Northeast Ohio Civil War Roundtable

THE COURIER



Phillip Seyfrit - Curator of The Battle of Richmond Museum

When the Battle of Richmond's Visitor Center opened to the public in October 2008, Phillip Seyfrit was the Madison County Director of Historical Properties. With the 1811 Rogers Home as the future Visitor Center, Phillip had a lead role in the design, preparation and preserving it as a witness to the Battle. The home would serve as a hospital for both sides after troops retreated. Phll has been dedicated to honoring and preserving the area where Union and Confederate Kentuckians lost their lives. He has been the Museum's Curator since 2007 and has worked tirelessly to refurbish state historic highway markers, placing 13 interpretative signs in the Battlefield Park, and adding 11 more markers at key locations. He is a graduate of EKU's unique PreK-12 public Model Laboratory School, Eastern Kentucky University, and the Mid-America College of Funeral Service. His involvement in the Madison County Civil War Roundtable and the Central Kentucky World War II Roundtable helps Richmond residents preserve, honor, and promote the rich history of the area.

Join us for a special evening as we learn of the other "Battle of Richmond."

Invite a guest

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026

SPEAKER, PHILLIP SEYFRIT

THE BATTLE OF RICHMOND KENTUCKY AUGUST 29-30, 1862

Northeast Ohio Civil War Roundtable

*** *Evening Schedule* ***

Social-6:00p.m. Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Program-7:30 p.m.

Member - $30.00 Non Member - $40.00

Guests Welcome

RSVP Required by Friday, March 6, 2026

RSVP Contact - Event Coordinator, Franco

(440) 567-2414 or Email: francomichael2414@yahoo.com

Venue - Pine Ridge Country Club 30601 Pine Ridge Rd. Wickliffe, OH

PRESIDENT DALE FELLOWS' MESSAGE



President Dale Fellows

Hello everyone. So glad that the weather is getting better!

Our February meeting was very well attended once again, and our members and guests were treated to a wonderful program by 3 First Ladies!

Lady Washington, First Ladies Mary Todd Lincoln and Lucretia Garfield were gorgeous in their dress, very informative and engaging.

It was a great way to celebrate the month of 'President's Day'.

Our upcoming program on March 10th promises to be unique, as we will learn about the Battle of Richmond, Kentucky.

My friend, Phil Seyfrit is excited to join us and share the story of this little known but important battle.

I hope you can all join us, and I know we are looking forward to seeing Franco back where he belongs!



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Welcome New Members

Ryan Bailey
Dave Dieffenbacher
Mayor Bob Fiala

Thank You to our
Cookie Baker Michelle Day
for the delicious
Valentine Cookies





March Birthdays

March 18 - Bob Moster
March 25 - Pam Fraser
March 28 - John Kegg
March 29 - Cyndy Sperrazzo

Some NEOCWRT Info ….

February Executive Board



1. ***Keeping You Informed***
   Kenny Godnavec will have NEOCWRT's Debonne wine to sell at the March dinner program. Not many bottles remain, so get it while it's available.
2. ***$10.00 a bottle.***
   Books, Books, Books…we have numerous books that have been generously donated and would like to offer them to our Roundtable members and guests. Please feel free to add them to your own collection or offer them to others.



"We make a living by what we get. But we make a life by what we give."
Winston Churchill

March 2026 - June 2026 Speaker Schedule
President, Dale H. Fellows

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Speaker - Phillip M. Seyfrit
Curator for the Battle of Richmond Visitors Center
"Battle of Richmond, Kentucky"

April 14, 2026
Kit (Chris) Whipple
Cleveland Historian

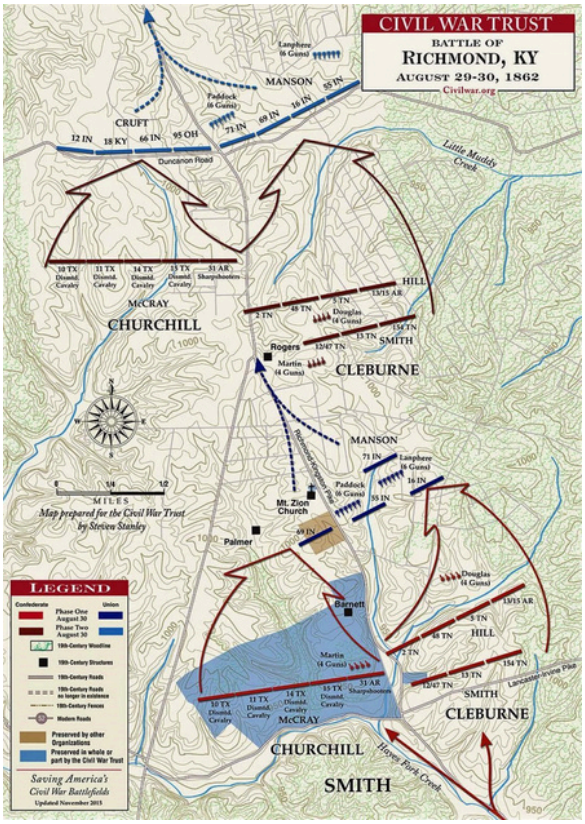
"Civil War - Camp Cleveland"

