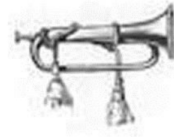




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527th Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Milburn Golf and Country Club

7501 West 69th Street, Overland Park, KS 66204

Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m.

This meeting will include a plated dinner at a cost of \$30.00 per person. However, for current, dues-paying members of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City, the meal at their first meeting this year will be free. Attendance will be limited to 52 people and reservations are required.

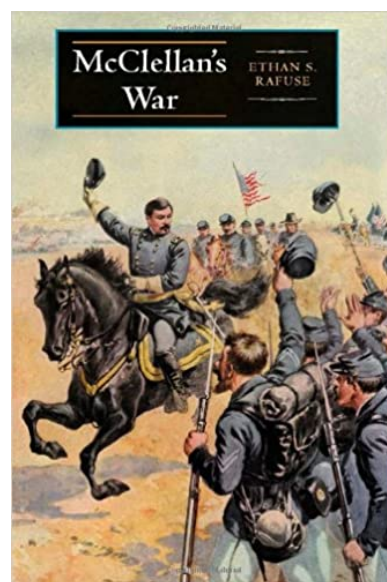
Reservation Deadline: 12:00 noon on Wednesday, May 19th.

To make a reservation, please contact Marlene Natoli:

<mailto:marnatoli@att.net>

Phone: 913-764-1336

May Program



Dr. Ethan S. Rafuse professor of military history at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth KS will be speaking about Union General George B. McClellan versus Confederate General Robert E. Lee in 1862. The title of Dr. Rafuse's program is: "We always understood each other so well": McClellan, Lee, and the War in the East.

This should be an excellent program. Attendance will be limited, so please make your reservations early.

Letter from our Round Table's President

Dear Round Table Members:

As we enter our second month of in-person meetings, the executive committee has agreed that we can safely offer a cash bar prior to the meal, and a meal prior to the presentation. I alluded to this at our April meeting, and the situation is playing out favorably. Contagion rates have continued to lower in the metro area, and the number of vaccinations has continued to increase, especially in the demographic most represented in our group. A strong majority of those who attended the April meeting indicated that they would attend the meeting in May if we served a meal.

We will still observe some safety precautions. Tables that would normally seat eight will be limited to four. We will limit the total number of attendees to the 13 tables we can comfortably arrange in the room, meaning our total attendance will be limited to 52 including the speaker. ***That means that prior reservations are absolutely necessary.*** We need an accurate attendee number prior to the meeting for meal preparation, and for limiting the attendance to the space available. Please do not put the persons checking in attendees in the awkward position of turning you away by not reserving your attendance in advance.

Those of you who attended the April meeting may have noticed the two portable air purifiers in the room. These are hospital grade purifiers and are used in addition to the upgraded air purification system installed by the club at the beginning of the year. We are comfortable that the room will be safe and that we can enjoy a meal together.

As promised, dues-paying members will enjoy a free meal their first time back. This offer is good for the first three months meals are offered, so if you cannot attend the May meeting you still have two more opportunities to claim your free meal. This also provides another reason that reservations are necessary.

Dr. Ethan Rafuse, our speaker for May, is familiar to most of you and always provides an insightful and thought-provoking presentation. We look forward to seeing all of you who attended the April meeting, and a few more of you who now feel it is time to venture out. As always, the decision is yours, and your safety is of prime importance.

I hope to see you at the dinner meeting on May 25th.

Regards,

Dan Dooley

President, Civil War Round Table of Kansas City

Dinner Menu

Milburn Golf and Country Club will serve the following meal: Sautéed salmon with lemon butter sauce, rice pilaf and vegetable medley, with S'mores bread pudding for dessert. If you have any food allergies, please advise Marlene Natoli when you make your dinner reservation.

Meet Our Speaker



Dr. Ethan S. Rafuse spoke at our dinner meeting on December 17, 2019.

