memorial luminary tour which will be Saturday, November 5.

Discussion of nomination of officers set for November meeting

Books for raffle described by Bill Piston.

Break at 6:40; return to business at 6:50

Jan Perry introduced Tom Rafiner, who gave a very interesting program on the Burnt District of the Civil War and a compilation of songs on CD which represented the feelings of people affected by the events at that time

After the book drawing the meeting was adjourned at 7:55.



Book Raffle Titles for November 2022

Louis A. Coolidge, *Ulysses S. Grant*. A book in the American Stateman series published by Chelsea House Press.

William C. Davis, *Duel Between the Ironclads*. “William C. Davis documents and analyses this famous confrontation of the first two modern warships. The result is a full-scale history that is as exciting as a novel.” From the back cover.

Joseph T. Glatthaar, *Partners in Command; The Relationships Between Leaders in the Civil War*. “Brimming with insights about the top Union and Confederate leaders, this book immediately will take its place alongside the best work on command relationships during the Civil War.” From the introduction.

John B. Gordon, *Reminiscences of the Civil War*. One of the classic memoirs by a top-level commander in the Civil War, Gordon's work, written at the end of his long life, reflects his undying commitment to the Southern cause and his defense of Robert E. Lee's image.

William L. Norton, ed., *Behind Enemy Lines; The Memoirs and Writings of Brigadier General Sidney Drake Jackman*. "Sidney Jackman's is not a story of grand campaigns, of bemedaled generals, of horizons choked with the sight of uniformed thousands, of war 'in all its pomp and circumstance.' Rather, his is the story of war in all its grim reality. *Behind Enemy Lines* will take its place as one of the classic narratives of army life." From the introduction.

Hudson Strode, *Jefferson Davis: Confederate President*. "Again and again I have found that controversies in which Jefferson Davis was involved have been completely misrepresented, though all the evidence is there to be read by anyone willing to take the trouble." From the author's introduction.