



# The Bushwhacker

## May 2010

Civil War Round Table of  
Saint Louis Newsletter

*Greg Clemmer*

**Subject: Edward Allegheny Johnson**

He is a native of Augusta County, Virginia, a graduate of Virginia Tech and holds a Master of Arts in Military History from Norwich University.

Gregg is also an ardent cave explorer and mapper, being a Life Member and Fellow of the National Speleological Society as well as a tour leader for the Smithsonian's Resident Associates Program. He is a former president of the Montgomery County (MD) Civil War Roundtable and served two terms on the county's Historic Preservation Commission. Active in several hereditary and patriotic organizations including the Aztec Club of 1847 and the Society of the Cincinnati, Gregg numbers 14 Confederates in his ancestry including members of Armistead's and the Stonewall brigades.

Gregg is the author of four books including the acclaimed *Valor in Gray: The Recipients of the Confederate Medal of Honor*. His recently released biography, *Old Alleghany: The Life and Wars of General Ed Johnson*, won the **2005 Douglas Southall Freeman Book Prize** as the book of highest merit published in Southern history for that year. He has just finished his first historical novel, *A Turn for Home*.

He will have copies available for sale of his two books *Old Alleghany: The Life and Wars of General Ed Johnson* and *Valor in Gray: The Recipients of the Confederate Medal of Honor* .

**Old Alleghany is a big hardback (740 pages) tome. It retails for \$40. Valor is now in softcover at \$20; hardcover at \$35. I will have some of both. Better yet, if you can get a count on potential sales, that would help determine how and what to bring along on the plane!**

If you want either of these books call Gary Scheel at 314-623-2062 and I will tell him how many to bring. Thanks. Gary

**MEETING DATE: May 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2010**

**MEAL SERVED AT 6:30p.m.**

**TWO HEARTS ON LINDBERGH BLVD NEAR GRAVOIS.**

**Doors are open around 5:30 p.m.**

**Please make RESERVATIONS BY May 12**

**Let us know if you are eating.  
Please reserve via our Web Site at <http://civilwarstlouis.org/main/>  
Or reply to the e-mail sent to you  
or Call Gary at 314-623-2062**

## *A Note From Our President*

Don't wait to make your reservations for the final meeting of this campaign! Please invite as many people as possible to be your guest. Let's not keep our group a secret. The more the merrier!! "Members please look in your email in-box for two surveys after the May meeting. The first pertaining to the May meeting only. The second will be a survey of the campaign this year. Please let us know what you think."

Bill Jackson, President

## *A Note From The Board*

It's time for election of officers for the next campaign. The following nominations have been accepted by the board for 2010-2011:

President - Phil Baker

Vice President - Bill Jackson

Treasurer - Mary Riggs

Assistant Treasurer - OPEN ????????????????????

Secretary - Paul Hauser

Assistant Secretary - Ed Rataj

Board Member (3 year term) - Curt Wittbracht

Board Member (3 year term) - Barry Rinderknecht

Board Member (3 year term) - OPEN ????????????????????

At least one nomination for a three year term board member is needed. Additional nominations for all officer positions are also welcomed. Please see Bill Jackson or Paul Hauser before the April meeting begins if you want to put your name in nomination for a specific office position or e-mail President Bill Jackson at [wcjacksonjr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wcjacksonjr@sbcglobal.net)

## **SILENT AUCTION SUCCESS**

- The St. Louis Civil War Roundtable's Second Annual Spring Silent Auction generated \$794.00 in winning bids. These dollars will be used to help pay for a portion of our 2010 donations to Civil War organizations. Special gratitude goes out to Mr. Ed Rataj, Ms. Jean Provaznik and the Family of the late Dr. Margreiter for their many generous donations for our silent auction. Thank you to all our bidders who made our auction an exciting and fun event. Start saving your dollars for our Third Annual Silent Auction in Spring 2011.

## *April Meeting*

WOW! Dr. Doug Mishler of Reno, Nevada did an amazing job of bringing history to life with his unique first person account of Jefferson Davis. His totally animated and in character portrayal was amazing. He did an excellent job of answering questions during the question and answer time. His remarks in reference to General Joseph E. Johnston (Jim England) added additional entertainment.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans were represented by Hal Fleming (Commander of the Sterling Price Camp) and Jim England (Commander of the Missouri Division) and the United Daughters of the Confederacy was represented by Ms Sheri Horton.

A very Confederate evening. (By John Harris)

# PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

On 7 April 2010 the members of the Board of the St. Louis Civil War Round Table met at White Haven National Park in St. Louis.