May 12, 2026
Brian Kowell
Member - Cleveland Civil War Roundtable
"Horses of the Civil War"

June 9, 2026
American 250 Celebration
and
Christopher Long - Roosevelt's D-Day Prayer

Courier Editor, Tena Kegg
March 2026

THE BATTLE OF RICHMOND, KENTUCKY



August 29 - 30, 1862



GOVERNOR MAGOFFIN'S NEUTRALITY means holding THE COCK OF THE WALK (*Uncle Sam*) while THE CONFEDERATE CAT (*Jeff Davis*) kills off his Chickens.

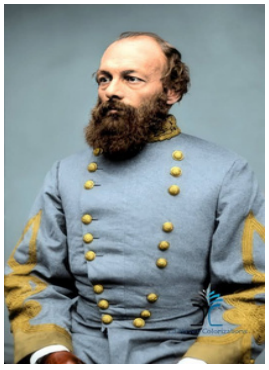


Union General & Kentuckian William "Bull" Nelson

"Boys, if they can't hit something as big as I am, they can't hit anything." Bull Nelson

Before the campaign General Smith stated, "There is yet time for a brilliant summer campaign," and expressed willingness to cooperate with Gen. Bragg, saying, "I will not only cooperate with you, but will cheerfully place my command under you".

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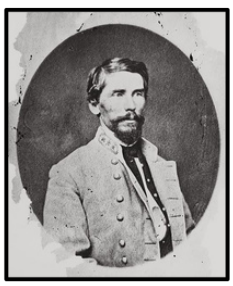


Confederate General Edmund Kirby Smith

Union Brigadier General Mahlon Dickerson Manson

He was wounded in the thigh and captured by Confederate forces at the Battle of Richmond, Kentucky. He was exchanged two months later and fought Morgan on his raid into Ohio.





Confederate Major General Patrick Cleburne

At the Battle of Richmond Kentucky, Cleburne was wounded in the face when a minie ball pierced his left cheek, smashed several teeth, and exited through his mouth, but he recovered in time to re-join Hardee and Bragg and participate in the Battle of Perryville.

Battle of Richmond	
Commanders and leaders	
William "Bull" Nelson (WIA)	**Edmund Kirby Smith**
Units involved	
Army of Kentucky (Union)	**Army of Kentucky (Confederate)**
Strength	
6,850	6,500
Casualties and losses	
5,353 total [206 killed 844 wounded 4,303 captured/missing]	**451** total [78 killed 372 wounded 1 missing]





August 30, 1862 Captain Travis Henderson, Co G, 32nd Texas Cavalry (dismounted) captured/found the pictured 34-star American flag at Richmond, Kentucky. His descendants donated the 25.5" x 20" banner in 1939, and it is now part of the collection of the United Daughters of the Confederacy at the Texas Civil War Museum, Ft Worth, Texas.

Logan County, Ohioan, Otis William Smith enlisted in the army on August 8, 1862, mustering into Company G, 95th Ohio infantry on August 18th. He was one of many Union soldiers captured at the Battle of Richmond, and was soon paroled. February 22, 1865 he was awarded the Medal of Honor for the December 16, 1864 capture of the 6th Florida Infantry at Brentwood Hills near Nashville. April 1, 1865 he was promoted to Corporal and mustered out of service on August 14, 1865, at Louisville, Kentucky.





