

THE COURIER

Northeast Ohio Civil War Round Table



January 2008 Meeting #87

Date: January 8, 2008

Place: Dino's I90 & Rte. 306 exit Mentor, Ohio

Canteen: 6PM Rations: 7PM

Speakers: The Founders Program

Topic: NEOCWRT 10th Anniversary

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Happy Holidays

December 12, 2007 marked the tenth anniversary of the Northeast Ohio Civil War Round Table and to commemorate that occasion the Founders have prepared a special celebration program. The very first meeting of the NEOCWRT was held at the former Dock Restaurant in Wickliffe and there were 7 men at that gathering. Today our membership stands at 46 and we have another 4 people waiting to join. The January meeting will be the first meeting for our new President Bill Meissner and he has arranged an interesting speaker program for the coming year. We invite you to join us for this Special 10th Anniversary Meeting. P.S.,JET has been appropriated a sizeable "earmark" to insure that the feast will be suitable for the occasion!

Reminder: The dues for the 2008 calendar year are now due

See Bill Wilson

A Day and Evening with John C. Waugh by Franco M. Sperrazzo, Special Events Coordinator

On the wet chilly morning of December 11th, Arlan Byrne, Norton London and Franco Sperrazzo awaited the arrival of John C. Waugh, author and historian. President Mike Sears and Tom Horvath journeyed to Youngstown, to meet Jack Waugh and escort him back to Cleveland. The author spoke to the Mahoning Valley Round Table the previous night. Our noon luncheon meeting was held at the city of Cleveland's finest diner – "the Silver Spartan Mansion" in University Circle. Management offered their finest china and white linen, but when the president of Case University canceled, we suspended the fancy accoutrements.

After lunch our party of 6 was greeted by Ann Sindalar, research librarian, and Jeff Zimmerman of the Western Reserve Historical Society Staff who were most generous of their time with our group. Mrs. Sindalar laid the groundwork for future research Mr. Waugh would need to perform. Mr. Zimmerman related stories about how many historic artifacts are obtained. Mr. Waugh was highly impressed with the WRHS presentation and a fun time was had by all.

Evening Presentation: "Reelecting Lincoln, the Battle for the 1864 Presidency"

John C. Waugh opened with a rendition of a Bob Newhart skit to warm up a fine turnout of three dozen faithful on a cold and wet Northeast Ohio night. Jack Waugh said the tide was already turning against Lincoln and the Republican Party after losing several congressional seats in the fall of 1862. After victories at Gettysburg and Vicksburg, hope of ending the "war of rebellion" looked promising. Now there would be strong optimism for re-election. When the war advanced to the fall of 1863, divisional views within Lincoln's own cabinet caused a crisis among his former allies. When opposition against Lincoln escalated, the Democratic Party took a venomous approach and sought to have Lincoln impeached. "Elect Lincoln, slavery is abolished and we become a unified nation. Elect a Democrat, we become two nations and slavery remains intact." Former Lincoln cabinet member Salmon P. Chase, appeared to be the odds on favorite to rival the President for the Republican Party nomination. Who would be Lincoln's great adversary and the Democratic candidate? The former commander of the Army of the Potomac, George B. McClellan demonstrated bold opposition. Benjamin Butler declined Lincoln's offer for the vice presidency, leaving Hannibal Hamlin and Andrew Johnson of which the latter was chosen. With a Union victory in doubt, and Sherman encountering trouble living off the land in his quest to capture Atlanta, Lincoln came to believe he was not the favorite among his new "team of rivals."

The War gravitated towards a Northern victory when Sherman declared "Atlanta is ours and fairly won!" Meanwhile Sheridan conquered the Shenandoah Valley.

Jack Waugh outlined the details of the 1864 election of Lincoln/Johnson vs. McClellan/Pendleton in various parts of the country. Remarkably, the 272 word Gettysburg Address was a distillation of what the American Civil War was all about compared to Edward Everett's more than two hour long marathon speech. John C. Waugh exhibited great knowledge and insight in his talk to the NEOCWRT. He was both cordial and gracious to those who accompanied him on the tour of Western Reserve and to our members and guests during the evening dinner meeting. Everyone enjoyed his talk and friendly manner.

The Boys from Sherrod Hill by Ted Karle Part Two

This article is based on 60 unpublished letters from members of the Sherrod family who lived near Edinboro, Pennsylvania. These men served in the 83rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, a regiment that saw much fighting and suffered a number of casualties during the War of the Rebellion.

