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Meeting Date: March 21, 2013

**Place: The Drake Center**

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

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

**Dinner Menu: Beef tips prepared in burgundy wine & mushroom sauce served with spinach souffle, apple pecan salad with vinaigrette dressing, and assorted bars**  
**Vegetarian Option: Available upon request**

**Speaker: Gary Zola, Hebrew Union College**

**Topic: *Revocation of General Grant's Orders No. 11***

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**Reservations: If you do not have an Automatic Reservation, please remember to email your meeting reservation to [reservations@cincinnati-cwrt.org](mailto:reservations@cincinnati-cwrt.org); call it in to Andy Simmons at 513-705-9444 (c) or email [asimmons2@cinci.rr.com](mailto: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, March 13th, 2013.****

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## **About our March Speaker:**

For our March meeting, we welcome for the first time Dr. Gary P. Zola, Executive Director of the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives and Professor of the American Jewish Experience at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Many admire General Ulysses S. Grant for his impressive military achievements, but every admired figure has his missteps. Dr. Zola will examine one such miscue in General Grant's little known, but quite provocative, "Orders No. 11." In late 1862, General Grant, then Department of Tennessee commander,

encountered rampant smuggling of military supplies in his area. Perhaps falling prey to the anti-Semitic feelings of the time, Grant erroneously assumed only Jewish merchants were behind the theft operations. On December 17, 1862, he issued “Orders No. 11” expelling all Jews from the quite vast territory under his command. Dr. Zola will discuss the firm reaction from the Jewish community, and the gutsy initiative of a lone Jewish merchant from Kentucky, whose personal meeting with Abraham Lincoln may have



### **Dr. Gary P. Zola**

well as making the Archives more accessible to the public through frequent programs. Dr. Zola’s leadership and scholarly abilities have received national recognition. In 2011, President Barack Obama appointed Dr. Zola to serve as a member of the U.S. Commission for the Preservation of America’s Heritage Abroad, dedicated to preserving cemeteries, monuments and historical buildings associated with the foreign heritage of American citizens. Locally, in 2009, the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission conferred the Bishop Herbert Thompson, Jr. Outstanding Humanitarian Award to Dr. Zola in recognition for his service to the people of metropolitan Cincinnati. Dr. Zola has edited several books and published numerous articles on many facets of American Jewish Studies with particular emphasis on American Reform Judaism. Of interest to our Civil War group will be Dr. Zola’s forthcoming book, *We Called him Rabbi Abraham: Abraham Lincoln and American Jewry* published by Southern Illinois University Press. For a further list of Dr. Zola’s many accomplishments, please visit his faculty web page: <http://huc.edu/faculty/faculty/zola.shtml>

Please join us March 21 to hear about this important, but not widely known, event in Jewish American and Civil War history. We think you will find it an intriguing and fascinating tale of progressive justice.

Here is a link to Professor Jonathan Sarna’s very nicely done article on Grant’s Orders from the *Reform Judaism* magazine website: <http://reformjudaismmag.org/Articles/index.cfm?id=2971>. Dr. Sarna is a graduate of Hebrew Union College and author of the 2012 book, *When General Grant Expelled the Jews*. Dr. Sarna’s anecdote of giving a presentation as a young faculty member at HUC on Orders No. 11 is quite amusing.

# President's Report

... Pat Homan

I want to have a discussion about the future of the Cincinnati Round Table. We are generally in great shape. We have a stable membership, currently at 98 members. We are financially sound. What needs discussion: The various positions that make the organization work. Like most volunteer organizations, we always need people to fill officer roles and to take on other projects and tasks.

Several years ago, the Board had a long discussion about the terms of office for all positions. The decision was to continue to elect officers and trustees every year, but to encourage new officers to continue in their office for two years. The idea was to promote both continuity in the roles and enough turnover to prevent stagnation as new people bring fresh ideas. We hoped to provide additional continuity by asking the Vice-President to step up to the Presidency at the end of his two years. The President would then replace a Trustee, which keeps the institutional knowledge intact. This unofficial two-year term has worked well and the Round Table has benefited from this approach.

Three years ago, I was elected President and was ably supported for the next two years by Tom Breiner. The normally, Tom would have stepped up to the President's position but he had a major change in his work, which did not leave him the time to do the job. We were able to get Andy Simmons, the secretary, to step forward a year early, and he has done an excellent job. Sadly, from my perspective, Andy has been offered a wonderful job with a law firm in San Diego, which he could not pass up. We are working on finding volunteers for the VP position. I am willing to serve for one more year as I have enjoyed being president. But, we need new ideas and fresh perspectives that only come with new faces in these positions.

