



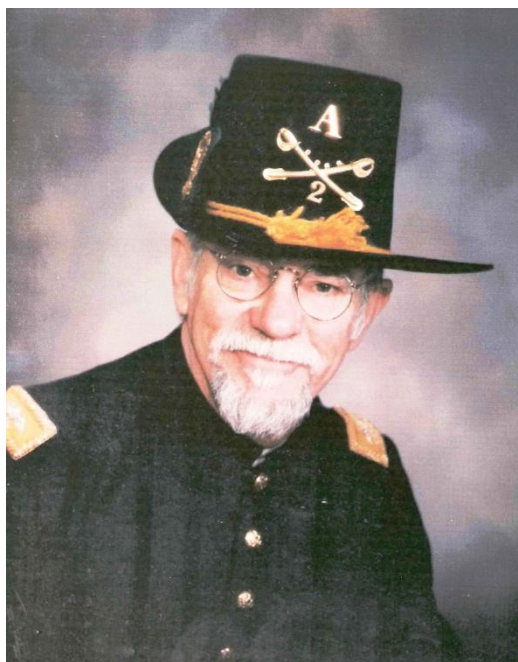
The Bushwhacker

November/December 2011

The Civil War Round Table of Saint Louis

“The War and the Churches”

Wynn Ward



What do churches and religion have to do with the Civil War? Did the influence of ministers and churches contribute to bringing on the war? What was the effect of religion during the Civil War? How important were Chaplains to the troops? Did you know that many of the major churches divided over slavery (e.g. “Southern” Baptist in the 1840’s)?

Join Round Table member Wynn Ward as he discusses religion and the Civil War.

Wynn has been a member of the St. Louis Civil War Round Table for about seventeen years and has been a Presbyterian Minister since 1953. Currently he is preaching in Gerald, Missouri every Sunday. His interest in the Civil War started when his father

took him to visit Shiloh when he was 12. In addition to giving numerous talks about the war in many places, Wynn has taught Adult Education on the Civil War and the American Revolution at Meramec College for 14 years.

MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 7, 2011

TWO HEARTS ON LINDBERGH BLVD NEAR GRAVOIS

Doors open at 5:30 pm; Meal served at 6:30; Presentation at 7:30

**Make reservations by NOVEMBER 23 and let us know if you are eating
Please reserve via our Web Site at <http://civilwarstlouis.org/main/>
or Call Gary Scheel at 314-623-2062**

Bushwhacker deadline: Three weeks prior to each meeting. Please submit items of interest to Walt Bittle waltb50@charter.net or John Harris ce342@swbell.net.

Upcoming Speakers

- January 25, 2012 – “*How The Civil War Transformed American Literature*” by Randall Fuller, Ph.D., Professor of English, Drury University, author of *From Battlefields Rising: How the Civil War Transformed American Literature*
- February 20, 2012 – “*Bushwhacking in Northeast Missouri*” by Saint Louis CWRT member Robert G. Schultz, editor of *General Sterling Price and the Confederacy* by Thomas C. Reynolds, *Army Life: From a Soldier’s Journal, Sketches and Record of a Union Soldier’s Army Life, in Camp and Field, 1861-1864* by A.O. Marshall, and *Political Cartoons of the American Civil War*
- March. 29, 2012 – “*TBD*” by UNC at Chapel Hill’s Stephenson Distinguished Professor, Joseph T. Glatthar, Ph.D., author of *General Lee’s Army*
- April. 25, 2012 – “*Civil War Fractional Currency*” by Robert Kravitz
- May. 23, 2012 – “*Major General Lew Wallace*” by Monocacy National Battlefield volunteer Gail Stephens, author of *Shadow of Shiloh, Major General Lew Wallace in the Civil War*