December 22, Sylvester Sherrod, Co. D. to Louis, his brother. Washington, DC

Lewis, there was a battle fought...12 miles from here [at Dranesville, Va]...it was fought by McCall's Division. Our men lost wounded and killed about 30. Our men took prisoners and killed about 100 and also took a lot of blankets and revolvers and watches so of course we licked them blind. We could hear the firing here. It made the whole ground shake and was a steady roar for about 5 hours. We expect the next fight will be our turn...There is a Reg. in McCall's Division called the Buck Tails [42nd PA/13th PA Reserves]and did the most fighting. Their Colonel [T.L. Kane] got wounded quite bad in the head. I think there has got to be some hard fighting done before this war comes to a close. I think if England and France don't set in, it will be fought out by Spring, but not without force. I never knew a Republican Congress to settle anything.

1862 (McClellan's Peninsula Campaign & The Seven Days Battles)

February 6, Sylvester Sherrod, Co. D. to his brother Lewis, Camp Porter, Washington DC

"We have not moved yet and probably will not probably for 2 months..."

February 20, Sylvester Sherrod, Co. D. to his mother Fanny Morris Sherrod, Camp Porter Va.

"The general opinion here is that the war will be closed in 2 or 3 months but I think not. There is some fighting to be done here yet before the war is done...as soon as the going (the weather) gets better we will try them on. General Porter said he believed he could take our Regiment and the New York 44th and he could take Richmond with the 2 Regiments for there were two men came here from Richmond with a flag of truce. They said it was poorly fortified. They said the Artillery had been taken away to fortify other places, but I guess there is a gun or two left yet."

April 25, Sylvester Sherrod, Co D. to his mother Fanny Morris Sherrod and his brother Lewis

"Camp wide-awake. I have been fighting for about 2 weeks...came up with the Rebels at **Yorktown** the 5th day of April about noon and the battle commenced lasted all that day and the next when we got orders to cease firing...The enemy is supposed to be about 300 captured and about 200 wounded and killed...we have been throwing up some very large forts and breast works...and mounting so very large guns...All I had to eat was one cracker and a cup of coffee that was tough."

"Lewis you wanted to know if fighting made my hair stand on my head. I guess if a shell or ball would come as near to your head as it did mine your hair would stand. I recon [reckon] one shell went within about two feet of me but did not burst, also two 12 pound shot ball whistling on every side of me but not a hit. Our gunboats were throwing shells all last evening at the Rebel forts. Our boats command the York River and the *Merrimac* commands the James River."

May 24, Sylvester Sherrod, Co. D. to Abrigail Sherrod. Camp near Richmond

We are about 12 miles from Richmond encamped close by the Chikhommie. We had a small skirmish yesterday, killed about 40 cavalry and took 80 prisoners...Gaby, I went out to a farm house yesterday and there were a couple of gals at the house and I had some gay old fun. They thought the Yankee boys were about right. The old woman cried. She said she was so tickled to see the Yankees come and hoped the war would soon close...Well I think the fighting is about played out. For the first thing the Rebels think of is running and getting out of the way of us.

May 22, Sylvester Sherrod, Co. D. to his mother Fanny Morris Sherrod, Virginia

"This morning finds us within 20 miles of Richmond...Mother I think Rebelism is about played out....

There is a dispatch that Richmond is evacuated. Alfred (Sherrod, Co. A, a 1st cousin) has gone to the General Hospital in Philadelphia...he has a bad cold all Spring. (PS) We will be in Richmond tomorrow or next day."

May 25, Sylvester Sherrod, Co. D. to his mother Fanny Morris Sherrod, Camp near Hanover, Va.

"Well we marched on through mud up to our knees over logs through brush, waded creeks, jumped ditches...when we came up to them...at **Hanover Court House**. The Rebels here was about 15,000 strong and the fight took place in a large field. The battle was commenced by a brisk action on both sides and lasted about 2 ½ hours in which time the enemy was completely repulsed with a heavy loss. ..Our Brigade in all took 600 prisoners. Our Regiment took 172 prisoners –bully for us. I talked with several of the prisoners and asked them if they were volunteers or were they pressed into the service. Some said they volunteered and said they would fight us if they could get away again. Some said they were pressed in. They were mostly North Carolinians and a hard looking set too. After the fight we march to where we left our duds, threwed our blankets on the ground and rolled in for the night. Dreamed pleasant dreams and of big battles. Orders came to go out foraging...burned a railroad bridge, trapped the cars, took tobacco, sugar, salt, whiskey, rum, brandy, wine and lots of other things...hens, geese, pigs, shoes and very damn thing we could get hold of so we lived well. (PS) Lewis, I have got about five pounds of good Secesh tobacco, so you see I will live a while yet."

