



DRUM AND BUGLE CALL

MAHONING VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

DATE: Monday, May 13, 2024 @ 6:15 PM

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

SPEAKER: JOHN MICHAEL PRIEST

Pender's assault on Seminary Ridge

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A retired high school history teacher, **John Michael Priest** has been interested in Civil War history since an early age. He is a graduate of Loyola College in Baltimore and Hood College in Frederick, Maryland, and has written extensively about the Civil War.

His many books include *Antietam: The Soldiers' Battle* (1989); *Before Antietam: The Battle for South Mountain* (1992); *Nowhere to Run: The Wilderness, May 4th & 5th, 1864* (1995); *Victory Without Triumph: The Wilderness, May 6th & 7th, 1864* (1996); *Into the Fight: Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg* (1998); and *"Stand to It and Give Them Hell": Gettysburg as the Soldiers Experienced it from Cemetery Ridge to Little Round Top, July 2, 1863* (2014). Praised by legendary historian Edwin C. Bearss as the "Ernie Pyle" of the Civil War soldier, Priest also appeared on the Discovery Channel's *Unsolved History: Pickett's Charge* (2002).

His newest work, *"Strong Men of the Regiment Sobbed Like Children": The Defeat of John Reynolds' Corps at Gettysburg, July 1, 1863*, is scheduled for release in early summer 2024 by Savas Beatie.

Based upon long existing but certainly overlooked information, John Priest has systematically unraveled how Pender's assault on Seminary Ridge (July 1, 1863) really unfolded. John Batchelder's maps of the fight, while detailed, do not conform to the descriptions from the participants. The primary sources do not indicate a massive frontal assault upon Seminary Ridge. Buford's cavalry did not hold the position south of the Fairfield Road as typically identified. Until now no one has been able to explain how Abner Perrin's regimental formations changed from the start of the attack until its completion.



DEADLINE: May 10, 2024 (Checks payable to MVCWRT)

Name: _____

Number of reservations: _____

\$18.00 per attendee: _____ **Battlefield donation:** _____

Check enclosed: \$ _____

Mail reservation to:

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