



DRUM AND BUGLE CALL

MAHONING VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

DATE: Monday, January 12, 2025 @ 6:15 PM

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

SPEAKER: BELINDA WEISS

William McKinley's role in the 23rd OVI

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William McKinley was the last Civil War veteran to be elected President of the United States. He was a

member of the 23rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry where he served alongside another future president, Rutherford B. Hayes. For this reason, the 23rd OVI is also known as the "Regiment of Presidents." McKinley chose to serve after carefully weighing the pros and cons, and he decided that enlisting was something he needed—and wanted—to do. This decision would serve as a foundation for his future career in politics. In particular, a chance encounter with Abraham Lincoln in the aftermath of the Battle of Antietam really stuck with the young McKinley.

Join us as **Belinda Weiss** discusses McKinley's role in the 23rd OVI, that monumental encounter with President Lincoln, and how all of this shaped McKinley's role as the 25th President of the United States.

Belinda earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in history at Youngstown State University. She is director at the National McKinley Birthplace Memorial Museum in Niles, a position she has held for four years. Prior to this Belinda was assistant curator at the Mahoning Valley Historical Society. In addition, Belinda has been an adjunct history professor for Kent State University since 2012. She also has contributed to several anthologies with Schlager Publishing and is currently working on her own book about the McKinley Museum. Belinda has many duties at the museum, including curating exhibits, planning events, cataloguing artifacts, and giving tours; but perhaps one of her favorite things to do is to give presentations. She has spoken to several historical societies and organizations, including the Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution, and she is always researching new topics for future presentations.



DEADLINE: Friday, January 9, 2026 (Checks payable to MVCWRT)

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