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Meeting Date: February 21, 2013

Place: The Drake Center

(6:00) Sign-in and Social
(7:15) Business Meeting

(6:30) Dinner
(7:30) Speaker

Dinner Menu: Homemade lasagna served with tossed salad with a house dressing, garlic bread, and homemade tiramisu
Vegetarian Option: Available upon request

Speaker: Don Heinrich Tolzmann, Cincinnati, OH

Topic: *War within a War: The Sioux Uprising of 1862*

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 Andy Simmons at 513-705-9444 (c) or email asimmons2@cinci.rr.com. 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 13th, 2013.**

About our February Speaker:

For our February meeting, we welcome local author, lecturer, consultant and German-American history specialist, Don Heinrich Tolzmann. Don will enlighten us on a Civil War era event many may not be aware of: The 1862 Sioux Indian uprising in Minnesota. Of further interest is the local angle associated with this insurrection. In 1857, the German Land Association (comprised of the former Turner Settlement Society of Cincinnati and the Chicago Landverein – “Land Association”) acquired the land around what would become New Ulm, Minnesota (about a 90 minute drive southwest of Minneapolis). Here was to be a German-based town on the Western frontier. Unfortunately, circumstances related to the Sioux (Dakota) Indians hampered

this effort. Angered over broken promises of Federal reimbursement for resettlement and facing starvation, several Sioux war bands attacked settlements all across southwestern Minnesota (including New Ulm). With most Federal troops engaged in Civil War battles many miles away, it was up to the civilians and a small military contingent to counter these deadly assaults. Don will talk to us about this “War within a War” that not only changed a small town like New Ulm, but the entire state of Minnesota as well.



Don Heinrich Tolzmann

In addition to his writing and speaking engagements, Don provides expertly guided tours of traditionally German areas in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana.

Don visits our Round Table with very high credentials in the study of German-American history and culture, notably in the local area. Don has written and edited numerous books, including *German Cincinnati Revisited* (2011), *Cincinnati Germans in the Civil War* (2010 – editor/translator), *German Heritage Guide to the State of Ohio* (2005) and *New Ulm, Minnesota: J.H. Strasser’s History and Chronology* (2003 – editor/translator). He has received many awards, including the Federal Cross from Germany and the Ohioana Book Award. Recently, Don retired as the Curator of the German-American Collection and Director of the German-American Studies Program at the University of Cincinnati. In 1987, Don led the campaign to establish October 6 as national German-American Day (earning him

the title, “Father of German-American Day”). In 1989, he organized the first German-American Heritage Month (October) in Cincinnati.

As a note, Don will have several of his books available for purchase. He will gladly accept cash or a personal check and, of course, will be happy to sign your copy.



President’s Report

... Pat Homan

Let me start by forwarding information on several coming events which may be of interest to our members. First, I have been contacted by the Cincinnati Historical Museum as they are planning a second Civil War Weekend, this time in June, and have again, asked for our help. This is a compliment to our organization as being recognized for assisting them in the past and for the knowledge of our members. I have no details as yet as the planning is just starting, but I will pass them on as they are developed.

Please read the items of interest section of this newsletter for other upcoming events.

This summer will bring the 150th commemorations of Chancellorsville, Gettysburg and Vicksburg. I have no details on planned activities so if any members have that information, would you please make it available. In September we will observe the 150 anniversary of the death of Gen Lytle at Chickamauga, where the rebuilt Lytle monument will be re-dedicated, hopefully including cannon balls purchased by our Round

Table. Becky and Randy need your donations to complete our commitment. This is a most worthy project to honor a true hero from Cincinnati, who died leading his brigade into the thick of Longstreet's charging Corps.

It looks like there are many interesting things going on. I continue to encourage you to promote our Round Table. I had the opportunity today to tell my dentist about us when he expressed interest in the Civil War. I was not surprised when he stated he had never heard of us. That has been rectified.

I hope to see you at the meeting.



Items of Interest:

2012-2013 Preservation Project: The main preservation project of the CCWRT this year is the purchase of cannonballs for the restoration of the monument dedicated to William Lytle at the Chickamauga Battlefield. A partnership has been formed to raise funds for the restoration between the Sons of Union Veterans William H. Lytle Camp #10 (Cincinnati) and the Friends of Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park (501-c-3.) The cost of each cannonball is \$200, with an estimated total cost of the project being \$65,000. The project's intent is to have the restoration completed and rededicated on the 150th Anniversary of the battle in 2013. The CCWRT would like to purchase at least seven cannonballs for the project. The CCWRT will match member donations up to \$500. For more information, visit the Sons of Union Veterans website at SUVCW Lytle Camp #10: <http://www.suvcwcincinnati.org>. This site includes photographs of the original monument and its current condition. To make a donation, contact Becky Burket and Randy Donohue – CCWRT Preservation Project Co-chairs.

