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## 446th REGULAR MEETING

**TUESDAY, April 23, 2013**

**Homestead Country Club**

6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas

Social Hour-Cash Bar-6:00p.m.

Dinner-6:30p.m.

## APRIL SPEAKER

**JAMES L. "SPIKE" SPEICHER**

**"A PERSONAL SIDE OF ROBERT E. LEE"**

Spike graduated from The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina in 1968 and entered active duty with the U.S. Army as a Second Lieutenant. He retired in January 2001 as a full colonel.

Spike has been a student of the War Between the States since he was about ten. He has been a Confederate reenactor since he was 13 and is currently a member of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battery Missouri Light Artillery, CSA. Other prominent positions include being a Life Member of The Citadel Alumni Association, being on the Board of Directors for Missouri's Civil War Heritage Foundation, Inc. and being the 2006 past president of the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City. He is also a member of the Civil War Preservation Trust, the Missouri Civil War Reenactors Association, the Kansas City Military Collectors Club, the Saint Andrew Society, the Monticello Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Special Forces Association.

Spike is a Life Member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, where his is the commander of the Major Thomas J. Key Camp in Johnson County, Kansas. In the SCV, he is a past Kansas Division Commander, and past Lieutenant Commander of both the Kansas Division and the Missouri Division.

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### Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

*Please be sure our Treasurer receives all reservations by Friday, April 19, 2013  
along with payment of \$26.00 per person. Mail to:*

**Paul Gault, 7118 N. Congress Ave., Kansas City, MO 64152**

*Homestead's deadline for reservation changes is the following Monday afternoon, so  
promptly report any necessary adjustments to Paul at 816-741-2962 or 816-522-8021.*

*If unable to reach him, call Assistant Treasurer Howard Mann at 816-932-5663.*

April Speaker, James L. "Sike" Speicher continued...

He was selected to serve as the SCV Chief-of-Staff for 2010/2012 tenure of Commander-in-Chief Michael Givens and is currently serving the SCV as the national Inspector-in Chief.

Spike has had numerous articles published in nationally circulated Civil War magazines. His first book "The Sumter Flying Artillery: A Civil War History of the Eleventh Battalion Georgia Light Artillery" was released by Pelican Publishing Company in October of 2009.

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## SPEAKERS 2013

**May 28:** Matt Spruill – Gettysburg

**Summer Sessions – Note:** Summer Sessions will be held at the Alexander Majors House at 8201 State Line Road, Kansas City, MO 64114.

**June 25:** Lane Smith – "Decisions at Vicksburg"

**July 23:** Arnold Schofield, Battle of Honey Springs

**August 27:** Dr. Diane Mutti Burke, Order #11 & Civil War Refugees

**September 24:** Glen Roberts – Chickamauga

**October 22:** Arnold Schofield - Baxter Springs, KS

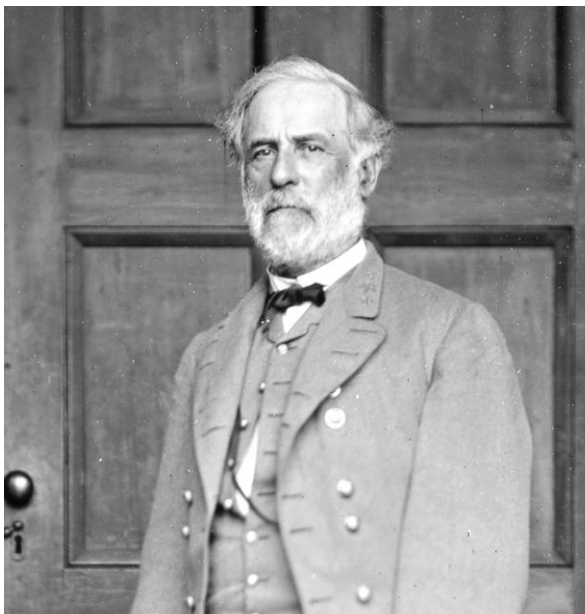
**November 19:** Kevin Knapp – Civil War Balloon Corps

**December 17:** Dr. Michael E. Monaco, Civil War Medicine

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## MENU FOR APRIL 2013

Homestead Greens, Tomatoes, Cucumber, Carrots, Red Cabbage, Dressing, Rainbow Trout Muniere with Parsley Butter, Herbed Rice, Braised Provençal Vegetables, & Double Layer Chocolate Cake with Cherry Sauce.



