

# The Sentinel

## The 42nd Indiana Infantry: Proudly Carrying on the Tradition

For May, the MCCWR welcomed Pvt. Stewart DeVane, a reenactor with the 42nd Indiana Infantry today and a caretaker of the original Civil War regiment. Formed in Evansville in 1861, the 42nd served with distinction until its final march with the Grand Review in Washington on May 24, 1865.

During its long term of service, the 42nd actively participated in, among others, the battles and/or campaigns of Perryville, Kentucky in October, 1862; Chickamauga in September of 1863; Missionary Ridge in November of that year; Sherman's March to the Sea culminating just before Christmas in 1864 and Bentonville, NC, in March of 1865.

Mr. DeVane also spoke of the life and accomplishments of many of the actual members of the 42nd. One person he highlighted was George Kirkpatrick who enlisted at the age of 15. Mr. DeVane discussed Kirkpatrick's service with Roundtable member Gerald Spore, who happened to be a distant relative of the former Civil War soldier. It was left up to those in attendance to determine if there was any family resemblance!

Mr. DeVane's excellent delivery and his dress as a simple, common soldier helped to enhance the experience and made a few members anxious to attend the 42nd's next "muster" at Spring Mill State Park on the Memorial Day weekend.



### IMPORTANT NOTE!

Due to some ongoing scheduling problems with third Tuesdays being "trumped" by Thanksgiving, Christmas and even spring break activities and preparations, the executive board is considering a permanent change to regular meeting days on *second* Tuesdays in the fall. Also, a new regular meeting time of 7:00 pm is suggested. If you have any thoughts, pro or con, please contact any executive board member listed above and tell her/him. **We need your input to make the right choice!**

## June Program

Join fellow members and friends on at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, June 20th, at the Monroe County History Center for a presentation by Mark Acres, local historian and Gettysburg expert on *Gettysburg: The Battle Continues 143 Years Later*.

Mark will talk about several of the current dilemmas and controversies surrounding this most famous of all North American battlefields, as well as discuss his upcoming book project in collaboration with local Photographer Kip May on Gettysburg.

## **Dues Payment**

Unfortunately, even a small organization such as the MCCWR cannot run on enthusiasm alone. If you were unable to attend the April meeting at which annual dues were collected, please help us by sending your check to Kevin Shiflet, our treasurer, at 1104 Forest View Drive, Ellettsville, 47429. Dues are \$15 for an individual, \$20 for a family and \$5 for a student membership. This money helps to defray the cost of postage, refreshments, printing and other incidental expenses incurred regularly. We thank you.

## **Archiving Project Now Under Way**

In the early part of the month, an enthusiastic group of MCCWR members met with Erica Kendall, Collections Assistant for the Monroe County History Museum, and discussed the details of preserving and transcribing a unique set of local letters for the archives of the society.

While the collection is, so far, smaller than anticipated, anyone interested should contact Erica at the center by calling 332-2517 or e-mailing her at [collection@monroehistory.org](mailto:collection@monroehistory.org) to make an initial appointment for explanation and training. It is important to note that all work must be done in the museum after a short training session. It is expected that working in 2-hour plus segments will get the work done and it all must be done during the center's hours of 10-4 Tue-Sat. This would also be a good way to begin volunteering in general for the MCHS and showing the gratitude we have for the partnering they have graciously given us and the use of their facility.

## **Share Your Summer Experiences with Other Members**

Read a new book on the war? Going to a reenactment? Perhaps you will be doing some personal family research on your relatives in the war.

Whatever you are doing, please come to the June meeting ready to share any ideas and experiences. Since we will be "on hiatus" until September, some members have suggested we attend a reenactment as a group, or go to the Lilly Civil War Museum in Indy together, or perhaps make a return visit to the Buskirk Cemetery. Any and all ideas are welcome. Contact an executive board member (listed elsewhere on this page) and let he/she know.

## **Thank you Monroe County History Society!**

As always, we could not meet so easily without the friendship and generosity of our partner, the Monroe County History Society.

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