



DRUM AND BUGLE CALL

MAHONING VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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

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

SPEAKER: JOHN C. FAZIO

Assassination plots and plotters

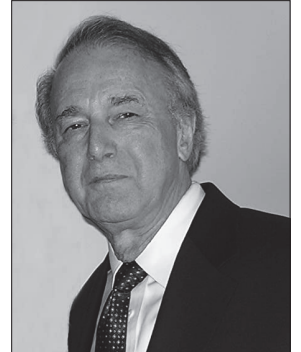
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Our speaker this month, **John C. Fazio**, began studying the Civil War at the age of 16 and has been passionate about it ever since. He earned his B.A. and J.D. from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, and practiced law for 50 years before retiring to focus on his other passion: European and American history with a



major emphasis on the Civil War. A past president and current member of the Cleveland Civil War Round Table, Fazio is a member of the Lincoln Forum, the Surratt Society, the Cleveland Grays, and the Western Reserve Historical Society. He teaches Civil War history at Chautauqua Institution near Jamestown, New York, and is the author of numerous articles. His book, *Decapitating the Union: Jefferson Davis, Judah Benjamin and the Plot to Assassinate Lincoln*, was published in 1995.

Tonight, John will review evidence linking the Confederate Secret Service, as well as Confederate President Jefferson Davis, Secretary of State Judah Benjamin and Secretary of War James Seddon, to the assassination of Abraham Lincoln and the attempted decapitation of the United States government on April 14, 1865. John Wilkes Booth and his team are considered in detail, but only in the context of an underground mosaic that included numerous other individuals and action teams primed to carry out multiple assassinations for the purpose of snatching Southern independence from the jaws of a toothless and chaotic government.

2022 Civil War Symposium highlights events from 1862

The Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall will hold its 2022 Civil War Symposium on Saturday, April 9, 2022.

Marking the 160th anniversary of the second year of the Civil War, the symposium will focus on the events of 1862 as they related to veterans of the Captain Thomas Espy Post, including the battles that scarred them, the medicine that saved them, and the words that freed them.

The symposium will host five dynamic speakers from "Emerging Civil War," a public history-oriented platform for sharing original scholarship related to the Civil War:

• **Chris Mackowski** — *Simply Murder: The Battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia*

• **Drew A. Gruber** — *The Civil War on the Virginia Peninsula, 1862*

• **Dan Welch** — *The Emancipation Proclamation and Western Pennsylvania*

• **Paige Gibbons Backus** — *Dr. Jonathan Letterman's Plan that Changed Military Medicine*

• **Kristopher D. White** — *The Battle of Gaines' Mill, Virginia*

Seating is limited. Tickets are \$60.00 each and include a boxed lunch.

The Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall is located at 300 Beechwood Avenue, Carnegie, Pennsylvania 15106.

Civil War veterans active in America's national pastime

By **MIKE MILLER**

While there likely were more, there is evidence that 30 players and managers, as well as three National League presidents, were Civil War

veterans. Among the most interesting were:

Douglas Allison (1846-1916) was the catcher for the first professional baseball team, the Cincinnati Red Stockings. A private in the 192nd Pennsylvania Infantry, he was the first catcher to use a glove—he used buckskin mittens.

Oscar Bielaski (1847-1911), a right-fielder, was the first Polish-American to play major league baseball. He was a drummer for the 11th New York Cavalry. His father, a captain, died at the Battle of Belmont.

Frank Bancroft (1846-1921) was manager of many teams, including the Cleveland Blues, who had a

record of 375-333. A musician in the 8th New Hampshire Infantry, he was wounded and then served in the Invalid Corps.

William Craver (1844-1901) played for seven years. In 1876, as a player-manager, his team (the New York Mutuals) was expelled from the league for not making a required western trip. Later, Craver was savagely beaten for double-crossing a gambler on a fixed game. He was banned from baseball for life, along with four other players, for fixing three games. Craver had served in the 13th Heavy Artillery Regiment out of New York.

"Play ball!"



A Civil War-era baseball club, circa 1865.