



DRUM AND BUGLE CALL

MAHONING VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

DATE: Monday, May 11, 2026 @ 6:15 PM

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

SPEAKER: VICTOR VIGNOLA

The Battle of Fair Oaks (Seven Pines)

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Victor Vignola is a lifelong student of the Civil War. His first book, *Contrasts in Command: The Battle of Fair Oaks, May 31-June 1, 1862* (Savas Beatie, 2023), earned the Fletcher Pratt Award in 2024. His research directly led to the preservation of a twelve-acre parcel of hallowed ground where the Fair Oaks fighting occurred; that parcel

remains the only preserved ground from the Seven Pines (Fair Oaks) battlefield. His shorter work has appeared in *Civil War*, *American Civil War*, and *North and South* magazines, and he conducts Civil War history programs and tours of various sites. Vic retired from executive level management for New York State's Office of Mental Health. He resides with his family in Orange County, New York, home of the 124th New York "Orange Blossoms" Regiment.

Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan steadily marched the Army of the Potomac up the Virginia Peninsula during the spring of 1862 before committing a near-fatal error by placing his inexperienced IV Corps at the tip of the spear south of the flood-prone Chickahominy River. For much of the Peninsula Campaign, the Confederate forces led by Gen. Joseph E. Johnston had fallen back without offering much opposition. However, when Johnston saw the opportunity to strike he crafted an attack plan to crush the exposed IV Corps. Vic's presentation will describes the golden opportunity McClellan presented Confederate leadership at Seven Pines/Fair Oaks on May 31, 1862, a day which developed into one of contrasts regarding leadership and command decisions made by Johnston, James Longstreet, "Bull" Sumner, and others.



DEADLINE: Friday, May 8, 2026 (Checks payable to MVCWRT)

Name: _____

Number of reservations: _____

\$18.00 per attendee: _____ Battlefield donation: _____

Check enclosed: \$ _____

Mail reservation to:

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