

THE CANISTER

Monthly Newsletter of the Cincinnati Civil War Round Table



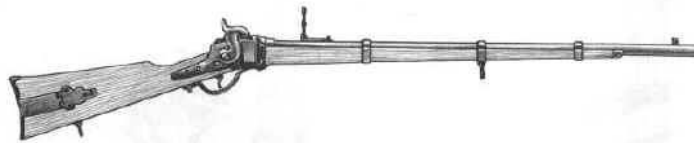
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Welcome to the Summer edition of *The Canister*. This abbreviated version of our newsletter is to keep you in the know with all things Civil War in greater Cincinnati. The September issue will contain all the regular columns and informational pieces you have come to expect from *The Canister*.

The first news item might be that I (Darryl Smith) am now serving as the newsletter editor and as the new editor, I want to encourage all of you to submit articles and items of interest. Whether it is a summary of a trip you recently made to a Civil War related location, a review of a book you have recently read, or other articles of a Civil War interest, please consider sending those in for all our members to enjoy. Submissions can be emailed to me at ohioatperryville@gmail.com, and please use Microsoft Word if possible for your article. Pictures are also greatly welcomed and appreciated! *Submissions are due by the 25th of each meeting month for inclusion in the following newsletter.*

I want to take this opportunity to thank David Mowery for his many years of serving as our newsletter editor. Dave showed a high level of dedication to the Round Table by providing a well edited and timely publication for our benefit and enjoyment. Please be certain to show him your own appreciation next time you see him. Thank you, Dave, you have set a high bar that I can only hope to emulate.



OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Lester Burgin

I now hold one of the best jobs in any organization, that of "Past President". While it's not really a position at all, it is a great vantage point to reflect on my experience. I must say that I truly enjoyed working for such an excellent operation. Everyone involved on the board shares the same passionate interest in all things connected to the Civil War, so it doesn't get much better than that.

I like to think that the board and I accomplished some things that will have some lasting impact to the organization. Attendance at the meetings has continued to grow in our expanded space, the website redesign has progressed and allows us to reach out to more people and potential new members and our involvement with tours, preservation and events around the tri-state has increased.

My involvement started years ago with simply attending meetings and then it expanded as I began to participate in special outings. Before I knew it, I was involved in the leadership and became President of the organization. I cannot say enough about the bonding and education that happens during participation in local

events and excursions, like the most recent two-day guided tour of local sites connected to the General John Hunt Morgan raid (thanks Dave Mowery!). When you spend eight hours a day together studying the raid in depth, you get to know and appreciate the other CCWRT members on a whole new level.

Thank you to the board and all the members who continue to give their time and talents to this group. Good luck to our new President, Dave Stockdale. I will continue my involvement, in the CCWRT, of course, so I hope to see you around.



INCOMING PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Dave Stockdale

How did you come to join the Cincinnati Civil War Round Table? My interest in the Civil War began at about age eight or nine, when my dad showed me a photograph of his grandfather in the uniform of a Union soldier. In my early teens, that interest was kindled by all the hoopla surrounding the centennial of the war. In college I took a lot of history courses, and afterwards I filled my leisure reading time with the likes of Bruce Catton and Shelby Foote. Later I indulged my interest in the war by subscribing to Blue & Gray Magazine. It was while reading one of their issues that I saw an advertisement for the Fifth Annual Midwest Civil War Round Table Conference to be held in Cincinnati April 25 – 27, 1986, hosted by the Cincinnati Civil War Round Table.

I thoroughly enjoyed the conference. The speakers were excellent. There may have been some written information available at the conference about the Cincinnati Round Table, but it didn't catch my eye. And the Round Table was probably mentioned at least a few times, since one of the speakers was Jim Honnert, a past president of the organization, who spoke on Cincinnati and the Civil War. But no one explained what the Round Table was or extended an invitation to join. Then one day in 1990, I happened to be talking with Dr. Paul Busam, a long-time member of the Round Table, and he mentioned during our conversation having seen me at the Midwest Conference. We talked a little about our mutual interest in the Civil War and he suggested that I join him at the next Round Table meeting. I did; and now here I am as your president.

