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Meeting Date: February 17, 2011

Place: The Drake Center

(6:00) Sign-in and Social

(6:30) Dinner

(7:15) Business Meeting

(7:30) Speaker

Dinner Menu: Lightly breaded boneless chicken breast stuffed with canadian bacon & swiss cheese served with french salad and russian dressing, red roasted potatoes, broccoli & cheese, dinner rolls, and carmel nut apple pie
Vegetarian Option: Available upon request

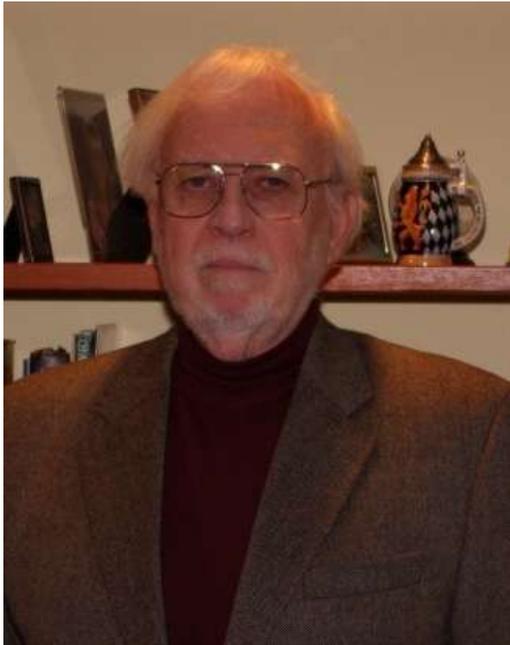
Speaker: Ralph Arnold, CCWRT

Topic: Railroads of the Confederacy

Reservations: If you do not have an Automatic Reservation, please remember to email your meeting reservation to reservations@cincinnati-cwrt.org; call it in to Tom Breiner at 513-984-3101 (h); or email: tbreiner@fuse.net. 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 Wednesday, February 9, 2011.**

About our February Speaker: At the February meeting, fellow Cincinnati Civil War Round Table member Ralph Arnold makes his debut appearance on the CCWRT's podium. Mr. Arnold holds a PhD degree in Transportation Management, with which he spent 25 years in a career involving transportation operations and management prior to moving into the field of academics. He served with the U.S. Air Force's Air Intelligence group for many years, during which time he was stationed in Japan. He returned to the United States and found a career as a Professor of Management and On Site Program Manager at the Union Institute, from which role he has retired. He has also served as an Adjunct Associate

Professor at the Center for Organizational Leadership at the University of Cincinnati. Ralph's primary interest in the American Civil War has been in the area of military logistics and maps. Over the years, he has toured all of the major Civil War battlefields, as well as most of the war's minor engagement sites and museums.



Ralph Arnold

Mr. Arnold's presentation will examine the role that railroads performed in the defense of the Confederate States of America. Ralph will look at the state of the Confederacy's railroad network before, during, and after the Civil War, and how external influences such as States' Rights based government, slave labor, manufacturing capacity, and raw material availability played upon the success – and failure – of the railroads south of the Mason-Dixon line. Ralph will also discuss major troop movement logistics that aided the Southern armies. These and other topics will provide an understanding of the enormous hurdles facing the Confederate States' railroad system as a major method of transportation and communications for the fledgling country.



President's Report

... Pat Homan

The decision to cancel the January meeting was really not difficult. It was made much easier knowing that we have a back-up meeting date set for June. I gave Ralph Arnold the option of either becoming our February speaker or waiting until June. He opted for February and I will give my presentation in June. I am looking forward to Ralph's talk, as I am a long time railroad buff. Please mark your calendars to note the added meeting of will be Thursday, 16 June.

The other event of significance in February is the 12 February event commemorating Lincoln's last visit to Cincinnati on his way to the inauguration. The National Park Service contacted our Round Table and asked if we could help find a local venue for this event. Dan Reigle notified Bob Limoseth and me. Bob, who is a docent at the Museum Center, approached them and they agreed to host the event. I give high marks to Bob and Dan for quick work on this.