A Note From Our President

Dear Members,

I recently returned from a trip to the Florida Panhandle where I met several people from the Baton Rouge, LA area. One gentleman, seeing my CWRT St. Louis cap, started speaking of history and his study of the Civil War, or more accurately “the war of NORTHERN aggression!” He spoke of Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, the battles of Antietam, Gettysburg, and of a trip he had made to Shiloh. My response was that Shiloh was maybe my favorite battlefield, but I was very impressed by Port Hudson and the Battle of Baton Rouge sites. A vacant stare accompanied his response, “Son, that’s nice of you to say, but everyone knows the war was fought in Virginia”. Many of us who are “Civil War buffs” focus on the Battles of the East; after all that is where the largest centers of population were located, along with the all-powerful Press. With the exception of Shiloh, Vicksburg, Chattanooga, Chickamauga, and the Atlanta Campaign, most books have focused on the East and the personalities of the Eastern Armies. Bob Younger, former publisher of Morningside Press in Dayton, Ohio, once told me that he could “sell thousands, **thousands**, of copies” of a book if it had Gettysburg in the title or focused on Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, or Virginia, but when he published books on battles in the Western or Trans-Mississippi Theaters, he would be lucky to sell a few hundred. I encourage all of you to expand your vision of the Civil War. We have many wonderful sites here in Missouri: Wilson’s Creek, Pilot Knob, Lexington, Carthage, Westport, the Big Blue, etc, etc. Roundtable member Greg Wolk’s book is a wonderful resource to visit these and many other interesting sites. Expand your scope of reading, pick up a book on the Battle of Mansfield, LA, Prairie Grove, AR, Corinth, MS, Newtonia, MO or some other battle you never heard of, or never considered studying. The war was more than Lee, Jackson, Gettysburg, and Virginia. Hop in your car and visit a site or two; the knowledge you gain will enhance your understanding of the war and drive your desire to learn more. There is more to the Civil War than most people think. One of Bob Younger’s authors told me years ago he wanted to title his book ‘**Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson** weren’t **at** this battle that wasn’t called **Gettysburg**’. Expand your horizons and embrace your history.

Mike Scully

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October Meeting Recap

The rained out World Series game might have affected our attendance, as we were a few short of normal numbers. Nevertheless, it proved to be an excellent meeting with good food, good company, and the usual trivia questions by John Nischwitz to confound and amaze.

The featured speaker, author Jim Schmidt, was introduced by his childhood friend and Round Table member, Curtis Fears. Mr. Schmidt started his presentation with the foundation of Notre Dame University and continued through the school's contribution to the war effort – both Union and Confederacy – and followed up with post-war developments and the further contributions of various leaders and alumni of the University. We are most appreciative of Jim for donating his time and expertise – and for donating two of his books to the monthly raffle.

Mizzou and the Civil War

The University maintains the second largest library collection in the State of Missouri. During the Civil War, Union troops used the Library as a guard room. The troops caused significant damage, including taking 467 library volumes to build fires. The Board of Curators later sued the Army for the destruction they caused to the library and other parts of campus. The suit was eventually settled in 1915, and the award was used to build the Memorial Gateway on the northern edge of Red Campus.

Off The Shelf

Campaign for Wilson's Creek, The Fight for Missouri Begins

by Jeffrey L. Patrick, 2011

Jeff Patrick has worked at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield since 1992, first as a park ranger-interpreter and then as park librarian, starting in 2003. His recent addition to the "Civil War Campaigns and Commanders" series provides a concise, readable account of the events leading to Civil War in Missouri. Starting with the events and confrontations in St. Louis and following the movements up the Missouri River to Jefferson City and Boonville and then to southwest Missouri by way of Carthage, the stage is set with ample maps to help keep track of the forces converging on Wilson Creek with concise biographical information to help sort out the key players. The final third of the book condenses and explains the multiple facets of the battle, again with plenty of maps to help keep track of who was where. An excellent interview with the author may be found on Drew Wagenhoffer's Civil War Books and Authors Blog (<http://cwba.blogspot.com>) under the September 5, 2011 entry.

Submitted by John Harris

Events of Interest

Late 2011 – date still uncertain due to construction delays

Opening of the Missouri Civil War Museum.

For information: <http://mcwm.org>.

Through March 16, 2013

The Civil War in Missouri

Comprehensive exhibit exploring the complexities of the Civil War in Missouri at the Missouri History Museum. For information: www.mohistory.org.

November 30, 2011, 7:00 pm

Kirkwood Public Library American Civil War Series Book Discussion Group

Presentation on The Civil War in Missouri by Round Table member Greg Wolk

For information, contact Pat Rohan at (314) 821-5770 x1012

December 1, 2011, 3:00 – 8:30 pm

Historic Holiday House Tour featuring: Chatillon DeMenil House, Campbell House, Eugene Field House, The Old Courthouse, Tower Grove House

Ticket info: Guided bus transportation \$30, Self guided transportation \$20, Cafe DeMenil Buffet Dinner \$9.95. RSVP required. For more info, tickets and dinner reservations call 314-421-4689

