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*No meals for the  
Summer Sessions, but  
coffee, water and tea  
are self-serve.*

Our May meeting was extra special and if you didn't come, you missed out!

First off, our speaker was world re-known Civil War historian Ed Bearss who I just think is something else. Loved his talk and would you believe I talked to someone who did not like it or his speaking period? We all have our opinions and since I'm the editor this year, you get to hear mine. Then there was the book fair, didn't I tell you there would be something there you couldn't live without! And last, there were about a dozen of us who wore our period clothing and did we look great! Someone send me the photos so I can post them.

## SUMMER SESSION SPEAKERS

**June 28, Dan Smith,** Byram's Ford Big Blue Battlefield

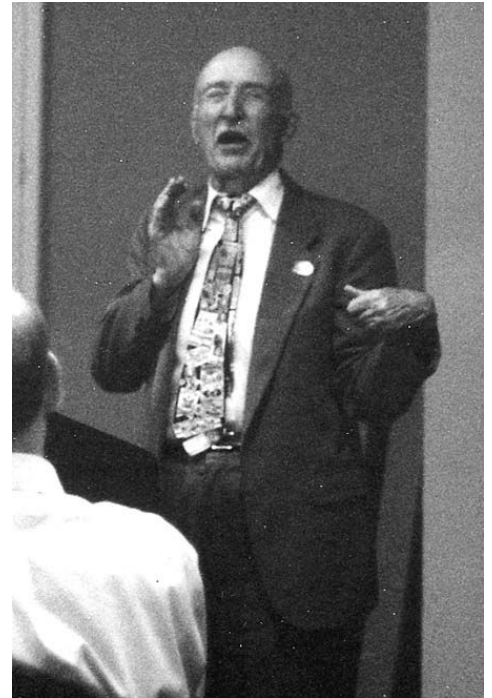
**July 26, Arnold Schofield,** Scouts, Spies and Detectives: 3 case studies

**August 23, Orvis Fitts,** Chaplains of the Civil War

## THE CIVIL WAR COMMUNITY MOURNS LOSS OF HISTORIAN AND PRESERVATIONIST BRIAN POHANKA

CWPT President James Lighthizer made the following statement in the wake of Brian's passing:

"Today the battlefield preservation community, and the Civil War community at large, mourn the loss of historian and preservationist Brian C. Pohanka. Few people have contributed more to keeping thememory of the Civil War alive for the present generations of Americans. He will be greatly missed.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

From Jim Beckner

Thanks to Gerald & Judy Smith for representing the Round Table at a public dedication of the newest Kansas City Fire Station. The Mayor and many other important dignitaries were there. It's the location where we will soon have a Westport mural and a place to distribute all the brochures that we have.

Jim Beckner is organizing another trip for any of our members that wish to go. All interested parties should be at the Ford dealership on Highway 69 in Louisburg, KS by 1:00pm on August 6, 2005. We will carpool from Louisburg depending on individual needs and time schedules. The first stop will be the Frontier Military Museum in Drexel, MO., cost \$300. Second stop will be Fort Lincoln. Arnold Schofield and other experts will provide free mans and other info

when we arrive. The last stop will be Mine Creek annual auction and dinner. This starts at 6:00pm and should be over by 8:30pm. Cost approx. \$15.00 plus any items purchased at the auction. Contact Jim Beckner at: [JANDJRNCH@hotmail.com](mailto:JANDJRNCH@hotmail.com) or 816-380-1943

### COMING EVENTS

**August 15-21, 2005: Lawrence, Kansas, 10<sup>th</sup> Annual: The Civil War on the Western Frontier.**

Monday, August 15- Sunday, August 21, Activities for kids on up, something going on every day all day and a lot of is free. See and experience the birthplace of the Civil War, 1854-1865, Lawrence, at the hands of Border Ruffians and Free Staters. For more information, call or e-mail the Convention and Visitors Bureau, Lawrence Visitor Information Center in the Union Pacific Depot, 402 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, 785-865-4499, 1-888-LAW-KANS, [visinfo@visitlawrence.com](mailto:visinfo@visitlawrence.com).

**BRIAN POHANKA** *cont.*

"Brian was a familiar face on many Civil War documentaries. He could be found on such programs

as Civil War Journal and Ken Burns' landmark The Civil War, among countless others. Brian's commentary was always sharp, insightful, and to the point. He further shared his perspective through countless books and articles on the war, and helped other young authors with advice and encouragement. Brian's true passion centered on the famous Zouave soldiers, especially the renowned Fifth New York Volunteer Infantry.

"Arguably Brian's most important contribution - in a life full of great contributions - was in 1987, when he helped start the battlefield preservation movement that we know today. Brian hosted some of the first meetings Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites, a group that would later become the Civil War Preservation Trust. Thanks to Brian's foresight and commitment, hallowed battlefields that would otherwise have been paved over remain for future generations to visit and venerate. We at the Civil War Preservation Trust are proud and honored to carry on the work he started.

**NEW MEMBERS**  
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**Richard Joslyn**, 8404 Ensley Place, Leawood, KS 66206, 913-901-9432

**THE BATTLE OF THE LITTLE BLUE RIVER**  
The Little Blue River may have had a more reddish color in October 1864.  
The Battle of the Little Blue, a significant Jackson County battle during the Civil War, began at a bridge south of what is now U.S. 24 in eastern Independence.  
Cox is leading a charge of his own to save the battle site from encroaching development and a proposed roadway. "Historical importance is one thing. Preservation is another," he said.  
On May 21, the Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation placed the Little Blue battle site in its top-10 endangered historic places in the state. Cox nominated the site for the distinction.  
For more info on this and other preservation news, go to: <http://www.civilwar.org>

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