Dr. Ethan S. Rafuse received his Ph.D. in history and political science from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and since 2005 has been a member of the faculty at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, where he is a professor of military history. His published works include the following books:

- Corps Commanders in Blue: Union Major Generals in the Civil War
- McClellan's War: The Failure of Moderation in the Struggle for the Union
- Guide to the Richmond-Petersburg Campaign (U.S. Army War College Guides to Civil War Battles)
- Antietam, South Mountain, and Harpers Ferry: A Battlefield Guide
- Robert E. Lee and the Fall of the Confederacy, 1863-1865
- The American Civil War
- Fitz John Porter: The Campaign of the Second Manassas
- George Gordon Meade and the War in the East
- Manassas: A Battlefield Guide
- A Single Grand Victory: The First Campaign and Battle of Manassas
- Stonewall Jackson: A Biography

In 2018-2019, Dr. Rafuse was the Charles Boal Ewing Distinguished Professor of History at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Dr. Rafuse has given programs at several of our Civil War Round Table dinner meetings in the past and was presented with the Round Table's Harry S. Truman Award on December 17, 2019.

May Program: "We always understood each other so well": McClellan, Lee, and the War in the East

The Civil War in the Eastern Theater in 1862 was the stage for a grand confrontation between two distinctly different armies and commanders. When the year began, Robert E. Lee languished in relative obscurity, while George McClellan strode the Union war effort like a colossus.

By June, McClellan had led his Army of the Potomac to the proverbial gates of Richmond and ultimate victory for the Union seemed within sight. Then, however, Lee and his Army of Northern Virginia struck back and by the middle of September had carried the war to the outskirts of Washington and then across the Potomac River into Maryland, before McClellan managed to turn back the Confederate tide.

This talk will look at both of these commanders and how the dialogue between their respective approaches to the war—and their mutual understanding of the strategic and operational dynamics in the East—colored its conduct in 1862 and cast a long shadow over the entire war.

Live Auction Book Sales

Round Table member Arnold Schofield will auction the following Civil War books during the May dinner meeting:

- Stonewall Jackson by Lieutenant Colonel G.F.R. Henderson. Reprint edition by Konecky & Konecky Publishing, Old Saybrook CT. In mint condition with dust jacket.
- Butler: The Damnedest Yankee by Dick Nolan; Presidio Press, 1991. In excellent condition with dust jacket.
- Conquering the Valley: Stonewall Jackson at Port Republic by Robert K. Krick; 1996, William Morrow & Cp. Publishing, New York. In mint condition with dust jacket.
- Lincoln's Greatest Journey by Noah Andre Trudeau; Savas & Beatie Press, 2016. In excellent condition with dust jacket.

Last Month's Program



**Round Table Member Tom Rafiner
and his wife Nancy.**

At our Round Table meeting held on April 27, 2021, Round Table member **Tom A. Rafiner** of Columbia MO gave a program about his latest book titled: R.L.Y. Peyton, An American Journey, 1824-1863. R. L.Y. Peyton was born in Virginia, but ended up in Missouri, where he practiced law for 10 years. During the bleeding Kansas era he was a significant player in the politics of the day as a Missouri state senator. He advocated Missouri's withdrawal from the Union and served in the Confederate Congress.

R.L.Y. Peyton's journey from obscurity to the national stage and then to oblivion, is as unlikely as it is incredible. Born into the cavalier Virginia gentry, Lud's family migrated to Oxford, Ohio. He attended Miami University before getting a law degree at the University of Virginia. For 10 years he practiced frontier law in

Harrisonville MO. Suddenly in 1854, inflamed by the Kansas-Nebraska Act, Lud exploded onto the political stage. He represented western Missouri in the state senate, helped trigger secession and then served in the C.S.A. Senate. He died from malaria in Alabama in 1863. Peyton's journey is uniquely American, his life narrating Missouri's, and the country's, ante-bellum history.

Upcoming Speaker Schedule for 2021

- **June 22, 2021: Teresa Roane**, archivist for the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Richmond VA, will be our speaker. She will address the role of minorities in the logistical operations of the Confederate Army.
- **July 27, 2021: Ron Coddington**, publisher of *Military Images*, a full color magazine published quarterly, will be our speaker. He will present photographic images of the Civil War.
- **August 24, 2021: Connie Langum**, Park Ranger and Historian at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield will be our speaker.
- **September 28, 2021: Dr. Joseph M. Beilein Jr.**, assistant professor of history at Penn State University, Erie PA will be our speaker. He will be speaking about bushwhackers in Missouri. Dr. Beilein is the author of the book titled: *Bushwhackers: Guerrilla Warfare, Manhood, and the Household in Civil War Missouri.*
- **October 26, 2021: Dr. Paul Kahan** will give a program about his book titled: *The Presidency of Ulysses S. Grant.*
- **November 16, 2021: Wayne Motts**, CEO of the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg PA will be our speaker. Wayne's father is Warren Motts, who is the founder and director of the Motts Military Museum in Groveport OH.
- **December 14, 2021: Arnold Schofield** will be giving a program about Robert E. May's book titled: *Yuletide in Dixie: Slavery, Christmas, and Southern Memory.*