The important thing now is to insure a good attendance at the event. I am encouraging all of you to attend and bring friends. Just ask yourself, what better way could there be to honor President Lincoln than to celebrate his 152d birthday than at this event. We are hoping for an overflow crowd and have made arrangements to keep things moving in that event with separate presentations. I understand the Park Service has agreed to do a second program that night if the crowd is too big for one sitting.

If we want more of these commemorative programs, we must show the Museum center that there is a high level of interest in the Sesquicentennial, and programs to mark anniversaries or related events during this period. I hope to see all of you there and at the February meeting.

Items of Interest:

Shiloh Field Trip Reservations Being Accepted: The spring field trip to the Shiloh Battlefield is Sat. Apr 30th, Sun. May 1st and Mon. May 2nd. The trip will cost \$100 per person and will include a two hour guided tour of Corinth, an eight hour guided tour of Shiloh, and whatever else we can sneak in. Cost will include transportation and tour fees. Attendees will be responsible for reserving their own hotel room and meals. For hotel reservations, call the Hampton Inn Corinth at 1-662-286-5949 and tell the reservationist you are with CCWRT.

As we have done the past couple of years, we will be renting a 15 passenger van. If more than 10 people want to attend the trip, we will need a volunteer to drive their own vehicle to help transport luggage and a few of the attendees. The person driving their own vehicle will not be charged the \$100 trip fee. Reservations will accepted on a first come first basis as checks are received. Checks can be given to Dan Bauer at any of the next three meetings or they can be mailed to Dan Bauer at the following address: 6581 Club Lane, West Chester, OH 45069. Checks should be made out to CCWRT. For more information, call Dan Bauer at 513-759-4495 or e-mail him at dbauer002@cinci.rr.com.

Preservation project for 2010-2011: Our project for the 2010-2011 campaign is to fund the cost of replacing and updating two interpretive signs at the Perryville, KY Battlefield. The signs describe the actions of Colonel Wm. H. Lytle's Brigade. One sign describes the brigade's stubborn defense of the hill above the Bottom House while the other sign describes the brigade's artillery duel at Loomis Heights. As many of know Lytle, perhaps the most well known Civil War soldier emanating from Cincinnati, was injured at Perryville, recovered, and then went onto tragically lose his life in the Battle of Chickamauga.

As has been the practice in the past, the Roundtable will match the first \$500 contributed by our members. Last year we had a very successful donation campaign, which benefited of the Museum of the Confederacy. We were able to more than double the number of fund donors who contributed to the previous year's campaign. This year we are setting a goal of increasing the number of donors by another 25 percent. We hope that you will share our enthusiasm in improving a battlefield close to our homes and a hero close to our hearts. Please give or mail your checks to Alan Berenson, Preservation Chair.

Help restore the Lytle Monument: The Lytle monument was erected in 1894 at the Chickamauga Battlefield as one of eight identical cannon shell pyramids commemorating commanding officers lost during the two-day battle. Sometime after 1936, however, the sheltered Lytle Monument lost the majority of its cannon shells either to more visible monuments in need of repair or, sadly, to human vandalism. The Cincinnati, Ohio **General William H. Lytle Camp #10, Sons of Union Veterans** and the not-for-profit **Friends of Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park** are working together to restore the Lytle Monument as a legacy gift to the nation in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Chickamauga and Lytle's death. These two partners plan to restore the monument, return the surrounding area closer to its 1863 appearance, renovate the access trail to the spot, and rededicate the Lytle Monument with public ceremonies planned for September 2013. The entire project is estimated to cost \$65,000. The project partners invite the public to share in this legacy gift to the American people through tax-deductible contributions that will return all 323 cannonballs that originally formed the Lytle Monument, and that will underwrite the engineering, construction and public programming associated with the project. Contributions are being accepted through the 501(c)(3) Friends of the Park. All gifts are welcome. A \$200 gift will fund one cannonball. Gifts will be recognized on a project donor plaque installed prominently in the public Visitor Center at Chickamauga. Visit the Friends of the Park web site at www.chickchatt.org to make a secure credit card donation to the Lytle Restoration.