Union Brigadier General Charles Cruft



A native of Terre Haute, IN, Charles Cruft was born January 12, 1826. An 1842 graduate of Wabash College, he had numerous jobs as bank bookkeeper, teacher, lawyer (admitted to the Indiana bar in 1848), president of the St. Louis, Alton, and Terre Haute Railroad (1855-1858), newspaper publisher of the Wabash Express (1861-1872),and also in 1861 forming a law practice with his partner "Colonel" John P. Baird (Colonel of the 85th Indiana Volunteer Infantry). A 1861 Washington, DC business trip introduced him to war when he witnessed firsthand the First Battle of Bull Run (Manassas). Returning to Indiana, he raised the 31st Indiana Volunteer Infantry and on September

20, 1861 his friend IndianaGovernor OliverP.Morton appointedhimas its Colonel.

He was wounded at the Battle of Fort Donelson, then severely wounded at Shiloh's "Hornets' Nest" and on July 16, 1862, he was promoted to Brigadier General. At the Battle of Richmond under "Bull Nelson's command, Cruft would lead his inexperienced 2nd Brigade which included the infantries of the 12th & 66th Indiana, 18th Kentucky, and the 95th Ohio. They suffered the brunt of the Confederate's assault with the wounding once again of Cruft.

Additional conflicts

Perryville - present, not engaged
Stones River, Chickamauga,
Chattanooga
(in the fight for Lookout Mountain)
Franklin
Nashville
(including US Colored Troops)

President Lincoln nominated him to brevet Major General of Volunteers with confirmation by the Senate on March 10, 1865. Mustering out on August 24, 1865, he returned to Terre Haute and his law practice. again with partner Colonel Baird. He was actively involved in his Freemason Lodge. Never marrying, Charles Cruft would die on March 23, 1883 and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, IN.

The Battle of Richmond
2nd Brigade General Cruft
12th Indiana Infantry
66th Indiana Infantry
18th Kentucky Infantry
95th Ohio Infantry

12TH INDIANA INFANTRY



Commander
Colonel William Hardy Link
March 2, 1821 - September 20, 1862

Colonel William Link was born in Rockbridge County, VA. His family would move to Knox County, OH, then later to Newark, OH. William taught school in Circleville, OH, and would enlist, elected as a major in the 2nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Mexican War. In 1850, he moved to Ft. Wayne, IN working as a cooper becoming a partner in the barrel hoop manufacturing industry. His military service continued and he joined the Kekionga Guards (formed 1858) with the rank of major.

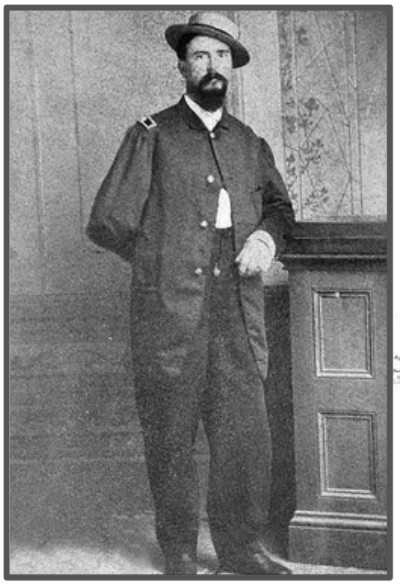
Civil War outbreak led Link and two others to form the one year 12th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. April 22, 1861 Link was appointed lieutenant colonel and promoted July 28, 1861 to lieutenant colonel. The 12th Indiana mustered out May 1862 but reorganized mid-August 1862 for another three years with Link as their commander. Very quickly they were ordered to Richmond, KY, arriving August 24th, with Colonel Link taking command of the Federal forces.

According to Major General Lew Wallace August 24th...
"Link's brigade reached the place in time and is now ready to defend it. Link has three regiments and three field pieces...Link will whip the rebels if they attack him."

