



DRUM AND BUGLE CALL

MAHONING VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

DATE: Monday, February 14, 2022 @ 6:30 PM

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

SPEAKER: JON-ERIK GILOT

“A damned set of fools...”

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dation. His first book is slated for publication later this year as part of Savas Beatie's Emerging Civil War series.

Tonight, Jon-Erik will examine the “forgotten” Battle of Philippi, fought in West Virginia on June 3, 1861. Utilizing many first-hand accounts from participants — “Any army marching tonight must be made up of a damned set of fools...” — he will argue that although the action was brief, it was significant because it was the earliest organized land engagement of the Civil War, brought national recognition to key figures, and impacted the push for West Virginia statehood.

Our guest speaker this month, **Jon-Erik Gilot**, is curator of the Captain Thomas Espy Grand Army of the Republic Post in Carnegie, Pennsylvania, and is a contributing historian with Emerging Civil War. A resident of Wheeling, West Virginia, he serves as a historic landmarks commissioner for the City of Wheeling and a board member with the West Virginia Independence Hall Foun-

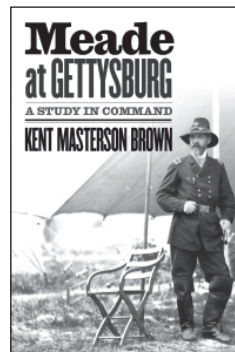


‘Meade at Gettysburg’ earns 2021 Hugh Earnhart award

The Mahoning Valley Civil War Round Table has conferred its 2021 Hugh G. Earnhart Civil War Scholarship Award to Kent Masterson Brown for his new study, *Meade at Gettysburg: A Study in Command*. This is only the third time this award has been presented.

In a plaintive letter to his wife, Gen. George Gordon Meade wrote that his critics would hold that he wasn't even present at the recent victory at Gettysburg. Historian and author Kent Masterson Brown puts that myth to rest with a meticulously researched account of Meade's performance during the Gettysburg Campaign. Brown reviews Meade's actions from the initial appointment to command of the Army of the Potomac until the oft-criticized conclu-

sion of the campaign as Lee's bludgeoned army finds safety in crossing the Potomac river at Williamsport. The author documents his conclusions by utilizing correspondence within the army's officer core in addition to the numerous reports later printed by the government as The Official Records of the War of the Rebellion. He is careful to separate fact from hearsay based on fallout from disappointed officers weeded out during his assumption of command, studies other noted historians' interpretations of



events, and documents why he disagrees with those conclusions. Brown points out Meade's handling of both strategic movements and consolidating his support of his corps commanders with firm leadership. Brown shines in showcasing Meade's daring tactical moves throughout the battle in shifting troops regardless of corps affiliation in support of the Federal defense against furious Confederate assaults, especially on the second day of the battle.

Brown's research and conclusions will be the standard for measuring Meade's performance in his shining victory at Gettysburg. It is with pride that the Hugh Earnhart scholarship award is bestowed on Brown's masterful volume.

Winter raffle of Civil War-related items

Ticket sales will continue this month and in February for a special raffle. The cost is \$5 per ticket or five tickets for \$20. Four drawings will be held at our March meeting:

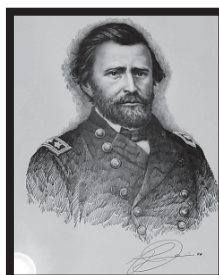
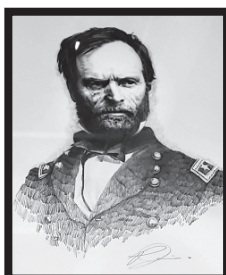
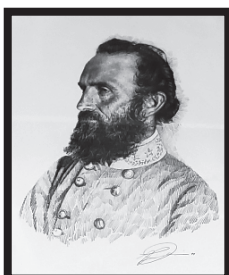
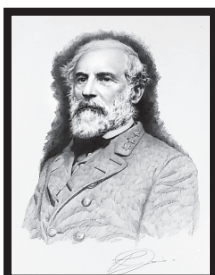
1) A series of black-and-white prints (below) of Generals Lee, Jackson, Sherman, and Grant; frames measure 12" x 16".

2) *Smithsonian Civil War: Inside the National Collection* showcases

150 relics from the Civil War accompanied by compelling narratives about each item.

3) *The Civil War* by Shelby Foote, a comprehensive three-volume history by the renowned writer; beautifully written.

4) *Mathew Brady* by Barry Pritzker, an excellent pictorial appraisal of the noted Civil War photographer's work.



Winter weather

The winter months can be unpredictable in the Mahoning Valley, so it is important to reiterate our winter weather policy: *A La Cart Catering will not close because of severe weather.*

Speakers show up and expect to be compensated for their time/travel. We can't cancel or reschedule; but we hope you will use your best judgment regarding travel conditions on meeting nights.

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