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Northeast Ohio Civil War Roundtable

The Courier

President Dale H. Fellows
Quality, Education, Fellowship
November Meeting #246

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Speakers - C. Ellen Connally & David J. Goldberg

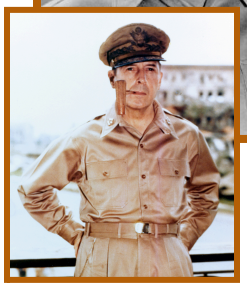
"Life of General Douglas McArthur"











We welcome two guest speakers who have served the Northeast Ohio community through leadership. Cleveland native, the Honorable C. Ellen Connally, began her judicial career as a law clerk for Ohio's 8th District Court of Appeals, then served as a trial referee in the Probate Division. In 1980, she was the first African American female elected judge in Ohio without first being appointed. In 2004, Judge Connally retired from the Cleveland Municipal Court. Her distinguished career has included teaching, serving on the Executive Board of CCWRT and so much more. We are pleased to welcome her son, Seth, a veteran of the Iraq War on this 2025 Veterans Day.

Second guest speaker, author Dr. David J. Goldberg, is a professor emeritus at Cleveland State University. His journal articles offer a wide variety of subject topics. Baseball fans may want to ask if Dr. Goldberg has completed his book "Boston, Baseball and American Life in the mid-1950s."

Evening Schedule

Doors open - 5:45 p.m.
Social-6:00 p.m. Dinner-6:35 p.m. Program-7:45 p.m.
Dinner & Program
Members-$30.00 Non-Members-$40.00
Guests Welcome

RSVP is Required by Friday, November 7, 2025
RSVP Contact - Event Coordinator, Franco
(440) 567-2414 Email: francomichael2414@yahoo.com



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

History remembers General Douglas MacArthur as top commander of the Army of WWII and Korean War. The evening promises to be a fascinating program about a complicated man. From his birth in Little Rock, AR, January 26, 1880 to his death in Washington, DC at age 85 April 5, 1964, MacArthur's personal and military life was full. Check out online a 1951 44-second recording of his words to a joint session of Congress. We look forward to our distinguished speakers' program. Come prepared with questions for the Q&A. As always, please invite a guest.

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"You Are Invited"

Tuesday, November 11, 2025



"Life of General Douglas MacArthur"

October 20, 1944
"I have returned"





Speakers
Retired Judge
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&
Cleveland State
Professor Emeritus
David J. Goldberg



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President Dale Fellows
November 2025



Hello Fellow Members,

Another wonderful evening was had by all that joined us on October 14th to hear President Abraham Lincoln reflect on the War, his Generals, and his Cabinet.

The food and camaraderie was great as always, and we are looking forward to another educational evening on Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11th!

Please join us if you can, to learn about one of our most important Generals, Douglas MacArthur.

Also, don't forget about our field trip in March to Williamsburg, Virginia. There is still space available. Give me a call if you have any questions or would like to join us.

With the holiday season now here, we hope that everyone stays healthy, happy, and safe.



Fall 2025 - Spring 2026 Speaker Schedule

President, Dale H. Fellows

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September 9, 2025
Tom McMillan - author
"From Rebellion to Independence, 1775-1776
The Year That Made America"

October 14, 2025
Speaker - Mel Maurer
Past President CCWRT
"An Evening with President Abraham Lincoln"

November 11, 2025
Speakers - C. Ellen Connally
retired judge, Cleveland Municipal Court
David J. Goldberg
retired professor of History, Cleveland State
"Life of General Douglas MacArthur"

December 9, 2025
Mark Dawidziak
"A Holiday Evening with Mark Twain"

January 13, 2026
Speaker - Judge William Vodrey
"Lincoln's Commando:
William Cushing and the Sinking of the CSS Albemarle"

February 10, 2026
First Ladies
Martha Washington - Nancy Fellows
Mary Lincoln - Marian King
Lucretia Garfield - Debbie Weinkamer

March 10, 2026
Speaker - Phillip M. Seyfrit
Curator for the Battle of Richmond
Visitors Center
"Battle of Richmond"

