

## THE OHIO VOLUNTEER

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTHEASTERN OHIO CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE



#### DECEMBER, 2012



#### **DECEMBER MEETING**



BECAUSE OF CHRISTMAS OUR DECEMBER MEETING WILL BE ONE WEEK LATE.

WE WILL MEET ON SATURDAY THE 29TH at 9:00, at the Ninth Street United Methodist Church.

Our guest speaker will be Jon Thompson.

Jon is a Cambridge native, retired English teacher, and lives in Westlake, Ohio. Mr Thompson will speak on his great, great, grandfather Alfred Weedon. Weedon joined the 26th OVI in Newcombersontown in 1861 and served until Nov. 1865. Mustered out as a Sgt. Major. Weedon was captured, then paroled at Perrysville. He fought at Seminary Ridge and was wounded at Kenesaw Mountain. Mr Thompson has 75 letters Weedon wrote to his wife in Kimbolton. The letters reveal much on Weedon's thoughts as to why he and other Union soldiers were fighting.

This will be our Christmas meeting and will have our traditional gift exchange. If you bring a gift, you take home a gift. Our host for the meeting supplying treats to go along with the coffee is Sandy Wickham and Mary Lou Eagleson.

# QUESTION OF THE MONTH

How much was the reward offered by the U.S. War Department for the capture of Jefferson Davis at War's End?

## **NOVEMBER'S MEETING**

Instead of a guest speaker last month we had "Show and Tell".

Quite a few of our members brought in Civil War articles ranging from Memorative coins to antique fire arms.

Pictured to the right is John Slovski. John brought in a musket and a Remington pistol.

Several shared interesting Civil War related articles they came by throughout the year.



#### **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

## **150 YEARS AGO**

December 13 - Burnside leads his troops in the ill-fated Battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia. Fighting against dug-in Confederate troops. Union forces loose more than 12,000 soldiers.

December 17 - Secretary of State Seward tries to resign, but Lincoln refuses to accept the proffer.

December 20 - Secretary of the Treasury Salmon Chase tries to resign but is rebuffed by Lincoln.

December 21 - John Hunt Morgan's command begins another raid into Kentucky.

December 31 - Union army defeats Confederate forces at the Battle of Stones River Tennessee.

#### **GOOD NEWS**

Our Vice President, Carl Keefer has gone from a wheelchair to a walker to a cane to walking on his own.



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