## "The Sergeant Major's Roar"

*Special for the Border Bugle, April, 2013*

### "A Yankee View of General Robert E. Lee"

Historically, there are many views and opinions of General Robert E. Lee. In 1912, Gamaliel Bradford Jr. was the author of a biography entitled "Lee the American" which was reviewed in August 1911 issue of the "Atlantic" magazine. In his book, Bradford paid tribute to General Lee's humility, heroism and his graceful acceptance of defeat. The following is edited from the latter review.

"We like to imagine the mater mind in a great conflict controlling everything, down to the last detail. Lee himself indicated this humorously when he was remonstrated with for running unnecessary risks and answered: I wish someone would tell me my proper place in battle. I am always told I should not be where I am". At various times he expressed a deep sense of all the horrors of war. "You have no idea of what a horrible sight a battlefield is." One vivid sentence, spoken in the midst of the slaughter of Fredericksburg, lights the man's true instincts, like a flash: "It is well that war is so terrible, or else we might grow fond of it."

When matters became really critical, Lee completely threw aside all caution. In the terrific battles of the Wilderness, where at times it seemed as if Grant would succeed in breaking through, the Confederate General repeatedly (on three separate occasions, as it appears) rushed to the front to rally his men and charge, like Ney or Murat, at the head of them. "Go back, General Lee, go back!" shouted the soldiers. But he would not go back till they had promised to do as much for him as they could have done with him. And they did as much. No men could have done more. Once in a fight, he hated to give it up and perhaps occasionally allowed his ardor to overcome his discretion.

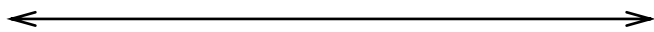
But there came a day of defeat, when the Army of Northern Virginia, after four years of hard fighting and triumphing and suffering, shrunk almost to nothing, saw their great commander ride away to make his submission to a generous conqueror.

Under the nobly serenity maintained by habitual effort, good observers detected signs of struggle that must be taking place. "His face was still calm, but his carriage was no longer erect, as his soldiers had been used to see it. The trouble of those last days had already ploughed great furrows in his forehead. His eyes were red as if with weeping; his cheeks sunken and haggard; his face colorless. No one who looked upon him then, as

he stood there in full view of the disastrous end, can never forget the intense agony written upon his features.”

The scene that ensued has been described often: the plain farmhouse room, the officers, curious, yet sympathetic, the formal conversation, as always painfully unequal to the huge event it covered, the short, ungainly, ill dressed man, as dignified in his awkwardness almost as the royal, perfectly appointed figure that conferred with him. Lee bore himself nobly, say his admirers: nobly, but a little coldly, say his opponents. And who shall blame him? Then it was over. One moment he paused at the door, as he went out, waiting for his horse and as he paused, looking far into the tragic future or the tragic past, he struck his gauntleted hands together in a gesture of immense despair, profoundly significant for so self-contained a man. Then he rode away, back to his children, back to the Army of Northern Virginia, who had seen him daily for three years and now would never see him anymore!”

This has to be one of the finest descriptions ever penned describing General Robert E. Lee!



## CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL SERIES 2013

All program at the Central Library, 14 W 10<sup>th</sup> St, Kansas City, Mo and begin at 6:30 p.m.

- 1) Grant's Masterpiece The campaign for Vicksburg, Thursday, April 18, 2013
- 2) African American Troops in the Civil War, Thursday, July 18, 2013
- 3) Quantrill's Lawrence Raid and The Guerrilla War, Wednesday, August 21, 2013
- 4) Gettysburg: The Most Important Event of 1863? A Roundtable Discussion, Tuesday, November 19, 2013.
- 5)



## BATTLE OF WESTPORT 150 COMMEMORATION

Plans are underway for the Commemoration of the Battle of Westport in October, 2014. There will be a series of lead-up events beginning in early 2014, creating excitement, building anticipation, and educating our community about this important event in our shared

past. A website is being finalized and will be launched soon along with a Facebook page.

A committee has been formed, chaired by George Vesel, to plan the Commemoration. The committee is meeting monthly at the Harris-Kearney House in Westport. If you would like to become involved, contact George Vesel at 816-797-9452 or [BattleofWestport150@gmail.com](mailto:BattleofWestport150@gmail.com).