Member News

- **Susan Keipp** had a very unfortunate accident on April 25th. Susan got tripped up on a garden hose and fell on her sidewalk. She went to St. Luke's South Hospital and had to get 8 stitches in her knee, and 2 or 3 stitches in each elbow. Susan also fractured her left hand and it was bruised and swollen. Susan is left-handed and still has a number of tax returns to complete.

- We are very sorry to report that former president of the Round Table **Jim Speicher** is not doing well. Jim's cancer has invaded his entire body and he is now moving by wheelchair and sometimes by walker. He has frequent falls and injuries. Please keep Jim and his wife, Cindy, in your prayers. His address is: Colonel (ret.) James Speicher, 5403 Coral Shell Way, Apollo Beach FL 33572. Jim was president of the Round Table in 2006 and served as commander of the local SCVCW for many years.
- We are also sorry to report that former Round Table member **Ralph Beckwith** passed away on April 19th.

Remembering Ralph Beckwith



Ralph Beckwith (Photo taken December 20, 2016)

The following is from the *Leavenworth Times* newspaper: Ralph Gerge Beckwith, 79, Leavenworth KS, passed away April 19, 2021, peacefully at home.

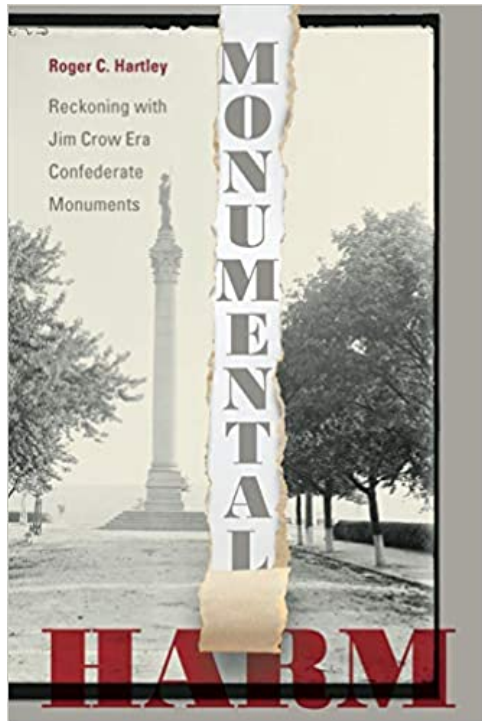
Ralph graduated from Fullerton (Junior) College and the University of Missouri-Columbia. He joined the U.S. Army and while stationed overseas in Darmstadt, Germany, fell in love with his future wife, Hermine Lima. They were married on May 31, 1969 in Bellville IL. Ralph and his wife had two children: Alexander and Kathrine.

Ralph served in the Missouri National Guard, taught high school social studies for ten years. He reenlisted in the Army and taught ROTC at The Ohio State University and later military strategy and tactics at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth. He retired as a lieutenant colonel.

In retirement, Ralph was involved in a number of volunteer activities and served as president of the national Fred Harvey Museum.

Mass of Christian burial was held on April 30th at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church. Ralph was buried in the Leavenworth National Cemetery.

Book: *Monumental Harm: Reckoning with Jim Crow Era Confederate Monuments*



Arnold Schofield recently read the book *Monumental Harm: Reckoning with Jim Crow Era Confederate Monuments*. The following is a summary of the book from the Amazon website:

"In recent years, the debate over the future of Confederate monuments has taken center stage and caused bitter clashes in communities throughout the American South. At the heart of the debate is the question of what these monuments represent. The arguments and counterarguments are formulated around sets of assumptions grounded in Southern history, politics, culture, and race relations. Comprehending and evaluating accurately the associated claims and counterclaims calls for a careful examination of facts and legal considerations relevant to each side's assertions. In *Monumental Harm*, Roger C. Hartley offers a road map to addressing and resolving this acrimonious debate.

