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Meeting Date: September 18, 2008

Place: The Drake Center

Time: (6:00) Sign-in and Conversation

(6:45) Dinner: - Country Style Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans. Dinner Rolls, Green Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing, German Chocolate Cake, Coffee, Tea and Water.
 Vegetarian: Veggie Lasagna served with Salad, Garlic Bread, Italian dessert, Coffee, Tea and Water.

(7:30): Meeting and Program

Speaker: John F. Marszalek

Topic: *Lincoln's Hope for Victory: Henry W. Halleck, The General Who Refused to Command*

IMPORTANT NOTE: 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 8:00pm Wednesday September 10**. This is one full week ahead of the meeting, which is required as the food is ordered on Thursday morning, September 11.

Standing Reservations Reminder: If you currently have a Standing Dinner Reservation with the Round Table, this note is a reminder that **it will carry over to the September meeting**. If you want to remain on the list you need do nothing. If you want to be removed, you must contact Treasurer Jim Stewart and ask that your name be taken off the list. This Standing Format has worked well for a significant number of our members. If you are regular in your attendance, you too might want to consider this “only need to call if I’m not coming” format. Contact information for Jim is located at the bottom of this Newsletter under the Cincinnati CWRT Officer heading.

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To kick off the 2008-2009 season, we Marszalek, who will be making his CWRT. John is a graduate of Canisius College and the University of Notre Dame. From 1973-2002 he taught University, where he earned the title of Throughout his distinguished career, studies. He has written over 250 articles edited 12 books. His works include *Order* (1993), which became a Lincoln [reprinted as *Assault at West Point* for the Showtime channel; *The Diary of Sherman's Other War: The General Commander of All Lincoln's Armies: A Life of Henry W. Halleck* (2004). John has appeared many times in television programs presented by networks such as ABC, CBS, CNN, NBC, C-SPAN, A&E, and The History Channel. He has served as co-executive director of the Historians of the Civil War Western Theater, and he has been a member of several organizations including the Board of Advisors of the Lincoln Forum, the Lincoln Prize Committee, the Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, and the advisory board of the USS *Monitor* Center & Mariner's Museum (in Newport News, VA).



introduce author and historian John first appearance at the Cincinnati College and the University of Notre American history at Mississippi State Giles Distinguished Professor Emeritus. Marszalek has specialized in Civil War and book reviews, and has authored or *Sherman: A Soldier's Passion for* Prize finalist; *Court Martial* (1972) (1994)], which was made into a movie *Miss Emma Holmes, 1861-1866* (1994); and *the Civil War Press* (1999); and

Mr. Marszalek's presentation will focus on Union Major-General Henry W. Halleck, one of America's most successful, wealthiest, and most significant individuals of the ante-bellum period. Halleck continued his successes in the early years of the Civil War, so that, when President Abraham Lincoln appointed him commander of all the Federal armies, the nation was confident of military success. It turned out not to be. The successful businessman of the pre-Civil War years became the hesitant commanding general of the Civil War. Later when Grant took his place, Halleck became the first chief of staff in American history – and a very good one at that. His successes and failures and his relationship with Lincoln tell us a great deal about the military history of the Civil War.

Headline Points (with more explanation in the following pages):

The September meeting of the Cincinnati Civil War Round Table will be at the Drake Center, our new meeting site.

Dinner will be available at \$27 per person.

Dinner will be catered on-site by the Drake Center staff. The meal will be served buffet style with china and silverware.

Reservations date has changed to one week before the meeting. Note this change...this is important! You must make your reservation by email from the CCWRT website; call it in to Pat Homan at 513-861-2057 (h); or email: homanfamily@fuse.net, no later than 8:00 pm on the Wednesday night that is eight days before the meeting.

Dues will remain at \$25 per year, at least for the 2008 – 2009 campaign year (unchanged since 1986).

The extra \$25.00 received from members who pay the Sustaining Member rate will go to the General Fund not the Preservation Fund.

The Book Raffle will go up in price to one ticket for \$2.00 and three tickets for \$4.00.