My point is that the personal connection is important in strengthening our membership. Our Secretary, Don Vogel, has done an outstanding job of getting our brochures out to libraries, museums, and history events. And the other officers who keep the website current, get the Canister out, and maintain contact with our members and friends through the email system and social media, have done equally well in making the Round Table known. But sometimes it takes that personal invitation. Attending a meeting with a lot of strangers can be daunting. Sometimes all it takes is the knowledge that there will be at least one familiar, friendly face in the crowd to greet them. So the next time you sense that a friend or acquaintance might enjoy chatting over dinner with others interested in the Civil War and listening to a good lecture on our favorite subject, ask him or her to join you at an upcoming meeting.

Enjoy the summer. We'll be anxious to see you at the September meeting, to hear about your battlefield trips, museum visits, and the Civil War books you read on vacation!

“TO GIVE IT ALL TO THIS CAUSE”

New Exhibit Reception at the Harriet Beecher Stowe House

Perhaps no family was more famously involved in the events that led up to the Civil War than the Beechers. From sermons to popular fiction and other books, the children of Lyman Beecher were at the forefront of the abolitionist movement.

The Stowe House has selected six Beechers to illustrate how the family was involved both off and on the field. Highly influential on the home front were Edward Beecher, Harriet Beecher Stowe, and Henry Ward Beecher. Meanwhile, James Beecher, Frederick Stowe, and Frederick Beecher experienced the war first hand as part of the army.

Join the RoundTable at the Stowe House for a reception on July 1st at 2:00 p.m. The event is free for Round Table members. The exhibit made possible by the support of the Cincinnati Civil War Round Table.



RECAP OF THE GREAT RIDE TOUR

By Don Vogel

Let me say from the outset, when the Cincinnati Civil War Round Table has a tour, WE HAVE A TOUR! This is only made possible by the people who are members and also authors and have written several books and given presentations over a large portion of the Midwest, given tours and still find time to lead a large group on a two-day exploration of a famous civil war figure such as John Morgan. Twenty-nine folks from as far away as Pittsburgh enjoyed two great days in May with David Mowery and made new friends with others who have a love for all things Civil War. On the tour we stopped about twenty-four times to listen to Dave explain in detail just what we were looking at, along with answering a multitude of questions. This being my first tour of Civil War sites locally, I was amazed by the amount of history within a one hundred-mile area, and the research that Dave brought to the tour which made the time spent so enjoyable.

Just a short recap of the trip:

We began at Cincinnati Mills, and drove to Sunman, Indiana for a visit to Ferris School House HOUSE, used as Morgan's headquarters on July 12th. 1863. Next, we arrive at New Alsace, which have period buildings such as St. Paul's Church, Klumps Tavern and Gephart Saloon. We headed to Harrison, Ohio to visit the American House Hotel, Vincent Bakery, and the Market House site. Since I can't go into detail of every stop I will just give the names of some of the stops: New Haven, Miami Town, New Baltimore, Bevis, Glendale, and Sharonville.

-AND THIS WAS JUST THE FIRST DAY!

On day two we met at the U.S. 42 exit off of I-275 in Sharonville. We headed to the Gorman Heritage Farm in Evendale where we were granted access into the main farm house, then visited the John C. Hunt House in Blue Ash. On to Deer Park to see the John Schenk House, site of Morgan's breakfast and a ruse by the Schenk family that were hiding runaway slaves and horses in their home. Next, a visit to Indian Hill and the site of the Skirmish at the Cross Roads, followed-up by a visit to Livingston Lodge to see the crossing of Morgan's command of the Little Miami River. From there we went to Miamitown for a visit to the Evergreen Cemetery,

then we headed to Mt. Repose for a talk on the Camp Shady site. Our next stop was at Owensville, Ohio to see the church where Morgan's command received a shot from a local, which caused Morgan's to order his troopers into the church. Our last stop of the tour was at Williamsburg for Big Field Camp site and the crossing of the East Fork of the Little Miami River.

This list is by no means complete, I have just attempted to show what a great time we enjoyed by visiting these numerous locations, and the expertise that Dave Mowery brought to this tour.

It is with sincere thanks to Dave for a job well done.

If you were not on this tour and would like to explore on your own, Dave has a great book entitled Morgan's Great Raid: The Remarkable Expedition from Kentucky to Ohio, published by History Press. You can obtain a copy from Amazon, but I got mine at the Gorman Farm gift shop. David also co-authored a detailed driving tour book of the Great Raid.

Last thought: If you find this kind of American Civil War exploration appealing to you, I would ask that you go to our web site (cincinnatiwrt.org) and sign up for our newsletter. There are several events in the planning stage, going forward and into 2019.

