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Meeting Date: April 18, 2013

**Place: The Drake Center**

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

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

**Dinner Menu: Stuffed pork chop and gravy served with caesar salad, baked potato, vegetable medley, hot dinner rolls, and cheese cake with fruit topping**  
**Vegetarian Option: Available upon request**

**Speaker: David Mowery, CCWRT & OCWTC**  
**Topic: America's Longest Cavalry Ride:**  
**Morgan's 1863 Raid around Cincinnati**

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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, April 10th, 2013.****

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## **About our April Speaker:**

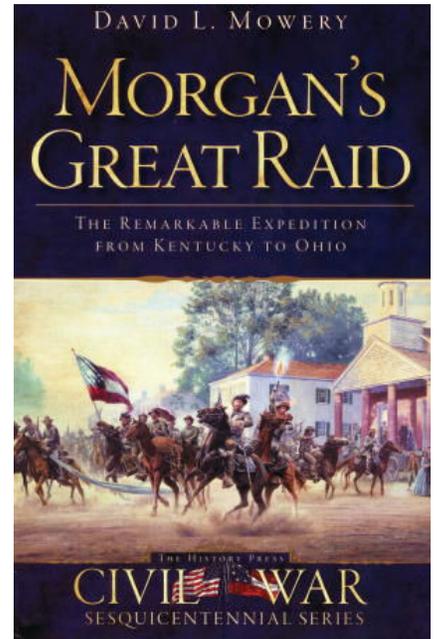
For our April meeting, we welcome back Cincinnati Civil War Round Table member, David Mowery. In 1998, David spoke to us on the "Footsteps of a Soldier," but this time he will be speaking on a topic very close to him, the John Hunt Morgan Raid. This famous 1863 raid was a daring incursion of nearly 2,500 cavalymen into Union territory. It was all part of a grand scheme to distract Union forces under General William Rosecrans and General Ambrose Burnside from building up enough momentum to wrestle the mostly pro-Union East Tennessee region from its Confederate occupants and push Braxton Bragg's Army of

Tennessee beyond its main supply base at Chattanooga. Morgan's raid into Indiana and Ohio initially succeeded in diverting valuable Union forces to give chase, but would soon end with disastrous results. David's presentation will focus on Morgan's Great Raid as it circumvented the Cincinnati area (Cincinnati, at the time, actually served as Burnside's headquarters). David will recount Morgan's spectacular ride around Cincinnati (July 13-14, 1863), representing the pinnacle of Morgan's strategic and tactical skills and the best of his division's raiding capabilities. No other American mounted infantry division on horseback would achieve what Morgan's raiders accomplished that moonless night amid the northern suburbs of the Queen City, an event that brought a previously distant Civil War literally at the back door of Cincinnati residents.



**David Mowery**

A Cincinnati native and graduate of the University of Cincinnati, David has actually lived at various points along the path of Morgan's raid for most of his life. David has superior qualifications to present the topic on Morgan's Raid. As Hamilton County Coordinator for the Ohio Civil War Trails Commission (OCWTC) since 2001, David has painstakingly mapped out the entire length of John Hunt Morgan's raid through Ohio. He has been in charge of validating the historical accuracy of the 56 markers commemorating the raid throughout the state, and has also composed the full text of the ten markers designated for Hamilton and Clermont Counties. But David has not stopped there. He has recently published an outstanding book entitled *Morgan's Great Raid: The Remarkable Expedition from Kentucky to Ohio* (2013 – part of the History Press's "Civil War Sesquicentennial Series"). Very soon, David will be publishing a supplement to this book, *Morgan's Raid across Ohio: The Civil War Guidebook of the John Hunt Morgan Heritage Trail* (co-authored with Lora Cahill). Here is a link to the Ohio Civil War Trails Commission site for Morgan's Raid: <http://www.ohiohistory.org/exhibits/traveling-exhibits/morgans-raid>.



As a note, David will have copies of his book, *Morgan's Great Raid*, for sale at the meeting. He will accept cash or personal check and, of course, will be happy to sign your copy.



## President's Report

## ... Pat Homan

It is hard to believe that it is April, we have two meetings left for the Round Table and we are in the final quarter in school. The weather does make it seem we are still in February but it is April. The March presentation was very interesting and Dr. Zola was a most interesting dinner guest. I learned a lot from his presentation.

