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October, 2015 Issue

Meeting Date: October 15, 2015

Place: The Drake Center

(6:00) Sign-in and Social

(6:30) Dinner

(7:15) Business Meeting

(7:30) Speaker

**Dinner Menu: *Roasted Turkey and Dressing,
Calico Corn, Tossed Salad,
Candied Sweet Potatoes, and Pie***
Vegetarian Option: Upon request

Speaker: Michael Panhorst, Auburn, AL

**Topic: *The Memorial Art and Architecture of Vicksburg National
Military Park***

Reservations: If you do not have an Automatic Reservation, please remember to email your meeting reservation to reservations@cincinnati-cwrt.org or call it in to Lester Burgin at 513-891-0610. If you are making a reservation for more than yourself, please provide the names of the others. Please note that **all reservations must be in no later than 8:00 pm Tuesday, October 6, 2015.**

October Speaker:

During the turn of the twentieth century when Civil War commemoration was flourishing, Mississippi's Vicksburg National Military Park was considered "the art park of the South." By 1920, more than 160 portrait statues, busts, and reliefs of Vicksburg's defenders lined the tour route. Michael Panhorst will chronicle the preservation of the battlefield and its development as the southernmost of five national military parks formed in the 1890s.

Most of the memorial art and architecture was built in the classical revival Beaux-Arts style. Dozens of sculptors and architects were commissioned by the federal government, states, and individual patrons to



Michael Panhorst

create these enduring structures. Panhorst's presentation illuminates and illustrates the complex patronage, design, and construction processes, including bronze casting and stone carving.

An historian of art and architecture, curator, teacher, and historic preservationist, Panhorst has participated in the "Save Outdoor Sculpture!" program of *Heritage Preservation*. His photographs have been published in *Civil War Art*, *Alabama Review*, *Sculpture Review*, and *Sculpture* magazine. He has lectured and published widely about monuments and memorials. In 2014, *Southern Cultures* published his photo essay on the earliest Civil War battlefield monuments.



President's Report

...from Tom Williams

Statues at Civil War sites – as such, I never thought much about them, but as I was thinking about our October Round Table speaker, I realized it is often the statues that identify or mark most of the Civil War grounds. On our last battlefield trip to Petersburg, we saw a lot of the remaining "forts" constructed by the Union and Confederate armies. Frankly, they today look a lot like the berms or mounds of dirt I see along the Little Miami Bike Trail, which was, of course, a rail bed also built around the time of the Civil War. Most defensive war-time fort construction was crude and completed quickly. The builders expected to gain some temporary protection and then move on to the next site, which again would need protection to be built.

I assume those "builders" who survived felt a need twenty-five or so years later to more permanently mark and memorialize these sites. In my mind's eye, I can see these guys, now perhaps in their late fifties, viewing what is left of the mound, now smaller due to weather and time, perhaps during a reunion, and thinking how that simple dirt saved their lives as well as the lives of their buddies of the company. So that no one forgets, especially those who did not find safety here and live, they began to again build, but now in granite, bronze, and marble.

I really don't know what our October speaker's talk will be, but I expect there might be stories he will share with us about these monuments or elements found on the monuments. As I write this, I recalled seeing the small statue that had been erected by a Pennsylvania unit on the grounds of the first day's battle at Gettysburg. At the base of the monument is a bronze statue of Sallie, the regimental dog. *Wikipedia* has the

story of Sallie, but what struck me was that when the monument was designed in 1889, the regiment's survivors unanimously decided to include a tribute to their smallest comrade. Lest we forget.

If you are as sentimental as I am, I am sure you won't want to miss Michael Panhorst lecture at the October 15th Round Table, "The Memorial Art and Architecture of Vicksburg National Military Park." Also bring a friend or partner, and I will be sure to bring a box of Kleenex we can all share.