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

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2021 - 2022 - Scott Hagara (24)
2022 - 2023 - Paul Siedel (25)
2023 - 2024 - Tena Kegg (26)
2024 - 2025 - Darrell Schneider (27)
2025 - 2026 - Dale H. Fellows (28)

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November Birthdays

November 4 - Franco Sperrazzo
November 5 - Bill Meissner
November 8 - Louise Watson-Mills
November 20 - Steve Abbey

October 28, 2025 Executive Board Happenings

1. ***Pine Ridge Doors - Open 5:45 p.m.***
2. ***Dinner served - 6:30 p.m.***
3. ***Grow your Roundtable - Invite, Invite, Invite - History Loving Family and Friends***
4. ***Encourage a guest to become a member of our Roundtable***
5. ***Dues/Dinner Cost Clarification - If you were an Inactive Member (did not pay membership dues) in 2024-2025, you remain an Inactive Member for 2025-2026 until receipt of your 2025-2026 dues. Until then your dinner cost is $40.00.***
6. ***We invite members to attend the Williamsburg March 26-30, 2026 field trip. Contact President Dale Fellows ASAP (216) 299-2330 to allow for enough rooms to be available at the discounted rate quoted on the flyer in this month's Courier***

Thanks to our Roundtable Baker
Michelle Day
for not one, but two, varieties of delicious apple cider cookies

Saturday, November 1, 2025
19 happy, tired, now more knowledgeable attendees after the "Garfield Family and Friends" Lake View Cemetery Tour led by Dave Lintern





We are truly blessed to have many in our Roundtable Members and Family who have sacrificed by serving our country so we as Americans can enjoy the benefits of freedom. Our gratitude and thanks to each of them. May we continue to honor those in the present and who have gone before by being responsible citizens. Thank a Veteran.

Hear ye, Here ye
Calling all members
2025 - 2026
Renew Membership Dues Drive



If you have not done so, it is time to support the 2025-2026 Roundtable with payment to renew your membership dues. Your dues support NEOCWRT and enable us to continue to welcome and enjoy quality speakers at our monthly dinner programs. Treasurer George Maier will accept your payment in Cash or Check at the Welcome Table, Tuesday, November 11, 2025.

Special Request

If paying by check….
please write a separate check for dues
and a separate check for dinner

Important Note 2025-2026 Membership Dues…..

Membership dues should be paid no later than November 30, 2025
Renewing your membership,
Enjoy a member $30.00 dinner cost,
Avoiding increase to a nonmember $40.00 dinner cost
which goes into effect December 9, 2025
2025-2026 Renewal Membership Dues
Single - $55.00 Couple - $75.00

Important Note regarding any 2024-2025 Inactive Member

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Courier contributor John Sandy continues with Part II of his series highlighting the area of our Roundtable's March 26-30, 2026 field trip...

The Army of the Potomac at Harrison's Landing

Part II - "On to Richmond"

By John Sandy

On March 5,1862, General Joseph Johnston telegraphed Confederate President Jefferson Davis to inform him of his intentions to redeploy the soldiers under his command at Centerville and Manassas, Virginia. Johnston's new line of defense would be on the south bank of the Rappahannock River near Fredericksburg. Johnston believed that his 42,000-man force would not be able to defend the Centerville Manassas line against McClellan's 120,000-troops.

McClellan was responsible for planning and supervising the construction of 42 artillery forts, battlements, and gun emplacements around Washington. These defenses were staffed by 20,000 Federal soldiers. General McClellan also deployed more than 58,000 troops to guard the approaches to the Shenandoah Valley, at Harper's Ferry and the city of Baltimore to ensure adequate support against any potential Confederate assault upon the US capital. However, President Lincoln and Secretary of War Edwin Stanton would come to strongly disagree with McClellan's security arrangements for the capital.

