

The Sentinel

3rd ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT A HUGE SUCCESS

Saturday, Aug. 22, arrived as a clear and comfortable late summer day that saw Union troops set up camp on the lawn of the Monroe County History Center. The 35th Irish brought a strong contingent of soldiers, civilians, and even a Civil War surgeon practicing his craft under canvas. During the day, the group had firing demonstrations, cooked meals, played Civil War era games, sang, and played period instruments and interacted with over 300 visitors—some who came because of the event, and some who stumbled on it, drawn in by the men and women they met and the era they represented. Look for the 35th Infantry Volunteers to return in 2010!

The event also kicked off a three-month exhibit at the History Center, *The Civil War Soldier*, which has weapons, artifacts, flags, photos and much more to tell the tale of the men who left their homes and traveled to faraway places to fight for their beliefs and sometimes die for them as well. The exhibit will end in November, so be sure to take a moment away from your schedule and see a remarkable collection of items.



The MCCWR information table manned by members Allan Sather and Ray Beeker on Saturday, August 22, in the company of a lady from the 1860s, who is really member Carol Wise, who also appeared, unidentified, in a front-page picture in the Herald Times on Monday, August 24.



A message from your Roundtable president

Believe it or not, we are about to start the fifth season of Roundtable gatherings. In the past four years, our membership has grown as we have explored the battles, military movements and strategy—and certainly the heroes, and sometimes the villains—of the American Civil War. Always, I think, we have paid attention to the human dimension of that great struggle and its legacy for us in our time.

Yet, there is so much more to learn and understand, and I know that you will want to join us in the next months for the programs and lively discussion we have in store. Except for the date and time of our December dinner, or unless

something really unanticipated happens, we will always meet at the Monroe County History Center at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. We will not meet on days when the school system closes because of weather—but you knew that.

Dues are due!

As our first meeting of our new season is upon us, it is time for me to urge all our members to renew their memberships—and for all our friends to become members. The dues are \$15.00 for an individual, \$20.00 for a family, \$5.00 for the individual student. The dues cover mailings, the printing of *The Sentinel* newsletter, refreshments

for our meetings, and modest expenses for speakers from out of town. Let me stress, however, that friends and guests are always welcome.

I look forward to our new year with great anticipation, and urge you to attend all our meetings and consider going even further by helping to guide the policy and development of the Roundtable. Let me know by e-mail of your interest, or drop by our Executive Committee conferences, which usually take place at the History Center at 11:30 a.m. on the Tuesday the week before a regular meeting.

David Wiley

The Roundtable 2009-10 Season Has Something for Everyone*

Join us on the second Tuesday of each month at the Monroe County History Center for the following programs being presented by both members and guests. It looks to be our best season ever! Tell your friends to come along and join in the fun.

- SEPTEMBER 8** **Revenge for Fort Sumter? The Battle for Fort Pulaski** – David Wiley
- OCTOBER 13** **Grant and the Vicksburg Campaign** – Greg Biggs, Clarksville, Tennessee Roundtable President
- NOVEMBER 19** **Legacy Profiles:** Corporal Charles Thomas Shanner, Co. A, 63rd Indiana Volunteers, the Great, Great Maternal Grandfather of John Crosby. Captain Ephraim W. Wiley, Co. H, 8th Maine Volunteers, Grandfather of David Wiley
- DECEMBER 8** **Holiday Dinner**, Program to be announced
- JANUARY 12** **Sally of the 11th Pennsylvania & Other Regimental Mascots** – Jeff Allen
- FEBRUARY 9** **The Committee on the Conduct of the War** – Rick Watson
- MARCH 9** **Legacy Profile:** The Story of Pvt. Jacob Mann, Co. A, 16th Iowa Volunteers, who died at Anderson Prison, the Great, Great Maternal Grandfather of Allan Sather
- APRIL 13** **A Dark and Bloody Ground: Sowing the Wind** – an exploration of his novel about the events leading to the Battle of Perryville, by its author Michael Willever
- APRIL 17-18** **Trip to Perryville, Kentucky:** Tour of the Perryville Battlefield and other points of interest
- MAY 11** **Civil War Tales** – Deborah Cronin
- JUNE 8** **Legacy Profiles:** Major General Walter Quintin Gresham, New Albany, Indiana. Colonel, 53rd Indiana and commander of the 4th Division, 17th Army Corps, wounded at Atlanta – Bob Willey.
“No win-no lose – Confederate on mother’s side, Union on his father’s side” – Randy Stephenson

**Subject to change*



Band instruments from the Civil War Soldier Exhibit. Note the valved trombone on the top shelf that plays over the shoulder.



At the encampment visitors pose for a photograph by the campfire with the 35th Infantry.

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