"Although history and popular memory play a vital role in the discussion, there have been distortions of both parts. *Monumental Harm* reviews the fact-based history

of the initial raising of these monuments and distinguishes it from the popular memory held by many Confederate-monument supporters. Hartley also addresses concerns regarding the potential erasure of history and the harm these monuments have caused the African American community over the years, as well as the role they continue to play in politics and power.

"The recent rise in White nationalism and the video-recorded murders of Black citizens at the hands of White police officers have led to nationwide demonstrations and increased scrutiny of Confederate monuments on public land. As injustice is laid bare and tempers flare, the need for a peaceful resolution becomes ever-more necessary. *Monumental Harm* offers a way to break the rhetorical deadlock, urging that we evaluate the issue through the lens of the U.S. Constitution, while employing the overarching democratic principle that no right is absolute. Through constructive discourse and good-faith compromise, a more perfect union is within reach."

Sergeant Major's Roar

Battlefield Dispatches #657

Deception by Disguise

During the Civil War, as the war progressed in Missouri, both the Union Cavalry and Confederate Guerrillas or Bushwhackers would disguise themselves by wearing the uniform of their enemy. The Bushwhackers were especially good at this type of deception. Also, the Union commanders were constantly trying to devise a way protect their men by the use of a colored strip of cloth or metal badge that was to be worn by their men on their hats or jackets.

Because Missouri was a divided state with reference to one's loyalty there appears to have been an effort by the Union forces to stop or prevent the sale of "Southern Literature" in Missouri through the confiscation of books, reports and circulars that described any enemy General, victorious battle or campaign. The following correspondence describes the "Deception by Disguise" of some Confederate Guerrillas, a possible solution and the confiscation of some of the Southern literature that was discovered in Missouri and is located on Pages 777-778 in *Vol. 34, Part I of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion*.

"Headquarters Central District of Missouri Warrensburg,
March 29,1864.

Major O. D. Greene, Assistant Adjutant General,
Saint Louis.

Major: I have the honor to report that all the BUSHWHACKERS in this district are DRESSED in FEDERAL UNIFORMS and I have directed that the Regimental Commanders shall make requisition for SKY-BLUE FORAGE CAPS to be worn on all scouts, escorts, etc., as a designation of their character. I respectfully ask that they may be furnished. As they are not regulation standard, I desire an order to cover the case. I should have stated in the proper connection that when "Shelby" made his raid last fall he had an advance guard of about 200 men all dressed in our uniform and in many cases deceived our troops and people.

I am, truly yours,
E. B. BROWN,
Brigadier General of Volunteers, Commanding."

[Endorsement]

"Headquarters Department of the Missouri, Saint Louis,
April 8,1864.

Respectfully returned to Brigadier General Brown,
commanding Central District of Missouri.

The General commanding is of the opinion that furnishing caps of this pattern would be but a temporary expedient in the way of obviating the evil complained of, as the BUSHWHACKERS could soon obtain the same caps, besides, our men furnished with sky blue caps might commit the fatal mistake of taking another scouting party, with the regulation cap, for BUSHWHACKERS. The General thinks some badge might be better adopted and understood throughout the district, as also in General Sanborn's district. A badge on the cap or breast of the coat, of conspicuous colors and which could be changed by order, from time to time, to meet the necessity of the case, would do away with the desirableness of introducing an irregular uniform.

By order of Major General Rosecrans,
FRANK ENO,
Assistant Adjutant General."

Seizing Books

"Headquarters Department of the Missouri, Saint Louis,
Mo., March 29,1864.

Capt. J. Gray, Provost Marshal, Rolla, Mo.

Lieut. W. P. Owens, Assistant Provost Marshal, Cape Girardeau, Mo.:

An order issued against the sale of Pollard's "Southern History of the War", "Confederate Official Reports", "The Life of Stonewall Jackson", and "The Adventures of Morgan and his Men". SEIZE the BOOKS and ARREST ALL SELLING THEM!

