



THE GENERAL'S REPORT

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DECEMBER MEETING —

We had election of officers at the December meeting. Josh Claybourn is our new President. The other positions will remain the same — Ron Sproatt, Treasurer; Tom Murray, Program; and Larry Morris and Bill Emmick, Newsletter. Also, there was discussion of possibly raising our dues. Several years our dues have been \$12.00 for a family membership for a year. Tom Murray has checked on other area clubs and found they charge \$20 to \$30 for an individual and up to \$35 for a family. These dues help us cover the expenses of our out-of-town speakers. A vote will be taken at the January meeting. Ron Sproatt reports we have a balance of \$275.14.

DECEMBER PROGRAM: Civil War Trivia Contest/Show and Tell —

Our December meeting is devoted to our Civil War Trivia Contest. Larry Morris and Bill Emmick divide the members into teams and they are asked a variety of questions. In some of the questions they are asked to identify a photo or listen to a civil war tune. Most of the questions were multiple choice. Below we have some examples of the questions.



Match these Civil War Generals with their nicknames:
ANSWERS:

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| 1. Israel B. Richardson | G. Fighting Dick |
| 2. William E. Jones | I. Gumble |
| 3. William T. Sherman | C. Uncle Billy |
| 4. John Sedgwick | D. Uncle John |
| 5. William F. Smith | J. Baldy (USA) |
| 6. William H. French | F. Old Blinky |
| 7. Ormsby M. Mitchel | B. Old Stars |
| 8. Henry W. Halleck | A. Old Brains |
| 9. William Nelson | E. Bull |
| 10. John B. Magruder | H. Prince John |

What Union regiment had the highest number of officers killed in the Civil War?:

- A. 14th Illinois
- B. 20th Pennsylvania
- C. 44th Indiana
- D. 1st Maine Heavy Artillery

Name This General:

- A. LaFayette Baker
- B. Nathaniel Banks
- C. Ambrose Burnside
- D. George Crook




We all know Lt. Gen. Jackson's nickname was "Stonewall" but his cousin, Maj. Gen. William L. Jackson also had a nickname. It was... :

- A. Rockwall
- B. Floodwall
- C. Mudwall
- D. Tallwall

Match these Confederate Civil War Generals with the battlefield on which they died:

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| 1. Bernard Bee, Jr. | A. Sharpsburg |
| 2. Lawrence Branch | B. Atlanta |
| 3. Archibald Gracie, Jr. | C. Champion's Hill |
| 4. States Rights Gist | D. Chickamauga |
| 5. Maxey Gregg | E. First Manassas |
| 6. Ben Harden Helm | F. Franklin, TN |
| 7. A.P. Hill | G. Fredericksburg |
| 8. Ben McCullouch | H. Gettysburg |
| 9. William Pender | I. Mills Spring, KY |
| 10. Lloyd Tilghman | J. Pea Ridge, AR |
| 11. W.H.T. Walker | K. Petersburg area |
| 12. Felix Zollicoffer | L. Petersburg area |

Another part of our December meeting allows members to "Show 'N' Tell" about some item that relates to the Civil War. I purchased this portrait locally from an antique shop and on the back it stated the artist was Douglas Volk (1856-1935). He was the son of Leonard Volk, who in 1860 made a life mask of Abraham Lincoln. The original painting is in the National

Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. I believe this is a reproduction that was sold in their gift shop. (LM)

SESQUICENTENNIAL — 1865-2015: 150 YEARS AGO:

Jan. 1, 1865 — The Siege of Petersburg continues.

Jan. 3, 1865 — Grant assigned Maj. Gen. Alfred Terry to command the army element of the assault on Ft. Fisher near Wilmington, N.C.

Jan. 3, 1865 — Sherman, in concert with Dahlgren, began moving some of his troops by transport from Savannah, GA to Beaufort. S.C.

Jan. 7, 1865 — At Grant's request, Lincoln removes Butler from the active list.

Jan. 14, 1865 — Federal naval bombardment was pouring 100 shells per minute into Ft. Fisher.

Jan. 15, 1865 — Union forces capture Ft. Fisher.

Jan. 19, 1865 — Sherman issues orders to begin his Carolina campaign.

Jan. 19, 1865 — Lincoln asked Grant if there was a place in his "military family" for Lincoln's son Robert. Capt. Robert Lincoln was appointed as assistant adjunct general on Grant's staff.

Jan. 24, 1865 — The Confederate Congress offered to exchange prisoners and this time Grant accepted.

