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Meeting Date: April 15, 2010

Place: The Drake Center

(6:00) Sign-in and Social

(6:30) Dinner

(7:15) Business Meeting

(7:30) Speaker

Dinner Menu: Orange Glazed Chicken, Risotto pilaf, Edam me (beans) and round cut carrot mix with fresh herbs, Tossed Salad with citrus viniagrette dressing and Orange Cream Layer Cake.

Vegetarian Option: Available upon request

Speaker: John Fazio, Cleveland CWRT

Francis and Arabella Barlow; John and Fanny Gordon: Love and War

Reservations: If you do not have an Automatic Reservation, please remember to email your meeting reservation to reservations@cincinnatiwrt.org; call it in to Pat Homan at 513-861-2057 (h); or email: homanfamily@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, April 10th, 2010.**

About our April Speaker:

John C. Fazio will speak for the first time to the Cincinnati Civil War Round Table at its April meeting. Mr. Fazio has a B.A. and J.D. from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He lives in Akron with his wife, Mary. Between them, they have seven children, all of whom have left the nest. John joined Mary in retirement this year after practicing law for forty-four years. He is also a student of history, with an emphasis on European and American history and with an even greater emphasis on the most defining event in American history, the Civil War. John is a long-time member of the Cleveland Civil War Round Table, for whom he has served as vice president and president. He frequently speaks on the war and other subjects before Round Tables and various groups. John has

written and published numerous articles on the Civil War as well as other subjects. At present, he is writing a book on the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.



John Fazio

John will speak to us about the Civil War experiences of Union General Francis C. Barlow and his wife Arabella Wharton Griffith Barlow, and Confederate General John B. Gordon and his wife Fanny Haralson. Both generals served from 1861-1865, and both rose in rank because of their outstanding battlefield achievements. General Barlow of New York served brilliantly with the Army of the Potomac, and is often known for being the man whose name is lent to the well-known landmark “Barlow’s Knoll” at Gettysburg. General Gordon of Georgia is famous for his hard-fighting qualities while a soldier with the Army of Northern Virginia, as well as for being the officer who led General Robert E. Lee’s army to the surrender ceremony at Appomattox Courthouse on April 9, 1865. Mr. Fazio’s presentation will focus on how both wives stayed close to their husbands during the war and almost single-handedly saved their husbands’ lives. John will also talk about how the generals’ paths crossed during and after the war – encounters that so profoundly affected their lives that one might suppose they were scripted by a Hollywood screenwriter.



Items of Interest:

Boy Scout to Fix Up Soldiers Lot: As a member of Boy Scout Troop 751, fifteen year old Christopher Froendhoff of Southgate, Kentucky is working to fix up the Soldiers Lot at Evergreen Cemetery for his Eagle Scout Project. The project, which is estimated to cost about \$1,700, includes restoring the wall in the lot, placing a granite slab on the flag pole in the lot indicating where the veterans are buried and creating a pathway to the lot. To help Christopher achieve his goal the CCWRT will donate \$100 from its Preservation Fund to help offset the expenses of this project. We thank Bob Jones for bringing this item to our attention.

CWPT’S 2010 Annual Conference: Join CWPT members and staff along with some of the nation’s best known historians for four days of camaraderie and Civil War touring at the 2010 *Battle in the Bluegrass – The Fight for Kentucky* conference in Lexington, Kentucky on June 3 – 6, 2010. Tours will include the: Battle of Mill Springs; Battle of Perryville; Battle of Richmond; Historic Homes...and more! Invited speakers and scholars include Edwin C. Bearss, Kent Masterson Brown, Christopher Kolakowski, Richard McMurray and Richard Sommers. Conference Registration Fee is \$540 before January 17, 2010 and \$585 after January 17, 2010 - a small discount is available for on-line registration. Conference fee includes tours, tour guides, coaches, conference welcome packet, name tags, etc. Fee does not include hotel accommodations; you must make your own reservation. A special conference room rate of \$129 is available at the Lexington Downtown Hotel and Conference Center - the conference location - until Tuesday, May 11, 2010. For the full ad and schedule or to register on-line visit their web site at: www.civilwar.org/annualconference.

Gettysburg Civil War 150 Website: The Gettysburg Convention & Visitors Bureau - the marketing agency of the Battle of Gettysburg's 150th anniversary - has launched a website to share travel and event information to the millions of visitors expected during the Civil War's four-year commemoration. On the new website - www.gettysburgcivilwar150.com - visitors can find listings of all events and information associated with the 150th anniversary, from 2011 to 2015.