Civil War Medicine Lecture: The Henry R. Winkler Center for the History of the Health Professions at the University of Cincinnati will be hosting the Cecil Striker Society's annual lecture on April 11, 2013, from 4:00-6:30 PM. The guest speaker for the event will be Peter D'Onofrio, PhD, President of the Society of Civil War Surgeons, who will speak on the topic of Civil War Medicine. Henry R. Winkler Center for the History of the Health Professions University of Cincinnati Libraries (513) 558-5120

Civil War collectors show: The show will be at Beech Grove High School, 5330 Hornet Ave, Beech Grove, Indianapolis, IN (Exit 52 on I-465). The hours are Friday, 29 March 4:00 to 8:00 and Saturday, 30 March, 9:00 to 4:00. For additional information, contact Harvey W. Warner, www.ironbrigaderelics.com. The information flyer notes that the show will feature Civil War and Political artifacts. You can also call at 317-784-2617.

2013 Field Trip: The Vicksburg trip that the CCWRT has been promoting since September is sold out. For those few who signed up early, congratulations. For those who still would like to join a motor coach tour this spring, we have an alternative as described below.

GETTYSBURG - 150th ANNIVERSARY Tour April 29-May 2, 2013: Joy Tour & Travel is sponsoring a four day three night trip to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the **Battle of Gettysburg**. The trip highlights include a round trip luxury motor-coach transportation from the Dayton area, 3 nights accommodations at the historic James Gettys Hotel, a visit to the Gettysburg visitors center and cyclorama, a visit to the Shriver museum, a guided tour of the battlefield, and even lunch with renown Lincoln impersonator, Jim Getty at the Dobbins House Tavern, another historic landmark of Gettysburg. The complete tour itinerary is as follows:

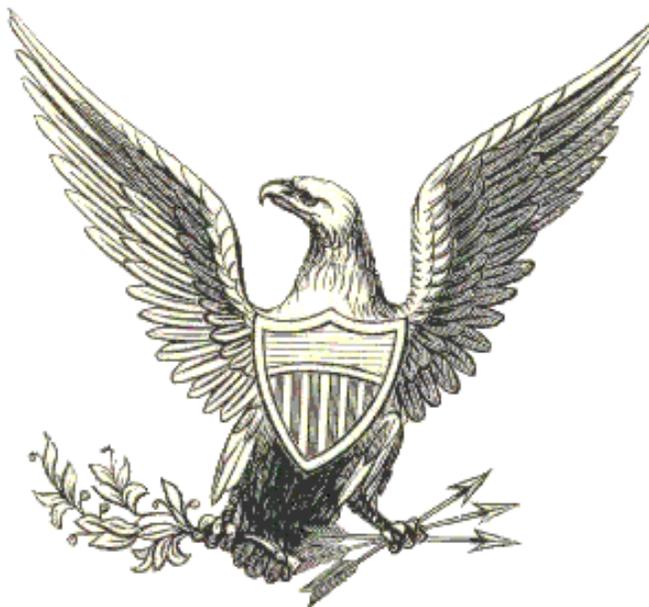
Day 1 – Today you will depart for historic Gettysburg. While in route, you will stop at the **Flight 93 Memorial**, the site where a common field became a field of honor. The memorial commemorates the lives lost in the Pennsylvania countryside on September 11, 2001 when the actions of the 40 passengers and crew aboard one of the planes, Flight 93, thwarted an attack on the U.S. Capitol Building. Lunch will be on your own. Later you will check into the upscale **James Gettys Hotel**. This unique property features suites with décor reminiscent of yesteryear and will be your home for three nights. The evening is open for you to explore this picturesque town and enjoy dinner on your own at one of the many local restaurants.

Day 2 - A delightful breakfast is provided and is available at your leisure in your room. Afterwards you are off to the **Gettysburg Museum & Visitors Center**. Here you will enjoy a narrated **film** that introduces you to events that led up to the fateful days in July of 1863 and the legendary battle that consumed this simple farming town. Following the film, you will marvel at the **Gettysburg Cyclorama**, one of the most incredible art works ever to depict the drama that unfolded here. There will be time to view some of the exhibits at the museum before boarding your motor coach for a **battlefield tour** with a **professional local step-on guide**. Following the two-hour tour, you will return to the Visitors Center for lunch on your own after which you can enjoy the rest of the museum at your leisure. An **optional tour** to the **Eisenhower National Historic Site** is available to you if you choose to visit an additional historic location. You will return to your hotel to freshen up before departing for the **Adams County Winery** for a tour and wine tasting. Dinner this evening is at the beautifully restored **Hickory Bridge Farm** where you will enjoy appetizers from an antique sleigh before feasting on a family-style meal featuring all of the delicious dishes that are guest favorites, using products grown locally. Then it's time to return to the James Gettys Hotel for a restful night's sleep.

