



# DRUM AND BUGLE CALL

## MAHONING VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

DATE: Monday, September 11, 2023 @ 6:15 PM

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

SPEAKER: ERIC J. WITTENBERG

### *Sherman's Carolinas Campaign*

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zines. He is in regular demand as a speaker and tour guide, and travels the country regularly doing both. He 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. He is also the program coordinator for the Chambersburg Civil War Seminars. His specialty is cavalry operations in the Civil War.

During the presentation, you will learn how Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman's campaign through the Carolinas in the spring of 1865 was intended to break the will of Southern citizens in the Carolinas. In particular, Eric will demonstrate how Sherman and his men were eager to take revenge on South Carolina for starting the Civil War.

A partner in the Dublin, Ohio law firm of Cook, Sladoje & Wittenberg Co., L.P.A., where he manages the firm's litigation practice, Eric and his wife, Susan, reside in Columbus.



### 2023-2024 Schedule

September 11, 2023

Eric J. Wittenberg: *"Sherman's Carolinas Campaign"*

October 9, 2023

Bill Griffith: *"Latimer's Battery, CSA, at Gettysburg"*

November 13, 2023

Carlton Young: *"Letters from Veterans and Their Stories"*

December 11, 2023

Bob Schneider: *"Custer"*

January 8, 2024

Tim Brookes: *Topic TBD*

February 12, 2024

Dave Walker and Holly Ray: *"Jefferson and Varina Davis"*

March 11, 2024

Bradley Keefer: *Topic TBD*

April 8, 2024

Codie Eash: *"The First Day at Gettysburg"*

May 13, 2024

Mike Priest: *"Pender's Attack on Seminary Ridge"*

### YOU SHOULD READ... *"President Garfield"*

By DAVID DUCHEK

*"President Garfield: From Radical to Unifier"* by C.W. Goodyear (Simon & Schuster, 2023, 624 pgs.)

This year, our crowded bookshelves have benefitted from a new biography of an often overlooked nineteenth-century POTUS. James A. Garfield is largely forgotten today (unless you're from Cleveland) primarily due to his short tenure in office—just 199 days, 80 of which he spent agonizingly dying. But C.W. Goodyear has resurrected Garfield from the shadows of history to bring us the story of a truly remarkable man who could have become—had he lived—a great president.

The story of Garfield's life is truly an American story. From his hardscrabble beginnings through civil war to elected office in Congress and then the presidency, what comes across is Garfield's incredible intellect... one is left with the

impression that, had his presidency not been cut short by assassination, we would look upon the so called Gilded Age differently today.

The author devotes six chapters to Garfield's Civil War service, depicting his rise from enlistment to his appointment as one of the youngest Union generals. His service ultimately concluded with his election to Congress (while still in the Army) in 1862 where he served until he reached the presidency in 1881.

Garfield served under Gen. William S. Rosecrans in the Army of the Cumberland and they became fast friends; he participated in the Tullahoma Campaign, which included the Battle of Chickamauga.

