



THE OHIO VOLUNTEER

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTHEASTERN OHIO CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE



OCTOBER, 2011

OCTOBER MEETING

Our October meeting will be held Saturday, October 22 at 9:00. We will meet at the Ninth Street United Methodist Church in Cambridge. Ralph and Janet McCready will bring the treats to go with the coffee.

Our guest speaker for the month will be Harold George. Harold has given many outstanding presentations to our group in the past. His presentation is entitled "The Medal of Honor: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly." His fee is \$100 so we will be taking a collection at the meeting to pay him.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

John Solvski gave a very interesting program at this meeting on "currency during the Civil War". This is a subject not too often brought up in Civil War discussions. John brought samples of many Civil War coins, including a two cent piece, which was the first coin bearing the words "In God we trust". He explained how our country went from a system of every bank and state printing their own money to a national system of currency. This was made possible through the Legal Tender Act of 1862 and the establishment of the national bank in 63. Before the war people used coins when they were away from home, especially gold and silver for currency. Then as the inflation rate grew people started using paper money and held on to their coins.

During last month's meeting it was brought to the attention of those in attendance that the by-laws require us to nominate members for officers in our organization at the November meeting. A nominating committee was therefore selected.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH.

Who was the youngest general in the Union Army during the Civil War?

ANDY'S QUESTIONS

Who was the last surviving veteran of the Civil War from Guernsey county and where is he buried?

Name the Confederate General whose troops were ambushed near the Forney farm on the first day of the battle of Gettysburg, resulting in over 60% casualties to his brigade.

EDITOR'S NOTE

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



WE NOW HAVE A WEB PAGE

www.seocwrt.org

Our new web page is now on line which will include any upcoming events and a copy of the newsletter.

Check it out.

150 YEARS AGO

October 9 - A confederate attack on Fort Pickens in Pensacola Harbor, Florida is repelled.

October 12 - The first Union ironclad, the USS St. Louis, is launched at Carondelet, Missouri.

October 21 - The Battle of Ball's Bluff in Virginia is disaster for Union troops.

October 24 - The transcontinental telegraph is completed.

People in western Virginia vote to form a new state.

October 26 - The Pony express across the western plains is officially discontinued after being in business for 18 months.

UPCOMING CIVIL WAR EVENTS

The traveling exhibit, Ohio and the Civil War: 150 years later has begun its tour around the State. Locally, it is scheduled to be at the Parry Park Museum in Woodfield June 4 thru July 6, 2012. Sponsored by the Monroe County Historical Society and in Zanesville at the McIntyre Library from January 4 to February 1, 2012. These dates are a ways off but those interested should mark their calendars.



KIMBOLTON PARADE

Sept. 10, 2011

Pictures at the left are our members who participated in the parade held in Kimbolton, Ohio September 10th. Photo's are courtesy of Calvin Chester



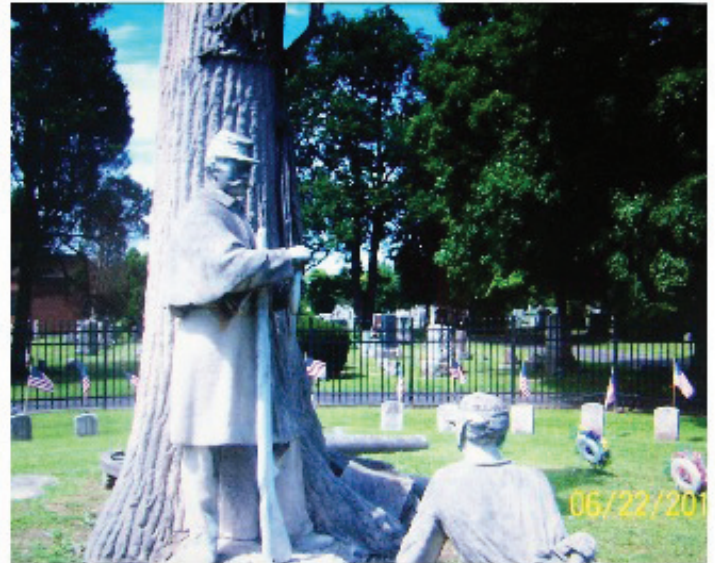


These pictures were submitted by
Herb Parkinson

The pictures are the Deens Departmental Corps at
either the bridge at McClainsville (near Bellaire) or
Baileys Mills. The jury is still out on which one it is.

The second one is a Morgan's Raider
grave at Senecaville.

The monument is in a cemetery at
Uhrichsville.



GRANT AND LEE DEBATE



by Ralph McCready

While at the Carnifex Ferry reenactment in
September, I met the two gentlemen pictured at
the left.

They are General Grant, portrayed by Barry Mead
and General Lee, portrayed by Al Stone.

One of the highlights of the reenactment was a
debate held on the porch of the Paterson House.
The audience asked any question they wanted,
and the two generals did a wonderful job
answering questions on many subjects of their
time including slavery, battles and even religion..