Jan. 31, 1865 — The U.S. House of Representatives passed the 13th Amendment, abolishing slavery by a vote of 119 to 56.

Jan. 31, 1865 — President Davis proposed and the Confederate Congress approved, the appointment of Gen. Robert E. Lee as General-in-Chief of all Confederate Armies. (BE/LM)

THE REST OF THE STORY: Early Union Uniforms —

When Abraham Lincoln issued his call for 75,000 volunteers in April 1861 to suppress the Confederate rebellion, a pattern of dress for the U.S. Army had long been established. Most of the recruits who answered the call however, had their own notions of proper military attire. They were members of local militia units whose uniforms were bewilderingly diverse. A reporter who visited Camp Dennison in Ohio, where such units were molded into regiments, likened the training ground to "an Eastern bazaar, in which every variety of costume under heaven is to be found." (BE)



Source: *Echos of Glory: Arms and Equipment of the Union* by Time-Life Books

WHERE ARE THEY?

Double-Barrel Cannon: This Civil War cannon was built in Athens, GA with two barrels – designed to fire two six-pound cannonballs connected with a chain. Scholars debate whether it was ever successfully in combat. Athen's City Hall, Athens, GA, [http://ngeorgia.com/ang/Athen's Double Barrel-Cannon](http://ngeorgia.com/ang/Athen's_Double_Barrel-Cannon).

CIVIL WAR QUOTE:

“You cannot make soldiers of slaves, or slaves of soldiers. The day you make a soldier of them is the beginning of the end of the Revolution. And if slaves seem good soldiers, then our whole theory of slavery is wrong.”

— C.S. Major General Howell Cobb

JANUARY PROGRAM: Mark LaPointe — The Irish Volunteer

Mark LaPointe presents a story told through the songs of Irish immigration to America and the immigrants' proud service in the Union Army during the Civil War. He lives in the Indianapolis, IN area.



FUTURE PROGRAMS:

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 — Steve Schroeder – Lee's Lost Order/27th Indiana at Antietam
May 21, 2015 — Tom Frew – Hermit of the Wabash
June 18, 2015 —
Jul 23** 2015 — Robert Dunkerly — Battle of Seven Pines (Note date change)
Aug. 20, 2015 —
Sept. 17, 2015 —
Oct. 15, 2015 —
Nov. 19, 2015 —
Dec. 17, 2015 —

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 have good programs with very knowledgeable speakers. Dues can be paid at the meeting or mailed to Ron Sproatt at: 1716 Madison Av., Evansville, IN 47714. The January meeting will determine if the dues will change.**

BOOK RAFFLE WINNERS:



The Book Raffle winners for December were: Sorry, we didn't get the names of this month's winners. 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:

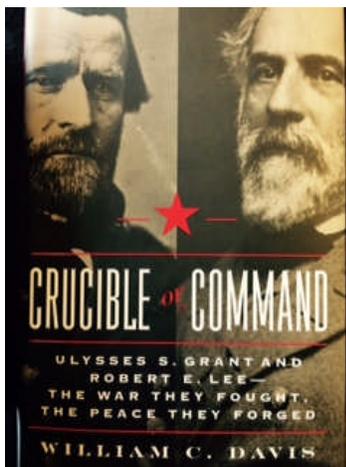
Jan. 15, 2015 — Jerry & Sue Dill
Feb. 19, 2015 — Gail LaFief
Mar. 19, 2015 —
April 16, 2015 —
May 21, 2015 — Tom Arflack
June 18, 2015 — Richard Gibson
July 23, 2015 —
Aug. 20, 2015 — Sue Dills
Sept. 17, 2015 — George Payne
Oct. 15, 2015 — Gary Rhoades
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Thanks 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>

BOOKS and MEDIA:



Crucible of Command: Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee — The War They Fought, The Peace They Forged
by William C. Davis
DaCapo Press ISBN 13-9780306822452 \$32.50

William C. Davis is an author who has written more than fifty books on Civil War and Southern history. He was the senior consultant on the television documentary series, *Civil War Journal*.

Overview from Barnes & Noble ---- They met in person only four times, yet these two men — Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee — determined the outcome of America's most divisive war and cast larger-than-life shadows over their reunited union. Forged in battle as generals, these two otherwise very different men became almost indistinguishable in their instincts, attributes, attitudes, and skills in command.

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 – Josh Claybourn; Treasurer – Ron Sproatt; Program Chairman – Tom Murray; Newsletter Editors – Larry Morris and Bill Emmick; Book Raffle Chairman – Larry Morris.



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