You won't want to miss all the great history that abounds in Ohio and Kentucky. Happy trails!



ITEMS OF INTEREST

Items in **blue** denote CCWRT events. Details for the following events can be found on our website at <http://cincinnatiwrt.org/wordpress/events>.

July 1st – CCWRT at the Stowe House – Walnut Hills

July 8th - James Ramage Museum Speaker Series – Fort Wright

July 21st – Buffington Island Memorial Service – Buffington Island

August 11th – Speaker Series – Cynthiana

August 16th-18th – Civil War Education Association's Civil War Symposium – Spring Mill, Indiana

August 18th-19th – Battery Hooper Days – James A. Ramage Civil War Museum – Fort Wright

August 25th- The Hidden History of the Underground Railroad - Harriet Beecher Stowe House – Walnut Hills

September 1st – Civil War Tour – Spring Grove Cemetery

September 8th-9th – Civil War Days – Caesar Creek Pioneer Village – Waynesville

September 20th – CCWRT Meeting & Presentation

September 29th-30th – Civil War Encampment – Glendower Home – Lebanon

October 18th – CCWRT Meeting & Presentation

November 3rd – Speaker Series and Founder's Dinner - Cynthiana

November 15th – CCWRT Meeting & Presentation

December 8th – CCWRT Holiday Event – Harriet Beecher Stowe House - Walnut Hills

ABOUT THE CINCINNATI CWRT:

Membership in the Cincinnati CWRT is open to anyone with an active interest in the American Civil War. Annual dues (prorated throughout the year to new members) are \$25 (single) and \$35 (couple) for a **Regular Membership**. This fee helps cover operating costs which include our meeting location as well as speaker expenses. A **Sustaining Member** level of membership is also available for \$50 (single) and \$85 (couple). The purpose of this membership category is to encourage and recognize members who make additional contributions of \$25 or more, in addition to their annual dues in any fiscal year, to the objectives and programs of the Cincinnati Civil War Round Table. Students enrolled full time in any recognized secondary or higher institute of learning can use a **Student Membership**, which applies a discount of \$10 to each of the above dues rates.

Dinner reservations are required, and can be made prior to the reservations deadline either by the web site <http://cincinnatiwrt.org/wordpress/contact/rsvp/> or by a phone call to the officer taking reservations for the meeting (whose name and number is listed on the header of the current **Canister**). **Meals** currently cost \$20. Menu selection will change with each meeting. A vegetarian meal option is available, if requested prior to the reservations cut-off date.

A Meeting Only Fee of \$5.00 is assessed to members, visitors and guests who arrive after dinner to hear the speaker. *No reservation is necessary.* The monies collected are used to help offset the expenses of the evening's activities.

Late Reservations and **Walk-ins without a reservation:** Our ability to be flexible for late reservations or walk-ins is now restricted by the fact that the Drake Center only prepares meals according to the reservation count called in. Therefore, **Late Reservations** (after the Wednesday by 8:00 p.m. which is eight days before the meeting) will be accepted conditionally, subject to the caterer's ability to honor a change in dinner count if received close to the meeting date. **Late Reservations** and **Walk-ins without a reservation** will only be able to have dinner if offset by cancellations or no-shows, or if the caterer determines that sufficient food is available.

Late cancellations may be made by email or phone. Since a cancellation after the Wednesday 8:00 p.m. deadline which is eight days before the meeting means that CCWRT has guaranteed payment to The Drake Center for the reserved number of meals, the Treasurer will review the number of late cancellations and late reservations for every meeting. If a late cancellation results in the CCWRT being required to pay for an extra meal, the person making the late cancellation will be expected to pay for the dinner. **No-shows** who have a dinner reservation but do not attend will be billed for the meal. **Meetings** are held the third Thursday of the month, September – November and January – May at The Drake Center, 151 West Galbraith Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45216 (**Phone: 513-418-2500**). If traveling Interstate 75, exit at Galbraith Road (Exit 10) and go west one mile. If coming across the Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway, take the Galbraith Road exit and go west two miles. Or, take the Galbraith/Winton exit and go east one mile. **Free parking** is available in the WEST PAVILION parking lot. The West Pavilion entrance will take you to the meeting rooms. **To get to our meeting room**, enter the West Pavilion main entrance and go to the left side of the gift shop found opposite the entryway; the meeting room is located at the far end of the cafeteria hallway.

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