The September meeting of the Cincinnati Civil War Round Table will be at the Drake Center, our new meeting site: In order to bring you quality meetings, the officers are charged with the responsibility of selecting a meeting site and caterer that meet the standards we have set for the Round Table. After several summer meetings with our current meeting site provider, and their designated caterer, we no longer feel that standard of excellence can be maintained. After considering several other alternatives, we have selected a site that we think you will find quite acceptable. It meets the test of being centrally located and it offered the best package of quality meeting space combined with quality food at a price we thought our members would find acceptable. We will be meeting in the Motivation Center on the lower level of the West Pavilion. If you would like to get a little better idea of what the Drake Center offers you can do so by visiting www.drakecenter.com/conference. Directions on how to get to the Drake Center can be found at the end of this Newsletter and on the CCWRT website. Meeting times remain the same: Social Time – 6:00 to 6:45; Dinner – 6:45 to 7:30; Business Meeting – 7:30 to 7:45; Speaker – 7:45 to 9:00 pm.

Dinner will be available at \$27 per person: The Drake Center was kind enough to use last year's pricing to secure our business. Even with that concession we find it necessary to raise the meal price. If you have done any shopping lately at your local grocery store, or eaten out, you know food prices have jumped. Every location we checked had menu prices that far exceeded what we had been paying at our old location. And, had we stayed at the Quality Hotel and used their new caterer, the dinner price would also have been set at \$27 based on the prices they were quoting us. The \$27 price was also the lowest price we were quoted in the new locations that were checked out this summer.

Dinner will be catered on-site by the Drake Center staff: The Conference Center at Drake is a professional meeting facility that hosts a significant number of meeting events each year. The selection and preparation of food for the Conference Center falls under the direction of a professional Catering Manager and the menu offered is significantly different from their standard hospital fare. The Drake does not have a liquor license. If drinks are to be provided it must be done by bringing in an outside vendor. Given the limited number of alcoholic beverages purchased by a group our size, it is cost prohibitive to do so. Note also that the Drake is a tobacco free campus. No smoking or use of tobacco products will be permitted in the building or on the Drake grounds.

Reservations date has changed to one week before the meeting: You must make your reservation no later than 8:00 pm on the Wednesday night that is seven days before the meeting. The count must be called in by Thursday noon, the week before the event. Also note that the Drake Center does not have a 5% overage policy as did our prior caterers. That pretty much means no reservation, no food. The only way we will be able to accommodate someone who forgot to make a reservation is if someone happened to be a no-show on meeting night. That seldom happens so if you are regular in your attendance please consider signing up for our Standing Reservations option. You call only when you can't attend. As has been our policy for many years, if you fail to cancel your Standing Reservation (or email/phone reservation) before the call in date cutoff, and the Round Table has to pay for your meal, we will have to bill you for the meal. See Treasurer Jim Stewart at the check-in table if interested in signing up for this arrangement.

Dues will remain at \$25 per year, at least for the 2008 – 2009 campaign year: Considerable discussion was held on this topic at the Summer Officer's Meeting. We are trying as best we can to cut costs, or increase revenues, in other areas in order to delay an increase in the annual dues rate for as long as possible. The opportunities for doing so have about been exhausted and a general dues increase is somewhere in our future. We are going to plan very carefully for the number of speakers each year who travel long distances that involve airfares and or high mileage reimbursements; we are reviewing what the appropriate mileage reimbursement for driving speakers should be for an organization like ours; and we are implementing the two policy changes discussed below to improve the amount of revenue flowing into the General Fund.

The extra \$25.00 received from members who pay the Sustaining Member rate will go to the General Fund not the Preservation Fund: This change is necessary because of the concerns we have expressed above on the increase in speaker and other General Fund expenses. This change remains consistent with the guideline first communicated when this policy was adopted. That guideline is: all monies received are to be used to further the objectives and programs of the Cincinnati Civil War Round Table. It is also supported by our current healthy Preservation Fund balance of \$4000. Providing quality speakers, maintaining a recognized web site, and producing and distributing a monthly Newsletter is very much consistent with that objective.

The Book Raffle will go up in price to one ticket for \$2.00 and three tickets for \$4.00: We elected to try and raise revenue via voluntary methods whenever possible. Currently, we are raffling off three books each meeting. That will continue as long as we receive donated books from our members. The donated books also help save us money because we currently do not have to buy books for the Book Raffle. If a member chooses to buy only one ticket they will have a chance of winning a book on three different draws. And, if they choose to buy more, they not only increase their odds of winning - they will have the satisfaction of knowing that the proceeds are going towards helping us offset the ever increasing demands being made on the General Fund.

