



DRUM AND BUGLE CALL

MAHONING VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

DATE: Monday, April 14, 2025 @ 6:15 PM

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

SPEAKER: ROBERT LEHMAN

Union ironclads and their crews

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The Anaconda Plan, devised by Union General-in-Chief Winfield Scott, President Abraham Lincoln, and Secretary of the Navy Gideon Welles, involved two main elements: (1) the naval blockade of the southern coastline; and (2) the division of the Confederacy along the Mississippi River. This military strategy called for an attack by land and naval forces southward from Illinois and Missouri, with a second

assault northward from The Gulf of Mexico. However, the plan failed to take into account the lack of resources to carry out the task. Before the war was over, The Mississippi Flotilla would consist of over 200 various vessels of different sizes and designs, but none were more important than the ironclads. Tonight we'll learn about the design and construction of ironclads, along with the challenges of crewing them and life aboard our first "brown-water navy."

A longtime member of the Mahoning Valley CWRT, **Bob Lehman** was always interested in Civil War, and military history in general. He also reenacted with the 19th OVI along with fellow round table members **Dave Frank** and **Gary Wholf**. Bob was born in Youngstown and raised in Niles. While still in high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was sworn into service in March of 1971. Upon graduating from Niles McKinley he attended boot camp at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Illinois, and was assigned to the *U.S.S. Raleigh* (LPD-1). Upon exiting the Navy he got a job with RMI Titanium where he was ultimately promoted to general foreman of forging operations, retiring after 35 years. Bob and his wife Deb live in Mineral Ridge and the have four children and three grandchildren.



Effect of Confederate shot on the USS Galena, 1862



DEADLINE: Friday, April 11, 2025 (Checks payable to MVCWRT)

Name: _____

Number of reservations: _____

\$18.00 per attendee: _____ Battlefield donation: _____

Check enclosed: \$ _____

Mail reservation to:

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