Items of Interest

Civil War Speakers Series

A free speakers' series, commemorating the end of the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War, is open to the public at the Main Library location of the Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library at 9th Street & Vine Street in downtown Cincinnati. Here are the different talks being offered:

Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann (Speaking Saturday, 10/10/2015, 2:00 p.m. – "War within a War: The Sioux Uprising of 1862")

Dr. Tolzmann, local author and German-American history specialist, will enlighten us on a Civil War event many may not be aware of: The Sioux Uprising of 1862 in Minnesota. He will talk about how a large group of German-American settlers, a good number of whom came from the Tri-State area, became unexpectedly embroiled in a battle with the once peaceful nearby Sioux Indian tribe. What compounded the conflict even more was that most all Federal troops normally stationed in the area were now engaged in Civil War battles hundreds of miles away. Dr. Tolzmann translated and edited a memoir recounting this horrible event, *New Ulm, Minnesota: J. H. Strasser's History & Chronology* (Little Miami Pub. 2003). Dr. Tolzmann will have copies of this title and several other of his publications for sale following his talk.

Dr. Eric Jackson, Northern Kentucky University (Speaking Saturday, 10/24/2015, 2:00 p.m. – "Local Origins of the Underground Railroad, Part 2")

Dr. Jackson, Director of Black Studies at Northern Kentucky University, continues his fascinating discussion on the formation of the Underground Railroad right here in the local area. Dr. Jackson will give new historical meaning to the Ohio River, traditionally viewed as a valuable economic waterway. But, to enslaved African-Americans, crossing the Ohio was a gateway to freedom. However, even after crossing the Ohio, standing in the way were the enforcers of the Fugitive Slave Act and a substantial portion of southern Ohio that was sympathetic with the Confederacy. Dr. Jackson will discuss how, in reaction to these obstacles, hundreds of courageous citizens, both black and white, formed an intricate chain of secret safe houses and abodes in the local region that transported thousands of escaped African Americans into free territory. Dr. Jackson, along with Richard Cooper, recently co-wrote *Cincinnati's Underground Railroad* (Arcadia Publishing 2014). Dr. Jackson will have copies of his book to sell and sign following the presentation.

Dr. Martin Johnson, Miami University (Speaking Saturday, November 7, 2015, 2:00 p.m. – "Lincoln at Gettysburg")

Close to the anniversary of this famous speech, Dr. Johnson will share his insights into how President Lincoln composed what would become known as the Gettysburg Address. Dr. Johnson will shed away several myths about the speech, including the rumor that President Lincoln wrote the entire speech from

scratch during his train ride from Washington, D.C. He will also discuss the connection between the recently passed Emancipation Proclamation and the inspirational speech he would give on the fields of Gettysburg. Dr. Johnson recently wrote a book about President Lincoln's famous speech entitled *Writing the Gettysburg Address* (2013).

Note on Parking: The best place to park for these events at the Downtown Branch is the Garfield Place Parking Garage on 9th Street right past the Vine Street intersection on the left hand side. The Garage charges the very reasonable rate of \$2.00 for all-day parking on Saturdays and Sundays.

For more information, please contact Albert Hallenberg, Reference Librarian, at Albert.Hallenberg@CincinnatiLibrary.org.

Contribute your knowledge

The membership of CCWRT has a vast knowledge on a variety of Civil War topics. Share your knowledge. Consider being a speaker. If there is a topic you think doesn't get the attention it deserves, research it, take notes, and write out a story. If you are interested in the topic, chances are there are a lot of other members who would like to learn about it. If you are shy about speaking in public, just write a short article about your favorite subject, and it can be published in the *Canister*. Please try to keep articles to one page or less in length. If you are not the scholarly type, please contribute your time and consider serving as an officer for our Round Table.

CCWRT Tour of Camp Dennison and related Morgan's Raid Sites

On **Sunday, October 4**, Cincinnati Civil War Round Table members, guests, and visitors are welcomed to join in an all-day caravan tour of **Camp Dennison**, the 700-acre Civil War camp and hospital that was located just north of Milford, Ohio. The tour is **free** except for attendees' personal expenses (gas, lunch, museum entry fees, and dinner) incurred during the day. However, donations to the Cincinnati Civil War Round Table are welcome.

