

November Presidents Message

Wayne Motts and his artifacts.docx462

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My Fellow Roundtable Members: Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9 at 7 pm at La Navona, 154 North Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio 43230. La Navona is a banquet facility on the east side of Hamilton Road, just north of Gahanna Lincoln High School. There are branches for US Bank and Chase on either side of the driveway leading into the Plaza containing La Navona, which is at the north end of the building. La Navona has a bar, so you can get something to drink before, during or after the meeting.

Our speaker on November 9 (at La Navona) is Edward Alexander, and his topic will be “The Battle of Rappahannock Station: A Most Brilliant and Successful Affair.” Mr. Alexander is a member of the Emerging Civil War group, and I look forward to hearing his analysis of this often overlooked battle between the Army of Northern Virginia and the Army of the Potomac in 1863 after the Gettysburg Campaign.

I have attached hereto Tom Ayres minutes of our last meeting. Thanks Tom. It was great having Wayne Motts and his family at our meeting.

Dave Delisio will deliver the Treasurer’s Report at the meeting. As you may have noticed, we have been steadily decreasing the balance in the Roundtable’s bank account. This intentional trend began under Tim Maurice, when we purchased the Roundtable’s own laptop computer and projection equipment, and continued as Tim and I encouraged Mike Peters to continue seeking as many out-of-town speakers as possible. I do not believe that organizations like ours should build up large cash balances for some theoretical future rainy day. The entire point of collecting dues and proceeds from our raffle is to provide our current membership with high quality speakers in a pleasant environment. On this latter point, I want to make sure that you know that the good folks at La Navona do not charge the Roundtable for use of their facility; Otterbein charged us for our last several meetings at the University. In order for my approach to work, I will need members to pay their 2017 dues promptly at the beginning of next year. I promise that we will continue to spend your dollars wisely in support of the best Historian General in the country, Mike Peters.

On the topic of finances, I want to reiterate the rules regarding our book raffle. If *every member* who attends the meeting buys at least a \$1.00 chance in the raffle, I will personally match the pot up to \$50 per meeting. We are an organization that depends upon volunteers, and the people running the raffle do not have the time (or frankly the responsibility) to chase after everyone at the meeting to get the simple \$1.00 consideration. *Please do the right thing and contribute the dollar when you arrive at the meeting.* Even if you do not want a book, we need the contributions.

Please remember our 2017 battlefield tour being planned for March 2 through March for Franklin and Nashville. Contact Jeromy Rose for more information.

There has been a lot of activity in the preservation world this past month. The Civil War Trust has announced a series of exciting acquisitions in Mississippi in connection with the Vicksburg Campaign, and the acquisition of the famed Alms House site at Gettysburg. In addition, the Richmond Battlefields Association has transferred the property north of Boatswain's Creek at Gaines Mills to the National Park Service; this is the ground over which Hood's Texas Brigade made its famous charge that broke through the Fifth Corps line that had held off four other assaults during the day.

John Young of the Columbus Barracks Civil War Roundtable informs me that the Columbus Barracks Civil War Round Table will be hosting the following event:

The Columbus Barracks Civil War Round Table meeting for next month will be held on Thursday, November 10 and the topic will be "The Red River Campaign of 1864" by **Tom Wehrung** from 7:00 P.M. until 8:45 P.M. in Meeting Room B in the Upper Arlington Public Main Library, which is located at 2800 Tremont Road in Upper Arlington, Ohio (at the northeast corner of Northam Road and Tremont Road).

I look forward to seeing you at La Navona on November 9th

James G. Ryan
President Central Ohio Civil War Roundtable