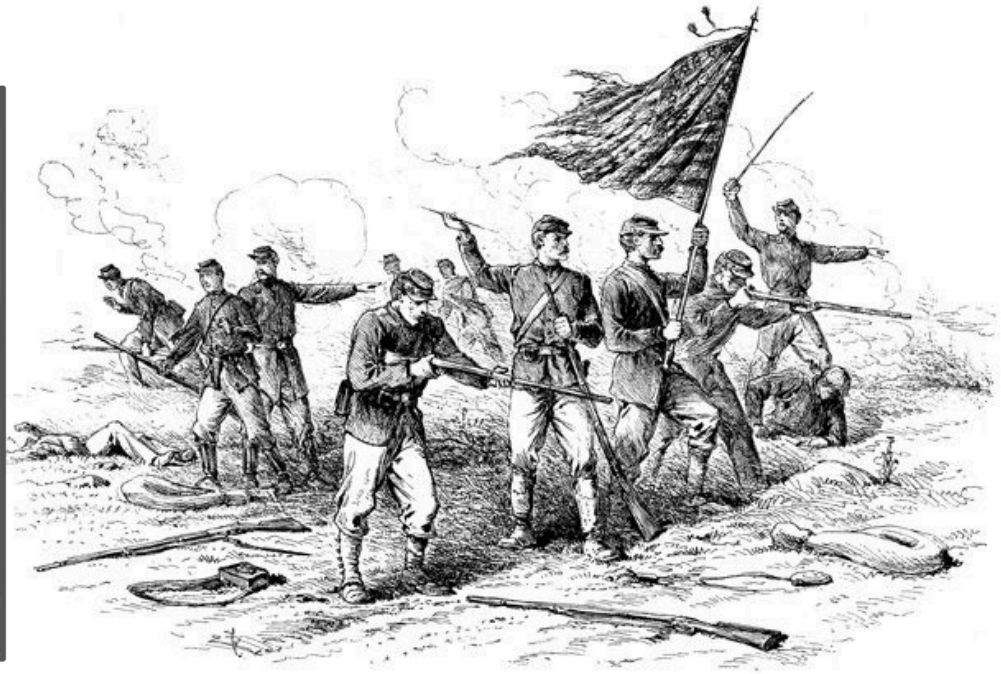
August 30, 1862 the 12th was heavily engaged with Colonel Link rallying his troops when he was shot and his left femur was shattered. His leg was amputated but on September 20, 1862 while recuperating at the William Holloway house across from the Richmond Cemetery he would pass away. Colonel Link is the highest-ranking Union officer killed or mortally wounded at the Battle of Richmond.

95TH OHIO INFANTRY REGIMENT

Active-August19, 1862- August19,1865
Organized at Camp Chase - Columbus, OH



95th Ohio Infantry Commander
Colonel William Linn McMillen



Making a stand around their colors
Battle of Richmond Union troops
Battlefield sketch artist Edwin Forbes

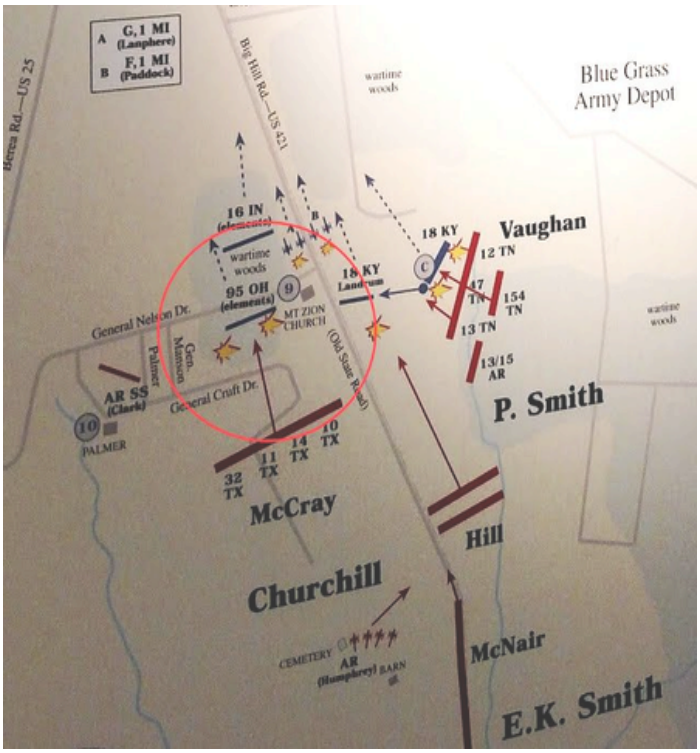
95th Ohio's Last Position

was near Mount Zion Church (position circled on pictured map) shows the latter portion of Phase I fighting. The regiment originally deployed south of the church and was ordered to charge the Confederate battery located adjacent to an old cemetery near Pleasant View Farm. (Map from Battle of Richmond Visitors' Center)

95th Ohio
Battle of Richmond

Regimental losses

26 men killed, 86 wounded,
2 missing, 540 captured:
a loss of 75%



Madison County Courthouse Richmond, Kentucky



About 4300 Union prisoners were captured at The Battle of Richmond with around 1200 of them held at the Madison County Courthouse within its surrounding iron fence.
The same iron fence now surrounds the Richmond Cemetery that saw action of Mahlon and Crufts' men (including the 95th Ohio) in the 3rd phase of the battle.