January 25, 2012, 7:00 pm

Kirkwood Public Library American Civil War Series Book Discussion Group

Presentation TBD

February 29, 2012, 7:00 pm

Kirkwood Public Library American Civil War Series Book Discussion Group

Presentation TBD

April 11, 2012, 7:00 pm

Kirkwood Public Library American Civil War Series Book Discussion Group

Presentation TBD

May 23, 2012, 7:00 pm

Kirkwood Public Library American Civil War Series Book Discussion Group

Presentation TBD

July 11, 2012, 7:00 pm

Kirkwood Public Library American Civil War Series Book Discussion Group

Presentation TBD

August 22, 2012, 7:00 pm

Kirkwood Public Library American Civil War Series Book Discussion Group

Presentation TBD

October 3, 2012, 7:00 pm

Kirkwood Public Library American Civil War Series Book Discussion Group

Presentation TBD

December 11, 2011, 1:00 pm

A Respite from the Bloodshed

Demonstration of period dances and music by Dance Discovery and the Tu Penny Players at The Missouri History Museum in the AT&T Foundation Multipurpose Room. Free.

For information: www.mohistory.org.

June 7 - 10, 2012

Civil War Trust Annual Conference

Richmond, Virginia. For information: www.civilwar.org/aboutus/events/.

150 Years Ago – November/December 1861

- Nov 1 George B. McClellan replaces Winfield Scott as general-in-chief of the Union armies
- Nov 2 Maj. Gen. Fremont relieved of command. Maj. Gen. Hunter placed in command
- Nov 7 Jefferson Davis elected first President of the Confederacy
- Nov 7 Battle of Belmont, Missouri
- Nov 8 Union navy ship *USS San Jacinto* seizes James A. Mason and John Slidell, Confederate commissioners to Great Britain and France, from the British steamer *Trent*, creating an international diplomatic crisis for President Lincoln
- Nov 8-9 Battle of Ivy Mountain, Kentucky
- Nov 9 Maj. Gen. Henry W. Halleck takes command of Department of the Missouri. Maj. Gen. Hunter relinquishes command to Halleck on November 18
- Nov 18 5th Session of the Provisional Confederate Congress convenes
- Nov 19 Battle of Round Mountain, Indian Territory (Oklahoma)
- Nov 28 Missouri admitted to the Confederacy, becoming the 12th star on the Confederate flag
- Dec 4 Col. B. G. Farrar appointed Provost Marshal General of the Department of Missouri. Capt. George E. Leighton becomes Provost Marshal of the city of St. Louis and vicinity.
- Dec 9 Battle of Chusto-Talasa/Caving Banks, Indian Territory (Oklahoma)
- Dec 10 Confederates hold meetings in Russellville, Kentucky in late October and mid-November and establish a provisional Kentucky state government that was admitted into the Confederate States of America on December 10, 1861, becoming the 13th star on the Confederate flag. (Bowling Green served as Kentucky's Confederate capital, but this government withdrew with the Confederate army in mid-February 1862 and, despite a brief return the same year, spent most of the Civil War in exile.)
- Dec 13 Battle of Camp Allegheny/Allegheny Mountain, (West) Virginia
- Dec 17 Battle of Rowlett's Station, Kentucky
- Dec 20 Battle of Dranesville, Virginia
- Dec 22 The first prisoners arrive at Gratiot Street Prison. One dies practically on the doorstep, as the prisoners wait outside in the cold for entry. About 1300 men arrive in thirty-six train cars and are escorted by the 25th Indiana and 2nd Iowa Regiments. Crowds follow the column, occasionally cheering for the prisoners.
- Dec 26 Battle of Chustenahlah, Indian Territory (Oklahoma)
- Dec 28 Battle of Mount Zion Church, Missouri

Off The Wall

Myth or Fact?

I came to the realization some time ago that there is no such thing as an unbiased view. No matter how “objective” we try to be, our own experiences color our judgment. When we think we are being “objective” we are really “subjective”.

Several authors reminded me of this principle at the 2011 Missouri Literary Festival on the Civil War held in Springfield, Missouri on September 23, 24, and 25.

When novelist Jeff Shaara was asked how to distinguish between fact and fiction in his historical novels, he said that if you can't tell, then he is “winning”.

Professor William Garrett Piston, author of *Wilson's Creek: The Second Battle of the Civil War and the Men Who Fought It* observed how the “facts” change with time.

Professor William C. Davis observed the differences between diaries and letters, noting that diaries are written assuming they will be read by someone and usually show the writer in a favorable light, while letters seem to be more direct, depending upon the audience they are written for. He also noted that the everyday fictions that we tell ourselves to cope with reality continue to blur the fuzzy lines between myth and fact, which are continually evolving.

From consoling ourselves over a team's loss by seizing upon a missed call by a referee, all the way to people who are convinced the moon landing was faked as a government conspiracy, we all fool ourselves every day, in a matter of degrees.