President Lincoln agreed to approve McClellan's Peninsula Campaign proposal down Chesapeake Bay, provided he left enough troops to ensure the safety of Washington. Secretary of War Stanton ordered General James Wadsworth, commander of the Washington garrison, to analyze the number and the quality of the troops assigned to protect the capital. Wadsworth, a professed abolitionist and Radical Republican, was no friend of McClellan's. He reported to Stanton that Washington was vulnerable to Confederate attack. There were less than 20,000 men assigned to the Washington garrison and most of them were "imperfectly disciplined, and untrained." Consequently, Stanton withheld Irvin McDowell's First Corps, numbering 40,000 men from joining McClellan down on the Virginia Peninsula. McClellan needed the Ist Corps to effectively surround Richmond and to guard his supply lines and lines of communication.



Heavy cannon guarding the approaches to Washington, D.C. - Library of Congress

On April 3, 1862, after a series of Union victories at Ft. Henry, Ft. Donaldson, Shiloh, New Madrid, and Pea Ridge, Secretary of War Stanton decided to close all the government recruiting offices in anticipation of the surrender of the Southern Confederacy. This action by Stanton would later result in major Federal troop shortages and endangered operations against Robert E. Lee and the Army of Northern Virginia.

General Lee read northern newspapers whenever possible so that he could discern usable intelligence regarding Federal troop movements. Upon reading of McClellan's plan to invade the Virginia Peninsula, Lee directed General Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson to take his 17,000 troops to engage the Union forces in the Shenandoah Valley. This operation was intended to provide Lee with enough time to organize an impregnatable defense of Richmond and prevent McClellan from besieging the city. Lee knew that if McClellan succeeded in surrounding Richmond and launched a sustained artillery assault, the city would be forced to surrender. General Lee ordered the mobilization of troops from across the Confederacy to reinforce Richmond's defenses. He also ordered the digging of extensive trenchworks around the city. The Richmond newspapers called Lee the "King of Spades."

McClellan's siege mortars - Library of Congress



McClellan's initial target was the fort and readouts protecting Yorktown, situated on the Warwick and York Rivers. The approaches to Yorktown were restricted by marshes, swamps, and dense vegetation. The roads were impassable due to heavy rain and axle deep mud.

McClellan's maps were horribly inaccurate and unreliable. The Confederate forces, numbering approximately 13,000 under General "Prince" John Magruder, held a 12-mile-long line of redoubts and rifle pits. McClellan commanded an attacking force of 58,000 troops led by Generals Samuel Heintzelman and Erasmus Keyes. The Confederate defenders employed 8" and 10" Columbiad artillery and heavy naval cannons to secure all the approaches to their fortifications. Although seriously outnumbered, Magruder's Rebels successfully defended the approaches against repeated Union assaults. Persistent rainfall, challenging terrain, and the fortified defenses consistently hampered the Union efforts at Yorktown.

McClellan finally ordered up his heavy siege guns. It took a month for the weather to clear and for the heavy siege guns to be placed. The Rebels, aware that they could no longer hold the Warwick Yorktown line, retreated fifteen miles north to Williamsburg. General Joseph Johnston brought in more reinforcements to enhance the Rebel defenses at Williamsburg and around Richmond.

General Joseph Hooker and General Phillip Kearny attacked Confederate forces commanded by General D.H. Hill and General James Longstreet at Williamsburg. General Winfield Scott Hancock's brigade attacked the Confederate left flank, forcing the Rebels to retreat. Meanwhile, Navy steamers transported General William Franklin's division up the York River to West Point. A supply depot was secured on the north banks of the Pamunkey River at White House Landing. (Historical Note: On January 6, 1759, George Washington married Martha Dandridge Custis at this same house. This was also the house and property where Robert E. Lee courted Mary Custis, the granddaughter of George and Martha Washington. The docks and loading area of the Richmond and York River Railroad provided vital transportation for moving supplies and equipment to assist the Army of the Potomac in its planned assault on Richmond.)



