

# THE CHARGER

May 2011

477th Meeting

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*Tonight's Program:*

## Ulysses Grant



Born in Point Pleasant and raised in Georgetown, Ohio, little about Hiram Ulysses Grant would have led one to believe he would become the most successful general of the Civil War. He disliked the work at the family tannery, preferring instead work on the family farm, where he became skilled in handling horses. His father obtained an appointment to West Point and, though he did not want it, Grant attended. Ranked 21 of 39 students in the class of 1843, Grant had distinguished himself only in horsemanship.

Serving as a quartermaster during the Mexican War, Grant distinguished himself in battle. Following the war, his service was unremarkable. According to some sources, he was drunk while distributing pay and given the choice of court martial or resigning. He chose the latter. Grant then failed at farming and real estate before taking a position at one of his father's leather goods businesses in Galena, Illinois.

During the war, Grant attained early victories for the North. Forts Henry and Donelson fell to a combined operation led by him and Rear Adm. Foote. Surprised the first day at Shiloh, Grant defeated Confederate forces the second day. He then embarked on the grandest campaign of the war to capture Vicksburg. Made commander of all forces in the west, he won another victory at Chattanooga. Brought east by Lincoln and made commander of all the armies, Grant was in the field with the Army of the Potomac during the Overland Campaign, the siege of Vicksburg, and the capture of Richmond.

*Tonight's Speaker:*

## John Marszalek

John Marszalek is the W. L. Giles Distinguished Professor of History Emeritus at Mississippi State University, Director and Mentor of Distinguished Scholars, and the Executive Director and Managing Editor of the U. S. Grant Association. He is the author or editor of 13 books and over 300 articles and book reviews. He is best known for *Sherman: A Soldier's Passion for Order* (1993) and *The Petticoat Affair: Manners, Mutiny, and Sex in Andrew Jackson's White House* (1998).

**Date: Wednesday,  
May 11, 2011**

**Place: Judson Manor  
1890 E. 107th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio**

**Time: Drinks 6 PM  
Dinner 6:45 PM**

**Reservations: Please Call  
Dan Zeiser (440) 449-9311  
Or email [ccwrt1956@yahoo.com](mailto:ccwrt1956@yahoo.com)  
By 9 pm Sunday before meeting**

**Meal: Rigatoni and meat sauce,  
zucchini and squash, salad, and  
dessert.**

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### MAY 2011

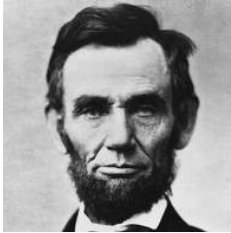
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**CLEVELAND CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE  
2010/2011 SCHEDULE**

September 8, 2010

***Abraham Lincoln's Effect on  
Constitutional  
Interpretation***

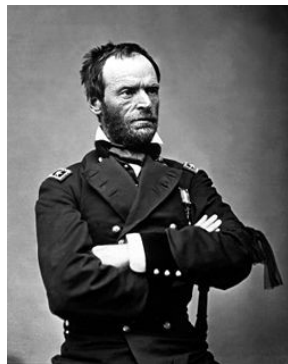


**Wilson Huhn**

October 13, 2010

***William Tecumseh  
Sherman***

**Frank  
Bullock**



November 10, 2010



Dr. Mary Walker

***Civil War Female  
Spies***

December 8, 2010

***Letters From the Front:  
General James A. and  
Lucretia Garfield***

**Ed Haney and  
Deborah Weinkamer**

February 9, 2011

***Lincoln's  
Commando:  
William Cushing***

**William Vodrey**



March 9, 2011

***Dick Crews Annual  
Debate***

*Would foreign intervention have won  
the war for the South?*

**Moderator: William F. B. Vodrey**

April 13, 2011

***The Fight for Money:  
The Income Tax Laws  
Of the Civil War***

**Donald Korb**

May 11, 2011

***Ulysses Grant***

**John Marszalek**



June 8, 2011

***James Garfield Night***

*Garfield's battles in Eastern Kentucky*  
**Scott Longert**

*Letters From the Front: General James A.  
and Lucretia Garfield*  
**Ed Haney and Deborah Weinkamer**

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<http://clevelandcivilwarroundtable.com>

## UPCOMING CIVIL WAR EVENTS

- May 4** - Granville, "Corsets, Crinolines, and Cravats, Historic Civil War Fashion"
- May 5** - Bedford Historical Society, "The War Nobody Knows, How Ohio Won the Civil War," Dr. James Bissland, Prof. Emeritus, BGSU  
Newark, "Mr. Lincoln's Camera Man"  
Hamilton, Panel Discussion: "The Civil War Experience of Butler County"  
Oakwood Village, Lecture: "The War Nobody Knows, How Ohio Won the Civil War"
- May 7** - Springfield, The Springfield Civil War Symposium  
Hudson, Military Order of the Loyal Legion Civil War Mini-Symposium  
Wooster, Civil War Weekend, Living History Re-Enactments, Encampment, Exhibits, and Presenters  
Cleveland, Erie Street Cemetery Workshop  
Pickerington, The Sherman Cannon Visits Pickerington
- May 9** - Minerva, Lecture, "Figuring Out the Causes of the Civil War"
- May 20-22** - Sunbury, Living History Pageant and Reenactment, General William Stark Rosecrans's Department of the Ohio
- May 22** - Olmsted Historical Society - Frostville Museum, our own Mel Maurer will portray Abraham Lincoln during the museum's living history encampment.

### Exhibits

- Massillon, Color in Freedom: Journey Along the Underground Railroad, now through May 22, Massillon Museum
- Sydney, How the Civil War Influenced Life in Shelby County, now through June 30, Ross Historical Center
- Bath, Bath Township During the War of the Rebellion, now through August 28, Bath Township Historical Society
- Wauseon, Hell and Homefront, now through October 30, Fulton County Historical Society

## Ohio Chautauqua 2011: The Civil War June 22-June 26

Hosted by the Lakewood Historical Society and others, Ohio Chautauqua is a five day traveling tent show that presents history in the compelling form of first person historical characterizations. Each night in Lakewood Park, costumed scholars will portray Abraham Lincoln, Mary Edwards Walker, Major Martin Delany, Mary Boykin Chestnut, and Harriet Tubman. There will also be children's workshops, adult programs, Civil War movies, and Civil War era music.

For more information, visit [www.lakewoodhistory.org](http://www.lakewoodhistory.org).

### NEXT MONTH

**GARFIELD'S BATTLES IN EASTERN KENTUCKY - SCOTT LONGERT**  
**LETTERS FROM THE FRONT: GENERAL JAMES A. AND LUCRETIA**  
**GARFIELD - ED HANEY AND DEBORAH WEINKAMER**