{See the accompanying photograph of Corporal Jacob T. Schriver, Co. G, mortally wounded in this battle; the first member of the 83rd to be killed in battle. He is wearing his "Zouave Suit", the Chasseurs de Vincennes uniform awarded to the 83rd.}

June 30, Sylvester Sherrod, Co. D. to his sister Ruhama, Camp near Richmond

"Well I have not been well for a few days...have Yellow Jaundice (yellow fever?)...but am getting quite smart now...We were engaged in a battle at **Hanover Court House** on May 27th. The fight first started with our skirmishers which we had thrown out. Soon our artillery came up and opened fire on them first by throwing shell. Soon we came up and a general fight started. John (John Goodell, his brother-in-law), I suppose you would like to know how I felt being the first time I was ever in anything of that kind. I was a little excited at first. After a few shots I was cool and took it all right. We were drawn up in a line of battle in a wheat field. The Rebels were close by a piece of woods. As soon as we would fire, we would drop down, load, jump up, and pop it in to them. Some the balls went 20 feet above our heads and some got spatted in the head, some in the mouth and more in the legs. Well, after firing on us for about an hour they thought they would make a charge on us.

They came with a yell and hollered Bull Run. We waited until they came up with 15 rods {82.5 yards} then we let them have it and the bull ran the other way...they were badly whipped...a glorious victory.

August 24th, Pvt. G.P Culbertson, Co. D to Sylvester Sherrod's mother, Fanny Morris Sherrod, from Chester Normal Hospital, Regarding the Battle of Gaines Mill⁺, Va.

"I received your letter in due time in which you wished me to inform you of his death which I will do with pleasure. I would say to you as a brother soldier of your son **Sylvester** that he was wounded Friday the 27th of June, the same day as myself. I was within three feet of him when the ball struck him. It was a grape shot as it is called, from a cannon, about the size of a butternut. It went through him about the middle of the body. We were both taken prisoners. He was taken to one place and myself to another so I did not see him again until I got to Fortress Monroe, Va. where I was put on the same vessel that he was on. It was the Ship St. Mark that was the 28th of July that I saw him and talked with him. He told me he did not think that he could live a great while. He also told me that he died in a good cause, the he hoped to meet you all in Heaven. This he told me on Friday night, August the 2nd about bedtime. The next morning he died about five o'clock. He was buried in a good plain coffin at Fortress Monroe, Virginia. I would say to you that he was in his right mind until he died. I do not know whether his grave *

is marked or not. I will ascertain and let you know in due season. This is all he told me to tell you"

So, the finality of death ended the ordeal of worry for Fanny Sherrod. However, it began again one month later when her now eldest son, Lewis enlisted in the 83rd...he with his promises to write his mother every week.

At Gaines Mill, the 83rd lost 46 killed, 51 wounded and 90 missing. Four days later at Malvern Hill, it lost 33 killed, 115 wounded, and 18 missing, a total of 362 out of 1862 initially present for duty at Gaines Mill.

Two of the boys from Sherrod Hill, Loren Patterson and Sylvester Sherrod are now dead. Sylvester is buried at the National Cemetery, City Point, Va, Grave #69, row E. There is a marker bearing his name in the family plot at Sherrod Hill Cemetery, Elk Creek Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania.

Ted Karle stands next to the Sherrod marker at the Sherrod Hill Cemetery, Elk Creek,, Pa.



2007 – The Year in Review by Mike Sears

I want to thank everyone for their fantastic support during 2007. It was a great year as the club completed its 10th year in existence. I especially want to thank Bob Baucher, Norty London, Joe Tirpak, and Frank Yannucci for the confidence and support they have given me, a mere novice in Civil War history, in serving all of you this past year. This club is alive and vibrant due to the involvement and concern of the membership. The year started out with a bang with Joe Tirpak testing all of us on our knowledge of America's Presidents. Who were the top five best and five worst presidents? Then came February and Mother Nature took over and we had to cancel a meeting for the first time in the club's history. In March we bounced back with a great presentation by our own Dr. Dan Cudnik. We learned that even if President Lincoln had been assassinated today it is very unlikely he could have survived that deadly wound. The slides and description of the wounds were very convincing.

