



# THE GENERAL'S REPORT

The Newsletter of the Southern Indiana Civil War Roundtable

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## OCTOBER MEETING —

Treasurer Ron Sproatt reported we have a balance of \$328.67. Ron will be glad to take your 2015 dues. Notice, we have some programs set for 2015.

**OCTOBER PROGRAM:** David L. Mowery – “Morgan’s Great Raid: Taking the War North”

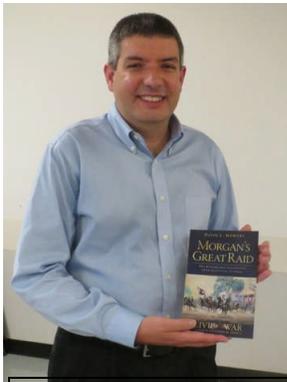


Photo by S. Kweskin

Mr. Mowery, a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, has lived at various points along the path of Morgan’s Raid for most of his life. David joined the all-volunteer Ohio Civil War Trail Commission and over the years his role expanded to include the final design and historical validation of the entire length of the John Hunt Morgan Heritage Trail of Ohio. With Lora Cahill, he co-authored Morgan’s Raid Across Ohio: The Civil War Guidebook of the John Hunt Morgan Heritage Trail. He also authored the book titled Morgan’s Great Raid: The Remarkable Expedition from Kentucky to Ohio. Since 1995 David has been a member of the Cincinnati Civil War Roundtable, for which he has written various papers on Civil War subjects. He also serves as Vice President of the

Buffington Island Battlefield Preservation Foundation, the grass-roots organization to preserve Ohio’s only Civil War Battlefield.

In the summer of 1863 Gen. Bragg wanted Gen. Morgan to stay in Kentucky and attack Louisville. Morgan crossed the Ohio River and raided across southern Indiana and Ohio. His main purpose was to divert Union troops and resources. Mr. Mowery stated that Morgan was a good raider but not skilled in fighting battles. Morgan’s raid led to Indiana’s only civil war battle at Corydon on July 9, 1863. The raid almost ended at Buffington Island, Ohio when 700 of his men were captured. On July 26 near Salineville, Ohio Morgan and his men were forced to surrender. He and his officers were sent to the Ohio State Penitentiary. He and six of his officers managed to escape on Nov.27 and make it back to the South. After the raid he was placed in command of the Trans-Allegheny Department in Tennessee. On Sept. 4, 1864 he was surprised by a Union attack and was shot while attempting to escape during a raid on Greenville, TN.



Photo by Larry Morris

A guest brought to the meeting this picture on the right. It is a picture of his ancestor with Morgan’s men. It is the same picture as our speaker had in his presentation.



Photo by Larry Morris

## **SESQUICENTENNIAL — 1864-2014: 150 YEARS AGO:**

**Nov. 1, 1864 — Union General A. J. Smith moves his men from Missouri to Nashville to reinforce Gen. George Thomas.**

**Nov. 7, 1864 — In Richmond, the Second Session of the Second Congress of the Confederate States of America gathered for its meeting. It would also be its last.**

**Nov. 8, 1864 — Election Day in the North. President Lincoln is elected to a second term.**

**Nov. 9, 1864 — Gen. Sherman issues preliminary orders in preparation for a “March to the Sea”.**

**Nov. 14, 1864 — Union troops in Atlanta continue their work tearing up railroad lines.**

**Nov. 14, 1864 — McClellan, defeated in his race for President, resigned his commission as a Major General. President Lincoln readily accepts it.**

**Nov. 16, 1864 — Sherman’s army leaves Atlanta for Savannah carrying 20 days of rations with them.**

**Nov. 22, 1864 — The Georgia capitol of Milledgeville falls to Sherman’s army without a fight.**

**Nov. 30, 1864 — Union Gen. Schofield arrives in Franklin, TN and is attacked by Confederate forces in a desperate and bloody engagement. Six Confederate generals are killed.**

**(BE/LM)**



### **THE REST OF THE STORY: More Soldier’s Quotes — The Camp Chest**

**Early in the war each mess was composed of from five to ten men. Each mess had its outfit, consisting of a large camp chest containing skillet, frying pan, coffee boiler, bucket for lard, coffee box, salt box, meal box, flour box, knives, forks, spoons, plates and cups. Each chest was so large that eight or ten of them filled up an army wagon.**

**The camp chest soon vanished. The brigadiers and major-generals even found them too troublesome. The chest was reduced to one skillet and a couple of frying pans, a bag of flour or meal, another bag of salt, sugar and coffee. This served the purpose. (BE)**

**Source: *Arms and Equipment of the Civil War* by Jack Coggins**

## **WHERE ARE THEY?**

**Bloody Rail:** Perhaps the only surviving full-length fence rail from the “Bloody Lane” at the Battle of Antietam. It was collected from the battlefield in 1872 and contains several iron artillery canister balls embedded in wood. National Civil War Life Museum, Fredericksburg, VA, [www.civilwarlife.org](http://www.civilwarlife.org)

## **CIVIL WAR QUOTE:**

**“You can not have free government without elections, and if the rebellion could force us to forgo, postpone a national election, it might fairly claim to have already conquered and ruined us.”**

**— Abraham Lincoln, informal speech, November 10, 1864.**

**NOVEMBER PROGRAM:** James A. Goecker — “Galvanized Yankees – Confederate Soldiers in the Northern Army”. Mr. Goecker will discuss who they were and how they were used in the North during the Civil War. Mr. Goecker is Vice President of Enrollment Management at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. A member of the Civil War Round Table of West Central Indiana. He has presented at Civil War Round Tables in five states. His topics of special interest are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Indiana Cavalry and its campaigns, Union cavalry operations and military intelligence.