"General Phillip Kearny at the Battle of Williamsburg" by Alfred Waud, 1862 - Library of Congress

President Abraham Lincoln, Secretary of War Edwin Stanton, and Secretary of Treasury Salmon P. Chase arrived at Fort Monroe on May 6, 1862, to examine the progress of the Union Army's offensive. Upon learning that Confederate forces still controlled the United States Navy's docks and repair facilities in Norfolk, Virginia, President Lincoln ordered General John E. Wool, commander of Fort Monroe, to take possession of the former Union facilities. The ironclad CSS Virginia remained anchored in the Norfolk naval yard; its crew subsequently chose to scuttle the vessel rather than risk its capture by Federal forces.

On May 15th, 1862, U.S. Secretary of the Navy Gideon Wells dispatched a Union gunboat squadron made up of the ironclads, Monitor, Galena, and Naugatuck, along with the wooden hulled Port Royal and Aroostook, in an attempt to destroy the Confederate artillery batteries defending the James River at Fort Darling. Fort Darling was located 90 feet above the James River atop Drewry's Bluff. The Confederate 10-inch and 8-inch Columbiad cannon pounded the Union gunboat squadron and forced them to retreat down river after sustaining considerable damage. Galena was struck 46 times and sustained loss of life and damage to its boiler. The Union gunboats could not elevate their guns high enough to reach the Rebel cannon atop Drewry's Bluff. The Confederates sank ships in the James River shipping channel to block the Federal Navy's passage to Richmond.



USS Galena Photo from www.Reddit.com

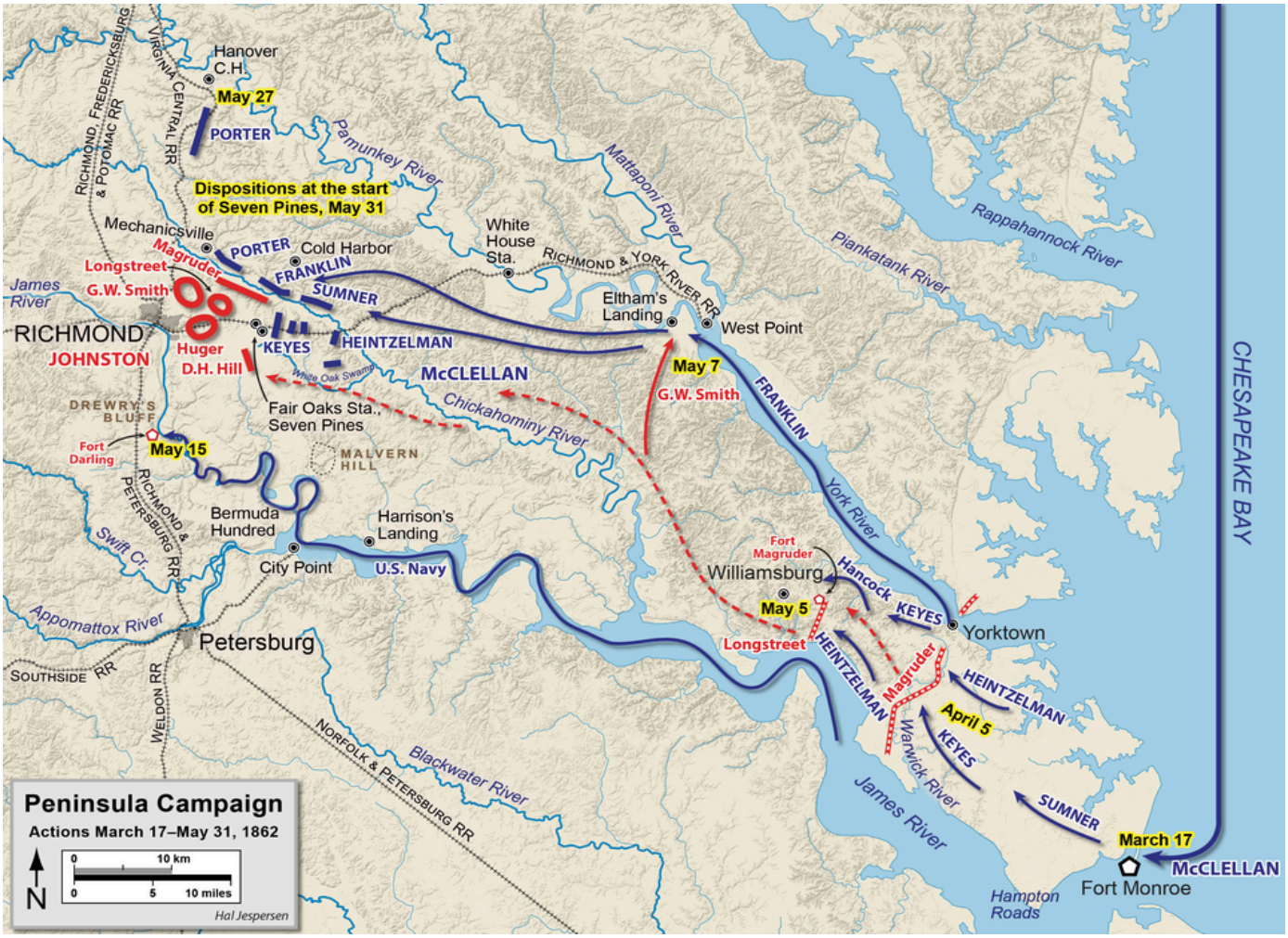
General Joseph Johnston moved his Rebel army from its defensive lines near Williamsburg to the outskirts of Richmond. Heavy rain and poor road conditions hampered the army's advance. Johnston anchored the Confederate right flank on the James River across from Drewry's Bluff. The Confederate center was positioned in an arc behind the Chickahominy River. Johnston utilized the surrounding swamps and wetlands to block the approaches to his army's defenses.

