



DRUM AND BUGLE CALL

MAHONING VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

DATE: Monday, November 11, 2019 @ 6:30 PM

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

SPEAKER: **Eric J. Wittenberg**

"The Devil's to Pay"—John Buford at Gettysburg

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Eric J. Wittenberg is an award-winning Civil War historian. A native of southeastern Pennsylvania, he was educated at Dickinson College and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. He is a partner in the Columbus, Ohio law firm of Cook, Sladoje & Wittenberg Co., L.P.A., where he manages the firm's litigation practice. He and his

wife, Susan, reside in Columbus, Ohio.

Wittenberg is the author of 22 critically acclaimed books on the American Civil War, several of which have won awards, as well as more than three dozen articles published in national magazines. He is in regular demand as a speaker and tour guide, and travels the country regularly on speaking and touring engagements. He is the Program Coordinator for the Chambersburg Civil War Seminars, serves on the boards of trustees of the Central Virginia Battlefields Trust and the Little Big Horn Associates, and often works with the American Battlefields Trust on battlefield preservation initiatives. His specialty is cavalry operations in the Civil War.

Tonight he will discuss Brig. Gen. John Buford at Gettysburg. Buford designed and conducted a brilliant delaying action on the first day of the battle which enabled the Army of the Potomac to hold the battlefield at Gettysburg. Wittenberg's talk will address the specifics of this action in detail, and will also provide insight into the background and qualifications of Buford that led to his being the right person in the right place at the right time. "The Devil's to Pay!"



IN MEMORIUM: Kenneth Chambers (1927-2019)

A long-time member of the Mahoning Valley Civil War Round Table, **Ken Chambers** passed away October 24.

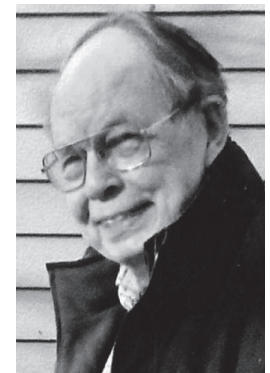
Ken was a veteran of the United States Army, having served as an artillery specialist in World War II and Korea. After being honorably discharged from the Army, Ken returned to the area where he worked for Niles Rolling Mill, which later became RMI Titanium. He retired in 1992 from RMI where he had been a research specialist.

Ken loved history and was active in Civil War preservation. Besides the Mahoning Valley CWRT, he was a member the local World War II Round

Table and a 56-year member of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons.

Ken was an active member of the Mineral Ridge Church of Christ, where he had served as an elder, treasurer, and teacher.

Ken is survived by his wife of 66 years, Maggie; two children; six grandchildren; twin great-grandsons; and several nieces, nephews, and friends.



REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Whether you are an armchair Civil War buff, an amateur historian, or a die-hard reenactor, we would like to know how you became interested in the Civil War. Did your ancestor(s) participate in the conflict? What was your first Civil War experience? Do you remember your first trip to a Civil War battlefield... and if so, what was it that made you want to go back or study the war more?

MARIBETH HARRY: "I was 3 years old when my mom gifted me a Robert E. Lee picture book—at that moment, I was Civil War-hooked, with a Southern bent. Also, Lew Wallace (author of *Ben-Hur*) is my ancestor...."

BOB SCHNEIDER: "Back in 1982, while working in the Quality Department at the Lordstown Fab Plant, our clerk was Bill Meir, who was also treasurer of a fairly new organization in town—the Mahoning Valley Civil War Round Table, which met at Youngstown State University. We talked about Gettysburg and other battles and he invited me to come to a meeting. It was a memorable occasion. One of the highlights of my first meeting was getting to sit at the head table with both Bill and Hugh [Earnhart]. But the real highlight was getting to sit next to Will Green, who was our



speaker that night. I have been involved with the MVCWRT for 37 years now... I took Bill's place as treasurer and also served a term as president."

LARRY GROSS: "I have a degree in history and was trained to be a secondary social studies teacher but never taught. I did teach methods of military instruction while in the US Army (1969-1971) at the South Eastern Signal School, Ft. Gordon, GA. I helped train returning Vietnam NCO's and officers on how to use lesson plans, ask questions, and conduct classrooms. I have always

had a love of history. Every summer vacation, my parents would take me to historic places—Washington DC, Boston, etc. My main claim to fame came at age 16 when I talked my parents into taking me to Gettysburg on July 3, 1963. Yes, 1963! At 1:00 PM, I was at the High Water Mark and watched the Confederate flags representing Pickett's Charge come across the field and up Cemetery Ridge. I don't think there were more than a couple hundred people there for the event! My wife and I have been battlefielding it over the past 30 years, everywhere from Glorieta Pass, NM, to Fort Jefferson in the Dry Tortugas, FL. I have three Civil War ancestors: Nicholas Lisk, C Company, 77th Ohio; Willoughby Morgan, D Company, 116th Ohio; and Jacob Keller, A Company, 85th New York. Jacob Keller was wounded at the Battle of Wyse Fork, NC, in 1864 while opening a rail supply line at Goldsboro, NC, for Sherman. He was in an Army hospital in New Jersey and missed the grand review in DC. Most of his regiment was captured earlier in 1864 during the Battle of Plymouth, NC. The captured were sent off to Andersonville where most of them died."

To share your story, send me an email at dduchek@hotmail.com.

Fall "Southern Pride" print raffle is this month

Ticket sales will continue in November for the "Southern Pride" print raffle. Look for **Mike Miller** at the meeting. The cost is \$5 per ticket.

First prize: A professionally framed and matted black-and-white print (right) of a Confederate Caval-

ryman, signed by Dale Gallon. The date on the print is 1997. The detail is outstanding. It is a full-sized print, the frame measuring 23" x 26". Secondary market value is \$275.

Second prize: A series of black-and-white prints (left) of Generals

Lee, Jackson, Sherman, and Grant; frames measure 12" x 16".

Only 50 tickets will be sold and **the winning tickets will be drawn during this month's meeting.** Winners need not be present.

