

2026-2027
Quincy Gillmore Civil War Roundtable
Program Schedule

Monday, September 14, 2026
"Shrouded Veteran"
Speaker – Frank Jastrezemski

Frank Jastrezemski, a history graduate from John Carroll University and Cleveland State University, is the author of numerous articles and two books. He is the founder of Shrouded Veterans, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to rescuing the graves of 19th-century veterans, particularly those from the Mexican-American War (1846-1848) and Civil War (1861-1865), by identifying, marking, and restoring them. His completed grave restoration projects can be seen on the Shrouded Veterans Facebook page.

Monday, October 5, 2026
"How Oberlin Erupted into the Hotspot of Abolitionism"
Speaker – Kelly Boyer Sagert

Long before the Civil War, Ohio emerged as one of the nation's most influential centers of abolitionism. Driven by its commitment to equality, education, and social reform, the Oberlin community welcomed African American students, supported the Underground Railroad, and openly challenged slavery. Oberlin residents risked legal consequences to aid freedom seekers and became nationally known for their activism. This presentation explores the people, events, and ideals that transformed Oberlin into a powerful force in the fight against slavery.

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
"Lee Invades the North: A Comparison of the Antietam and Gettysburg Campaigns"
Speaker – Brad Gottfried

After receiving his Ph.D., Brad taught at three colleges before becoming the president of two colleges. At the end of his accomplished career, Brad retired in 2017 as the president of the College of Southern Maryland. He now devotes his time to writing and giving tours of the Antietam battlefield as a certified battlefield guide and the town of Gettysburg as a licensed town guide. He has written 22 books on Civil War subjects. Brad will also speak at other Civil War roundtables in the Cleveland area that week.

The Quincy Gillmore Civil War Roundtable
meets at Lorain County Community College
in the iLoft Building, second floor, room 207.
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.