Only Two Months Remain: The Cincinnati CWRT's preservation project for the 2009-2010 campaign year is to assist the Museum of the Confederacy. With this in mind, we ask that you strongly consider making a tax deductible gift to our Preservation Fund for the Museum's benefit. Your gift will not only be matched (up to \$500) by our Round Table's Preservation Fund but each donor will have 1 raffle ticket with his/her name on it dropped into a hat for every \$25 donated; thus a \$25 donation earns 1 ticket, a \$100 gift earns 4. The raffle prize is a beautiful 30 x 41 inch full color print of E. B. D. Julio's famous painting of the Lee/Jackson meeting preceding the Battle of Chancellorsville. The print is numbered, signed by the printer and framed. The original hangs in the Museum of the Confederacy. Your donation can be made at any of our meetings through May, 2010, and given to our treasurer, Jim Stewart, or mailed to the Cincinnati CWRT, c/o Preservation Project, P. O. Box 621082, Cincinnati, OH, 45262. Checks should be made out to CCWRT Preservation Fund. Any amount helps the cause and any gift of \$25 or more may win you a major conversation piece for your home.



Central Tennessee Field Trip: For those attending the May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd field trip to Central Tennessee, be sure to make your hotel reservations by April 15th. As was indicated in the handout, we will be staying at the Hampton Inn in Smyrna, TN. To receive the \$84 special rate this trip, your reservation must be made by calling 615-355-8432 and stating you are with the CCWRT group. Also, the tour has been expanded to include a May 3rd guided tour of the Franklin Battlefield by Thomas Cartwright, one of the leading authorities on the battle. To learn more about Mr. Cartwright, visit www.LotzHouse.com. Also, to prepare for our guided tour of the Battle of Nashville by Ross Massey, visit the www.BONPS.org and consider buying the book "Guide to Civil War Nashville."

Newsletter Deadlines: To facilitate the printing and timely distribution of the monthly newsletter, items to be considered for inclusion in the May Canister should be submitted to the editor no later than April 23rd. Information may be emailed to: Dan_Bauer@CINFIN.com



March Presentation:

...submitted by Mike Rhein

The 33rd Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry Regiment burnished its battlefield reputation to a permanent luster with heroism and sacrifice for four years. Men from Ross, Pike, Adams, Scioto, Gallia and Meigs Counties distinguished themselves in battles at Rich Mountain (W. VA), Ivy Mountain and Perryville (KY), Stones River (TN), Chickamauga (GA) and the Atlanta Campaign, ending their service at the surrender of the Confederate Army of Tennessee in North Carolina. Marching in the Grand Review in Washington City, May 24, 1865, capped the military life of the vaunted 33rd Ohio.



Lois Lambert

Mrs. Lois Lambert, a CCWRT member and former high school educator, delivered her first presentation to the CCWRT on the 33rd Ohio, based on her published work, *Heroes of the Western Theater: Thirty-third Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry* (2008). With an effective power-point format, she provided much detail on the inception and development of one of the more storied regiments, initially led by Colonel Joshua Sill, in the annals of Buckeye units in the Civil War. A native of Pike County, the speaker concentrated a good portion of the program on the human element, personalizing the 33rd Ohio regiment by drawing from accounts in several letter collections and diaries.

According to Mrs. Lambert, the 33rd Ohio was first formed by Joseph Robinson and Oscar Moore in response to President Lincoln's first call for volunteers (75,000) in April, 1861 after the Confederate firing on Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina. By July 28 of that year, Ohio Governor William Dennison was informed by letter from Lt. Colonel Moore that the 33rd Ohio was ready with seven companies, the speaker said. She stated that the training ground for the regiment was located at Camp Morrow in Portsmouth, Scioto County.

By June, 1861, the 33rd was training at Camp Dennison (OH), with Joshua Sill, a native of Chillicothe, taking over as colonel on July 29. Her assiduous research showed that the regimental roster tally originally contained 880 officers and men in the first year of the war. In 1862-64, there were 183 three-year volunteers, including 133 conscripts in '64. Substitutes-wise, 56 were of this designation. In the course of the war, the 33rd sustained heavy casualties. An example of the horrific cost was on the second day of the Chickamauga battle, Sept. 20, 1863, when they lost 196 men (15 killed, 93 wounded, 88 captured), Mrs. Lambert noted. She added that there is a monument to this regiment at Chickamauga as a testament to their heroic stand against Confederate General James Longstreet's powerful assault that smashed the center of the Army of the Cumberland's line.

