



# DRUM AND BUGLE CALL

## MAHONING VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

DATE: Monday, April 10, 2023 @ 6:15 PM

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

SPEAKER: JUDGE WILLIAM F.B. VODREY

### *The New York City Draft Riots of 1863*

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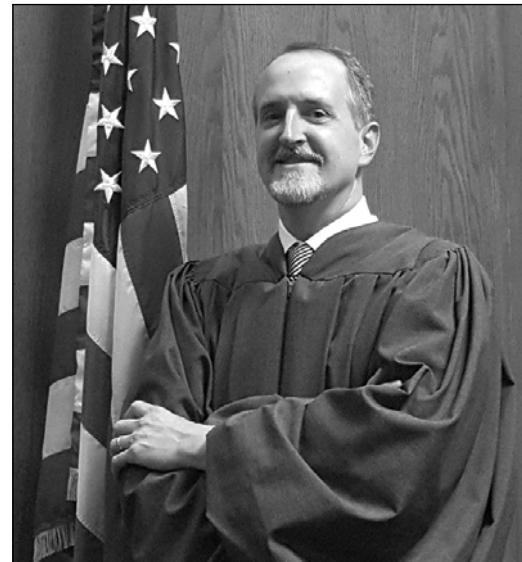
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**William F.B. Vodrey**, a former president of the Cleveland Civil War Roundtable, is a judge of the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. Born and raised in East Liverpool, Ohio, he graduated with honors from Oberlin College, and later received his law degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

Judge Vodrey has been interested in presidential and military history for many years, and often speaks on such topics to roundtables and historical societies. He is a member of the Cleveland Civil War Roundtable, American Battlefield Trust, Blue & Gray Education Society, Ohio History Connection, Friends of Mount Vernon, National History Day, Friends and Descendants of Johnson's Island and the Sons of the American Revolution. He is also a former Civil War reenactor with the 51st Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Co. B, in which he skyrocketed in just five short years to the rank of corporal. His article "George Washington: Hero of the Confederacy?" appeared in *American History* magazine. Judge Vodrey lives in Cleveland with his wife Susan and their three sons.

The New York City Draft Riots of July 13-16, 1863, were by some measures the most bloody and devastating riots in American history. In the midst of the Civil War, violence and terror ruled the streets of our largest city, and battle-weary troops had to be rushed from Gettysburg to help restore order. What began as a protest against the Federal draft quickly degenerated into a racial and social struggle as ugly as any in the Deep South—far more Jim Crow than Big Apple.



### *Maintaining a family military tradition*

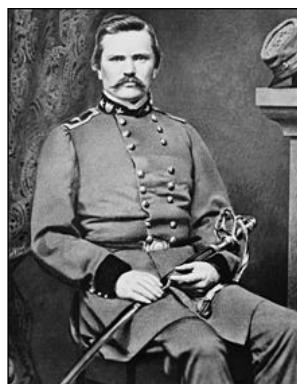
By MIKE MILLER

Simon Bolivar Buckner (1823-1914) was born in Munfordville, Kentucky. He was named after Simón Bolívar, the Venezuelan soldier who led several Latin American countries to independence from Spain. Buckner graduated from West Point and fought in both the Mexican-American War and the Civil War. At Fort Donelson he became the first Confederate general to surrender an army when he accepted General Ulysses S. Grant's demand for an "unconditional surrender."

When Buckner was 62 years old and his second wife was 28, his son, Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr. (1886-

1945), was born. Upon his father's request, President Theodore Roosevelt appointed Buckner Jr. to West Point. After graduating he served two tours in the Philippines and drilled aviator cadets during World War I.

During World War II, Buckner Jr. retook the Alaskan islands of Kiska and Attu from the Japanese. This earned him a promotion to lieutenant general. He then led soldiers at Okinawa, where an artillery shell struck a coral rock—



Simon Bolivar Buckner



Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr.

fragments pierced his chest, killing him. At 58 years old, Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr. is the highest ranking U.S. military officer lost to enemy fire in World War II.