



ABOUT the ALCWRT

- *The Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table is the oldest Civil War Round Table in Michigan, founded 1952. This year is our **JUBILEE** ...! Our 65th anniversary is September, 2017.*
- *Meetings are each 3rd Thursday, September through May (except December), **7:30 pm**, at the Charter Township of Plymouth City Offices, 9955 N. Haggerty, in the Chamber Council Room.*
- *For more information, contact ALCWRT President Liz Stringer at stringerL@aol.com*
- *Our web site is ALCWRT.org*
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"MICHIGAN CIVIL WAR SITES and STORIES" will be presented by **David Ingall** at the February 16th meeting of the ALCWRT.

ABOUT our SPEAKER --

David Ingall resides in Temperance, MI and is a graduate of Western Michigan University. He is the former assistant director of the Monroe County Historical Museums, home of the Gen. George Armstrong Custer collection. His interests and research include the life of Gen. Custer, Civil War soldiers from Monroe County and the state of Michigan, the 15th Michigan Infantry, and his own 25 relatives who fought in the Civil War.

David served on the committee that dedicated the Monroe County Civil War Soldier's Fallen Monument and as chairman of the monument dedication ceremony in May 2012. He researched and wrote the "Camp Monroe" historical marker, dedicated on July 4, 2014. He co-authored *Michigan Civil War Landmarks*, and has written other local Civil War articles/booklets.

David is a member of the Monroe County Civil War Round Table, Nash-Hodges Camp#43 Sons of Union Veterans, Civil War Preservation Trust, Little Big Horn Associates, Custer Battlefield Historical and Museum Association, and Custer Battlefield Preservation Committee. **

SPRING TRIP -- The 1862 SHENANDOAH VALLEY CAMPAIGN

The ALCWRT Spring Field Trip will take us to one of the most crucial areas of the Civil War, namely the **Shenandoah Valley circa 1862**. Guiding us will be our old friend Scott Patchan, well-known for his mastery of battlefield tours, along with his particular knowledge and background of both Valley Campaigns. He has received much praise for his book on the 1864 campaign, "Shenandoah Summer". * We will concentrate on the 1862 Campaign that made Stonewall Jackson a legend as the Confederacy's foremost hero, earning the sobriquet "Foot Cavalry" for his soldiers who marched over 350 miles. **

WHEN's the TRIP: April 21 – April 24, 2017
WHAT's the COST? \$ 545 (double occupancy) – Single supplement \$ 224

WHAT to do NOW:
 -- Get a flyer (e-mailed to you; or get one at the next meeting)
 -- Send it in, with your **\$50 deposit** to reserve your space
 -- **Final payment due no later than April 10.**

The SUPREME COURT during LINCOLN'S PRESIDENCY

When Lincoln took office in 1861, there was one Supreme Court vacancy, but he ultimately appointed five Justices during the critical period in American history marked by his Presidency.

His first three appointments came in 1862, to fill the original vacancy and the two new vacancies that arose when Ohio Justice John McClean died (1861) and Alabama Justice John Campbell resigned to join the Confederacy. Justices serving when Lincoln assumed office from Tennessee, Georgia, and Maryland did not resign, but continued to serve.

Lincoln appointed Stephen Field of California as the tenth Justice in 1863. Lincoln's fifth appointment was Ohio Justice Salmon Portland Chase to replace Roger Taney, who died in office in 1864.

Why were there 10 Justices during Lincoln's presidency?

While the US Constitution established the Supreme Court, it does not specify how many members the Court has. There were 6 Justices originally, because there were 6 circuits in 1789, and each Justice rode a circuit in addition to his Supreme Court duties. As the country grew in size, more Justices were added to cover the new circuits. The Judiciary Act of 1863 added the 10th Justice to the Supreme Court.

How did the size of the Court shrink back to 9 Justices?

Well, first it shrunk to seven, then it grew back to nine. In 1866, Congress provided for the gradual reduction, through attrition, to seven Justices. Why? To prevent then President Andrew Johnson from appointing any new Justices. The Court had shrunk to eight Justices by the end of Johnson's term. In 1869, after Johnson left office, Congress passed the Judiciary Act of 1869, which established the size of the Supreme Court at nine Justices, where it stands today. **

1865 INAUGURATION RANKED as 3rd WORST, not because of Lincoln but because of **Andrew Johnson**. He was recovering from a bout of typhoid fever, which he attempted to medicate by drinking. On inauguration day, he was quite hungover, and added insult to injury by attempting to chase away the hangover with three more tumblers of whiskey. He proceeded to give a long, rambling, angry speech about his humble beginnings and triumph over the rebel aristocracy. Per the Senate history, "...Lincoln showed an expression of 'unutterable sorrow' while Senator Charles Sumner covered his face with his hands." Johnson was too drunk and confused to perform his task of swearing in the nation's new Senators. Some suggested impeachment, but Lincoln supported him, saying "It has been a severe lesson for Andy... But I do not think he will do it again." ** (*Excerpted from WSJ "Notable & Quotable" column on 01/21-22/2017*).

WHAT DID WE LEARN ? Thanks to Mark Laubacher for his January talk "A Surgeon's Life Aboard the USS Monitor".

Here's a **quick quiz** to see what we learned..! (*Answers in "This and That" below*).

(1) What is a rubbish gun? **(2)** The USS Merrimack was captured, refitted and renamed the CSS _____.

THIS and THAT --

- **MEETINGS now start at 7:30pm** - Don't forget to update your calendars.
- **DINNER at STATION 885 before the meetings** -
Reservations have been made at Station 885 (on Starkweather, just off Main St) at 6pm.
Everyone is welcome! It's a good chance to meet informally with the speaker and other Round Table members.
- **REFRESHMENTS** - Volunteer to bring cookies to a future meeting, and everyone will love you !!
- **QUIZ ANSWERS** -
(1) A flushing toilet aboard the USS Monitor, operated by a series of levers. (2) CSS Virginia