Secretary of War Stanton, on May 17, 1862, ordered General McDowell to begin moving his First Corps overland from Fredericksburg to link up with the Army of the Potomac northeast of the Chickahominy River. McClellan ordered his Fifth Corps under Fitz John Porter to the north bank of the Chickahominy River to facilitate the link up with McDowell's First Corps.

On May 20, 1862, General McClellan ordered his army to begin crossing the Chickahominy River. In response, General Joseph Johnston deployed 6,000 Confederate troops to Hanover Court House to protect the Virginia Central and the Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac Railroads.

In addition, Johnston ordered his men to protect the railroad bridges and prevent their capture and destruction by the Yankees. McClellan received intelligence from a local civilian indicating that 17,000 Confederate soldiers were advancing toward Slash Church, near Hanover Court House.

Major General McClellan ordered Major General Fitz John Porter, commander of the V Corps, to dispatch two Federal divisions under General George Morell and Colonel Gouverneur Warren to deal with the Rebel threat. These two divisions, supported by artillery and cavalry, were tasked with confronting the Confederate units at Hanover Court House. Morell and Warren were ordered to tear up rail lines and destroy the railroad bridges used by the Virginia Central and Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac Railroads—key logistical routes for the Confederate Army's logistical support and communications.



Peninsula Campaign Map by Hal Jasperen

The Battle of Seven Pines represented a crucial engagement in McClellan's Peninsula Campaign and his goal of capturing Richmond. The village of Seven Pines is located approximately six miles east of the Confederate capital at the intersection of the Williamsburg and Nine Mile roads. McClellan positioned Brigadier General Erasmus Keyes with the 12,500-strong 4th Corps near the village of Seven Pines to protect the Army of the Potomac's left flank. In support, Brigadier General Samuel P. Heintzelman's 15,000-man 3rd Corps was stationed a few miles away to provide reinforcement. The Fair Oaks railway depot was located one mile north of Seven Pines. General Keyes deployed a brigade there to protect the rail stop on the Richmond and York River Railroad from the Rebel attack.

McClellan planned to use the Richmond and York River Railroad to move his big siege guns to a forward position closer to Richmond. McClellan also relied on the rail line to transport supplies, including food and ammunition, for his army from White House Landing.