We are within \$300 of achieving our goal for our Preservation Project. The dynamic-duo were on vacation for the last meeting so the members had to put up with my report. I really would like to see this finished up this month so if you have been thinking about making a contribution but have been putting it off, now is the time to act. Your donation does not have to be big (we will accept it if it is) but we need you to donate if you have not already done so.

The officer's slate for next year is being finalized and, hopefully I will be able to present it in April, which is required by the Constitution. We are always looking for volunteers to assist in the functions that are coming up this summer. I am pleased to report the Cincinnati Historical Museum Civil War Weekend, which will be June 29 and 30, will feature a number of our members making presentations. We will have a booth to promote our Round Table and to seek members.

On a personal note, I am enjoying Shelby Foote's second volume and, when that is finished, there is O'Reilly's *Killing Lincoln*. I am interested to see how this compares to James L Swanson's *Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer*. If you have not read this, I highly recommend it.

I hope to see you all at the meeting and enjoy Dave Mowery's presentation on John Hunt Morgan. You will be able to buy his book if you do not yet have a copy.



## 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. 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:** CCWRT members are invited to attend the annual Blue and Gray Dinner on Wednesday, April 24, 2013, at the Garden of Park Hills, 1622 Dixie Hwy, Park Hills KY, to benefit the **James A. Ramage Civil War Museum**. Cocktail Hour and Silent Auction begin at 6:00 PM, dinner at 7:00 pm, followed by CCWRT member David Mowery, author of *Morgan's Great Raid: The Remarkable Expedition from Kentucky to Ohio*, who will speak on Morgan's 1863 Raid and its 150th commemoration this year. Please make reservations and mail payment in advance using the attached reservations card. This annual event is a fundraiser of critical importance to the museum's operation. For further information: Linda Hornsby

at [lykantee@aol.com](mailto:lykantee@aol.com) or (859) 261-3045. Garden of Park Hills is easily accessible from the Kyles Lane exit from I-75.

**26th Sultana Reunion Focuses on Andersonville Prison:** The 26th annual *Sultana* reunion will be held on Friday, April 26th, and Saturday, April 27th (the 148th anniversary of the disaster in 1865). The group will gather in Americus, GA, only about 10 miles from the Andersonville National Historic Site, a unit of the National Park Service. About half of the former Union POWs on the *Sultana* steamboat survived internment at Andersonville.

As usual, several speakers are scheduled to give presentations Friday evening on topics related to the *Sultana* tragedy, America's worst maritime disaster with 1,800 lives lost! During our guided tour Saturday, we will visit the Andersonville Prison site, the huge National Cemetery with nearly 13,000 graves of Union soldiers who perished at the prison, the Wirtz monument erected by the DCV, and the National Prison of War Museum inside Andersonville's Visitors Center. Everyone is welcome to attend! For more details, visit [www.sultanaremembered.com](http://www.sultanaremembered.com) or contact Norman Shaw at [shawclan4@bellsouth.net](mailto:shawclan4@bellsouth.net).

NOTE: An hour long, live, radio talk program on the history of the *Sultana* was broadcast on Internet TV at [www.pararocktv.com](http://www.pararocktv.com) on Feb. 25th at 8:00 p.m (EST). If you would like to listen to a replay of this program, go to: [http://www.livestream.com/pararockproductions/video?clipId=flv\\_bab72426-dab7-4e62-80a3-1c9b9cf35065](http://www.livestream.com/pararockproductions/video?clipId=flv_bab72426-dab7-4e62-80a3-1c9b9cf35065)

**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.

# March Presentation:

... submitted by Mark Silbersack

On March 21, Dr. Gary P. Zola, Executive Director of the American Jewish Archives and Professor of the American Jewish Experience at Hebrew Union College, spoke on the relationship, during his lifetime and after his death between Abraham Lincoln and the American Jewish community, and described Lincoln's reaction to several war-time measures which greatly concerned Jewish citizens.

As context, Dr. Zola described how Lincoln was the very first American president to fraternize with Jews and patronize their businesses. He noted the growth of immigrant populations in the Midwest, including German Jews in Springfield and other Illinois towns. He cited many examples, such as Abraham Jonas, a Quincy attorney who was a very close friend and political ally in the Whig and Republican Parties and played a key role at the 1860 Chicago convention. He then focused on three events during the War when American Jews particularly appreciated Lincoln's assistance.