Mrs. Lambert said that Colonel Benjamin Scribner, of the First Brigade of Gen. Absalom Baird's First Division, 14th Army Corps, praised the 33rd in his official report, stating that it "obstinately held their ground..." She referred to accounts on that disastrous day of Sept. 20, i.e., Sergeant McClain Montgomery, Company A, writing to his wife, said, "the dead and wounded lay in piles..." and Private Alva Mouk, Co. K, in his diary, described the fierce musketry: "The fire was tremendous, heavy and almost unbroken till after dark." The speaker added that 49 of the 88 who were captured that day were eventually sent to the infamous Andersonville prison camp.

Sill, who had advanced to brigadier general in Phillip Sheridan's division in 1862, had won respect by the 33rd he initially commanded through his leadership skill and strong character. He lost his life at Stones River

Dec. 31, '62, leading his brigade in defense of a furious rebel assault. When Sheridan, an 1853 classmate of Sill's at West Point was informed of his death, he replied, "Is that true? Is he dead? My God, so good and so pure a man." After the war, Sheridan named a new fort in Oklahoma in 1869 in his honor, which to this day is called Ft. Sill, according to Mrs. Lambert.

By the close of the war, the 33rd had lost 168 to disability, 135 to disease and 119 to battle deaths, the speaker noted. On May 24, 1865, the stalwart 33rd Ohio proudly marched in the Grand Review in Washington City. There they saw a banner during the march, Mrs. Lambert said, which read, "Welcome, Welcome, Welcome-You Heroes of the West," hence the title for her book.

The 33rd, as a sterling example of many regiments who incurred substantial losses throughout the War Between the States, was composed of ordinary citizen-soldiers who as a unit performed extraordinary deeds of bravery and sacrifice, bestowing honor to themselves as well as to Ohio and the nation. Mrs. Lambert's well-researched presentation reminded us again how much our national heritage is illuminated by the light of Americans such as the 33rd Ohio who paid the ultimate price on battlefield after battlefield.



Battle of Franklin Interpretive Center in the Works

FRANKLIN, TN - The board of directors of The Carter House and The Historic Carnton Plantation recently entered into a joint venture to manage the operation of Franklin's two key Civil War sites in an effort to better coordinate heritage tourism. The Carter House is located on Columbia Avenue and was the epicenter of the November 30, 1864 Battle of Franklin, described by historians as the five bloodiest hours of the Civil War because of the number of soldiers injured, killed or missing, approximately 10,000 soldiers from both Union and Confederate forces. Carnton's role in the battle came when the home served as the largest field hospital in the area of hundreds of wounded and dying Confederate soldiers. The historic house sits off Lewisburg Pike at the edge of the city's Eastern Flank Battlefield Park, approximately one mile from The Carter House.

This strategic alliance is seen as a way to greatly enhance the visitor experience by offering such things as comprehensive battlefield tours, combination tickets and seamless integration with other battlefield sites. The ambition is to establish the Battle of Franklin Interpretive Center on property adjacent to The Carter House, formerly the Franklin High School gymnasium. Visitors will be able to go there to purchase tickets and learn more about where to go while in the area.

The Battle of Franklin Trust is a 501 (c) (3) management corporation acting on behalf of Franklin's battlefield sites to contribute to a greater understanding and enrich the visitor experience of the November 30, 1864 battle. It's organized for the charitable and educational purposes of preserving, restoring, maintaining and interpreting the properties, artifacts and documents related to the battle so as to preserve an important part of the nation's history. Learn more at www.battleoffranklintrust.org or call 615-786-1864. The e-mail address is info@battleoffranklintrust.org.

We Who Study Must Also Strive to Save!