Major General Johnston developed a plan to attack and destroy McClellan's two Federal corps deployed east of Richmond and south of the Chickahominy River. Confederate forces would attack the two Federal Corps and cut them off from the other Federal corps camped on the north side of the river. On May 30, 1862, Johnston's attack force was to use three roads: Williamsburg Road, Nine Mile Road, and the Charles City Road for their attack on the Federal near Seven Pines. General Johnston organized his army into 3 "wings," because the Confederate command structure did not authorize corps. Johnston ordered the individual wings to attack and envelop the Union 4th Corps. Afterward, their combined force would attack and defeat the Federal 3rd Corps. The coordinated assault was commanded by Major General James Longstreet, with support from Generals Daniel Harvey Hill, Gustavus W. Smith, and Benjamin Huger. General Johnston provided written orders to each division commander except Longstreet, with whom he had discussed the attack strategy in detail during an extensive verbal briefing.

However, Longstreet wanted a more prominent role in the assault and decided to modify his orders without informing General Johnston. Instead of advancing up Nine Mile Road toward Seven Pines per his orders, Longstreet used the Williamsburg Road. This was the same road assigned to General Huger's division. Longstreet was more than 2 hours late in beginning his march, which led to congestion and delays on Williamsburg Road. General Huger, who began his movement that morning at 4:30 am, had to wait more than three hours while Longstreet's six brigades, numbering 15,000 troops, crossed the swollen Gilles Creek, before Huger's division could advance. As a result, the entire timetable for Johnston's Seven Pines offensive was delayed for several hours.

Union General Silas Casey saw Confederate forces on the roads leading to Seven Pines and ordered his division to prepare for the Rebel attack. Casey's division contained many new recruits that had "not seen the elephant." General D. H. Hill's men attacked Casey's division at 1 pm, despite not knowing where the rest of the Rebel attack force was located. D. H. Hill's attack pushed Casey's men back until they were reinforced by Union General Philip Kearny's division.

Union General Edwin V. Sumner's 2nd Corps was ordered to be ready to advance across the flooded Chickahominy River to stabilize the Federal lines at Seven Pines. Anticipating the danger on the Union left, Sumner ordered General John Sedgwick's division to cross the unstable Grapevine Bridge to support the Union 4th and 3rd Corps.

General Joseph Johnston rode up to his front lines to observe their progress when an artillery shell detonated overhead, inflicting serious shrapnel wounds to his legs and abdomen. He was transported to Richmond for medical care. President Davis then directed General Gustavus W. Smith, the next ranking officer, to assume command. General Smith told President Davis that he lacked experience leading troops in combat and had no idea what needed to be done. Consequently, Davis appointed General Robert E. Lee as commander of the Army of Northern Virginia, marking a pivotal change in the leadership and fortunes of the Southern Confederacy.

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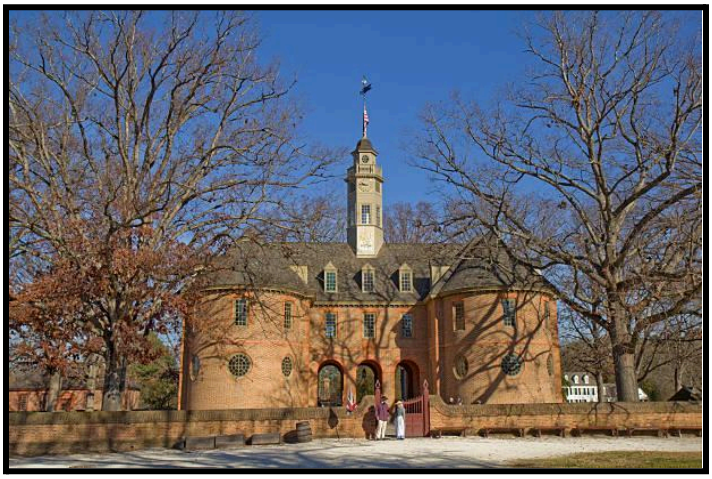
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March 26 - 30, 2026







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In Beautiful Historic

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Reservations can be made at this web address
Booking Website: https://book.passkey.com/e/51017365

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Woodland Cemetery Foundation
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Woodland Cemetery is home to approximately 2,160 veterans (1,450) from the Civil War) ranging from the War of 1812 to current service. If you have a relative or a favorite veteran you would like to honor, we will take specific requests to honor that veteran which can be listed on the form.