Camp Dennison was named after Ohio's Governor William Dennison. The site was chosen by Major General George B. McClellan and laid out by Colonel (later Major General) William S. Rosecrans on April 27, 1861. Seventy Union infantry, cavalry, and artillery units were established and trained at the camp between 1861 and 1865. Between 50,000 and 75,000 soldiers passed through the facility as they moved to and from the front. Camp Dennison U.S. Hospital was established when wounded men from the Battle of Shiloh were transported to Cincinnati in 1862. With nearly 2,300 beds, this medical facility was one of the best the Union could offer. Both Union and Confederate soldiers were treated here. On July 14, 1863, Confederate Brigadier General John Hunt Morgan's 2,000-man cavalry division attempted to capture the camp, but a gallant defense by the camp commander, Lieutenant Colonel (later Brevet Brigadier General) George W. Neff, saved it from the Confederate raiders.

This insightful tour will be led by CCWRT member and author David L. Mowery, who has studied the camp for over a decade and who produced the first modern map of the camp ever made (the map was reproduced by *Blue & Gray Magazine* in its Volume XXX, #2 issue on Morgan's Great Raid).

Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Camp Livingston Lodge, 9350 Given Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45243. We will start promptly at 9 a.m. Public parking is located at Sycamore Creek Park across the street. Directions from I-71 to Livingston Lodge are here: <http://goo.gl/maps/P67nd> . Please be prepared to carpool with other attendees in order to keep the caravan as compact as possible.

The itinerary for the tour is as follows:

- Meet at 9 a.m. at the Camp Livingston Lodge in Indian Hill. Parking is located at Sycamore Creek Park across the street. We'll discuss Confederate General John Hunt Morgan's crossing of the Little Miami River here in preparation for his feint on Camp Dennison on the morning of July 14, 1863.
- Drive to Evergreen Cemetery west of Miamiville and discuss raider John Anderson and his wife Katherine, and visit the site of the fight at the Madisonville Turnpike Bridge. Parking in the cemetery.
- Drive to the deli in Miamiville at Ibold Road & SR 126. State-owned parking is available along the Loveland Bike Trail. We'll walk to the Little Miami Railroad Bridge skirmish site and discuss the hand-to-hand fighting around the present deli.
- Go to lunch at Midwest Best BBQ place at Lincoln Avenue & SR126 in Camp Dennison, Ohio.
- Visit the Waldschmidt Cemetery nearby.
- Drive to the Camp Dennison Memorial Park across from the Christian Waldschmidt House, park our cars in the park, and discuss the "Tents and Shanties" camp site and the Sisters of Charity.
- Walk to the Christian Waldschmidt House, the camp's first headquarters, and visit the Camp Dennison Civil War Museum. A museum entrance fee is required.
- Drive to the Kugler Mill soccer fields and walk to Secrest Monument Park. Discuss the lower camp area, including the hospital wards, steam laundry, chapel, and reservoir. This is also a good opportunity to walk along Camp Road, if we want.
- Drive to the heart of Camp Dennison on Lincoln Avenue. Temporary parking is located along Kilgour Avenue. See the only remaining building from the camp – its post headquarters.
- Drive back to the deli at SR 126 & Ibold Avenue, park along the Bike Trail, and offer an extended walk to the derailment site. Others can wait for about 1.5 hours, or meet us later at the restaurant, etc.
- Return to Sycamore Creek Park to pick up cars. Estimated end time for the tour is 5:00 p.m.
- Have dinner and drinks at Schoolhouse Restaurant in Camp Dennison or Padrino's in Milford. We will vote on the selection.

If you have any questions about the tour, please contact Darryl Smith at ohioatperryville@yahoo.com or call and leave a message at 513-321-1539.

September Presentation ... submitted by Mark Silbersack

William Vodrey, former president of the Cleveland Civil War Round Table, spoke on Ohio's Civil War Governors: William Dennison, David Tod and John Brough – men who served the state and nation well but are now largely forgotten.

Mr. Vodrey is currently a magistrate of the Cleveland Municipal Court, an honors graduate of Oberlin College, with a law degree from Case Western Reserve. He often speaks on Civil War topics to Round Tables and historical societies and is a former re-enactor with the 51st Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Co. B.

During the Civil War, Ohio was still electing Governors to two-year terms. William Dennison, Jr., was a Whig-turned-Republican, elected in 1859. After Fort Sumter, he rallied Buckeye support for the Union, enlisting many more troops than Washington asked for. His early and strong military help for what became West Virginia was crucial.

