

The Civil War Round Table of St. Charles



General Lloyd Tilghman

Next Meeting July 7, 2026

General Lloyd Tilghman, CSA

----- Steve Tesson

Lloyd Tilghman was a Confederate brigadier general best known for his heroic defense of Fort Henry, Tennessee. Born in Maryland, he graduated from West Point in 1836 and briefly served in the U.S. Army before becoming a civil engineer involved in railroad and canal construction across the South. At the start of the Civil War, Tilghman joined the Confederacy and was promoted to brigadier general in 1861. He commanded Fort Henry on the Tennessee River when Union gunboats attacked in February 1862. Realizing the fort could not hold, he withdrew most of his troops to Fort Donelson and remained with a small force to delay the Union advance before surrendering. After being exchanged, Tilghman returned to service in Mississippi, where he commanded Confederate forces defending against Grant's drive toward Vicksburg. We plan to visit Lloyd Tilghman's home in Paducah, Kentucky, during our 2027 spring tour of southern Illinois, western Kentucky, and southeast Missouri.

Greetings, Civil War Enthusiasts

This month, we have the second presentation about two Confederate officers. On July 7, Civil War enthusiast Steve Tesson tells the story of General Lloyd Tilghman's life and career, and the times in which he lived. Personal stories about one person may not seem interesting.

However, biographies are important because they help us understand both individual lives and the broader world those people lived in, as well as the events that shaped them. By studying a person's experiences, decisions, successes, and failures, we gain insight into history, culture, leadership, and human nature. Another major importance of biographies is that they make history personal. Large events such as wars, political movements, or social changes can seem distant and abstract, but biographies show how real people experienced them. I hope you will join us to learn about General Tilghman and the events that shaped his life in antebellum America and during the Civil War.

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August Presentation: The Camp Jackson Affair

----- Nick Sacco

The Camp Jackson Affair was a pivotal event in Missouri during the opening months of the Civil War. On May 10, 1861, Union Brigadier General Nathaniel Lyon surrounded and captured a pro-secession Missouri militia encampment at Camp Jackson, near St. Louis. The militia, commanded by General Daniel Frost, was suspected of preparing to seize the St. Louis Arsenal for the Confederacy.

After the militia surrendered, Lyon marched the prisoners through the streets of St. Louis. Angry crowds gathered, shouting insults and throwing objects at Union troops. Tensions erupted into violence when shots were fired, causing Union soldiers to return fire into the crowd. More than two dozen civilians and soldiers were killed or wounded.

The affair deeply divided Missouri. Union supporters praised Lyon for preventing the seizure of the arsenal, while secessionists condemned the action as brutal and oppressive. The Camp Jackson Affair helped push Missouri into open civil conflict and marked the beginning of bitter warfare in the state.

Nick Sacco is a historian and park ranger at the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site in St. Louis. He specializes in interpretation, museum education, educational theory, public programming, collections management, Section 106 compliance, and historical research. Nick regularly works with people from all walks of life through tours of Ulysses S. Grant's St. Louis home, White Haven, virtual presentations, teacher workshops, speaking engagements, social media posts, and school visits. He also runs the U. S. Grant History Chat podcast, where he interviews scholars and historians about Grant's legacy and the Civil War era

Who we are

We are a group of Civil War enthusiasts who meet monthly to hear a presentation and share our interests in the Civil War. There are no dues and no registration; just show up to our meetings.

Our Meetings

We meet at 6:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Kathryn Linnemann Library, 2323 Elm Street in St. Charles.

Missouri Blog

Want to learn more about the Civil War in Missouri? Visit The Civil War in Missouri Blog:

<https://historynutt.net/blog>

Little Round Table

In addition to their formal monthly meetings, the Civil War Round Table of St. Louis hosts an informal discussion group for more intimate conversations about the Civil War. The group meets at 11:00 a.m. at the Hearth Room Cafe, 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. Their next meeting is on Thursday, July 2.

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CWRT St. Charles YouTube Channel

Please visit our YouTube channel. We have videos from most of our presentations from the past two years, plus several outings. Our YouTube commander, Captain Greg Waters, has been posting videos of our recent tour of the Wilson's Creek battlefield. We now have 63 subscribers. Recent and upcoming releases include:

July 1: Myths of Gettysburg July 1, 1863
July 2: Myths of Gettysburg July 2, 1863
July 3: Myths of Gettysburg July 3, 1863
July 16: Lofton Woodiel, William Quantrill
July 30: Steve Tesson, General Lloyd Tilghman
August 13: Nick Sacco, The Camp Jackson Affair

When you visit our YouTube channel, please hit like and subscribe; it really helps our algorithm.

The Civil War Round Table of St. Charles YouTube channel is:

<https://www.youtube.com/@CWRTSCC>

Also, please visit our website and follow us on Facebook. Links and contact information can be found on the following page along with our 2026 agenda.



CWRT Congress

If you're interested in what other Civil War Round Table groups are doing, visit the Civil War Round Table Congress website.

www.cwrtcongress.org/

The Fry's Lyon Foundation, 1861 Missouri Speaks Facebook page posts "This day in Missouri" Civil War articles. Check out their site for interesting posts about Missouri's Civil War history:

<https://www.facebook.com/1861MissouriSpeaks>

The National Park Service is seeking public input on the future of Civil War forts in the DC area. If you would like to provide input, follow the link below.

<https://www.nps.gov/cwdw/learn/news/management-plan-ea-2026.htm>

For more Missouri Civil War viewing, visit Nick Sacco's U.S. Grant History Chat podcast.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0-kl1l61xE08V0GeGdGRZZIKXgixLehQ>

2026 Tentative Agenda

~~February 3: General John A. Logan of Illinois-Greg Waters~~
~~March 3: The Romance of Julia and Ulysses Grant in St. Louis-Jim Irwinz~~
~~March 28-29: Outing-Wilson's Creek and The Battle of Springfield Tours~~
~~April 7: General Orders #11-Tom Rafiner~~
~~May 5: Peruque Creek Fort-Dorris Keeven Franke~~
~~June 2: William Quintrill-Dr. Loftin Woodiel~~
July 7: General Lloyd Tilghman, CSA-Steve Tesson
August 4: The Camp Jackson Affair-Nick Sacco
September 1: The End of the Civil War-Doug Gifford
September 13: Civil War St. Charles County tour
October 6: The Prairie Grove Campaign-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 Doug at:
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<https://www.youtube.com/@CWRTSCC>

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