J. P. SANDERSON,
Provost Marshal General."

Now then, it is not known how successful the "Union" attempts were to deceive the Confederate guerrillas but what is certain is that the guerrillas continued to disguise themselves by wearing the "Union" uniform when it was advantageous for them to do so for the balance of the war. Also, it is doubtful that the "Union" practice of confiscating or seizing "Southern" books was ever completely successful because the demand was always there as the War Went On!

Photographs of South Mountain Battlefield

The Battle of South Mountain MD was fought on September 14, 1862, as part of Confederate General Robert E. Lee's Maryland Campaign. Three pitched battles were fought for control of the South Mountain passes at Crampton's Gap, Turner's Gap, and Fox's Gap. General George B. McClellan's Union army needed to pass through these gaps, in to pursue Lee's divided Army of Northern VA. The delay at South Mountain allowed Lee to reunite his army prior to and during the Battle of Antietam, fought on September 17, 1862.

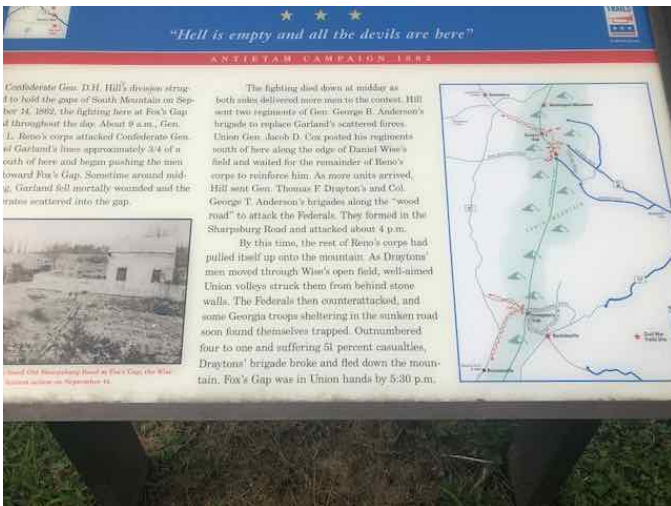
The following photographs were taken by **Dave Pattison's** daughter, Cari, while she was hiking on the Appalachian Trail on July 4, 2019.



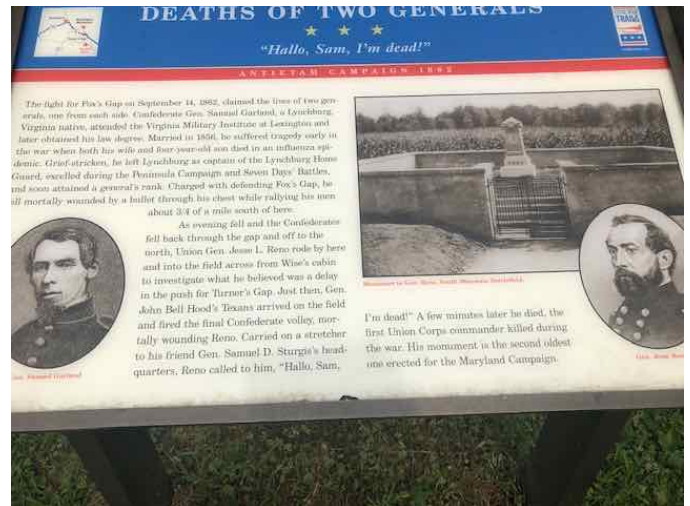
**National War Correspondents Memorial Arch,
built by George Alfred Townsend in 1896,
located at Crampton's Gap.**



**Sign along the highway through Crampton's Gap,
west of Burkittsville MD.**



**Wayside exhibit showing a map of South Mountain.
The quote at the top of the exhibit reads:
"Hell is empty and all the devils are here."**



**Wayside exhibit regarding the deaths of Confederate
General Samuel Garland, Jr. and Union General
Jesse Reno, both killed at Fox's Gap.**



Grave marker for Confederate General Samuel Garland, Jr. who was killed at Fox's Gap and is buried along the Appalachian Trail.



Wayside exhibits discussing the Maryland Campaign of 1862 and the famous lost orders detailing Lee's troop movements prior to the Battle of South Mountain.

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