

Civil War Round Table of St. Charles February 2026 Newsletter

On Tuesday, February 3, Captain Greg Waters will present a program on **John A. Logan**, one of the most prominent volunteer generals in the Union Army during the Civil War. Born near present-day Murphysboro, Illinois, Logan was a lawyer and politician before the war. At the outbreak of the conflict, he resigned his seat in Congress and entered military service, raising the 31st Illinois Infantry, which he initially commanded as a colonel. Logan fought with notable bravery at the Battle of Belmont in 1861 and rose rapidly in rank. By 1862, he had become a major general and played key roles in major Western Theater campaigns, including Fort Donelson and Shiloh, where he was wounded. He later commanded XV Corps in the Army of the Tennessee during the Vicksburg, Atlanta, and Carolinas Campaigns, and temporarily led the entire army following the death of **James B. McPherson**.

Last week, I was building an author page to sell my books when I discovered that the site I was using included a free blog. I have always wanted to create a Missouri Civil War blog but lacked the technical expertise to build one myself. This blog is easy to use, so I created The Civil War in Missouri Blog. I plan to publish a new post each month and will accept submissions from people who conduct serious research, including proper footnotes. I will not accept opinion pieces or partisan rants. I already have two posts on the blog. Unfortunately, the blog does not include an option to follow or comment directly on posts. Readers will need to check the blog periodically for new content and contact me directly so I can add their comments to the appropriate post. I encourage you to visit the blog, share your thoughts, and help spread the word.

<https://historynutt.net/blog>

On Tuesday, March 3, authors Vicki and Jim Erwin will present a program based on their new book, **Ulysses & Julia Grant's Missouri Love Story**. The couple will discuss the early lives of Julia and Ulysses Grant, their courtship, their years in Missouri, and how that time shaped their future together.

When a young officer newly graduated from West Point met the eldest daughter of a gruff Missouri slaveowner, farmer, and land speculator, it was love at first sight. Ulysses Grant and Julia Dent courted at her family farm, White Haven, until he was called away to fight in the Mexican-American War. Secretly engaged, Ulysses wrote tender letters to Julia between daring exploits in battle. Upon his return, they were married.

Ulysses's military career soon stagnated, and after a difficult period of separation while he was stationed on the West Coast, he resigned his commission to join Julia at White Haven—before returning to service during the Civil War.

Hopefully the Erwins will bring copies of their books for purchase, so please bring cash.

We now have our own web page, thanks to Dorris Keeven-Franke, who created the Civil War Round Table of St. Charles County website. Check out the website for upcoming events and to see what we've been up to in the past.

<https://cwrtscc.org/>

We meet at the Kathryn Linnemann Library, 2323 Elm Street in St. Charles, where presentations begin at 6:00 p.m.

We were informed last month by the Kathryn Linnemann Library staff that, due to a change in library operating hours, we must adjust the start time of our meetings. Beginning January 6, all meetings will start at 6:00 p.m.

The video from our January meeting has received 160 views and is available on our YouTube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FnUyxazkJ6M>

Our channel continues to grow, and several additional presentations are now available. If you missed a meeting or would like to revisit a program, I encourage you to explore the full selection of videos on our page.

Please remember to **Like and Subscribe**, as this greatly improves our visibility in search results. Feel free to share the link to our YouTube channel and website with anyone who may be interested.

Special thanks to **Greg and Daniel Waters** for managing and updating our channel.

Civil War Round Table of St. Charles County – YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/@CWRTSCC>

In addition to their formal monthly meetings, the Civil War Round Table of St. Louis hosts a small informal discussion group for more intimate conversations about the Civil War. The group meets at **11:00 a.m. at the Hearth Room Café**, 265 Lamp and Lantern Village, in Town and Country. They typically gather on the **first Thursday of each month**.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Paula at pzalar@aol.com.

Steve Tesson and I attend these meetings, and they are always engaging and informative. This month, the meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 5**

If you're interested in what other Civil War Round Tables are up to, check out the Civil War Round Table Congress website.

<https://www.cwrtcongress.org/>

Tentative 2026 Agenda

January 6: The Missouri State Guard-Doug Gifford

February 3: General John A. Logan of Illinois-Greg Waters

March 3: The Romance of Julia and Ulysses Grant in St. Louis-Jim Irwin

March 28-29: Outing-Wilson's Creek and The Battle of Springfield Tours

April 7: General Orders #11-Tom Raifner

May 5: -Peruque Creek Fort-Dorris Keeven Franks

May 9: Outing-Civil War Weapons Firing

June 2: The Prairie Grove Campaign-Doug Gifford

July 7: General Lloyd Tilghman CSA-Layne Chartrand

August 4: -The End of the Civil War-Doug Gifford

September 1: The Vicksburg Campaign Part 1-Doug Gifford

October 6: The Vicksburg Campaign Part 2-Doug Gifford

October 17: Outing-Tour of Jefferson Barracks and the MO Civil War Museum

November 3: The Battle of Perryville, Kentucky-Greg Waters

December 1: Cookies, Cocoa, and a Documentary; Shiloh Firey Trial

If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, or would like to volunteer to present, contact
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Website: <https://cwrtsc.org/>

Missouri in the Civil War Blog: <https://historynutt.net/blog>