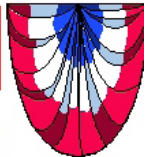


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NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTHEASTERN OHIO CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE



MAY, 2012

MAY MEETING

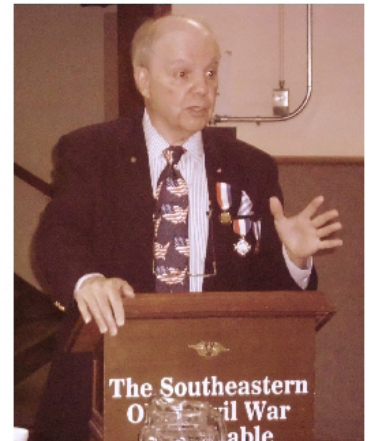
May's meeting will be held on Saturday, May 26 at 9:00, at the Ninth Street United Methodist Church Our speaker will be Russel Booth who will speak on the subject of "General George Custer at Little Big Horn " Our host for the meeting supplying treats to go along with the coffee is Joe Farrell.

APRIL'S MEETING

A lot of illness in our ranks this month kept attendance down a little at this meeting. Our speaker was Tom Vince. Tom, speaking on "Ohio enters the war, 1861-1862" gave us much "behind the scenes information" not usually mentioned in history books. He brought out a lot about the political atmosphere at the time. Things such as Lincoln campaigning for Gov. Dennison. He also brought out the contributions Garfield, Hays and McKinley made at the beginning of the war.

It was reported that the "Morgan's raid trail marker project is behind schedule and the first markers in our area may not be placed until August.

After the meeting about nine of our members went down to Theo's restaurant and enjoyed a good lunch and fellowship.



QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Who was the first African American to become a "Commissioned" officer in the United States Army.

YOU ARE INVITED

To the Indian Camp Community Church Memorial Day Service on Sunday, May 27 at 10:00 The guest speaker is Nancy Ankrum Rose, who will speak on outstanding women of the civil war.

Special music will be provided.

A covered dish dinner will follow the service.

We encourage you to come in period dress, if you can.

Rev. Carl Keefer

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

May 9 - Union General David Hunter, in command of the Department of the South, authorizes the emancipation of slaves within his district, also allowing them to be enrolled as soldiers. Lincoln disavowed this act on May 19.

May 10 - A Confederate naval squadron engages Union ironclads in the Battle of Plum Run Bend on the Mississippi north of Memphis, Tennessee. After taking heavy losses but damaging two Union vessels, the rebels retreated downriver.

May 13 - Robert Smalls, a slave pilots the CSS Planter to the Union blockading fleet off Charleston, South Carolina.

May 15 - General Benjamin F. Butler issues his infamous General Order Number 28 in New Orleans, directing any Woman who shows contempt toward Union troops "to be treated as a woman of the town plying her avocation." Insults to federal forces decrease immediately.

May 20 - Lincoln signs the Homestead Act into law.

May 25 - In the First Battle of Winchester, Virginia, Jackson defeats federal forces and retakes the town. The Union retreats across the Potomac River.

May 30 - Union troops occupy Corinth, Mississippi.