So what is this, Myth or Fact?

Submitted by John Harris

Off The Wall

“Tactics of Kissing”

From *The Story of the Confederacy* by Robert Selph Henry

Referring to a camp paper printed in The Army of Northern Virginia during the winter encampment of 1863/64: “Neither battles that had been fought, nor disasters to come, dampened the humor of *“The Rapid Ann”*. It revised *“Hardee's Tactics”*, and widened its application, by the publication of the following silliness:

TACTICS OF KISSING – Recruit is placed in front of the piece. First motion – bend the right knee; straighten the left; bring the head on a level with the face of the piece; at the same time extend the arms, and clasp the cheeks of the piece firmly in both hands. Second motion – bend the body slightly forward; pucker the mouth; and apply the lips smartly to the muzzle mouldings. Third motion – break off promptly on both legs, to escape the jarring or injury should the piece recoil.

Submitted by Walt Bittle

Editorial Cartoon of the Month



“Look Out for Squalls”
Punch, December 7, 1861.

This cartoon appeared in reference to the Mason and Slidell affair, where an American warship, the *USS Trent*, stopped an unarmed British ship in international water that was carrying the two Confederate representatives and removed them. An international incident ensued, which took considerable tact on both sides to resolve.

Here, Uncle Sam is represented as a puny, belligerent piratical type, while John Bull as the British seaman, lectures “*You do what’s right, my son, or I’ll blow you out of the water.*”

At this time, Great Britain had the largest and strongest navy in the world, while the United States navy was much smaller and weaker.

Member Bob Schultz has created *Political Cartoons of the American Civil War*, a 52-page book of contemporary cartoons from many sources, accompanied by a Powerpoint® disc suitable for presentations to organizations or in school settings to supplement conventional study materials on the Civil War. Available to members for \$10 each (see Bob Schultz at the next meeting) or for \$14.95 postage paid. Contact waltb50@charter.net for further details.

St. Louis Civil War Round Table

October 2011 Trivia

1. What was the “Devil’s Den of Mississippi”?
The name given to a cave of an island in the Leaf River in Jones County, Mississippi, which was the base of a band of Union Sympathizers and Confederate deserters led by Newton Knight and Jasper Collins. They ambushed Confederate soldiers, assassinated tax collectors, burned bridges, sank ferryboats, and provided food to destitute local families. The area became known as the “Free Sate of Jones”. Col. Henry Maury, CSA, was dispatched to hunt down the guerrillas, which he did with marginal success. Newton Knight was very much a modern-day Robin Hood.
2. What were these officers’ first names?

Confederate General Zollicoffer	Felix
Union Major General Sigel	Franz
Union Major General Blair	Francis
Confederate Admiral Buchanan	Franklin
3. What exceptional artillerist in Ewell’s Corp was referred to as “the boy major”?
Major Joseph W. Latimer, who studied artillery under Thomas J. Jackson at VMI. He commanded the Richard Snowden Andrews Artillery Battalion at Gettysburg at age 19.
4. The 1880 Presidential Election was won by a Republican and Civil War veteran General James Garfield. Who was his Democratic opponent?
Winfield Scott Hancock, former Union General
5. What was Ziegler’s Grove, a very identifiable topographic feature on what famous battlefield?
The grove of White Oak, Hickory, and Chestnut trees on the northern end of Gettysburg’s Cemetery Ridge, the extreme right of Meade’s lines on the ridge. (Not the objective of Pickett’s charge which is called the “copse of trees”, actually a large Chestnut.) Ziegler’s Grove saw the farthest penetration of Confederates in Pickett’s Charge by BG James Lane’s North Carolinians.
6. What was the popular name of the 15th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment that served in twenty-six engagements in the Western Theater from Island #10 through Atlanta? The commanders were Col. Hans Christian Heg (killed at Chickamauga), Maj. Jurgen Wilson, and Col. Ole Johnson.
The Scandinavian Regiment, sometimes called the Norse (or Norwegian) Regiment, formed at Madison, Wisconsin. The unit motto was “For Gud og Vort Land”, translated as “For God and Our Country”.
7. How many Sioux warriors were killed, wounded, or captured at the Battle of White Stone Hill in Dakota Territory (North Dakota), September 3 to 5, 1863, the greatest defeat ever suffered by the Sioux Nation?
Chief Inkpaduta was defeated by BG Alfred Sully, losing at least 3000 killed, wounded, or captured.
8. What was the Soapsuds Brigade?
The laundresses that were allowed in each company. Four were allotted per unit, and they could live with their husbands in a separate quarters area.