

# Programme of Activities

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE CHAB



**Saturday 10 February 2024 at 3 pm**

## **ARKANSAS FROM 1541 TO 1868**

Lecture by *Jean-Claude Janssens*: *Arkansas from 1541 to 1868*. The history of Arkansas dates to the arrival of the Spanish in the 16th century. Part of French Louisiana until 1762, Arkansas then passed into Spanish hands before briefly becoming French again in 1800. It was ceded to the United States in 1804. It was granted territory status in 1819 and became the twenty-fifth state of the Union in 1836. The speaker will describe the role of Arkansas in the Southern Confederacy and in the Civil War in 1861 and 1862. He will recall the operations in Helena and Little Rock in 1863 and the events of 1863 to 1865. The presentation will conclude with the period of Reconstruction and the return of Arkansas to the Union.



**Saturday 9 March 2024 at 3 pm**

## **STEAMBOATS ON THE MISSISSIPPI**

Lecture by *Michel Verheyden*: *Steamboats on the Mississippi*. The speaker will tell us about the development of steamboats on the great American river before, during and after the American Civil War. The topic will include aspects of these vessels, their propulsion, life on board, their civilian and military use, and accidents involving steamboats. The speaker will also mention the various battles in which riverboats were involved. Finally, the creation of hospital ships will also be developed.



**Saturday 13 April 2024 at 3 pm**

## **MISSOURI IN TURMOIL**

Lecture by *Gerald Hawkins*: *Missouri in turmoil*. In 1861, when Kansas joined the Union as a free state, thousands of pro-slavery border ruffians who had been involved in years of violence during the Bloody Kansas conflict, either joined the Confederate army of General Sterling Price in Arkansas or returned to their home state of Missouri. Despite the efforts of its governor Claiborne Jackson, Missouri did not secede and remained a Border State where the population was deeply divided over its loyalty to the Union or the Confederacy. After the battle of Boonville in June, General Nathaniel Lyon managed to clear Missouri of most of its southern sympathizers and the poorly organized outlaw groups, but this sparked a state of rebellion in areas that were poorly controlled by federal forces. Resistance was soon organized. Bands of determined pro-slavery guerrillas emerged, spreading terror among the people of Missouri. The most notorious was led by William Quantrill, who enjoyed the status of regular soldier granted by the Confederate Partisan Act of 1862. The horror reached its climax when in August 1863, Quantrill launched a devastating raid on Lawrence, Kansas, killing some two hundred residents and burning the town. The war then turned into a ruthless hunt for outlaws

by the federal forces backed by vengeful militias. Quantrill and many of his lieutenants were killed in 1865. The James and Younger brothers escaped unharmed and, drawing on their experience, became outlaws who targeted banks and trains.



**Saturday 18 May 2024 at 10 AM**

### ***THE 3<sup>rd</sup> ARMORED DIVISION IN THE ARDENNES***

Activity organized by *Jean-Claude-Janssens*: *In the footsteps of the 3<sup>rd</sup> US Armored Division 'Spearhead' on the northern salient of the Ardennes front, December 1944.* A drive in the north of the province of Luxembourg between Hotton and the Baraque de Fraiture, through the villages of Soy, Erezée and Manhay where the battles took place.

- The tour will focus on the memorials and heavy weapons displayed in the various villages where the 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Division saw action.
- Lunch in a local restaurant.
- Guided visit of the Manhay History 44 Museum.

Price of the excursion: **€ 60 all included**. More details on the French page of this website or upon request. Reservation a must by email at [d.decleer@scarlet.be](mailto:d.decleer@scarlet.be) **before 13 May at the latest**.



**Samedi 8 June 2024 from 11h30 AM**

### ***ANNUAL CHAB BBQ***

As in previous editions, the annual CHAB BBQ will take place at noon at the club house of the Hoegaarden hockey club. This year, *Hubert Leroy* and *Dominique De Cleer* will prepare a traditional menu: Aperitif of the house – Chicken skewer with coriander and lime – Pure fillet of beef with Provencal herbs, potatoes, salads and dressings – Trio of fruit tarts – Coffee/Tea. Price of the meal (drinks not included) = **CHAB members: € 35 – non- members: € 45**. Please register with our secretary Dominique De Cleer, either by tel. at 0475-773460 or preferably by e-mail at [d.decleer@scarlet.be](mailto:d.decleer@scarlet.be) and pay the amount of your meal to the CHAB bank account BE90 3100 9059 2632 with the mention *CHAB BBQ* **before June 4, 2024, at the latest**.