In April, Dr. Richard Sommers from the Army Heritage and Education Center at Carlisle, PA, gave us a unique look into the generalship of U.S. Grant at Petersburg as he faced Robert E. Lee. Dr. Sommers is a noted Civil War historian who provided one of the best programs we have had. In May, our own Rob Bayless asked the question, 'Was Abe Lincoln the last of the Red Hot Lovers?' Well was he? I don't think many of us were convinced, but it made for an interesting discussion and night.

We concluded the first half of the year with a great Spring Field Trip to the Warther Carving Museum in Dover, Ohio and then drove to Carrollton for lunch in a period home and then a tour of the historic McCook house, home of the 'fighting McCook's'. It was a great one day trip. Thanks to Bob Baucher for coordinating this event. During the summer break we again gathered at Arlan Byrne's farm in Middlefield for a warm and lazy picnic in July. Relaxing with great food, cool drinks, and good company was the agenda for the day. Thank you Pat and Arlan you are gracious hosts.

We resumed in September with a great local author, Mr. Harold George, who talked on Ohio's Civil War Monuments. I think everyone was surprised at the number of Civil War monuments scattered throughout the state. When Ohio's many veterans returned from the war, they were dedicated in honoring the thousands of men who spilled their blood to save this union and preserve their heritage.

Our Fall Field Trip was one of the best as we toured the Chickamauga and Chattanooga battlefields. Jim Ogden historian with the National Park Service was our guide and he did an excellent job. Thanks to John Sandy and Franco Sperrazzo for coordinating a great trip and to Norty London for making the contact with Jim Ogden.

In October we had the unique opportunity to welcome [Ms. Marge Wilson](#) who spoke to us about Major General Mortimer D. Leggett. Though Marge is new to Civil War history she gave a lively talk about one of Ohio's little known generals.

November brought our own member Dr. Phil Price, Superintendent of the Mayfield Schools to the podium with an intriguing presentation on John Hunt Morgan's raid and its impact on Ohio and the Civil War. Ted Karle complemented Phil's talk with a display of John Hunt Morgan "memorabilia". This was certainly one of the most interesting programs this year. Our original plan for December was a celebration of our 10th anniversary, but we had a rare opportunity to bring in Mr. John (Jack) Waugh a noted Civil War author who lives in Arlington Texas. Jack has written several books and in fact his latest was just released in October. However, his talk was on an earlier book about the presidential election of 1864. We have several signed copies of Jack's latest book, ***One Man Great Enough***, for the discounted price of \$18 available at the next meeting. Again it was my pleasure to serve you this year as President and I look forward to a new year with Bill Meissner at the helm.

Mike Sears

Reflections of the Founders: Dr. Robert Battisti comments Part Two

Biggest turnout ever, 64 members and guests for a meaningful “Ladies Night”, which resulted in a “News Herald” article by guest Chuck Koeble about NEOCWRT and Bob Feller.

Then, in September, Dr. Callahan, who was to speak on James Longstreet, cancelled because he was going to England. Again I called my advisors. Ideas galore! I needed another “homerun speaker.” Frank Yannucci came through with Dr. Hugh Earnhart, who said I owed him big, \$ 10, 000! Yes, I owed him. Just in case, Norty London had three backups. Just before the meeting, George Grim, who was driving Dr. Earnhart from Youngstown, said that Hugh Earnhart had to change plans at the last minute. George had a very sad look on his face! I got scarred! Then, suddenly Dr. Earnhart walked in with a great smile on his face. They had been joking with me. Hugh gave a great talk on General Humphrey, a general we knew little about. Dr. Earnhart’s book on General Humphrey will be coming out soon. Dr. Earnhart also announced that Ed Bearss was going to be our speaker in November. Bob Bayless calls him a legend. WOW! Hugh and Ed are The NEOCWRT only honorary members, which means they meet our highest standards. Well, Ed Bearss gave an exceptional talk on Vicksburg and the Mississippi campaign. It was exciting to see members and guests sitting closely together within the “U” at Perkins. It was our largest attendance for a regular meeting.

Next, I would like to comment on the Legacy Project. This project was recommended and Chaired by Joe Tirpak. His committee includes Brent Morgan our Resident Geneologist, Ted Karle, John Sandy, Franco Sperrazzo, and Jim Walsh. They have committed hundreds of hours researching Civil War soldiers buried in The Willoughby Cemetery. Over 100 Civil War Soldiers, including one Confederate, are buried there. A bronze die-cast plaque will be dedicated on Saturday, May 31, 2003, identifying each veteran. This project has been meaningful to the NEOCWRT. This committee also raised over \$2,300.00 to help fund the project. Keith Hamilton, our second Secretary of NEOCWRT, won the framed picture of the Union Drummer Boy. We have grown beyond just being a Round Table. We are truly giving something back. This project will be true legacy that everyone can be proud of for generations to come. What is more important that giving honor to Civil War veterans just as Lincoln did at Gettysburg when he spoke those immortal words of the Gettysburg Address on November 19, 1863.

