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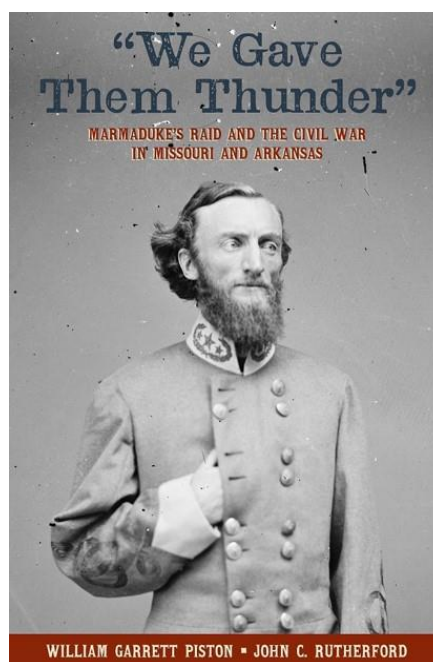
William Piston

September Meeting

Wednesday, September 14

The Library Center

6:30 p.m.



“Marmaduke’s Raid and the Battle of Hartville,
Jan. 11, 1863”

William Piston & John Rutherford

Biographical Sketch of William Garrett Piston

William Garrett Piston retired in August 2017 after teaching for thirty-two years. He received his B.A. and M.A. in history from Vanderbilt University, and his Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina. For three years he chaired the social studies department at the Louise S. McGehee School in New Orleans. He was a member of the faculty of the Department of History at Missouri State University in Springfield from 1988 to 2017, teaching Civil War and American military history. Bill is the author or co-author of a number of books relating to the Civil War, including *Carter's Raid: An Episode of the Civil War in East Tennessee*; *Lee's Tarnished Lieutenant: James Longstreet and His Place in Southern History*; *Wilson's Creek: The Second Battle of the Civil War*; and, with John Rutherford, *We Gave Them Thunder, Marmaduke's Raid and the Civil War in Missouri and Arkansas*. Bill is the current vice-president, and a past president, vice-president, treasurer, program chair, and *Buck & Ball* editor, of the CWRT of the Ozarks.

Biographical Sketch of John Rutherford

John Rutherford is originally from Northwest Ohio. His first research related to American Civil War history began at the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center Library in Fremont, Ohio.

He is a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University with a bachelor's degree in historic preservation.

John is a local history associate librarian at the Springfield-Greene County Library, where he assists researchers in locating family and regional history. He is co-editor of "This Week in Ozarks History," a regular column in the Springfield (Mo.) *News-Leader*.

Rutherford is a past president of the Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks and past Missouri Department Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

With Bill Piston, John co-authored "*We gave Them Thunder*": *Marmaduke's Raid and the Civil War in Missouri and Arkansas*, a book published by the Missouri State University's Ozarks Studies Institute in August 2021.

President's Message

Greetings!

At our Aug. 10, 2022, meeting the membership discussed the limiting of the monthly meetings of the CWRT. Our bylaws state "the meetings of the CWRT shall be held monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of each month unless changed by a majority vote of the membership in attendance."

A motion was approved to vote on the following options at the Sept. 14, 2022 meeting of the CWRT:

1. Leave meeting schedule at 12 times a year.
2. Change meeting schedule and a not meet in August because of Wilson's Creek Battlefield events.
3. Skip January meeting because of weather and August meeting due to Wilson's Creek Battlefield activities.

Hope to see you at the September meeting to vote on one of the options.

Sincerely,
John Kinsley, Pres. CWRT

Minutes of the Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks

August 10, 2022

John Kinsley called meeting to order at 6:30.

Prayer was given by Walt Hamer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes were approved.

Tim gave the Treasurers report.

Walt gave membership report.

Jan informed us that Bill Piston and John Rutherford would present the September program on their book *"We Gave Them Thunder"*.

Sarah Cunningham gave a report on the Wilson's Creek Battlefield.

Discussion on Civil War Round Table shirts with information that Tim has an outlet for the purchase of the shirts and details of the purchase would be in the next Buck and Ball.

A discussion on whether to meet fewer times per year led to a motion by Bill Piston that we vote at next meeting. We will put information in the *Buck and Ball* of the three choices:

1. Leave things the way they are and have 12 monthly meetings.
2. Skip August for anniversary of Wilson's Creek Battlefield events.
3. Skip January because of weather and August because of Wilson's Creek Battlefield ceremonies.

You must be present at the meeting to vote.

John Kinsley declared a 10- minute break for refreshments.

Janet introduced Arnold Schofield who gave a very interesting presentation on the Jayhawkers during the Civil War.

The book raffle brought in \$80.00

Meeting was adjourned.

Bill Perry

Secretary

Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks

Book Raffle Titles for September 2022



O. Edward Cunningham, *Shiloh and the Western Campaign of 1862*. "After many years of researching this epic battle, I still find myself referring to this landmark account for insight and guidance." – Stacy D. Allen, Chief Historian, Shiloh National Military Park. – from the cover.

David Herbert Donald, *Charles Sumner and the Coming of the Civil War*. "In a period when senators often exercised more influence than presidents, Senator Charles Sumner was one of the most powerful forces in American government and remains one of the most controversial figures in American history." "Few books can be recommended wholeheartedly to the specialist and the general reader alike. This one can." – from the cover.

Ernest B. Ferguson, *Chancellorsville 1863; The Souls of the Brave*. "Ferguson's apportionment of credit and blame for the outcome is incisive but fair. No matter how much they know about the battle, Civil War experts will find here new information and ideas to ponder." – from the back cover.

Al Kaltman, *Cigars, Whiskey & Writing; Leadership Lessons from General Ulysses S. Grant*. "Drawing on Grant's writings and life experiences during his meteoric rise from tannery clerk to commanding general of over one million men, *Cigars, Whiskey & Writing* presents 250 concise, practical lessons for getting superior performance from the troops, whether military or corporate." – from the dust jacket.

Mark E. Neely, Jr., *The Fate of Liberty; Abraham Lincoln and Civil Liberties*. "This is a brilliant book. Mark Neely has brought to his study of the most bitterly contested aspect of Abraham Lincoln's presidency his own distinctive blend of scholarship, storytelling, and plain commonsense." - from the cover.

Stephen B. Oates, *The Approaching Fury; Voices of the Storm, 1820-1861*. "Oates's approach is at once bold and inventive, daring and insightful. His epic cast of characters, or voices, vividly re-creates the range of passions and kaleidoscopic array of perspectives – North, South, East, and West – that propelled the nation into civil war." – from the cover.