Book Review

...submitted by Thomas L. Breiner

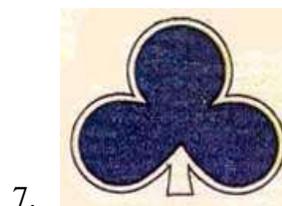
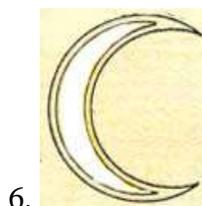
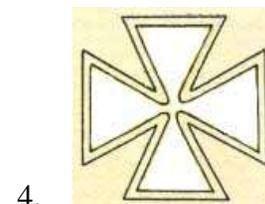
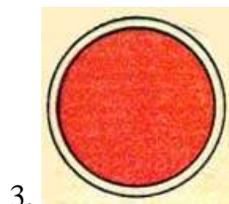
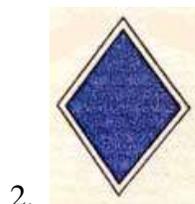
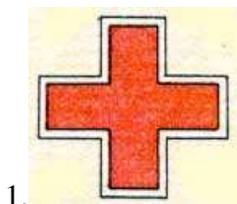
The American Civil War: A Military History by John Keegan, Alford A. Knopf, New York, NY, 2009, 396 pages, Hard cover \$35.00.

When I first heard of the work by noted historian John Keegan, I was looking forward to a new assessment and a quality analysis of the Civil War. I was greatly disappointed. The American Civil War: A Military History by John Keegan has proven to be a comedy of errors. Here is a book that should never have been written. The author has done nothing but damage his reputation. From my point of reference, the author failed to adequately research his subject. He starts off by getting the calibers of the Springfield and Enfield rifles wrong. This may have been a typo, but he made the same mistake more than once. The number of errors was so great that I stopped counting at two dozen. I was ready to stop reading but the book became a page turner just looking for the next error. Some examples of the errors from the author are as follows: at the First Battle of Manassas, Union officers William T. Sherman and Ambrose Burnside and Confederate officer "Shanks" Evans were colonels not generals as the author states; Hagerstown is not on the Potomac River; Joe Johnson was senior to Beauregard at Bull Run; and Grant was from Ohio. He missed these small but significant facts.

The one area of the work that I did find interesting were the chapters at the end of the book where the author discussed such topics as black soldiers, the home front, Civil War generalship and if the South could have survived. Here he adds some insights that are both thought provoking and relevant.

My assessment of this book is that any Civil War novice should avoid it with a passion and a knowledgeable student of the war should not waste their time. There is for the most part nothing in this work that deserves to be presented. This work shows clearly that the author does not know the subject sufficiently to discuss the war in any aspect. Even if he had something worth saying, his inability to get the details correct makes any comment he adds unreliable.

March Quiz:



(1) The 7 symbols above were adopted as Corps badges March 21, 1863. Under each badge write the Corps number it identified.

(2) John Bell Hood's November 1864 invasion of Tennessee was focused on taking which important Union controlled city?

(3) On March 18, 1864 General Sherman officially assumed command of the armies in the west. General Grant had become general-in-chief of all the armies of the U.S. a week earlier. (with headquarters in the east) Where were Sherman and Grant 146 years ago today, March 18, 1864?

(4) What are roly poly, cat and slingarm, bullpen, and prisoner's base?

(5) According to their website Civil War Preservation Trust has saved 29,000 acres of battlefield land. Their current campaign focuses on just 1.07 acres. On which battlefield is this property located?

Answers

1. 6th Corps
2. 3rd Corps
3. 1st Corps
4. 5th Corps
5. 12th Corps
6. 11th Corps
7. 2nd Corps

2) Nashville

3) Cincinnati, OH Burnet House

4) Children's games

5) Franklin, TN



Future Presentations:

May 20	Dale Phillips, George Rogers Clark NHP <i>The Real First Day of Chickamauga: September 18, 1863</i>
September 10	Robert E. L. Krick, Richmond Nat'l Battlefield <i>"Bombproof Officers" or Backbone of the Army?: A Look at Staff Officers in the Army of Northern Virginia</i>
October 10	Ron Blair, CCWRT <i>Colonel Frank Wolford, 1st Kentucky (US) Cavalry</i>
November 18	Eric J. Wittenberg, The Ohio State University <i>Plenty of Blame to Go Around: Jeb Stuart's Controversial Ride to Gettysburg</i>
January, 2011	Ralph Arnold, CCWRT <i>Civil War Military Railroads</i>
February, 2011	Pat Homan, CCWRT <i>Paved with Good Intentions: The Road to War</i>
March 2011	David Mowery, CCWRT and OCWTC <i>America's Longest Cavalry Ride: Morgan's 1863 Raid Around Cincinnati</i>
April 2011	Harold Holzer, New York Metropolitan Museum, <i>How Lincoln Became President – In Ohio</i>
May 2011	Thomas Cartwright, Lotz House Civil War Museum <i>Humor 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 \$27. 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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