Look for monthly updates in the Border Bugle and be sure to "Like" us on Facebook.

### Battle of Westport Visitors Center and Museum

Alisha Cole has volunteered to manage the Battle of Westport Visitors Center and Museum. The site will be opening for the 2013 season in April. Plans are underway to host a monthly program on topics related to the Civil War. More information will be made available as they become available.

If you are interested in participating in the programming and/or being a docent at the Visitors Center and Museum, please contact Alisha Cole at [amcole2@mac.com](mailto:amcole2@mac.com).

## COMING EVENTS.....

### April & May Calendar for the 1855 Harris-Kearney House Museum and Westport Historical Society

Month of April—during museum hours (Wed-Sat 1-5pm) LEWIS & CLARK ACROSS MISSOURI: Mapping the Historic Landscape An Exhibit from the Missouri Sate Archives Harris-Kearney House Museum

Saturday, April 13 9am-4pm THOMAS JEFFERSON CELEBRATION: Party Like It's 1810! Harris-Kearney House Museum

Saturday, April 13 @ 2pm, "THE GARDENS OF THOMAS JEFFERSON" NB: presented at the 1855 Harris-Kearney House Museum

Saturday, May 11 @ 2pm "MORTAL 10 AND THE RESCUE OF ABOLITIONIST JOHN DOY" presented by Gary Jenkins, Westport Public Library

Sunday, May 19 2-5pm, HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH OPEN HOUSE, PHOTO CONTEST EXHIBIT, Harris-Kearney House Museum.

**Laurel Hill Cemetery stroll in Weston, Missouri.** Date is Saturday, April 20th, from 4 – 8 p.m. Re-enactors standing by "their" graves will tell their stories. Free admission but donations are appreciated. Event is sponsored by Weston Community Theatre and Platte County Parks and Rec.

Laurel Hill is one of only a few Missouri cemeteries with a maintained slave section and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

## **BUS TOUR TO BATES COUNTY, MISSOURI**

Saturday, May 18, 2013, 9 am-5 pm

Start from the Blue & Grey Book Shoppe, 106 E. Walnut, Independence, MO (Street parking and lot at Walnut and Liberty). Book shop will be open.

Sponsored by the Civil War Round Table of Western Missouri.

\$30 Reservation by May 15, 2013. Mail to "CWRTWM, P. O. Box 3019, Independence, Missouri 64055."

Bates County Museum in Butler, Missouri: Talk by Dr. Joan Stack, curator of art collections of the State Historical Society of Missouri. "George Caleb Bingham and the copy of Order No. 11 owned by the Bates County Museum."

Box Lunch and tour of the Museum: Ham or turkey sandwich on bun, pasta salad, cookie, and iced tea or water. (Specify ham or turkey with reservation).

Drive to Island Mound State Historic Site: Interprets the first time African-American troops were used in the Civil War.

Drive by West Point, an extinct town destroyed during the Civil War. Previously was a jumping off point for the western migration.

Transportation will be by school bus so you might want to bring a pillow for padding. Some walking required. For information call 816 225-7944.

### **Bravest of the Brave**

Thursday, April 18, 2013—6:30 pm., Grandview Library, 12930 Booth Ln., Grandview, MO. Learn about the Civil War Medal of Honor recipients in Missouri and Kansas between 1861 -1864. RSVP to 816 763-0550

### **The Big Divide, A Travel Book of Kansas-Missouri**

Wednesday, April 24, 2013—6:30 pm. Central Library, 14 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Kansas City, MO. Diane Eichoff and Aaron Barnhart discuss their new travel

book that chronologically examines historic sites along the Kansas-Missouri border. RSVP to 816 701-3400.

### **American Girl: Addy's Civil War**

Thursday, April 25, 2013—7 pm. Buckner Library, 19 E. Jefferson, Buckner, MO. Participants will discover the impact of the great conflict on Addy's world and that of other children of the era. RSVP to 816 650-3212.

### **Bravest of the Brave**

Thursday, April 25, 2013—7 pm Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee's Summit, Rd., Independence, MO. Learn about the Civil War Medal of Honor recipients in Missouri and Kansas between 1861-1864. RSVP to 816 252-7228.

### **Battle of Hartville, Missouri**

Sat. & Sun., April 27-28, 2013. 5314 Steele Bluff Road, Hartville, MO (southwest Missouri). Reenactments and living history on the grounds of the Steele Mansion where the battle took place.

