



DRUM AND BUGLE CALL

MAHONING VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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

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

SPEAKER: Michael Kraus

Discovering forgotten Civil War artifacts

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Working as curator in a 112-year-old Civil War memorial building turned museum is the job of a lifetime for tonight's presenter, **Michael Kraus**. Not only



is Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum an iconic public space located in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, but it is also a repository full of artifacts and stories of those who served our country from the Civil War to the present time. Kraus' duties involve sorting and interpreting the collection, a time-consuming process which began in 1999 and led him to some exciting discoveries.

One of the most exciting and relevant discoveries Kraus has made in the Civil War collection of the Soldiers & Sailors was the identification of a body of artifacts—scattered throughout the building—all with ties to one of the most famous early Gettysburg artifact collections. Joel Danner opened a small shop catering to battlefield visitors in 1864 that featured items picked up on the field. Danner built display cabinets for his pieces, selling photographs of the display as well as articles from the shelves. His business operated for forty years. Artifacts that bear his painted number identifiers are among the most interesting and sought-after battlefield artifacts today.

Our program tonight will feature the story of the Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum, highlighting its collection of Danner artifacts.

A twist of fate: "Stonewall Jim" Walker and VMI

By Mike Miller

In 1852, 20-year-old Virginian **James A. Walker** (pictured) was expelled from Virginia Military Institute right before graduation due to a serious conflict with his professor of mathematics, Thomas Jonathan Jackson.

In May of 1863, as Jackson (who came to be known as "Stonewall") was on his deathbed after being wounded at the Battle of Chancellorsville, he requested that none other than James A. Walker be given command of the famed "Stonewall

Brigade." Walker was promoted to brigadier general and commanded the Stonewall Brigade until the end of the Civil War.

For his actions at Culp's Hill during the Battle of Gettysburg, Walker earned the nickname "Stonewall Jim." In 1872, due to his military service, James A. Walker received an honorary degree from VMI!