First, in mid-1861, Congress passed a law allowing appointment of only Christian ministers as military chaplains. Many Jewish volunteers were offended, and Rabbi Arnold Fischel visited the White House to speak with Lincoln. To his surprise, he was promptly admitted to the President's office, and soon afterwards Lincoln asked Congress to amend the law. Within a few months, the first Jewish chaplain was named.

Second, in December 1862, General Grant, commanding the Department of Tennessee, issued "Orders No. 11," which expelled *all* Jews (men, women, and children) from the area under his command. While most Jews in the area were not in fact banished, since orders went astray or were disregarded, a number were expelled from Paducah, KY, and one Jewish retailer there, Cesar Kaskel, went to Washington to protest; his plea to "Father Abraham" led to Lincoln's revocation of the orders.

During Q&A, Dr. Zola discussed various theories why Grant issued these orders – e.g., he may have been angry about profiteering and wrongly assumed that only Jewish traders were involved, or he may have been miffed at his father's dealings with several Cincinnati Jewish merchants. Two key points emerged: (1) Lincoln believed that, regardless of the reason, it was wrong to banish an entire class of people due to alleged wrongdoing of a few; and (2) Grant later admitted that, had he given the matter even a moment's thought, he would never have signed the orders.

Third, in early 1864, President Lincoln was asked for his support in amending the preamble to the Constitution so as to specify that the United States was a Christian nation. Lincoln politely put off the amendment's proponents, and then did nothing, a fact which was noted approvingly in the Jewish community.

Lincoln's death was strongly mourned by American Jews, and some rabbis seeming to "Judaize" him. He was eulogized as "Rabbi Abraham," "adopted father of American Israelites," "just like one of us," and "in his heart a Jew." To this day, Lincoln remains so venerated by American Jews that some think he must have had Jewish ancestry.



**Dr. Gary P. Zola**

## Future Presentations:

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>
Jan. 16, 2014	Gary Q. Johnson, Cincinnati Civil War Round Table
Feb. 20, 2014	Dan Bauer, CCWRT <i>Harriet Beecher Stowe and the Politics of Slavery</i>
Mar. 20, 2014	Mike Rhein, CCWRT <i>General Lytle: Home Again</i>



## March Quiz:

1: Moses Ezekial, world famous sculptor, was the subject of a question on the quiz of 17 Jan. 2013. Where is he buried? (Many thanks to member Rich Swigert for offering this question)

2: Lincoln's farewell address to his Springfield neighbors given on 11 Feb. 1861 was written the day after the fact in 2 hands, the initial portion written by Abe, the latter by his assistant John Nicolay. Why didn't Lincoln write it out in its entirety?

3: David Herbert Donald was Professor Emeritus of History at Harvard University and author of numerous books about the Civil War including Pulitzer Prize winning "Charles Sumner and the Coming of the Civil War." His "Lincoln" is a most highly regarded biography. He died in 2009. Where in Massachusetts did he reside?

4: What was the primary purpose of James "Big Jim" Kinealy's scheme of stealing Lincoln's body from his grave in the Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Il.?

5: In what year was the following written? Anything within a ten years will be acceptable.  
You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

6: Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus attended and spoke at a burial of 2 intact male skeletal remains at Arlington National Cemetery 8 March 2013. To whom did the remains belong?

7: Identify either the names of the below two structures pictured or the city/town in which each is located.



## Quiz Answers

- 1: Arlington National cemetery at the base of a monument Ezekial designed/carved which marks an area in the cemetery set aside for Confederate KIA.
- 2: Abe's right hand was very sore after shaking so many hands during his last day in Springfield that it became uncontrollable; his secretary, John Nicolay, completed it for him.
- 3: Lincoln, Mass.
- 4: Lincoln's body was to be held for the release of the expert counterfeiting engraver Ben Boyd from Joliet prison plus a cash sum. Boyd was Kinealy's primary resource in printing counterfeit bills and he wanted to regain the engraver's services.
- 5: 1916; by a clergyman from Erie, Pa. - and NOT by Abraham Lincoln
- 6: 2 sailors found in the turret of the sunken USS Monitor buried 151 years to the day after the battle of Hampton Roads
- 7: McLean House, Appomattox Court House, Va. (on left) and Bennett House, Durham, N.C. (on right)

## 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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