One of the disadvantages of our limited meeting time is that I get very little chance to meet all the members and to find out who is interested in stepping up. I have no qualms about asking for volunteers (an old Army habit) but I would like to know who is interested in volunteering, either for an officer position or for a project or task role. We have several openings that must be filled now, the key one being the Vice President and maybe two more. Next year there will likely be more positions.

So, I am asking anyone who is willing to help the organization grow and is willing to help, to contact me at 861-2057 or by email: [homanfamily@fuse.net](mailto:homanfamily@fuse.net). We have balanced the positions so there is not a heavy load on any one person. There is also a wealth of institutional knowledge to help those who take a position. If you are interested in a specific position, please let me know. If you have questions about what the various positions require, call me or the current incumbent. The current officers and trustees serve as our nominating committee, and will present recommendations for elected positions to be voted upon by the membership at the May meeting.

I want to see the Round Table back on a stable pattern of rotating officer positions as this has been a major factor in keeping our Round Table strong and healthy. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to seeing you on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **We Who Study Must Also Strive to Save!**

## Items of Interest:

**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](http://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.

**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. 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.

**Blue & Gray Benefit Dinner:** To benefit the James A. Ramage Civil War Museum

**Place:** Gardens of Park Hills **Date:** April 24<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** Cocktail hour begins at 6:00 PM with speaker at 7:00 PM

**Congratulations Dave Mowery!** Cincinnati CWRT member David Mowery's first book on Morgan's Indiana-Ohio Raid was released on February 15. It is titled Morgan's Great Raid: The Remarkable Expedition from Kentucky to Ohio (Charleston, SC: History Press, 2013). A military operation unlike any other on American soil, Morgan's Great Raid was characterized by incredible speed, superhuman endurance and innovative tactics. With twenty-five maps and more than forty illustrations, Morgan's Raid historian and Cincinnati Civil War Round Table member David Mowery takes a new look at this unprecedented event in American history, one historians rank among the world's greatest land-based raids since Elizabethan times.

Books will be available to purchase directly from David at the March and April CCWRT meetings. David's book is also available on Amazon.com and BarnesAndNoble.com. He is scheduled for several book signings in March and April -- you can view his schedule through his author web site on Amazon.com. However, he will be happy to sign a copy anytime.

**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, see our February Newsletter for information regarding an April 29-May 2 trip to Gettysburg.

**GETTYSBURG - 150th ANNIVERSARY Tour:** 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 trip dates are April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Springfield Civil War Symposium:** The Clark County Historical Society presents the third Springfield Civil War Symposium. The 2013 Symposium will focus on 1863 and the turning points of the Civil War - the Battles of Vicksburg and Gettysburg. Speakers include:

- Parker Hills, Historian and Retired Brigadier General, U.S. Army, Founder of Battle Focus and Co-author of *Receding Tides: Vicksburg and Gettysburg-The Campaigns That Changed the Civil War*
- Kent Masterson Brown, J.D., Historian and Author of *The Civil War in Kentucky: The Battle for the Bluegrass State* and *Retreat from Gettysburg*

**Symposium Only:** Lunch Included Adults ~ \$35 Members ~ \$30

**Civil War Tour of Ferncliff Cemetery & Arboretum:** Tour Only \$10

**Symposium & Cemetery Tour Package:** Adults ~ \$40 Members ~ \$35 Students ~ \$20

**Date:** Saturday, April 13, 2013 Reservations are required. Call 937-324-0657 for information.

Visit the museum - The Clark County Heritage Center offers over 13,000 square feet of modern, permanent exhibitions and 3,000 square feet of rotating exhibit galleries. The Civil War exhibit is a must see for all visitors.

**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.



## February Presentation:

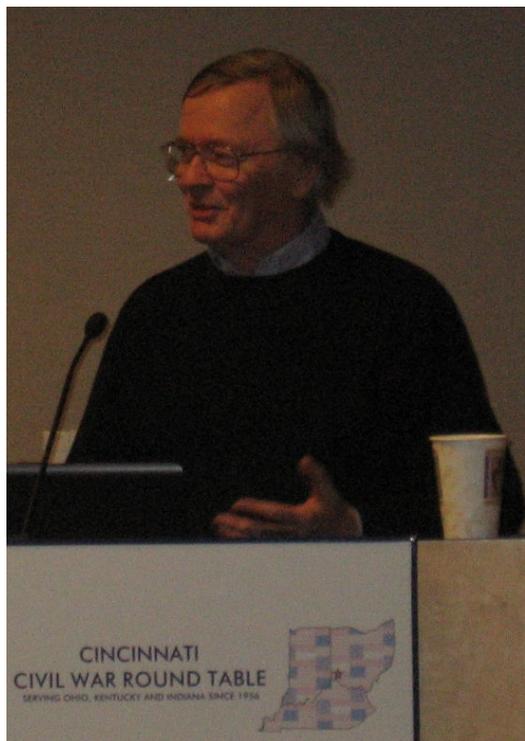
... submitted by Mark Silbersack

Our guest speaker for February was Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann, who spoke on the Sioux Uprising (known more recently as the Dakota Uprising, as it involved the Dakota branch of the Sioux). It began in August 1862, almost a year and a half after the Civil War broke out, and so was a “war within a war.”