Please consider sponsoring a wreath or more. On behalf of the veterans buried at Woodland Cemetery and the Woodland Cemetery Foundation, THANK YOU for your support.

The national day to lay wreaths should be Saturday, December 13, 2025. Woodland Cemetery will start at 10:00 a. If you would like to assist laying wreaths on the veteran graves, please follow up with us or the WAA for the national day of wreath laying. This date is in co-ordination with simultaneous wreath-laying ceremonies at over 1,200 locations all across the country and beyond.

I have also included our donation forms if you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to Woodland Cemetery Foundation.

Thank you for your continued support as we honor the residents of Woodland Cemetery. We wish you the best with your family and friends this holiday season.

Happy Holidays!!

Wreath Sponsorship Form

Please remember to sponsor a wreath (or more) at any time. Thank you!!

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Email: _____

Do we have permission to publicize your name as a sponsor?

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Sponsorship	Price	Quantity	Total
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Angel= 100 Wreaths	$1,700.00		
		Total	

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Lucretia Garfield (Debbie Weinkamer) will speak at Morley Library, Monday, November 10, 2025. RSVP's are required. See registration call or email info on the flyer…

The terrible tragedy of President Garfield's assassination in 1881 shattered Lucretia's world. First Lady for only three months, she was suddenly thrust into the spotlight during his suffering after the shooting, staying constantly by his side. She was admired and respected by her fellow Americans and people abroad as she publicly exhibited strength and courage. However, her shy and private nature resumed after her husband's death when she returned to Mentor, Ohio.



Through her own words, learn more about Lucretia Garfield's dedication to her husband's memory and discover how she occupied her remaining 36-1/2 years. The Widow Garfield at the turn of the twentieth century will explain how her children achieved their own destinies and why James had said that Lucretia "rose up to every occasion."

James A. Garfield Happenings



Garfield's Orbit @ Main

Mentor Public Library

8215 Mentor Ave. Mentor, OH

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Throughout his career James A Garfield was associated/friends with many of the Great men of his time. Come and explore some of iconic figures (Alexander Graham Bell, Cyrus Field and Mathew Brady) affiliated with James A. Garfield. We will discover their ties to James A. Garfield and unveil the rest of their stories after James A. Garfield's passing.

This program is free and open to the public. The program will be held in the lower level of the Main Library in the Garfield Room. Call the library at 440.255.8811, ext. 247 for more information or register online.