One of the items discussed was the changing of by-laws as shown below.

Article of by-laws governing amendment of by-laws.

Article VIII Section 1 as to amending the by-laws:

These By-laws may be amended, or substituted for in entirety, by a majority vote of all members present at any meeting, provided, written notice of the proposed changes have been furnished to the members at least two weeks in advance of the meeting at which the changes are to be acted upon.

## FIRST PROPOSED CHANGE

Article III Section 2 (Current By-Law. Words underlined will be changed)

The president shall be elected by the members for a term of one year or until his successor has been elected; but he shall not serve two successive terms. The president shall preside at all meetings of this corporation and of the said board of directors. He shall, with the approval of the said board of directors, appoint the chairman and members of all special committees.

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Article III, Section 2.

The president shall be elected by the members for a term of one year or until his successor has been elected; **he may be reelected by the members to serve one additional term.** The president shall preside at all meetings of this corporation and of the said board of directors. He shall, with the approval of the said board of directors, appoint the chairman and members of all special committees.

## SECOND PROPOSED CHANGE

Article III Section 3. (Current By-Law. Words underline will be changed)

The vice-president shall be elected by the members for a term of one year or until his successor has been elected; but he shall not serve more than one successive term. In the absence of the president, for any reason, the vice-president shall perform the duties of the president and shall also perform any special duties assigned to him by the president.

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According to the by-laws, any other officer may serve for any length of time.

# *CWRT Raffle*

The St. Louis Civil War Round Table is selling raffle chances for the print "The Battle of Wilson's Creek" by Andy Thomas. The tickets are \$5 each, and we are limiting the amount of tickets to 130. The print will be raffled off when either all the tickets are sold or the May meeting of the 2009-2010 Campaign, whichever comes first. The limited edition print, #22 of 450, was donated by Paul Hauser

## *NOTES FROM MEMBERS*

### FORT DAVIDSON TOUR

A special tour of Fort Davidson, for Civil War Roundtable members, is being planned for Saturday, June 19th, 2010. Anyone interested in attending should contact Bob DeFer (314-469-1759 or [BobDoris@sbcglobal.net](mailto:BobDoris@sbcglobal.net)) or Bob Buxton (626-286-5228 or [rbuxton@wildblue.net](mailto:rbuxton@wildblue.net)). We need to know how many plan to attend. Details will be announced at the May meeting.

A big "Thank-You" to all who voted on-line for my "Civil War in St. Louis" Grant. Thanks to your help, I received the grant of \$200 and a Flip video camera!

Thanks again,  
Florence Borman  
Nipher Middle School  
Kirkwood, MO

THIS IS FOR ALL MY FELLOW HISTORIANS. THANKS, RICK GARDNER (REENACTOR)  
Historian and Reanactor's Creed

--Rick Gardner Historian and Reenactor

"We are the people to whom the past is forever speaking. We listen to it because it is a part of our being. For the past speaks to us with many voices. Far from that era which was time before we were born, men who were flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone went through fire and storm to break a path to the future. We are part of the future they died for, they are a part of the past that became our history. What they did, the lives they lived, the sacrifices they made, the stories they passed down, the songs they sang, and finally, the deaths they died, made our lives the way we live today. We cannot ignore it for it is as real to us as yesterday. It is a basic foundation of our heritage as Americans."

THANK YOU!

As commander of the Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp # 326, SUVCW in Ste. Genevieve, I would like to gratefully acknowledge the approval at your last meeting of the generous contribution of \$250.00 by the St. Louis Civil War Round Table to the Civil War Plaque in Ste. Genevieve. This money will help us to achieve our goal of presenting some of the history of the Civil War to visitors and citizens alike.

Sincerely,  
Paul S. Cameron  
Camp Commander  
(Submitted by Gary L. Scheel)

# *Calendar of Events of Interest*

*May 15-16, 2010*

Used Book Sale at the Chatillon-DeMenil House!

Saturday May 15 from 8am-4pm, and Sunday May 16 from 12-4pm.

The lovely Chatillon-DeMenil House will be open during book sale hours for free walk-through tours. All money raised will be used for maintenance of the House. After buying your books, stroll down the block to enjoy the Cherokee Street History Fair---it's all happening the same weekend! The Chatillon-DeMenil House is located at 3352 DeMenil Place at the corner of Cherokee Street. For more information, call the House at 314-771-5828, or call Edna Dieterle at 314-892-6175. If you have any books you would be kind enough to donate for "the Cause", you can bring them to the April CWRT meeting and give them to Edna, or just call Edna to make arrangements for pick up or delivery.

