



DRUM AND BUGLE CALL

MAHONING VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

DATE: Monday, November 12, 2018 @ 6:30 PM

LOCATION: A La Cart Catering, 429 Lisbon Street, Canfield, Ohio 44406

SPEAKER: Dr. Keith R. Miller

“Civil War Battle Tactics in Perspective”

We are pleased to welcome **Dr. Keith R. Miller**, assistant professor of chemistry at Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio. Dr. Miller graduated from Mount Union with a B.Sc. in Chemistry. He furthered his education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he received his Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Biophysics.

Although he chose to become a professor of

biochemistry, Dr. Miller has many interests and hobbies, including researching military battle tactics.

With his presentation tonight, he hopes to demonstrate that, while some scholars consider the American Civil War (1861-1865) to be the first modern war just as others point to the Napoleonic Wars (1803-1815), many of the strategies used by Civil War soldiers on both sides had been around since the 1600s.

Dr. Miller will discuss the origin of line tactics, skirmishing, trench warfare, and the impact of technological advances on Civil War battlefield tactics.

For example, “the skirmish line, which was heavily used in the Civil War, was not unique to the war,” Dr. Miller pointed out in an article published in *The Alliance Review* on October 27, 2017. “These (tactics) are what are being brought to America” by emigrating Europeans.



Ticket to win it: MVCWRT auction set for this month's meeting

During our October meeting you got the chance to view a number of Civil War-related raffle items. Tonight you can buy your tickets: 1 ticket for \$1; 3 tickets for \$2; and 2 arm lengths of tickets—and Bob Lehman has long arms!—for \$10. The raffle will be held after dinner.

Prizes include: framed Lincoln photo from 1929; framed puzzle depicting Chamberlain on Little Round Top; three-volume history by William C. Davis; 12-volume “Voices of the Civil War” series; Lincoln tin; ceramic Lee and Grant whiskey decanters; Gettysburg 150th anniversary

set (bullet, postage stamp, commemorative coin); 1,000-piece Lincoln puzzle; MVCWRT logo hat; and MVCWRT logo shirt.

Special thanks to **Bob Lehman** and **Larry Kravec** for organizing the raffle. Good luck!

Book raffle will be held as usual.

Fall MVCWRT tour highlights “hidden” Gettysburg



A grand tour... About 20 members and friends of the MVCWRT (1) joined Dan Welch, Matt Atkinson, and Rob Orri-son in late September for a tour of “hidden” sites related to the Gettysburg campaign. Stops along the three-day excursion included: (2) Prospect Hall, where Meade received his orders to assume command of the Army of the Potomac; (3) a visit with Gettysburg legend Dean Schultz, whose property borders the rarely visited “Lost Road” which displays (4) the right flank marker of the Army of the Potomac; (5) the Wrightsville (PA) diorama depicting the skirmish that resulted in the burning of Wrightsville’s mile-long covered bridge across the Susquehanna River; (6) an overview of Meade’s original defensive plan, the Pipe Creek Circular; and (7) the Michigan Brigade Monument on East Cavalry Field.