Miscellaneous Announcements:

Honorary Membership Will Be Recommended for Ed Bearss: A motion will be put before the membership at the September 2008 meeting for Ed Bearss to be made an Honorary Member of the Round Table. In recognition of achieving this honor, Round Table members will also be asked to approve a \$1,000 donation from the Preservation Fund to a Civil War Preservation Project of Ed's choosing. The letter accompanying this donation will notify the recipient that the contribution is being made to honor Ed's lifetime of achievement in promoting and maintaining the legacy and importance of America's great Civil War.

It's Time to Pay Your Re-Enlistment Fee: Membership dues for the 2008 – 2009 campaign year are now due. Payments can be made at the September meeting to Treasurer Jim Stewart or you can mail your dues payment to: Cincinnati CWRT, P. O. Box 621082, Cincinnati, OH 45262. As you know we have two levels of membership: Sustaining and Regular. The Sustaining level of membership is \$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 CCWRT. Regular memberships are \$25 (single) and \$35 (couple). If you are able to do so, we encourage you to become a Sustaining Member.

We Wish to Recognize and Thank the 2007-2008 Sustaining Members! The following members have given generously to help our Round Table continue to provide quality programs for the membership. Thank you!

*Craig Brockway
Dennis Harrell
John Linnenberg
Dan Reigle
Patricia Waldbillig*

*Dr. Paul Busam
Skip Jackson
David Mowery
Jim Stewart
Harriette Weatherbee*

*Jim Chaney
Dan Kimble
Dawn Mowery
Geoff Strauss*

*Albert Hallenberg
Bob Limoseth
Bill Newcomb
Jeffrey Strotzman*

Increase Your Sustaining Member Gift Through Matching Funds: If you are a Sustaining Member and your current employer, or the company you retired from, has a Matching Gift Program, the Round Table, with tax-exempt status as a 501 (c) (3) organization, might qualify for Matching Funds. If the member will get the necessary paperwork to Treasurer Jim Stewart, after filling out their portion, he will be glad to complete the form and mail it in. This way you can double your gift to the Round Table.

Donated Books Now Being Accepted: It's time to replenish our inventory of books used to supply the Monthly Book Raffle and the Preservation Book Sale. Last year we eliminated all expense from the General Fund for purchasing new books - a nice savings that helped keep costs down. And, we were able to give three books away each month while depositing \$271 from the sale of book raffle tickets directly into the General Fund. Revenue flowing into the Preservation Fund from book table sales totaled \$308 for the 2007 – 2008 campaign year. This program has truly been a win-win situation for the Round Table. Member donation of gently used books to supply these two sources is now being accepted. We thank you in advance for your kind contribution.

New Member Name Tags: In order to help the membership identify new recruits, we are going to highlight their name in red on their name badge for the first year. This will allow veterans to more easily identify new members and help in extending a Round Table welcome. We ask all veteran members to take the initiative in introducing themselves to our newest members and to assist them with any questions they have...including some of the answers to the quiz!

New Member Search: As you know, we are always looking for new members. If you think of someone who has an interest in history, especially America's great Civil War, please invite them to attend one of our meetings. And, if you have a relative, neighbor, friend or work associate that you think might be interested in our group, forward them an email copy of the monthly *Canister* for their review and enjoyment. Paper copies can also be provided for a three month period, if they are not an email user, by providing Membership and Publicity Chairman Jim Chaney their mailing address. Jim can also assist you on any and all questions regarding membership in one of the oldest, and we think the best, Round Tables in the region.



Cincinnati Civil War Round Table May Quiz:

- Q1 The first 6 Medals of Honor were given as a group to_____.
- A1 The 6 survivors of Andrew's Raid.
- Ref. The Civil War Dictionary, M. Boatner, p. 542.
- Q2 The Confederacy's first Quartermaster General, a graduate of West Point and Veteran of the Mexican War, was one of the highest-ranking Jewish Confederates. Considered by some to be one of the most efficient managers of his realm, others including General Lee were critical of his work. He was replaced in the summer of 1863 and suffered professionally, economically, and physically as a result. His name is best remembered as the namesake of an early U.S. military installation that later became an important city. What is this person's name?
- A2 Abraham C Myers [Fort Myers, FL]
- Ref. The Jewish Confederates, Rosen, p 118-125.
- Q3 What was the original name of General Robert E. Lee's horse, Traveler, when he was born in Greenbrier County, VA?
- A3 Jeff Davis. Original owner Andrew Johnston gave the horse to his son, J.W., who sold him to the brothers Broun who named him Greenbrier. Lee named him Traveler when he purchased the horse from Jos. Broun for \$225 during Lee's T.D.Y. in Charleston, S.C. in 1862.
- Ref. Traveler, W. Donald Rhinesmith, The Virginia Cavalcade, Summer 1983, p 38 – 47.