***Registration for Garfield's Orbit** begins October 29, 2025.*

See flyer below for the last free

"Discovering Garfield Lecture Series" of 2025

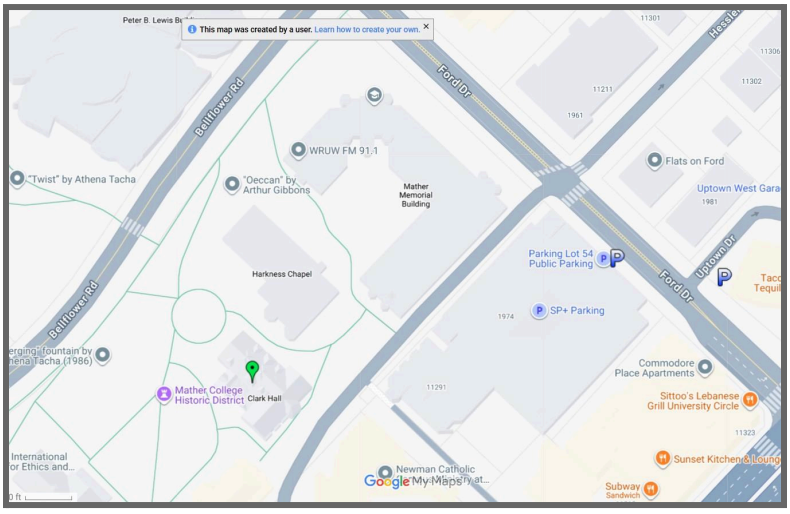
Light refreshments will be served

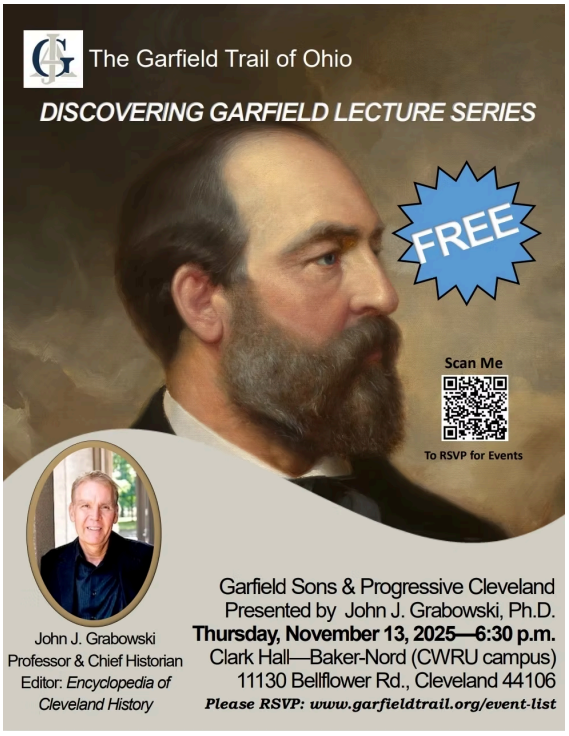
Special note regarding parking from Debbie Weinkamer… Very close parking is available in the paid lot #54 near the corner of Ford Dr. and Euclid Ave. (Park as far back in the lot and there's an open gate that leads directly to the back of Clark Hall steps.) There should also be street parking available along Bellflower Rd. at that time. Campus map is attached. ADA-accessible room.



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Special Remembrance to Honor Veterans on November 11, 2025



From: Judge Charles L Patton, Jr, Cleveland Municipal Court in Ohio RE: United States Colored Troops & Veteran's Day Ceremony at The Woodland Cemetery On November 11th, 2025, Veteran's Day, we will be reading the names of Veterans who served during the Civil War and enlisted in the United States Colored Troops (USCT) and the United States Navy (USN). Let me ask a quick question, how many Black Men served in the US Army and Navy during the Civil War? The answer is over 200,000. Before the movie Glory, I remember being told no Black Soldiers participated in the Civil War. Frank Smith, the Director of the USCT Museum in Washington DC sent me a message asking if we in Cleveland could participate in this Nationwide event. The National Museum in DC will reopen on Vermont Ave. NW, after being closed for an expansion and renovation. They plan on reading all 200,000 names of USCT who served during the Civil War. He asked if we could read the names of the soldiers who were enlisted from Ohio on Veteran's Day. In Cleveland we will be reading some of those names at the Woodland Cemetery, 6901 Quincy Avenue. Starting at 10 AM with coffee and pastries followed by a short program and reading starting at 11 AM. There are approximately 80 veterans of the USCT buried in Woodland Cemetery. If you would like to participate and read the names along with other volunteers please respond by e-mail to clp@att.net and copy wcfcle@wcfcle.org, as soon as possible. I am also serving this year as the President of the Cleveland Civil War Roundtable, we will have a speaker during the November 12th, 2025, meeting; Ret Captain Edward Gantt, U.S. Navy who will be speaking on the history of the USCT and what battles they were involved in during the Civil War. If you would like to attend the Cleveland Civil War Round Table meeting which will be held at the Holiday Inn Rockside Road, Independence OH, on November 12th at 6:00 PM please send me an e-mail by October 31, 2025, indicating if you would like to have dinner. There is a $35 charge for dinner, however to attend the meeting there is no cost, we need to know who will be coming to the meeting so there will be adequate seating. If you would like to share this information with other people in your orbit please feel free.

With sentiments of warmest regards, Judge Charles L Patton