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458th REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, July 22, 2014

Meadowbrook Country Club

9101 Nall Ave., Prairie Village, Kansas 66207

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

Dinner - 6:30p.m.

July Speaker

Barbara Justice

“The Battle of Monocacy”

Monocacy National Battlefield Park Ranger Barbara Justice is a native of Baltimore County, Maryland with a life-long love of history. She graduated from Towson University with a degree in history and began working for the National Park Service in 1989 at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine.

The National Park Service has proved to be an exciting and rewarding career! In her over twenty years with the service Barbara has also worked at Carlsbad Caverns National Park in New Mexico, Vicksburg National Military Park in Mississippi and Harpers Ferry National Historical Park in West Virginia, moving to Monocacy National Battlefield in 2005.

Barbara lives in Williamsport, Maryland. She enjoys travelling, including amazing trips to Russia and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

Please be sure our Treasurer receives all reservations by Tuesday, July 15, 2014 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.

Use your credit card at our website, <http://www.cwrtkc.org> and hit the Meeting & Event tab fill out the reservation form and then make your payment in the box to the left on that page through PAYPAL If you are using this service please send me an email so I will not miss your reservation. pgault@sbcglobal.net.

Speakers 2014

- * **August 26, 2014: Robert Jones - Battle of Mobile Bay**
- * **September 23, 2014: Walter Busch - Battle of Pilot Knob, Missouri.**
- * **October 28, 2014: Dan Smith - Battle of Westport.**
- * **November 18, 2014: Arnold Schofield - Aftermath of Westport (Price's retreat to Texas).**
- * **December 16, 2014: Dr. Ethan Rafuse – Sherman's March to The Sea.**



Menu for July 2014

Garden Salad with Radish, Cucumber, Carrot, Tomato, Jack Cheese and Choice of Dressing with assortment of Rolls.

Roasted Chicken Breast with Mustard Grain Sauce, Crème Fraiche Potatoes, Grilled Broccoli and Roasted Garlic Butter.

Lemon Curd Bars with Blueberry Simple Syrup!

Battle of Westport

BOW 150 Meeting Schedules 2014

We meet every third Wednesday, 7pm, at the Battle of Westport Museum in Swope Park unless otherwise notified by e-mail. As we get closer to our October event there may be more added to the schedule. We hope that you can make many of them. The list of dates is below. The first few months of 2014 will be critical for us for supporting our reenactment event October 24-26, 2014. If anyone can come forward to assist in fund-raising it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks, Dan Smith

Meeting dates - Jul 16, Aug 20, Sep 17, & Oct 15.

battleofwestport150@gmail.com.

K.C. Westerners Meeting

Retired Army veteran Kevin Makel will give a talk on "The Guns of Frank and Jesse James" at the K.C. Westerners dinner meeting Tuesday, August 12th, at the Golden Ox, 1600 Genessee. Please arrive by 6:30 p.m. to make your dinner selection. Non-members are welcome! Call 816-569-1180 for more information.

WILSON'S CREEK NATIONAL

Battlefield

153rd Anniversary of the Battle of Wilson's Creek (Oak Hills), August 10, 2014, 2:00 p.m. (Sunday)

You are cordially invited to attend the 153rd Anniversary of the Battle of Wilson's Creek to be held Sunday, August 10, 2014. The ceremony will be held at

the Visitor's Center, at 2:00 p.m., including a special presentation, by Missouri native author James W. Erwin, about his book, "The Home Front in Civil War Missouri".

In addition, several volunteers will be dressed in period clothing to assist with the presentation of the colors, presentation of a memorial wreath, and the firing of the cannon. Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation will provide refreshments immediately following the ceremony.

We appreciate your continued interest and support of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield and we look forward to seeing you at this very special event. For more information, please call 417-732-2662, or go to our website at www.nps.gov/wicr.

