

February 2016 President's Letter

Dear Fellow Civil War Enthusiasts,

The February 24 meeting of the Civil War Round Table of St. Louis marks the beginning of the second half of our 2015-2016 campaign. Our February program will be a presentation about James Eads. Mr. Eads designed and built ironclad gunboats for the Union Navy in the Carondelet area of Saint Louis. There is an Eads' Ironclads Interpretive Sign located in South St. Louis' Square Park.

Since we celebrate Valentine's Day in the month of February, I have a very interesting book to recommend for your reading pleasure. *My Dear Molly* consists of the 160 letters that St. Louisan James Love wrote to his fiancée, Eliza Mary "Molly" Wilson, during his Civil War service. The book was edited by Molly Kodner. She is an archivist at the Missouri History Museum. The book is available at the Museum's Gift Shop in Forest Park.

Please join us at a meeting of the Civil War Round Table of St. Louis before our 2015-2016 campaign comes to a close. Meeting dates and reservation information is found on this website.

Paul Hauser

2015-2016 President