## **FUTURE PROGRAMS:**



**Nov. 20, 2014 — Jim Goecker – Galvanized Yankees**  
**Dec. 18, 2014 — Trivia Contest and Show & Tell**  
**Jan. 15, 2015 — Mark Lapointe – The Irish Volunteer**  
**Feb. 19, 2015 — Shannon Brown – The 2015 Lincoln Funeral Train**  
**Mar. 19, 2015 — Josh Claybourn – Lincoln’s Almanac Trial**  
**Apr. 16, 2015 — Tom Frew — Hermit of the Wabash**  
**May 21, 2015 —**  
**June 18, 2015 —**  
**Jul 23\*\* 2015 — Robert Dunkerly — Battle of Seven Pines (Note date change)**

**Please see Tom Murray if have suggestions for a future program speaker in 2015.**

**\*\*The 2015 membership dues will soon be coming up for payment. Your dues enable us to bring have good programs with very knowledgeable speakers. Dues of \$15.00 can be paid at the meeting or mailed to Ron Sproatt at: 1716 Madison Av., Evansville, IN 47714**

## BOOK RAFFLE WINNERS:



The Book Raffle winners for September were: Mary Erickson, George Payne, Tom Arflack, and Jerry Dill. Remember, if you have any books that you would like to donate for the raffle, please bring them to the next meeting. (LM)

## FORAGER'S LIST:

November 20, 2014 — Jim Hayden  
December 18, 2014 — Phil Hare



Thanks to Martha and Norm Kohler for maintaining our Forager's List.

WEB SITE — Josh Claybourn has set up a web site for the Southern Indiana Civil War Round Table. Go to this link: <http://www.sicwrt.org>

## SPECIAL INDIANA CIVIL WAR NEWS:



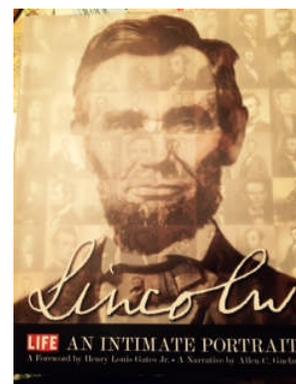
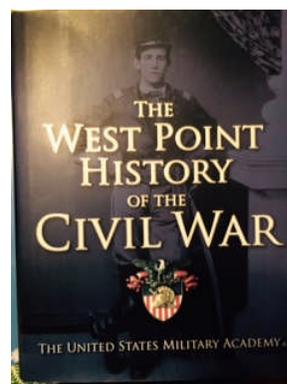
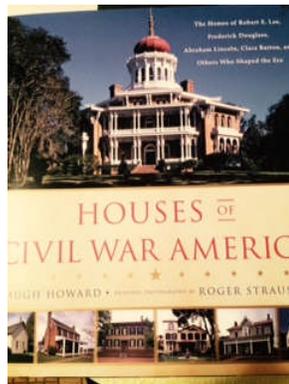
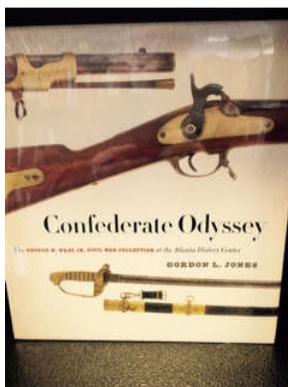
Sons of Union Veterans  
of the Civil War  
John W. Foster Camp No. 2

[www.suvcwfostercamp.org](http://www.suvcwfostercamp.org)

ECHO Housing is hosting a vintage military style show with uniforms representing each era of American military service. They are looking for volunteers who could represent the Civil War (or other eras). ECHO provides housing and supportive services to the homeless and low-income of our community. This event will also feature a dinner, refreshments, live music, and more. Please contact Josh Claybourn if you are interested in participating. The event is Saturday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the National Guard Armory. (JC)

## COFFEE TABLE BOOKS:

These are some recent books that I have seen at Barnes and Noble. (LM)



The Confederate Odyssey – Gordon Jones; Houses of Civil War America – Hugh Howard; The West Point History of the Civil War – U.S. Military Academy; and Life Lincoln: An Intimate Portrait – Editors of Life.

## MEMBERSHIP:

The Southern Indiana Civil War Roundtable is open to membership to anyone interested in learning more about the U.S. Civil War. Meetings are held monthly on the third Thursday of each month at the Evansville Fraternal Order of Police Lodge at 801 Court St., Evansville, Indiana at 7:00 p.m. Dues are \$15.00 per family for a year and are due in January of each year. If you still owe dues for this year, be sure to see Ron Sproatt at our next meeting.

Members are always encouraged to share information they have about any civil war topic by passing it along to the newsletter editors.

SICWRT officers are: Chairman – Alan Elsner; Treasurer – Ron Sproatt; Program Committee – Tom Murray and Larry Harms; Newsletter Editors – Bill Emmick and Larry Morris; Book Raffle Chairman – Larry Morris.



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