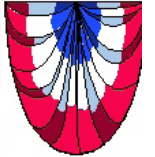


THE OHIO VOLUNTEER

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTHEASTERN OHIO CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE



JANUARY, 2013

JANUARY MEETING

January's meeting will be on Saturday, January 26 at 9:00 at the Ninth Street United Methodist Church in Cambridge. Jerry Thompson will supply the treats to go with the coffee.

Our guest speaker will be Tom Buckley of Flushing, Ohio.

Tom is a long time member and Past President of the Ohio Valley Roundtable. He has given many presentations to various groups and has a monthly Civil War Program at Ohio University Eastern at St Clairsville.

His program he has for us will be on the battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas which occurred Dec. 7, 1862.

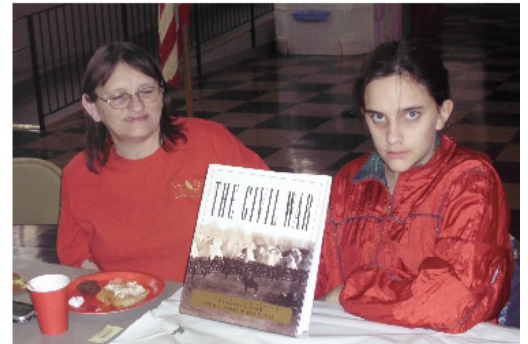
After the meeting Herb has planned for any members interested to meet together for a lunch at Theo's Restaurant in Cambridge for a good meal and socializing.

DECEMBER'S CHRISTMAS MEETING

Our guest speaker for this meeting was Jon Thompson. This was a very unique program. Jon has 75 letters written by his great, great, grandfather to his wife during the Civil War. His ancestor was in the 26th OVI. Jon gave one letter to each of our members and then, one by one each told what was in the letter as the story unfolded. It was fascinating first hand accounts of the battles and emotions of a soldier as he fought in many important battle in the western theater. John also had a diary, photos and many documents that he shared with us.



Several inches of snow kept our attendance down for this meeting although we still had close to twenty people there. Mary Lou and Sandy brought in Christmas cookies and sweets for the occasion. And we had our traditional gift exchange.



150 YEARS AGO

January 1 - Lincoln issues the Emancipation Proclamation. In naval fighting at Galveston, Texas, Confederates retake the city from the light Union force occupying it. For the duration of the war, the island provides refuge for Confederate blockade runners.

January 8-14 - Confederate cavalry led by General Joseph Wheeler raids into middle Tennessee.

January 10 - General Fitz John Porter is sentenced by Court-martial to be cashiered from the army for his actions at the Second Battle of Bull Run.

January 11 - Union forces capture Fort Hindman, Arkansas, sometimes called Arkansas Post, and almost 5,000 Confederates.

January 20 - General Burnside sends his army upriver from Fredericksburg in search of a place to cross the Rappahannock. Falling rain ensures this action will soon be known as the "Mud March".

January 23 - The exhausted Army of the Potomac climbs out of the mud and returns to its original position.

January 25 - General Joseph Hooker replaces Burnside in command of the Army of the Potomac

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

(Submitted by Herb Parkenson)

How many Union Expeditions planned by General Grant Failed before he captured Vicksburg?

Name them if you can.

If you haven't paid dues yet -

they are

Single membership \$15

Couple membership \$25

Family membership \$30

Dues can be paid at our meetings to our Treasurer, John Slovski or through the mail at:

Southeastern Ohio Civil War
Roundtable

P.O. Box 1343

Cambridge, Ohio 43725

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

You should receive your newsletter by mail or internet the Monday before the meeting. If you do not please contact me.

CIVIL WAR TRUST BREAKS RECORD FOR ACREAGE SAVED DURING IT'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Nonprofit protected 3,735 acres of hallowed ground in 2012 - including some of the most significant projects in the organization's history - as it eclipsed the 35,000 acres saved mark.

In 2012, the organization closed 39 separate transactions at 26 individual battlefields in eight states. The battlefields were land was preserved in 2012 are: Resaca, Ga: Mill Springs, Perryville and Rowlett's station, Ky.: Mansfield, La: Averagesborough and Bentonville, NC: Gettysburg, Pa: Fallen Timbers, Franklin, Johnsonville and Siloh, Tenn: Appomattox Court House, Cedar Creek, Cedar Mountain, Chancellorsville, Cool Spring, Cross Keys, Gaines' Mill, Kelly's Ford, Middleburg, Mine Run, Petersburg, Tom's brook and the Wilderness, Va; and Summit Point, W.Va.

