

Middle Tennessee Civil War Round Table



FEBRUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER

OUR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Middle Tennessee CWRT will be at **7 PM on Tuesday February 17, 2009**. This will be our second meeting at our new home at the Heritage Center of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County 225 West College Street in Murfreesboro

MTCWRT member and Professor of History at Middle Tennessee State University, Dr. Bob Hunt will be our speaker. Dr. Hunt will present *Citizen Soldiers and the Politics of an Anti-Slavery War*, a program based on his research for a new book that will be published soon by the University of Alabama Press.

Dr. Hunt will examine how Union soldiers, particularly those in the Army of the Cumberland, came to adopt emancipation as part of THEIR war and not simply Lincoln's war or the Republicans' war. He will also talk about how veterans of the war later incorporated this emancipation event into their understanding of the national victory they had won shaping the way future generations thought about the conflict.

Join us as we spend an evening talking about how the Civil War traumatized a nation and shaped how we regard death in battle even to this day.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 17, 2009

Norm Shaw – Knoxville CWRT – *The Sultana Disaster*

April 21, 2009

Mike Warfield – MTCWRT - *The Lincoln Assassination*

May 19, 2009

Jeff Patrick – Wilson's Creek NB – "*A Mean Fowl Fight*": *The Battle of Wilson's Creek*

If you would like to do a program for the Middle Tennessee CWRT, or if you have a suggestion for a group discussion topic, please get in touch with Jim Lewis at mtcwrtr@comcast.net or 615-890-1926.

SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

The MTCWRT needs you to clean out your library and bring items for our monthly silent auction. Proceeds from the auctions help supplement our income from dues and the Kroger Cares program. In February, we will be trying a new auction format that will hopefully add some drama to the event, but it all starts with items to auction off, so everyone try to bring one item to the next meeting.

KROGER CARES

While dues continue to come in, we also need to increase the number of MTCWRT members that participate in the Kroger Cares program. Jim Lewis has several Kroger gift cards that can be purchased for five dollars. When you recharge your card, the amount is added to the recharges of other members. Every time we reach \$5,000 in recharges, the MTCWRT receives a check for four percent of our purchases.

If you are a new member and want a card, contact Jim Lewis at the next meeting. If you already have a card, and haven't been using it, dust it off and get shopping.

CIVIL WAR NEWS

<https://www.sunsite.utk.edu/civil-war/>

The *American Civil War Homepage* gathers together in one place hypertext links to the most useful identified electronic files about the American Civil War (1861-1865). The page opens a gateway to the Internet's multi-formatted resources about what is arguably the seminal event in American history.

U.S. CIVIL WAR TRIVIA

1) What percent of the population of the United States died in the U.S. Civil War?

Choose Your Answer: A: 1 %, B: 2 %, C: 5 %, D: 14 %

2) What Civil War battle caused the most casualties?

Choose Your Answer: A: Antietam, B: Gettysburg, C: Chickamauga, D: Shiloh

3) Who was the only U.S. President to serve the Confederacy during the Civil War?

Choose Your Answer: A: John Tyler, B: Zachary Taylor, C: James Garfield, D: James Polk

4) What type of pet did General Robert E. Lee keep with him during the Civil War?

Choose Your Answer: A: Dog, B: Eagle, C: Chicken, D: Turtle

5) Who was the last man killed in the U.S. Civil War?

Choose Your Answer: A: Stephen Roberts, B: Albert S. Johnston, C: Francis S. Bartow, D: John J. Williams