Day 3– Start your day with another scrumptious breakfast in your room before boarding your motor coach for the **Shriver Museum**. This historic property was the home of George Washington Shriver and has been restored to its original 1860's appearance. Your tour includes all four floors of the home — from the Confederate sharpshooters nest in the garret to the cellar that housed the Shriver's Saloon. Next there is time for shopping before meeting at the **Dobbins House Tavern**, for a buffet luncheon where you will be greeted by "Abraham Lincoln." Renown historian and Lincoln impersonator, **Jim Getty**, provides an unforgettable experience as he speaks to the history of the period and answers questions about the Civil War. This afternoon provides another memorable activity with a tour of the **Gettysburg National Cemetery**. Our **professional local guide** will offer a broad overview of the burial ground that honors many of the fallen soldiers and where President Lincoln delivered his infamous address which became one of the most well known speeches in American history. Afterward, you will return to downtown Gettysburg for more sightseeing, shopping, and dinner on your own.

Day 4 - Enjoy one more tasty breakfast provided in your room before checking out of the hotel. We will head for home, taking with us the treasured memories of the historic events that forever changed the lives of the citizens of the United States of America.

The trip dates are April 29th to May 2nd and the price is \$899 double occupancy and \$1,299 single occupancy. The sign up sheet for this tour will be on the information table at the February and March CCWRT meetings. For more information contact Rebecca Huber at 513-777-8221 or Dan Bauer at 513-759-4495.



Future Presentations:

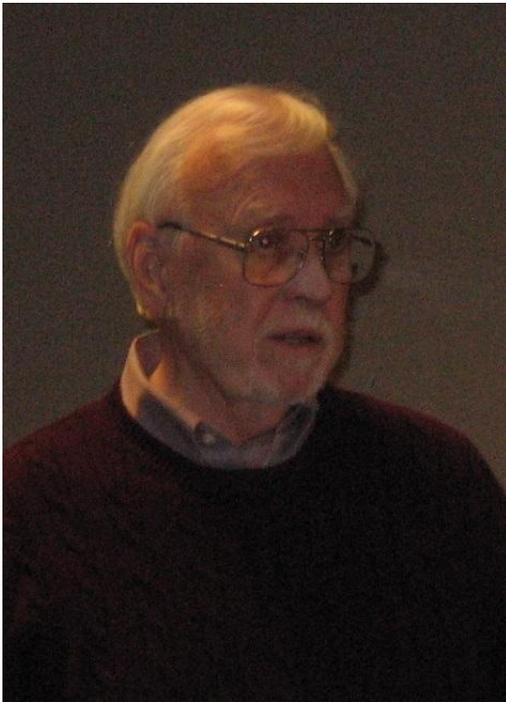
Mar. 21, 2013	Gary Zola, Hebrew Union College <i>Revocation of General Grant's General Orders No. 11</i>
April 18, 2013	David L. Mowery, CCWRT & OCWTC <i>America's Longest Cavalry Ride: Morgan's 1863 Raid Around Cincinnati</i>
May 16, 2013	Gail Stephens, Monocacy National Battlefield <i>General Lew Wallace</i>
Sept. 19, 2013	Gary D. Joiner, PhD <i>Red River Campaign</i>
Oct. 17, 2013	Stuart Sanders, Kentucky Historical Society <i>Perryville under Fire: The Aftermath of Kentucky's Largest Civil War Battle</i>
Nov. 21, 2013	Gary Knepp, University of Cincinnati <i>Camp Dennison</i>
Feb. 20, 2014	Mike Rhein, CCWRT <i>General Lytle: Home Again</i>
Jan. 16, 2014	Gary Q. Johnson, Cincinnati Civil War Round Table

January Presentation:

... submitted by Mark Silbersack

At our January meeting, member Ralph Arnold, Ph.D described the ill-fated Andrews Raid of April 1862, popularly known as the “Great Locomotive Chase,” an attempt to disrupt the Confederate line of communication by destroying rail track, telegraph lines, etc. along the Western & Atlantic RR line south of Chattanooga, TN, in order to assist Union General Ormsby Mitchel’s planned advance on that city.

Dr. Arnold covered three aspects of the raid: the planning, pursuit of the hijacked engine known as “The General,” and trials of the raiders. He aimed to present a more objective analysis of the raid beyond the locomotive chase made famous in Buster Keaton’s 1927 silent comedy “The General” and the 1956 Walt Disney production “The Great Locomotive Chase.”