By 1861, Dennison had become a political drag on the Republican Party and, as he had no chance of re-election, withdrew his name from consideration. Thereafter, he served as Postmaster General in both the Lincoln and Johnson administrations. He died in 1882.

David Tod was a “War Democrat” elected in 1861. He had twice previously run unsuccessfully for Governor. He won this time by vowing to help crush the Secession – and he carried through in style, retaining much of Dennison’s staff and implementing his policies. Tod had cordial relations with Stanton and McClellan, and he gained a reputation as the “soldiers’ friend” by providing help to Ohio men serving in the field.

By 1863, however, Tod had used up most of his political capital. His autocratic style hurt, and he alienated many people by arresting dissenters. Morgan’s Raid damaged his reputation; some called it “Tod’s military elephant.” He was unable to gain nomination for a second term. He declined Lincoln’s offer of the post of Treasury Secretary due to ill health, and he died in 1868.

John Brough, running in 1863 as the “Union candidate” supported by Republicans and War Democrats, decisively beat the Copperhead Clement Vallandigham. Brough energetically aided Lincoln and the war effort. He helped Lincoln win an easy 1864 victory over McClellan. But then, after losing Republican support and announcing that he would not seek re-election, Brough fell, got gangrene, and died in August 1865, just after the war ended.

All of these governors served well in office. They strongly supported the Union, working hard and effectively to meet its military needs. All three wanted to run for a second term, but each had lost so much political support that this proved impossible.



September Quiz:

1. Which of these ironclads was part of the Confederate James River Squadron?

CSS Atlanta *CSS Fredericksburg* *CSS Manassas* *CSS Neuse*

2. Who wrote the memoir “Diary of a southern refugee during the war, by a lady of Virginia”?

Judith White McGuire Rose O’Neal Greenhow Mary Boykin Chestnut
Margaret Ann Morris Grimball

3. What was the name of the Union ironclad sunk at the Battle of Mobile Bay?

Merrimack *Tecumseh* *Neosho* *Monitor*

4. The USS *Monitor* sank during a storm off the coast of Cape_____.

Charles Fear Henry Hatteras

5. What ship served as Admiral David Glasgow Farragut’s flagship for much of the Civil War?

Brooklyn *Hartford* *Malvern* *Wabash*

6. The Vice President of the Confederacy Alexander Stephens said that _____ was the “cornerstone” of the Confederacy.

Slavery

Chivalry

Cotton

States Rights

7. What was the last ship to fly the Confederate flag during the Civil War?

Tennessee

Shenandoah

Alabama

Florida

8. Who said, “The day you make soldiers of them is the beginning of the end of the revolution. If slaves will make good soldiers our whole theory of slavery is wrong, but they won’t make soldiers.”?

Howell Cobb

Robert E. Lee

Braxton Bragg

Nathan Bedford Forrest

Quiz Answers:

1. *CSS Fredericksburg*
2. Judith White McGuire
3. *Tecumseh*
4. Hatteras
5. *Hartford*
6. Slavery
7. *Shenandoah*
8. Howell Cobb



Future Presentations:

Nov. 19, 2015	Andrew Homan, 6th Ohio Volunteer Infantry <i>Reenacting Gettysburg and Other Battles</i>
Jan. 21, 2016	Gary Johnson, Cincinnati Civil War Round Table <i>Countering Mallory's Infernal Machines</i>
Feb. 18, 2016	Gene Schmiel, Washington, DC <i>Citizen-General: Jacob D. Cox</i>
Mar. 17, 2016	Dr. Michael Adams, Northern Kentucky University <i>Living Hell: The Dark Side of the Civil War</i>
Apr. 21, 2016	Stephen M. Hood, Huntington, WV <i>The Lost Papers of John Bell Hood</i>
May 19, 2016	William Alan Blair, Pennsylvania State University <i>The Dirty Business of Winning a Civil War: Combating Disloyalty</i>

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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 this newsletter, 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. If you are joining for the first time, there is a one-time, lifetime, **Initiation Fee** of \$20 (single) or \$30 (couple). 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 and initiation fee rates.

Dinner reservations are required, and can be made prior to the reservations deadline either by an email to reservations@cincinnatiwrt.org 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. 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 pm 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 pm 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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