Photo Credit: Well-trained Confederate artillerists serve their guns in Keith Rocco's painting.

MT, ZION CHURCH
RICHMOND, KENTUCKY

Built 1848-1852 - Dedicated June 7, 1852





1989
National Register of Historic Places

Attendees would include both slaveholders and their slaves

A yellow flag denoted its use early August 30th as a field hospital

Confederate artillery shells remain on its south side

SURGEONS AT MT. ZION CHURCH



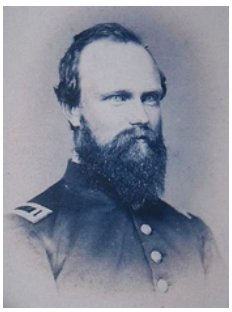
Dr. John A. Blackwell



Dr. William Lomax Surgeon-In-Charge



Dr. John Alexander Campfield October 1862 one of the last surgeons to leave Richmond



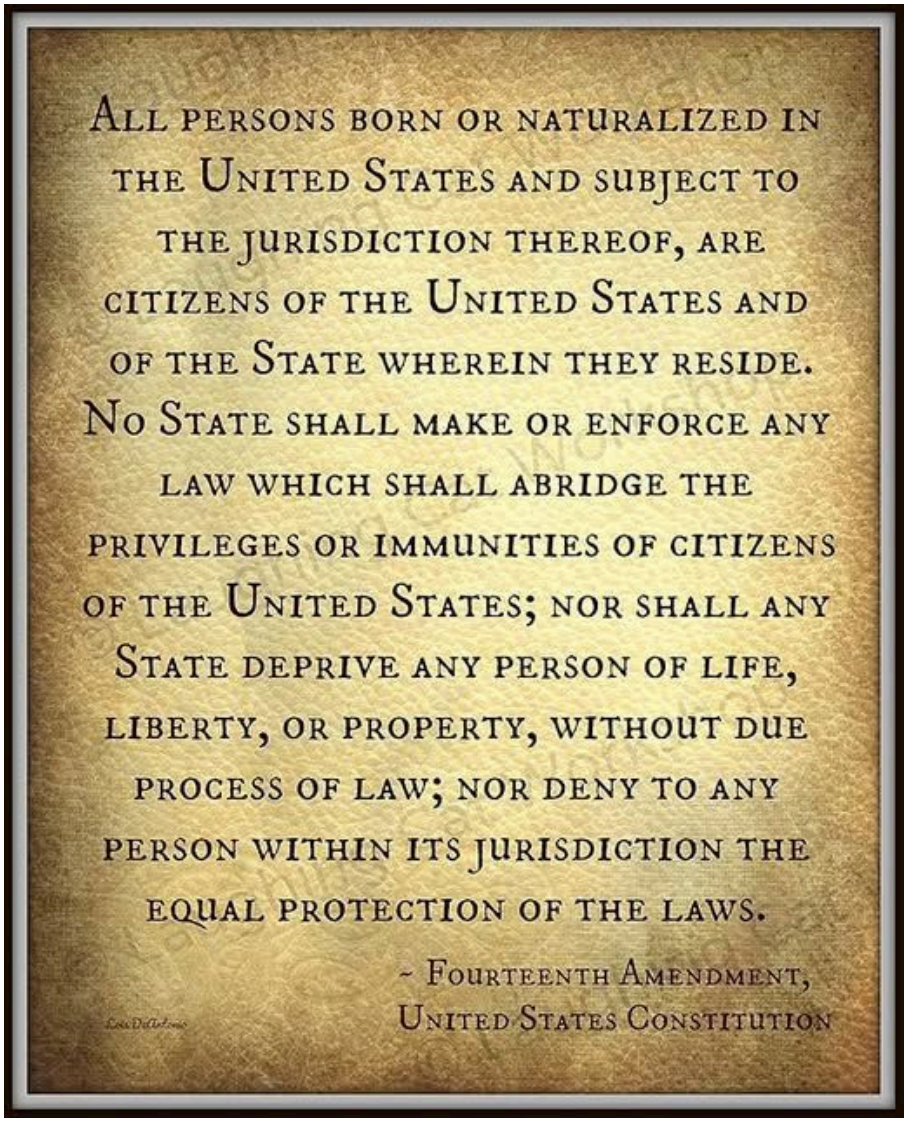
Dr. Alfred Bryan Taylor October 1862 was with the last group of surgeons as they escorted the ambulance train from Richmond

Interesting Ohio History Notes.....