Fort Pillow, a Civil War Massacre, and Public Memory: Do you remember John Cimprich? He spoke to our Round Table at the Jan, 2007 meeting and now has a new book entitled “**Fort Pillow, a Civil War Massacre, and Public Memory**” that is being released on paperback. Dr. Cimprich covers the entire history of Fort Pillow, including its construction by Confederates, its capture and occupation by federals, the massacre, and ongoing debates surrounding that affair. He sets the scene for the carnage by describing the social conflicts in federally occupied areas between secessionists and unionists as well as between blacks and whites. In a careful reconstruction of the assault itself, Cimprich balances vivid firsthand reports with a judicious narrative and analysis of events. He shows how Major General Nathan B. Forrest attacked the garrison with a force outnumbering the Federals roughly 1500 to 600, and a breakdown of Confederate discipline resulted. The 65 percent death toll for black unionists was approximately twice that for white unionists, and Cimprich concludes that racism was at the heart of the Fort Pillow massacre. To learn more visit the following website: <http://www.lsu.edu/lsupress/bookPages/9780807131107.html>



Sesquicentennial Events:

150th Anniversary Observance of Lincoln’s Inaugural Journey Coming to Cincinnati:

The National Park Service recently contacted the Round Table for assistance in identifying a site in Cincinnati to host the 150th Anniversary Observance of Lincoln’s Inaugural Journey from Springfield, Illinois to Washington, D.C. Vanessa Van Zant, Director of the Cincinnati History Museum, has agreed to host the event with the Cincinnati Civil War Round Table acting as its community partner.

Abraham Lincoln traveled through more than 83 cities and towns in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, and Maryland, on his way to Washington D.C. from February 11-23, 1861. The second night of his journey, February 12th – his 52nd birthday, was spent in Cincinnati at the Burnet Hotel. The program will include an accomplished Lincoln presenter who will dramatically portray what Lincoln said and did here, to the extent practical, and National Park Service Rangers will discuss the larger “Civil War to Civil Rights” theme of the journey.

Other forms of programming to assist this visit are being considered. The Round Table will have an Information Table immediately outside the auditorium. We plan on handing out promotional brochures and answer questions about Round Table membership as well as help the public understand the importance of this most important time period in American History.

We need your help in getting the word out and we do hope that you’ll want to attend so that the Round Table will be well represented. If you are a member of another Round Table, please extend an invitation for their members to attend. If you have a friend, or neighbor, with an interest in Abraham Lincoln or the American Civil War, be sure they receive an invitation to join us as well. We’d love to fill the museum’s auditorium and we can’t do that without your help. We hope you’ll mark your calendars now for Saturday night, February 12, 2011 at 7:00pm for an Evening at The Museum with Lincoln. What a great way to launch the Sesquicentennial activities scheduled for 2011...and you can be a part of it! Contact Bob Limoseth at rlimo@fuse.net or call him at 513.777.2160 if you need additional information.

Hard Road To Liberty...Ohio & The Civil War: The Hamilton Community Foundation and Miami University Hamilton invite you to explore the Civil War experience of Ohio and the border regions by attending the spring 2011 group of lectures entitled: *Hard Road To Liberty...Ohio & The Civil War*. All events begin at 7:30 pm at the Harry T. Wilks Conference Center, 1601 University Blvd., Hamilton, Ohio 45011 (513.785.3070). Details on the next two lectures are as follows:

- Tuesday, Feb. 15: *Morgan's Great Raid and the Battle of Buffington Island* by G. Michael Pratt. An archeologist discovers how Confederate General John Hunt Morgan's 1863 raid across Ohio and Indiana was decisively defeated at Buffington Island in Ohio's only Civil War Battle.
- Wednesday, Feb. 23: *How 80 Words Shaped American Politics: The Civil War and the 14th Amendment* by Augustus Jones. Adopted in 1868, the 14th Amendment remains pertinent to current controversies, including affirmative action, gay marriage, gays in the military, and school desegregation.