Everyone does his job. “The Courier” is a big part of our success. Founder Bob Bayless designed, edited, and has produced every newsletter. The design on the front page attracts members to come to meetings. “The Courier” also documents our history because it describes upcoming events and has a summary of the past meeting. Bob’s father, Neville was once an editor of a Civil War newsletter. I am reasonably sure that Bob’s quality work

is in part his desire to meet his father's high standards. The November 29, 2002, Vol. 5, Issue 9 is particularly special because it announced our 5th anniversary celebration. Thanks a million Bob!

Our historian is Founder Bob Baucher. He has been documenting our history since the inception of our Round Table by collecting our records for posterity. Fifty years from now members of NEOCWRT will look back and know everything that we were all about. So, Historian Bob is not just a historian of the Civil War, but also our Historian on a personal level. Thanks Bob.

The Fall Fieldtrips, including Shiloh, The Valley, Chancellorsville/ Fredricksburg and Antietam have always involved planning by Founder Norton London London. The recent ones have included a lot of planning by Brent Morgan. Great choices, excellent field guides, and great accommodations takes analysis and time to make these fieldtrips meaningful. Thanks Norty and Brent. The fellowship and the fun bring us together at a personal level. The selection for the fall 2003 Fieldtrip will be to Petersburg, Virginia. Let us know where you would like to go in the future.

Next, the sound budget! Note how Bruce Beale keeps track of every cent. We have a healthy budget and plenty of money to support our activities. We are careful spenders. Poor money management can hurt an organization and this will never happen to NEOCWRT. Thanks Bruce for laying our budget foundation. My joke: When JET is in charge of a celebration that includes money expenditure, Bruce has a sad look on his face and JET has a happy look. If there is no budget or a very limited budget for a special event, Bruce has a happy look and JET has sad look! This is called "checks and balances". Pardon the pun!

Other people who have done their jobs: Bill Meissner, Bob "Zig" Jansen, Arlan Byrne, Ron Doll, Franco Sperrazzo, and Joe Abazzio have also made time commitments to NEOCWRT. Bill Meissner and his wife Gwen take our reservations by phone. Bill collects the money and keeps track of members and guests and makes sure we are efficient. Thanks to "Zig" for collecting the money and conducting our book raffle. He does it successfully and with a good sense of humor. The raffle adds significantly to our budget. Arlan Byrne, the "Silient One," has contributed plaques and pen sets with our unique logo to various members and guest speakers. When asked to submit an invoice he never has submitted one. Thanks Arlan for your generosity. Thanks to Joe Abazzio and Franko Sperrazzo for getting members to sign Thank You notes for special favors that have been done. We should also salute Frazier Webb, the first Charter Member of NEOCWRT, for being our best story teller. Special mention is reserved for Ron Doll's great job on the visits to James B. McPherson and Rutherford B. Hayes Homes. The wives really enjoyed this trip as well

as the McKinley Memorial Museum and the First Ladies Museum in Canton, Ohio. These Spring Field Trips set the bar for what we want to continue as a tradition.

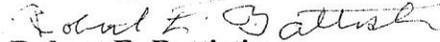
Visions For The Future:

In closing I would like to briefly suggest some thoughts , ideas, and suggestions for future leadership to consider. Each leader must put his own stamp/style on his reign as president.

- **Keep the “Quality, Education and Fellowship Principles as our beacons.”**
- **Volunteers need to step forward. Do not hesitate. The founders will be there to support you.**
- **Members need to recommend speakers and fieldtrips.**
- **NEOCWRT should always have some type of “legacy” project. We need to give something back.**
- **Involvement of all members makes us a strong and united Civil War Roundtable.**

It has been my special priviledge to serve you as the fifth president of The Northeast Ohio Civil War Round Table. I look forward to passing the gavel to Founder Frank Yannucci at our January, 2003 meeting.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Battisti

12-10-2002

***The Class of 1846* by John C. Waugh Book Review by Tom Horvath**

We've all read about classmates from West Point who were facing each other in the Civil War. We also know that West Point was, prior to the Civil War, primarily an engineering school – not a war college. The first 70 pages of *The Class of 1846* bring a new level of understanding to those bald facts. By taking us through the hazing, encampments, blackboard recitations, and pressure-laden tests, experiences shared by them all, we begin to understand how much like brothers these classmates became. By tracing the primary courses, year by year, the heavy emphasis on mathematics and engineering is brought home emphatically.