Rededication of Second Colorado Monument

The Civil War Round Table in cooperation with the William Clarke Quantrill Society will be rededicating the Second Colorado monument in Woodlawn Cemetery, 701 S. Noland Road, Independence, Missouri, on Saturday, July 19, 2014 at 10 a.m. This Union monument came about as a result of the Battle of Grinter's Farm on July 6, 1864 near the present site of the Truman Medical Center-Lakewood campus.

This 7-foot white obelisk in the northeast sector of Woodlawn Cemetery was erected on July 16, 1864, which makes it possibly the oldest Civil War memorial west of the Mississippi and perhaps the third oldest in the United States. Inscriptions etched on all four sides of the monument have been worn away by the elements, but transcriptions have been made and will be available to visitors.

Bring a lawn chair and hear about the Battle of Grinter Farm and salute those members of Company C, Second Colorado Volunteer Cavalry who are interred at Woodlawn Cemetery.

For further information call 816 225-7944.

National Park Service 98 years Old!

The National Park Service will celebrates it's 98th year in service with 401 National Parks. (stolen from the Frederick News Post, written by Ed Waters Jr.)

President Woodrow Wilson officially signed the National Park Service into operation on Aug. 25, 1916.

But the idea of preserving and sharing sites — whether for their beauty or historic significance — goes back to the 1860s. Abraham Lincoln gave federally owned land back to California in what would eventually become Yosemite National Park.

In 1872, President Ulysses S. Grant established the first official national park, Yellowstone. From those beginnings, the parks grew. When Wilson signed the official launch of the NPS, there were 37 parks. Today, there are 401.

That history and more was explained Sunday at Monocacy National Battlefield, just south of Frederick city, by Ranger Barbara Justice. A special exhibit, on loan from Harpers Ferry National Park, shows the evolution of women's uniforms in the park service, from the first female rangers added in 1918 wearing long dresses to the 1970s with miniskirts and go-go boots to the familiar gray and green military style uniform that both male and female rangers wear today.

"Initially, the parks were managed by African-American soldiers, known as the 'Buffalo Soldiers,'" Justice told a group of visitors at the battlefield center on Urbana Pike.

Today, rangers need a degree, though not necessarily in history or recreation, and are trained for each assignment. Justice said as a history major in college, with an emphasis on the Civil War, Monocacy National Battlefield and several other historic places fit her academic and personal likes.

"When I was at Carlsbad Caverns, I had to learn about caves and bats, but the Park Service trains you well for each assignment," Justice said.

The Sunday event included talks on the battle at the site in 1864 and, at noon, cupcakes complete with tiny edible park ranger hats. It was hosted by Eleanor, the park service's bison mascot.

Don Goodman has been volunteering at the battlefield for two-and-a-half years. Prior to that, he was a volunteer on the C&O Canal National Park.

"We couldn't exist without our volunteers," Justice said. The battlefield has 12 full-time rangers and about 20 volunteers, though that number varies by season, Justice said.

Frank Dankmeyer has been a ranger for four years and is working on a degree in recreation and park management. Dankmeyer, who has worked at a referee at Maryland School for the Deaf football games, said the ranger job brings an enjoyable experience to both visitors and himself.

John and Becky Schenck, of Columbia, happened on the celebration by chance.

"We love to walk, it is a beautiful day, we were looking for something on the Internet and just happened to see the event," Becky said.

"We are members of the Maryland Mountain Club and have hiked in the area, but this is our first time at the Monocacy Battlefield," John said. The couple was heading to downtown Frederick after their tour of the battlefield.

"There are national parks, national battlefields, national seashores, national historic places, but they are all part of the National Park Service," Justice said.



The Battle of Monocacy National Battlefield, Maryland

In the Summer of 1864, Confederate Lieutenant General Jubal Early launched a campaign down the Shenandoah Valley with a corps of approximately 15,000 troops. The campaign was a last attempt to carry the war into the north and to relieve some pressure from General Robert E. Lee in the south. Early's ultimate objective for the campaign was to march down the Valley, to swing to the east through Frederick, and to attack and capture Washington, D.C. from the north.... (enjoy some of my photos from Monocacy Battlefield from 2005)