February is Black History Month: The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County is proud to present two programs that highlight African Americans' contributions to the struggle that defined the meaning of the nation. Both programs will take place at the Main Library in February in the Genealogy & Local History Department study area at 3:00 PM.

- Saturday, Feb 12: Larry Hamilton: "**Camp Nelson: Black Soldiers and Refugee Slaves in the Civil War.**"
- Saturday, Feb 19: Jan Brown Checco: "**Honoring the Black Brigade: The Story of the Cincinnati Park Board's Monument to the Gallant Defenders of Cincinnati.**"



Quiz:

Courtesy of Louisville Civil War Round Table

1. Who was the Union cavalry commander who ordered the ill-advised and disastrous cavalry charge into the Confederate infantry advance late in the day at the Battle of Gaines's Mill?
2. A Richmond, Virginia newspaper described weekly battles involving "scores of youthful candidates for the penitentiary." What battles were they talking about?
3. What city was the first capital of the Confederate States of America and how long did it host the new government?
4. The full title of Harriet Beecher Stowe's 1852 anti-slavery book was UNCLE TOM'S CABIN, or.....(what)?
5. Buffalo Bill Cody and Wild Bill Hickok both saw action during the Civil War. On which side was each one?

Quiz Answers:

1. General Philip St. George Cooke
2. The regular Sunday afternoon battles with rocks in early 1862 by the city's boys organized into neighborhood gangs.
3. Montgomery, Alabama and lasted for less than four months.
4. Life Among the Lowly
5. Both were Union scouts.



January Presentation:

...submitted by Mike Rhein

No meeting. No presentation.

Future Presentations:

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| March 17, 2011 | Martin Stewart, Troy (Ohio) CWRT
<i>Redemption: The 71st Ohio Volunteer Infantry in the Civil War</i> |
| April 21, 2011 | Harold Holzer, New York Metropolitan Museum,
<i>How Lincoln Became President – In Ohio</i> |
| May 19, 2011 | Thomas Cartwright, Lotz House Civil War Museum
<i>Humor in the Civil War</i> |
| June 16, 2011 | Pat Homan, CCWRT
<i>Paved with Good Intentions: The Road to War</i> |
| September 15, 2011 | David Mowery, CCWRT and OCWTC
<i>America's Longest Cavalry Ride: Morgan's 1863 Raid Around Cincinnati</i> |
| October 20, 2011 | Frank J. Williams, Providence, RI
<i>Abraham Lincoln as Commander-in-Chief: The First Year of the War</i> |
| November 17, 2011 | Peter Cozzens, Silver Springs, MD
<i>Topic TBD</i> |
| January 19, 2012 | Gary Q. Johnson, CCWRT
<i>Achieving the Anaconda Plan</i> |
| February 16, 2012 | Jill Holt, CCWRT
<i>Women in the Civil War</i> |

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 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.

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 \$28. 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 accessed 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 and take the elevators to your right to level A, go to your right and Motivation Meeting Room G is located at the end of the hallway.

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150th Anniversary of Lincoln's Inaugural Journey

See history come alive with the 150th anniversary commemoration of Abraham Lincoln's inaugural journey from Springfield, Illinois to Washington, D.C. Travel back in time as you experience a live re-creation of Lincoln's 1861 speech to the city of Cincinnati delivered by professional Lincoln interpreter, Fritz Klein. Explore early Cincinnati and the issues facing our country leading up to Lincoln's inaugural with a special presentation by the National Park Service.

This free event is presented by the National Park Service and hosted by Cincinnati Museum Center. Cincinnati Civil War Roundtable is the community partner for the event.

For more information, please visit www.cincymuseum.org.

Reakirt Auditorium
Saturday, February 12, 2011
7:00 p.m.
Free and open to the public