*June 13, 2010*

You won't want to miss the two summer events coming up at the Chatillon-DeMenil House, 3352 DeMenil Place at the corner of Cherokee Street. For more info, please call Edna Dieterle at 314-892-6175 or the Chatillon-DeMenil House at 314-771-5828.

Mrs. DeMenil at Home, Sunday June 13, 11am-4pm

This event will feature exhibits and demonstrations of ladies' decorative crafts from the 19th century. The crafts featured will range from those still practiced today, like knitting and crochet, to the more obscure and bizarre crafts from the period such as silhouette cutting, taxidermy and hair-work. There will be a special live performance of period parlor music from "The Parlor Maids" and a card making workshop for kids. Admission to the event is \$5 per guest. Crafts made by our volunteers will be available in our craft store!

*June 19, 2010*

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*July 10 & 11, 2010*

STE. GENEVIEVE CIVIL WAR CAMP

The Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp # 326, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be sponsoring the second annual Civil War Living History event. Saturday 9 a.m. thru 5 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. thru 3 p.m. There will be a re-enactment of the major Civil War event in Ste. Genevieve on 15 August 1861 at 1 p.m. on Saturday

Cavalry, Artillery and Infantry demonstrations during the day. For more info. contact Gary Scheel at 314-623-2062 or e-mail [somewhere1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:somewhere1@sbcglobal.net)

*July 11, 2010*

Bastille Day Celebration, Sunday July 11, 2-5pm

Join the Chatillon-DeMenil House in commemorating her French heritage! Dance Discovery will perform and demonstrate dances of the late 1700s, and the French Marines from Fort deChartres will do military drills and fire muskets as the crowd sings "La Marseillaise"! Rumor has it that Marie Antoinette herself will attend, and will cut the cake that she will then let us eat! Vive la France! This event is free.

**St. Louis Civil War Roundtable**  
**April 2010**

1. How many days was the city of Atlanta under bombardment by Gen. Sherman's army?  
**42 days from 23 Jul to 2 Sep 1864**
2. Atlanta was a major railroad hub and Confederate supply center. What four rail lines served the city?  
**Georgia Railroad went east to Covington  
Macon & Western went south to Jonesboro  
Atlanta & West Point went southeast to Fairburn  
Western & Atlantic went north to Adairsville**
3. The city of Atlanta had how many linear miles of encircling entrenchment and fortifications?  
**Twelve miles**
4. General Sherman's Army Group included what Federal Armies?  
**Army of the Tennessee      Gen. McPherson then Howard  
Army of the Ohio            Gen. Schofield  
Army of the Cumberland    General Thomas**
5. What were the four battles that sealed the fate of Atlanta?  
**Peachtree Creek 20 Jul 64    Thomas vs. Hardy and Stewart  
Atlanta 22 Jul 64            McPherson and Schofield vs. Cheatham and Hardee  
Ezra Church 28 Jul 64       Howard vs. SD Lee and Stewart  
Jonesboro 31 Aug 64        Howard vs. SD Lee and Hardee**
6. Who were the major subordinate commanders of Gen. Hood at Atlanta?  
**Hardee, Cheatham, Stewart, SD Lee, and Joe Wheeler(cavalry)**
7. What railroads made up Gen. Sherman's line of communication to Chattanooga?  
**East Tennessee & Georgia RR to Adairsville and the Western & Atlantic into Atlanta**
8. Pres. Davis in favor of Gen. Hood relieved Gen. Joe Johnston for lack of aggressiveness. What was his plan for defending Atlanta that he never was allowed to execute?  
**He prepared a defense on the North side of the Chattahoochee River about 5 miles above the city. He had his back to the river and planned to attack parts of Sherman's Army individually.**
9. What historic military entrapment was he planning to avoid?  
**"The fatal attraction of a fortress" within Atlanta's works. Once inside it would have been just a matter of time before encirclement and surrender. He wanted to retain his freedom of maneuver.**
10. What interesting philosophical tactical agreement did Sherman have with Johnston?  
**After Kennesaw Mountain Sherman determined never to attack frontally a prepared defense again. Johnston was determined not to withdraw into the fortifications if possible. Therefore both had determined to fight in the open. Sherman considered Atlanta too well defended to attack and too large to encircle for the forces he had.**
11. Johnston was using classical "fabian" tactics in his deliberate withdrawal toward Atlanta. What are "fabian" tactics?  
**Changing space for time and wearing down the aggressor by attrition. Unfortunately Sherman had the ability to get reinforcements whereas Johnston had limitations on additional forces.**