At the time, the Civil War was the burning issue of the day and the Uprising a distant conflict on the

northwestern frontier. But for Minnesotans the opposite was true: the Civil War was a distant conflict in the East, while the Uprising meant war on the home front.

The speaker explained the background, origins and outcome of the Uprising, as well as his interest in the topic. The speaker's great-grandparents moved to a farm in Renville County, Minnesota in 1870 that had been at the epicenter of the Uprising in 1862. It had belonged to a German immigrant family, the Schwandts, who arrived in the area in the spring of 1862. Except for two family members, all of the Schwandts were killed in August. Estimates as to the total number who died that year ranged from more than six hundred to more than a thousand, but President Lincoln estimated eight hundred.



**Don Heinrich Tolzmann**

In the immediate area of the Schwandt/Tolzmann farm, a total of 39 people were killed. They are memorialized by the Settler's Monument on the roadway in front of the farm. It carries this inscription: "In memory of the brave settlers who fell at this point in the massacre of 1862." To the south of the farm is the Schwandt Monument, honoring that family.

Mary Schwandt, one of the two family survivors, wrote an account of her kidnapping during the Uprising. Another survivor from a neighboring family, Wilhelmina Busse, also wrote an account of her experiences. The speaker edited these accounts for a book called *German Pioneer Accounts of the Great Sioux Uprising of 1862* (Milford, Ohio: Little Miami Pub. Co., 2002).

Additionally, the speaker has edited and translated a number of books on the Uprising, several of which focus on New Ulm, Minnesota, which was largely settled by Germans from Cincinnati's Turnverein. In addition to discussing the history of the war, Dr. Tolzmann focused on the experiences of the pioneers, citing their personal narratives, while placing the events of 1862 within the historical context of the Civil War.

For the speaker's description of the Uprising's impact on Brown County, Minnesota where New Ulm is located, go to the website of the Family and Friends of the Dakota Uprising Victims:  
[http://www.dakotavictims1862.com/Family\\_and\\_Friends\\_of\\_Dakota\\_Uprising/Brown\\_County\\_Pioneers.html](http://www.dakotavictims1862.com/Family_and_Friends_of_Dakota_Uprising/Brown_County_Pioneers.html)



## February Quiz:

*Sheridan's Ride*, a poem by Thomas Buchanan Read, was written after the battle of Cedar Creek in the fall of 1864. The poem was written in a matter of hours at the request of James E. Murdock.

1. Where was the poem debuted?
2. The poem was widely used by the Republican party and on election day 1864, *Sheridan's Ride* was printed on page one of which newspaper?

3. Phil Sheridan's horse, Rienzi, is the true star of the poem. Sheridan soon renamed the horse what?
4. Where is the horse formerly known as Rienzi now?
5. What was the other name of Cahaba Prison?
6. "It is well that war is so terrible- otherwise we would grow too fond of it." On what battlefield did Robert E. Lee reportedly make this famous statement?



## Quiz Answers

1. Pike Opera Hall, Cincinnati OH 11-1-1864
2. Horace Greeley's *New York Tribune*
3. Winchester
4. His stuffed body is on display at the Smithsonian's American History Museum.
5. Castle Morgan
6. Fredericksburg

## Future Presentations:

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| April 18, 2013 | David L. Mowery, CCWRT & OCWTC<br><i>America's Longest Cavalry Ride: Morgan's 1863 Raid Around Cincinnati</i>                     |
| May 16, 2013   | Gail Stephens, Monocacy National Battlefield<br><i>General Lew Wallace</i>  |
| Sept. 19, 2013 | Gary D. Joiner, PhD<br><i>Red River Campaign</i>  |
| Oct. 17, 2013  | Stuart Sanders, Kentucky Historical Society<br><i>Perryville under Fire: The Aftermath of Kentucky's Largest Civil War Battle</i> |
| Nov. 21, 2013  | Gary Knepp, University of Cincinnati<br><i>Camp Dennison</i>  |
| Jan. 16, 2014  | Gary Q. Johnson, Cincinnati Civil War Round Table   |
| Feb. 20, 2014  | Dan Bauer, CCWRT<br><i>Harriet Beecher Stowe and the Politics of Slavery</i>  |
| Mar. 20, 2014  | Mike Rhein, CCWRT<br><i>General Lytle: Home Again</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](mailto: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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