

The Cleveland Civil War Roundtable



What are we?

The Cleveland Civil War Roundtable is a social club dedicated to learning more about the American Civil War. Founded in 1956, the CCWRT is one of the oldest such clubs in the country.

What do we do?

Our program each year includes talks by noted historians, authors and members. Past speakers have included Bruce Catton, Shelby Foote, Stephen Ambrose and Ed Bearss. We also host an annual debate and organize a fieldtrip to a Civil War battlefield or historical site.

Who can join?

Anyone interested in the American Civil War can join the Roundtable.

When do we meet?

We meet for dinner and a lecture at 7 pm on the second Wednesday of each month from September through May.

Where do we meet?

We meet at Judson Manor at the corner of East 107th Street and Chester in downtown Cleveland.

What's it cost?

Annual dues are \$40 and dinner costs \$25. You can attend a meeting as a visitor without paying membership dues to see what you think.

How can I find out more?

Go to our website @ clevelandcivilwarroundtable.com.

How can I become a member?

Submit a membership application which you can get from our Treasurer at one of our meetings or on our website.

Roundtable Program for the 2009-2010 Season

September 9, 2009

Plenty of Blame to Go Around: Jeb Stuart's Controversial Ride to Gettysburg

Our Speaker: Eric J. Wittenberg grew up in Reading, Pennsylvania, home to the Sixth Pennsylvania Cavalry and attended college near Gettysburg. He has published 11 books on the Civil War and numerous magazine articles. When not writing, Mr. Wittenberg works as an attorney in Columbus, Ohio.



October 14, 2009

Behind the Scenes at a Civil War Movie

Our Speaker: Michael Kraus is Curator of the Pittsburgh Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum. He is a Civil War re-enactor and sculptor and is currently working on a book on the contributions of the Commonwealths to the Civil War. Mr. Kraus has also served as an advisor on several Civil War films including *Cold Mountain*, *Civil War Minutes* and *Gettysburg*.

November 11, 2009

The Copperheads: Lincoln's Opponents in the North

Our Speaker: Dr. Jennifer Weber is Assistant Professor of Civil War Studies at the University of Kansas. She is the author of *Copperheads: The Rise and Fall of Lincoln's Opponents in the North* and is currently working on several books including a children's book about the battle of Gettysburg and a monograph comparing conscription in the North and South.

December 9, 2009

Three Soldiers and the Negro

Our Speaker: David F. Forte is Professor of Law at Cleveland State University. Professor Forte is an expert on constitutional law, religious liberty, Islamic law, and family rights and has authored or edited several books on these topics. Dr Forte is also an avid Civil War re-enactor.

January 13, 2010

The Annual Dick Crews Debate:
After Grant and Lee, William T. Sherman was the Greatest General of the Civil War

February 10, 2010

The 26th Ohio Volunteer Infantry:
The "Ground Hog Regiment"

Our Speaker: The 26th OVI fought at Stones River, Chickamauga, Kennesaw Mountain, Atlanta, Spring Hill, Franklin and Nashville. Jeff Hill a descendant of two members of that regiment. He is the webmaster of the 26th OVI website and is currently at work on a history of the regiment.

March 10, 2010

Steps Toward War: Two Dramatic Rescues That Led to It

Our Speaker: Nat Brandt is a veteran journalist and historian having worked as an editor at the *New York Times*, *American Heritage*, *Publishers Weekly* and *CBS News*. He is the author of eleven nonfiction books—including *The Town That Started the Civil War* and *In the Shadow of the Civil War: Passmore Williamson and the Rescue of Jane Johnson*, as well as two novels. Mr. Brandt is a recipient of the Douglas Southall Freeman Award for Southern History as well as awards from the Illinois State Historical Society and the New Jersey Press Association.

April 14, 2010

Rutherford Hayes and the 23rd Ohio Voluntary Infantry

Our Speaker: Tom Culbertson is the Executive Director of the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center in Fremont, OH, where he has served in various roles since 1988. Mr. Culbertson has also served on the boards of the Ohio Museums Association, the Society of Ohio Archivists, the Intermuseum Conservation Association, and the Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums.



May 12, 2010

John Wilkes Booth:
Escape and Capture

Our Speaker: Mel Maurer is a retired executive of the Dana Corporation. Mr. Maurer is a lifetime member of the Lincoln Forum, Past President of the CCWRT and currently serves as its Historian. He is a frequent contributor to both the *Charger* and CCWRT website and has presented to the Roundtable many times in the past.