### **Annual Civil War Event-Keokuk, IA**

Sat. & Sun., April 27-28, 2013. For info go to [www.iowapublicradio.org/events](http://www.iowapublicradio.org/events).

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## "CONFLICTING LOYALTIES" COMING SOON!

### **BATTLE of WESTPORT FRIENDS!**

Conflicting Loyalties, the first novel in my Navy Gray Series about the Civil War at Sea, will be launched as an e-book and paperback after a few internet and administrative details are completed. Look for the upcoming release announcement in a few days.

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### **NEW MEMBERS.....**

**Kenneth F. Hoedl**, 558 E. Lakota St. Gardner, KS 66030, 913-856-0189



### **Civil War Trust, "Hallowed Ground," Spring 2013, Volume 14, No.1**

Recently I was contacted by Jeff Griffith, the Creative Director of the Civil War Trust's Hallowed Ground magazine. This is the second time I have talked to Jeff. Anyway he wanted to let me know that the photo of the Wilderness/Spotsylvania battlefield he wanted to use for a book, he had decided to use it in the magazine instead for now. You can find it on the inside back cover, page 45. It's 1/2 page large, I am happy!

<u>April 2, 1863</u>	A mob demands bread from a supply wagon in Richmond, starting the so-called Bread Riot. The mob looted other stores and was personally addressed by Jefferson Davis, who tossed the money from his pocket into the crowd. Police and soldiers eventually dispersed the crowd.	head of a 1,700 man cavalry column heading towards Mississippi to raid the state.
<u>April 5, 1863</u>	After sailing from Washington, D. C. to Fredericksburg, Abraham Lincoln meets with Joe Hooker to discuss strategy in Virginia.	<u>April 17, 1863</u> Brigadier General John Marmaduke [CS] leaves Arkansas and enters Missouri on a raid
<u>April 7, 1863</u>	A fleet of 9 Union ironclads under the command of Samuel Dupont sailed into Charleston Harbor and attacked Fort Moultrie and Fort Sumter. Sumter is visibly damaged but the Confederate batteries from the shore heavily damage the 9 ironclads and they are forced to withdraw. Naval occupation of the harbor is ruled out.	<u>April 19, 1863</u> The Nebraska Territory enabling act, the first step in statehood, is signed into law.
<u>April 11, 1863</u>	Col. Abel Streight leaves Nashville, Tennessee on a raid of Rome, GA	<u>April 20, 1863</u> Lincoln proclaims that West Virginia would join the Union on June 20, 1863
<u>April 12, 1863</u>	Siege of Suffolk General James Longstreet surrounds Suffolk in southeastern Virginia	<u>April 20, 1863</u> Brigadier General Robert Hoke [CS] captures Plymouth and the 2800 man Union garrison stationed there.
<u>April 13, 1863</u>	Federal forces engage Fort Bisland in Bayou Teche	<u>April 22, 1863</u> Grant's forces south of Vicksburg are resupplied by Porter's fleet, which suffered heavy losses when transports and barges steamed by Confederate batteries.
<u>April 13, 1863</u>	Ambrose Burnside issue General Order 38 in which he stated "anyone found guilty of committing acts for the benefit of the enemies of our country will be subject to execution."	<u>April 22, 1863</u> Comprehensive "tax-in-kind" plan passed by the Confederate Senate. It required 10 percent of everything produced or grown be given to the Confederate government.
<u>April 14, 1863</u>	Battle of Centreville	<u>April 27, 1863</u> Col. Abel Streight leaves Tuscumbia
<u>April 14, 1863</u>	Continuous roll printing press is developed by William Bullock in Pittsburgh	<u>April 27, 1863</u> Major General Simon Bolivar Buckner assumes command of the Department of East Tennessee.
<u>April 14, 1863</u>	Union gunners destroy the Queen of the West	<u>April 30, 1863</u> Army of the Potomac forces set up camp in The Wilderness surrounding the Chancellor family home after crossing the Rappahannock River
<u>April 16, 1863</u>	Rear Admiral David Porter sent 12 vessels south on the Mississippi past Vicksburg. Although hit a number of times by Confederate gunners, the vessels suffered little damage.	<u>April 30, 1863</u> Abel Streight [US] fights a pitched battle at Day's Gap.
<u>April 17, 1863</u>	Col. Benjamin Grierson [US] leaves La Grange, Tennessee at the	<u>April 30, 1863</u> About noon, Ulysses S. Grant begins crossing the Mississippi and landing U. S. troops south of Vicksburg





