



THE OHIO VOLUNTEER

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTHEASTERN OHIO CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE



JANUARY, 2010

JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting will be held at 9:00, January 23. It will be held at the NINTH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. Use the large parking lot on the west side of the church and enter through the lower door. Ron Parry will be the host and supply the treats.

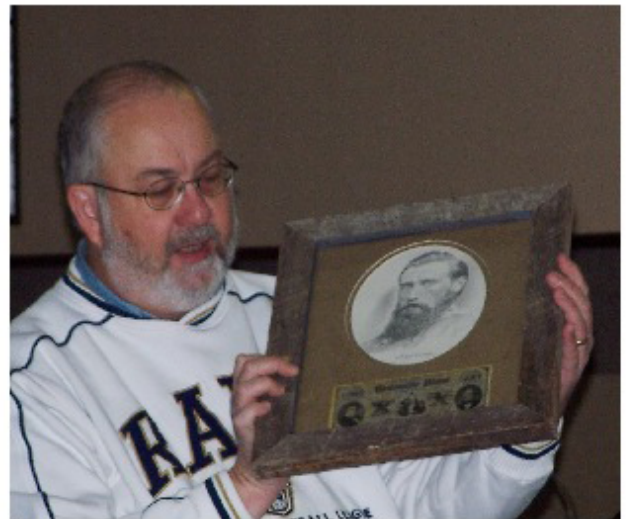
Our speaker will be Roger Pickenpaugh. Mr. Pickenpaugh will speak on Union Military prisons during the Civil War.

In February, Rev. James Ellison will be playing songs from the Civil War era on the Mountain Dulcimer.

DECEMBER'S MEETING



Pictured above are some of our new officers. Left to right are Ralph McCready - Newsletter editor, Sandy Wickham - Secretary, Wayne Hogue - Program chairman, Carl Keefer - Vice president, and Andy Warhola - President. Missing from the photo are Joe Farrell - Treasurer, and Ron Parry and Herb Parkinson our two Trustees.



Our program for the meeting was an open forum. Pictured to the right above is Andy Warhola who brought a photo album containing photos of the monuments to John Hunt Morgan that are placed along the route taken by the General. It goes from Old Washington to West Point. There were 14 monuments. Andy found 11 of them in his research last summer. He also brought a photo and information on John Bell Hood. A discussion on the General followed.

Also discussed during the meeting was the possibility of some field trips. One to Sheridan's home in Lancaster and a trip to Buffington and Blennerhassett Islands.

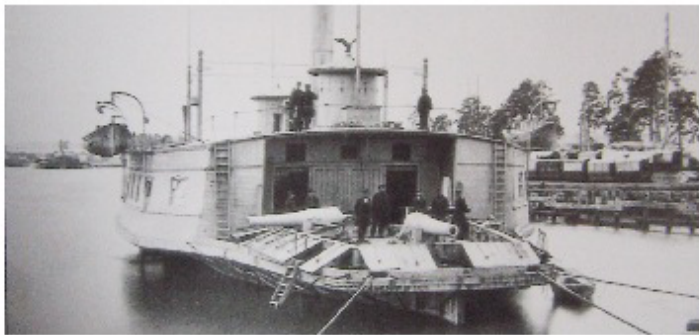
Question of the Month

HARD QUESTION: What was the first ship to fly the Confederate flag?

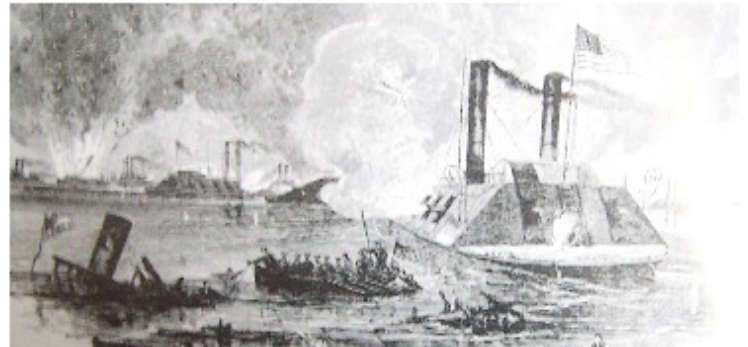
EASY QUESTION: We are all familiar with the battle between the two Ironclads the Monitor and the Merrimack. The Merrimack was the hull of a ship that was rebuilt into an ironclad. When rebuilt it was renamed. What was the name given to her.

UNION NAVY PLAYS A HUGE PART IN WINNING THE WAR

Not only did the naval embargo keep foreign supplies from the hands of the Confederacy but many Union victories could not have been possible were it not for the Union gunships. Especially in the Western theater.



Pictured left: The U.S. Navy purchased a number of New York City ferryboats in 1861 and converted them to gunboats. Seen here is the USS Commodore Perry, a 512 ton sidewheel steamer built in 1859. The Perry carried five naval cannons and was used in shallow rivers in North Carolina, easily able to traverse them because its engines could be reversed to move forward or backward as needed.



Pictured right: The Battle of Memphis on June 6, 1862, turned out to be one of the most satisfying victories of the war for the U.S. Navy. What makes it even more interesting is that the battle consisted mostly of specially modified Union ships ramming Confederate ships into submission. When the battle was over, seven Confederate ships had been destroyed compared to only one damaged Union ram. The prize was the South's fifth largest city.



CIVIL WAR HUMOR

Submitted by
Joe Farrell



EDITOR'S NOTE

Please send any information you would like to have in the newsletter to me a week ahead of the meeting. Phone: 740 - 638-2126 E-mail: irishman1020@hotmail.com or Ralph McCreedy, 8600 Oakland Road, Chandlersville, Ohio 43727.

INTRODUCTION TO CIVIL WAR MEDICINE



Six of our members made a trip to Shreve, Ohio last Saturday to attend a seminar on Civil War Medicine. It was sponsored by the County Line Historical Society and was held at the Historic Museum. The speakers were Major Virgil Kline and his wife Ann. They are both Civil War reenactors and members of the 4th Ohio Infantry Division. Virgil is a member of the Society of Civil War Surgeons.

Major Kline spoke on what a person in the 1860s had to do to become a Civil War surgeon and what it was like to be a surgeon during that war. Mrs. Kline spoke on the Sanitary Commission and nurses of the time. Both were very informative and gave an excellent presentation.

The museum itself was worth the trip. It contained antiquities of all kinds from cars, tractors, farm and industrial machinery, and Cliff Eagelson. There was something there for all ages.

MILITARY HUMOR

