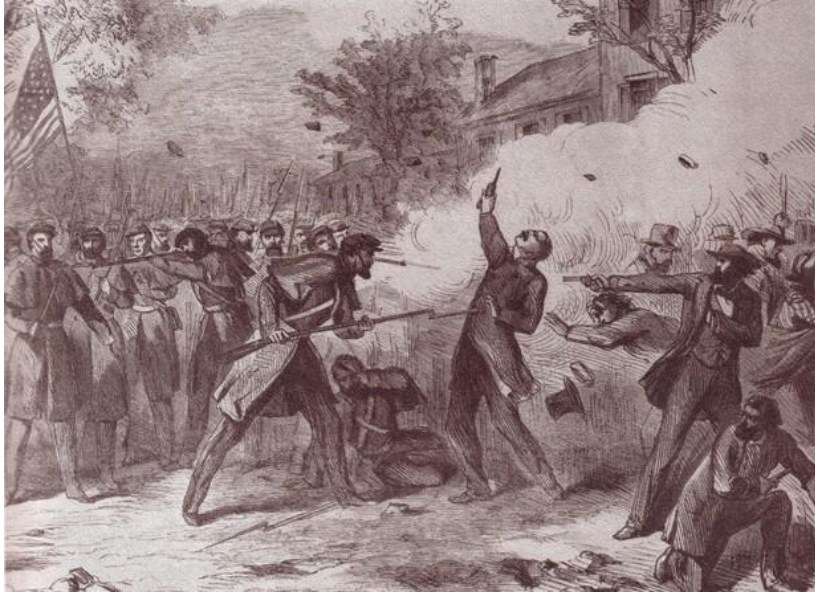


The Civil War Round Table of St. Charles



Next Meeting August 4, 2026

The Camp Jackson Affair

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.

Greetings, Civil War Enthusiasts

Our August speaker is Nick Sacco, a rock star in the world of Missouri's Civil War history. Nick 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.

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September Presentation: The End of the Civil War

----- Doug Gifford

By the spring of 1865, the Confederacy was collapsing on every front. Four years of war had devastated the South's economy, crippled its transportation network, and exhausted its manpower. Union armies controlled much of the Confederacy, the Federal blockade had strangled Southern trade, and the loss of Atlanta, Savannah, New Orleans, Mobile, Nashville, and other strategic locations had shattered the Confederacy's ability to continue effective resistance. In the West, Confederate armies had been driven from most of Tennessee and the Mississippi River Valley, while Sherman's march through Georgia and the Carolinas demonstrated that Southern forces could no longer defend the Confederate heartland. In Virginia, Ulysses S. Grant's relentless campaign pinned Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia in the trenches around Petersburg, preventing it from reinforcing other theaters.

When Lee finally evacuated Richmond and Petersburg in early April, his army was already weakened by months of siege, dwindling supplies, and constant combat. His surrender at Appomattox Court House on April 9 symbolized the Confederacy's defeat, but it merely confirmed a strategic reality that had become unavoidable. Although Lee's surrender of the Confederacy's most successful army dealt a devastating blow to Southern morale, Confederate forces from North Carolina to Texas still remained in the field, continuing the fight. It would be weeks before the last Confederate armies finally laid down their arms, each surrendering as circumstances dictated, bringing at last to a close the bloodiest war in American history. Join us as we explore not only the surrender at Appomattox, but also the final capitulations of Confederate forces across the South.

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, August 6.

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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 67 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-kl1I61xE08V0GeGdGRZZIKXgixLehQ>

2026 Tentative Agenda

January 6: ~~The Missouri State Guard~~

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: ~~Outing-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 Fiery Trial~~

If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, or would like to
volunteer to present, contact Doug at:
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