- Q4 What did August Willich have in common with Joseph Stalin?
 A4 They were both Marxists.
 Ref. The Civil War Dictionary, M. Boatner, p. 930.
- Q5 Confirmation of the presence of the chief of the CSS Hunley's crew, Lt. George Dixon, in the submarine on her mission of 17 February 1864 was established by the recovery of a _____ when the vessel was raised and her contents explored.
 A5 A gold piece known to be given him by his girlfriend.
 Ref. The CSS Hunley, A Weapon Ahead of Its Time, Gary Johnson, CCWRT, 20 March 2008.
- Q6 After the Civil War, one of the Commissioners of the Freedmen's Bureau was a highly respected Union General who was accused but later exonerated by a court of inquiry of malfeasance while in that office. He made major contributions to the freed blacks especially regarding their education and served as the founder and initial President of an institution that exists today. Who was that General?
 A6 O.O. Howard [Howard University]
 Ref. Civil War Dictionary, Boatner, p. 413 – 414.

Newsletter Deadlines:

To facilitate the printing and timely distribution of the monthly newsletter, information for it should be submitted to the editor no later than the following dates:

September 26, 2008
 October 24, 2008
 December 5, 2008
 January 23, 2009
 February 27, 2009
 March 27, 2009
 April 24, 2009

Information may be emailed to waldbill@xavier.edu

Future Presentations:

2008 Programs

October 16, 2008

Roger Billings, CCWRT: *Lincoln at the Civil War Battlefields*

November 20, 2008

Edwin C. Bearss: Arlington, VA - *Flight From Richmond and the Imprisonment of Jefferson Davis*

2009 Programs

January 15, 2009

David M. Smith, CCWRT, and Thomas L. Breiner, CCWRT

Relieved of Command at Five Forks: G. K. Warren, Right or Wrong?

February 19, 2009

Stan Wernz, Cincinnati, *An Evening with Abraham Lincoln*

March 19, 2009

Alan Berenson, CCWRT "*Robert E. Lee, 1865-1870*"

April 16, 2009

Col. Kevin Weddle, US Army War College

Lincoln's Tragic Admiral: Samuel Francis Du Pont

May 21, 2009

Harold Holzer, United States Lincoln Bicentennial Commission,
 Topic TBD

We Who Study Must Also Strive To Save!

Directions:

Getting to the Conference Center at Drake



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From I-75

Take the Galbraith Road exit and go west one-half mile.

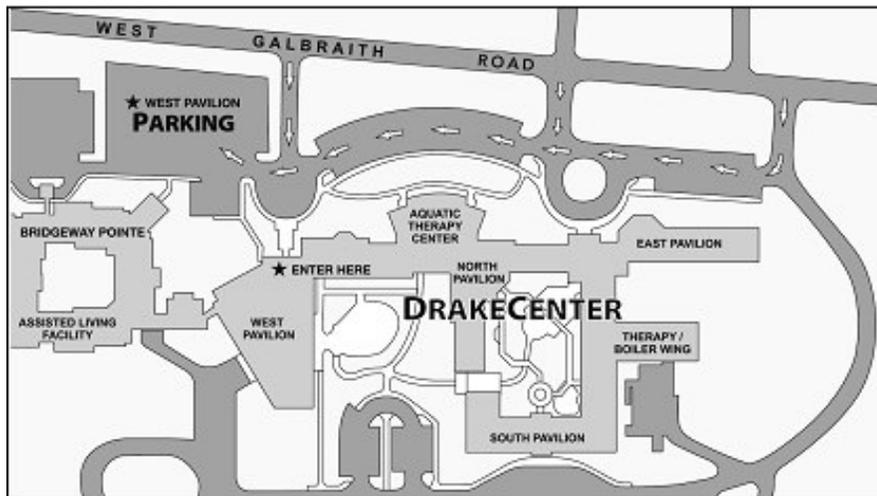
From Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway

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.

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.

Parking Map:



For More Information

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Don't Forget to Bring a Friend!

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 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 seven 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: 513-418-2544**). 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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