## FROM ROME GEORGIA:

Editorial correspondence from the Rome Light Guards described a sudden ordered march toward Fredericksburg. "It was a beautiful morning, and the troops were as gay and blithesome as the joyous birds, caroling the sweet songs of spring..." However as they approached Ashland their orders were countermanded and they were to return to their original camp. They rested a day then "about 4 o'clock P.M....it commenced to snow. At daylight it was about six inches deep and still snowing. The march back was commenced at 6 o'clock A.M. and a sweet time indeed was had wading through the still deepening snow." Six days later they were ordered "to cook three day's rations and be ready for a long march. It is rumored that we will take the direction of Petersburg."

A advertisement appeared in the Tuesday, March 31 issue of Rome Tri-Weekly Courier announcing a foot race between two wounded soldiers "each with one arm in a sling." It was to be held Wednesday at 10 o'clock and the prize was announced to be a thousand dollars. "At the signal, they started off handsomely, and running a short distance suddenly turned and run into the hospital, shouting as they disappeared, "April Fools."

## FROM SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA:

### APRIL 13-15-1863

Principal Commanders: Brig. Gen. John Peck [US]; Lt. Gen. James Longstreet [CS]

Forces Engaged: Divisions (45,000 total)

Estimated Casualties: (1,160 entire siege)

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Description: In cooperation with D.H. Hill's advance on Washington, North Carolina, Lt. Gen. James Longstreet with Hood's and Pickett's divisions besieged the Union garrison at Suffolk commanded by Brig. Gen. John Peck. The Union works were formidable and manned by 25,000 men, opposed to Longstreet's 20,000. On April 13, the Confederate troops pushed their left flank to the Nansemond River and constructed a battery on Hill's Point, which closed off the garrison to Union shipping. On April 14, Union gunboats attempted to run the batteries at the Norfleet House slightly upstream, but Mount Washington was crippled. The Federals, at the same time, constructed batteries to command the Confederate works at Norfleet House. On April 15, these batteries were unmasked and opened fire, driving the Confederates out of this important position.

On April 19, a Union infantry force landed on Hill's Point at the confluence of the forks of the Nansemond River. This amphibious force assaulted Fort Huger from the rear, quickly capturing its garrison, thus reopening the river to Union shipping. On April 24, Brig. Gen. Michael Corcoran's Union division mounted a reconnaissance-in-force from Fort Dix against Maj. Gen. George E. Pickett's extreme right flank. The Federals approached cautiously and were easily repulsed. On April 29, Gen. Robert E. Lee directed Longstreet to disengage from Suffolk and rejoin the Army of Northern Virginia at Fredericksburg. By May 4, the last of Longstreet's command had crossed the Blackwater River en route to Richmond.



**The Civil War Round Table of Kansas City**

**invites you to a day with**

**QUANTRILL**

*A guided bus tour*

**Saturday, May 4, 2013 – 8:30 am to 5:00 pm**

Bus leaves 8:30 am SHARP from: Johnson Co. Community College, southeast parking lot (go south from I-435 Exit #82 to 113<sup>th</sup> & Quivira).

**Tour includes stops at:**

- At towns that Quantrill raided like Olathe, Gardner, & Shawnee
- Along the Oregon-California Trail on way to Lawrence Raid, incl. Hesper and Franklin Village
- Both a walking and riding tour of Lawrence, recounting the 1863 raid
- Following Quantrill's escape route from Lawrence thru Brooklyn
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**Lunch will be provided, details later.**

**In addition, as we travel, we will see and/or discuss:**

- William Clarke Quantrill – where he came from, who he was, his burial story, etc.
- Kansas Territorial history and the Border War
- Both the Santa Fe and Oregon-California Trails
- Supporting characters in the Quantrill story such as James Lane, Cole Younger, Frank and Jesse James, Bloody Bill Anderson, George Todd, Dick Yeager, etc
- Civil War and MUCH MORE!

**-Cost \$48.00 per person** – for reservations call:

Paul Gaul, (816) 741-2962

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Make checks to CWRT

**Includes:** Maps, handout materials

- Lunch
- Snacks and drinks

Come join the Fun & History

**Guide: Ross Marshall**