Ohio Timeline of the 14th Amendment

- ***Initial Ratification***
- ***January 4, 1867***
- ***Rescinded***
- ***January 15, 1868***
- ***Final Outcome***
- ***July 9, 1868***
- ***Congress deemed this was invalid. It was adopted into the Constitution***
- ***Re-ratification***
- ***September 17, 2003***
- ***~~Ohio officially~~ recognized the 14th Amendment***

Shown is the 1st Section of the 14th Amendment



Honoring women who dedicated their lives serving others.....



"Let the generations know that women in uniform also guaranteed their freedom."
Dr. Mary Edwards Walker

Clara Barton





Elizabeth Packard

"Live life when you have it. Life is a splendid gift-there is nothing small about it."
Florence Nightingale

inBorn in Zanesville, OH, Sharon Ann Lane was the daughter of John and Mary "Kay" Lane. They moved to North Industry, OH. Sharon would graduate from Canton South HS in Canton, OH in June 1961, then graduating in 1965 from Canton's Aultman Hospital School of Nursing and working at the Aultman Hospital. She would also attend Canton Business College. Sharon joined the US Army Nurse Corps Reserve on April 18, 1968. She would serve in South Vietnam beginning April 24, 1969 as a 1st Lieutenant at the Army's 312th Evacuation Hospital in Chu Lai as a general duty staff nurse in the Intensive Care and Vietnamese wards. She is the only servicewoman of eight who lost her life June 8, 1969 due to hostile fire in Vietnam. Posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device for her bravery attempting to save her patients. On June 14, 1969, she received a military funeral and burial in Canton.



1st Lieut. Sharon Ann Lane

Mentor Library Programs

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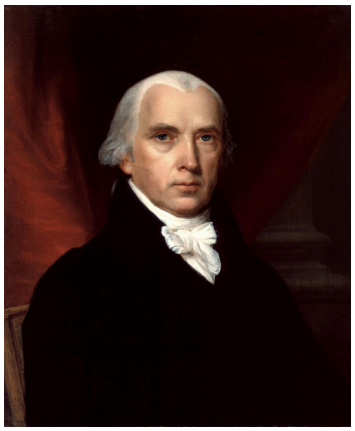


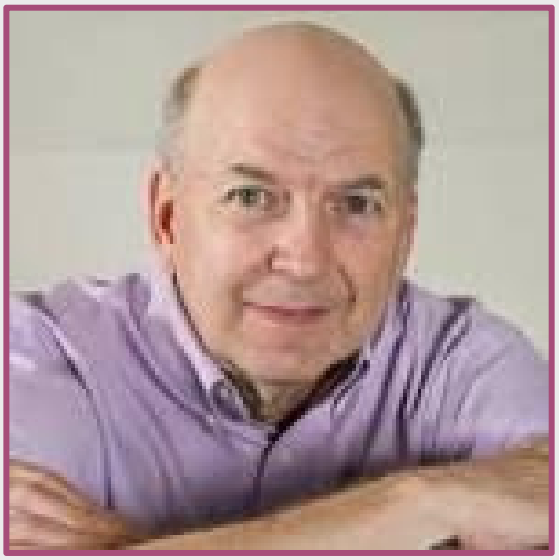
Tuesday, March 26, 2026
6:30pm – 8:00pm
Main Branch - Village Room

James Madison: The Forgotten Founder

James Madison played a crucialrole in thecreation ofthe Constitutionand the Bill of Rights. Learn more about the fourth President of the United States. Presented by Reference Librarian Traci Hoffman.

REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 12th





Tuesday, March 31, 2026
6:30pm – 7:30pm
Main Branch - Village Room

Cleveland Sports with Terry Pluto

For decades, few voices have captured the heartbreak, hope, and hard-earned triumphs of Cleveland sports quite like Terry Pluto. His long career reflects not only deep knowledge of the games themselves, but a lifelong connection to the fans, traditions, and moments that make Cleveland sports unforgettable. We are thrilled to have an evening with Terry Pluto as he shares his new book, "Why Can't This Team Just Find a Quarterback?: And Other Thoughts of Life on Browns Town." Books will be available for purchase and have signed.

REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 17th