

The Cleveland Civil War Roundtable



What are we?

The Cleveland Civil War Roundtable is a social club dedicated to learning more about the American Civil War. Founded in 1956, the CCWRT is one of the oldest such clubs in the country.

What do we do?

Our program each year includes talks by noted historians, authors and members. Past speakers have included Bruce Catton, Shelby Foote, Stephen Ambrose and Ed Bearss. We also host an annual debate and organize a fieldtrip to a Civil War battlefield or historical site.

Who can join?

Anyone interested in the American Civil War can join the Roundtable.

When do we meet?

We meet for dinner and a lecture at 7 pm on the second Wednesday of each month from September through May.

Where do we meet?

We meet at Judson Manor at the corner of East 107th Street and Chester in downtown Cleveland.

What's it cost?

Annual dues are \$40 and dinner costs \$25. You can attend a meeting as a visitor without paying membership dues to see what you think.

How can I find out more?

Go to our website @ clevelandcivilwarroundtable.com.

How can I become a member?

Submit a membership application which you can get from our Treasurer at one of our meetings or on our website.

Roundtable Program for the 2008-2009 Season

September 10, 2008

Varina Davis, First Lady of the Confederacy

Our speaker: Dr. Joan Cashin is an associate professor of history at The Ohio State University and the author of several books and many articles focusing on the social history of the antebellum, Civil War, and Reconstruction eras. Her most recent book, *First Lady of the Confederacy: Varina Davis's Civil War* won the Fletcher Pratt Award for Civil War non-fiction.



October 8, 2008

The Supreme Court During the Civil War

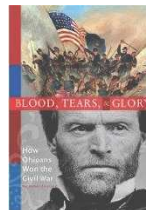
Our speaker: Chris Fortunato is a Cleveland attorney, amateur thespian, and long-time member of the Cleveland Civil War Roundtable. He has spoken before the Roundtable several times in the past.



November 12, 2008

Blood, Tears, and Glory, How Ohioans Won the Civil War

Our speaker: Dr. James Bissland is a writer and associate professor of journalism emeritus at Bowling Green State University. His most recent book is, *Blood, Tears, & Glory: How Ohioans Won the Civil War*.



December 10, 2008

Restoring the USS Monitor

Our speaker: Dr. Sean Brossia is the Director of Research for C.C. Technologies Laboratories, Inc., the company working to save the metal artifacts from the Union ironclad, USS *Monitor*.



January 14, 2009

The Dick Crews Annual Debate

Abraham Lincoln (Mel Maurer) debates Jefferson Davis (John Fazio) in response to questioning by a reporter (William Vodrey) at an imagined peace conference at Hampton Roads, VA in February, 1865.

February, 11, 2009

The Great Emancipator as Lawyer

Our speaker: Dr. Paul Finkelman is the President William McKinley Distinguished Professor of Law and Public Policy and Senior Fellow in the Government Law Center at the Albany Law School and the author of over 20 books and 100 scholarly articles.



March 11, 2009

Meet Me at the Fair: The Northern Ohio Sanitary Fair of the Cleveland Chapter of the U.S. Sanitary Commission

Our speaker: Tim Daley is the Executive Director of the Cleveland Masonic Library & Museum, a docent with the Cuyahoga County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument and serves on the Board of the Society for Women and the Civil War.

April 8, 2009

The Fight for Money: The Income Tax Laws of the Civil War

Our speaker: Donald Korb is Chief Counsel of the Internal Revenue Service and has spent more than thirty-two years in the practice of tax law.

May 13, 2009

The Fighting McCooks

Our speaker: Barbara Whalen is a former newspaper columnist, radio & television writer, and advertising executive. Together with her husband, former U.S. Congressman Charles Whalen, she has co-authored four nonfiction books including *The Fighting McCooks - America's Famous Fighting Family*.