The two best-known members of the class of 1846 are Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson and George McClellan, and they are given starring roles. But there were 22 men in that class who became general officers in the Civil War, including A. P. Hill and George Pickett, and one who became a well-known writer and humorist. Mr. Waugh tells many of their stories as well.

The book proceeds chronologically, interweaving the life stories, beginning with Tom Jackson's failed attempt to enter West Point in 1842 and ending at Appomattox, with a strange meeting that included several members of that class. It includes a significant section on the Mexican-American War and the Indian wars, touching on those events that involved members of the class, and illustrating how those relationships, begun at the academy, were further strengthened during these struggles. Still, two-thirds of its 540 pages address the Civil War.

But this book is about the people, not the wars. Mr. Waugh skips entirely over large portions of history, paying attention only to those battles, or even portions of battles, that are important to the members of the class of '46. The intended purpose is to better understand the people and their relationships to one another, and to bring to light the roles played by some of the lesser known members of that class. I believe he has achieved his objective.

As if to emphasize the purpose of the book, there are no maps, but two sections of photographs, primarily of the classmates and their instructors. The book is well foot-noted and includes a lengthy index. It reads easily, as Mr. Waugh has a writing style an acquaintance of his described as “Sports Illustrated” history. It was his first book and was a main selection of the History Book Club as well as a Book-of-the-Month selection. If you have an interest in the personalities of the war and haven't already read this (it was first published in 1994), I recommend it. List price for the paperback version is \$14.95. Amazon has new paperbacks at \$12.21. The CLEVNET system of libraries has six copies. Mentor Public Library has one.

Notes from the editor

I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a joyous Holiday Season and a Happy New Year. I also want to remind everyone that Historic Preservation is an important goal of the Northeast Ohio Civil War Round Table's legacy program. Each year developers turn once historic battle sites into parking lots and retail malls. Apathy and greed are slowly destroying many of the shrines to our nation's heritage. We must not let that happen! The executive committee will soon be holding its January meeting to discuss the program for 2008. Let us not forget to place Civil War Preservation at the top of our agenda.

John Sandy
Editor

NEOCWRT 2008 Speakers Program

- 1. Jan. 8th Founders Program: "Reflections and Remembrances"**
- 2. Feb. 12th Dr. Daniel Cudnik, MD "Civil War Medicine Update"**
- 3. March 13 "Civil War Quiz" Brian Kowell**, will act as Facilitator/Arbitrator/Moderator/Judge/Jury and Grand Punjab. This should be a fun filled and informative evening for everyone.
- 4. April 8th, TBC*: Bill Wilson, "General Ambrose Burnside: An Enigma?"**
- 5. May 11th Ladies Night, "Music, Wine, and Ohio History," Hank Arbaugh.** Hank has been an exceptional entertainer for over 40 years and comes to us from the Ohio Humanities Council Speakers Bureau.
- 6. September 9th TBC*: Robert E. Lee Krick** will speak on our "**Richmond, VA Fall Field Trip**" scheduled for Sept. 18-21, 2008. Brent Morgan is coordinating the program and working with Krick and Norton London. We are hopeful that Krick will serve as our Field Trip Guide. Please mark your calendars for these dates.
- 7. Oct. 14th TBC*: Dr. Les West**, will speak on the unique period subsequent to the War called: "**Reconstruction and its Consequences**"
- 8. November 11th TBC*: Member, Tom Horvath**, will hopefully accept our invitation to speak on a subject of his choosing.
- 9. December 9th Member, Dale Fellows** will speak on: "**Our Founding Fathers and the Civil War!**"

* TBC: To Be Confirmed

JET

In Memoriam

Norman Fuerst, retired judge and member of the Northeast Ohio Civil War Round Table died on Monday December 17th 2007 at the Judson Manor. Judge Fuerst served on the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas bench from 1973 through 1996. He was a 1942 graduate of Collinwood High School and served with the United States Navy in the Pacific theater during World War II. Norman Fuerst was a graduate of John Carroll University and earned his law degree from the Cleveland Marshall Law School. RHIYP.