Ralph Arnold

James J. Andrews, the raid’s leader, was a “man of mystery,” who built a reputation as a Southern sympathizer while trading quinine into the South. After persuading Gen. Mitchel to support the raid, he recruited volunteers but without initially explaining to some of them how dangerous the mission would be.

The raiders traveled south in separate parties from Shelbyville, TN, wearing civilian clothes, and regrouped in Marietta, GA. Their cover story en route was that they were Southern loyalists fleeing Union oppression in Kentucky.

At Marietta, they boarded a train, pulled by the General, heading to Chattanooga. At Big Shanty, when the train made a breakfast stop and the crew were inside eating, the raiders commandeered the locomotive and started north after uncoupling the passenger cars. Train conductor William Fuller quickly saw that his train had been hijacked and gave chase on foot, then on a “pole-car,” then on a small engine from the Cooper Iron Works, and after Kingston, TN, in the full-powered locomotive called the “Wm. R. Smith” and then another known as “The Texas.”

Dr. Arnold provided a detailed account of the delays the raiders encountered at Kingston, TN, and elsewhere. He focused on the “chase” – which, ironically, was at the time not recognized as such by the raiders, who didn’t know until its whistle and smoke alerted them as they neared Dalton, GA, that the Texas was coming up behind them. Convinced that the only danger lay ahead, while Andrews had torn up some track and downed a number of telegraph lines, he had failed to burn at least one bridge or take other steps to hinder a pursuit.

Finally, the General ran out of fuel and stopped. Worried that the pursuing Texas had numerous armed men aboard, Andrews ordered his men to split up and make their way North as best they could. Ironically, if the raiders had stood and fought, they could probably have defeated their pursuers, since there were only seven militia men and two shotguns on the Texas. The raiders were all caught in a short time.

Dr. Arnold concluded his talk by describing the imprisonment, escape attempts, trials, and hanging of Andrews and seven of his fellow raiders who were treated, not as captured prisoners of war, but as spies and “Yankee train thieves.”

January Quiz:

1. On 23 Sep. 2011 Mary Surratt had a retrial on charges related to Abe Lincoln's assassination; this time it was a criminal trial in a civilian court located in the downtown Chicago public library.
 - a. Was she declared guilty or not guilty?
 - b. How many members were on the jury?
2. Who donated his heavy, large and fast namesake ship to the United States Navy in March 1862 in order to assure Stanton and Lincoln that the Virginia (aka the Merrimack) would not leave her port to again assault the vulnerable Federal wooden fleet after earlier fighting the Monitor to a draw?
3. With which historical event do all of the below data relate?
 - a. Cypriano Ferrandini
 - b. Kossuth hat (a wide brimmed slouch hat)
 - c. Long overcoat used as a shawl
 - d. Allan Pinkerton
 - e. 22 - 23 Feb. 1861
4. Robert Lincoln in 1863 found himself caught in the space between a railroad platform and a slowly moving train. Unable to move he was suddenly pulled to safety by a stranger named _____.
5. Based on the below clues, guess my name
 - a. I was the 1st Jewish student at the Va. Military Institute
 - b. I fought with my fellow cadets at the Battle of New Market, Va.
 - c. I cared for my wounded roommate, Thomas Garland Jefferson, after the battle
 - d. I graduated last in my class
 - e. I lived in and studied art and sculpture in Cincinnati in the late 1860's
 - f. I designed the statues "Virginia Mourning Her Dead" and that of Stonewall Jackson, both on the campus of V.M.I.
 - g. My first name is that of a major character in the Old Testament, my last is that of one of the Books of the Old Testament (Prophets)



Quiz Answers

- 1a. Not guilty 1b. 47 (153 not guilty; 94 guilty) ef.: CSPAN3, The Retrial of Mary Surratt, 23 Sep. 2011
2. Cornelius Vanderbilt Ref.: The First Tycoon, T.J. Stiles, p. 345-48
3. Abraham Lincoln's being smuggled into Washington D.C. from Harrisburg, Pa. thru Baltimore Ref.: Lincoln, Donald, p. 277-8 Google, Lincoln Log p. 22-3 Feb. '61
4. Edwin Booth Ref.: Lincoln Forum 17 Nov. 2011, Giant in the Shadows-The Life of Robert T. Lincoln, Emerson
5. Moses Ezekiel Ref.: Seed Corn of the Confederacy, Gindlesperger, p. 19, 72, 143-4, 150 Moses Ezekiel, Cohen & Gibson, p. 7, 12, 17, 146 Google, Books of the Bible, King James Version

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 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 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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