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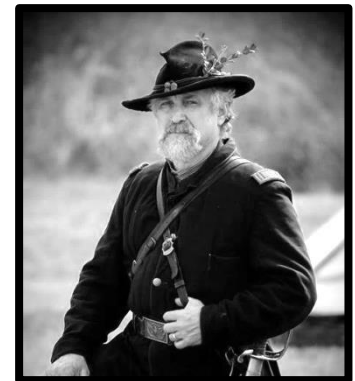
MAHONING VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

DATE: Monday, March 13, 2017 @ 6:30 P.M.
LOCATION: A La Cart Catering, 429 Lisbon St, Canfield, OH 44406
SPEAKER: **Michael Kraus**, Curator of Collections at the Soldiers and Sailors National Military Museum in Pittsburgh
The Irish Brigade

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At Fredericksburg on December 13, 1862, Thomas Francis Meagher rode along the line of his Irish Brigade, stopping to address each unit. As shells burst overhead, he halted in front of the 116th Pennsylvania and said, "And boys I will lead you."

If you study the dashing, jaunty figure in the photo at right, you'll recognize Michael Kraus from his visit here in February of 2010 to talk about his experiences as a military consultant for the films *Gettysburg* and *Cold Mountain*. Mike is the Curator of Collections at the Soldiers and Sailors National Military Museum in Pittsburgh and is considered one of the nation's foremost authorities on the Civil War. He has worked on A&E's *Civil War Journal* and co-wrote *Civil War Minutes*.



Mike earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Edinboro University in Pennsylvania and is one of the few contemporary sculptors of life-sized historical statuary in both stone and cast bronze and has produced more than six large public monuments. Mike, working with our own James and Myra Wright, sculpted the statue of Strong Vincent for the city of Erie in 1995. He also developed and applied the hand-forged patina on the Flight 93 memorial plaque that hangs in the Capitol Rotunda.

WE'RE MOVING TO A LA CART CATERING: Many of you have heard about the uncertainty surrounding the Antone's Banquet Centre. Even though we've had a good relationship with Antone's for close to thirty years, we've decided that to best serve our members, we should move on.

Starting with this month's meeting, we will gather at A La Cart Catering in Canfield. Those who attend the World War Two Round Table meetings are already familiar with A La Cart, and a few of you have said very positive things about the facility. We think you will all be happy with the new venue.

So please note the change: Our monthly meetings will now be held at A La Cart Catering, 429 Lisbon St., Canfield, Ohio 44406. Their phone numbers are 330.533.0363 and 330.533.9771.

The Ladies Department

By Charen Fink

What color is it?

There were various methods of photography in the 19th century; all were in black and white or brown tones.

Daguerreotype: in 1839 this fixed an image on a silver or silver-covered copper sheet.

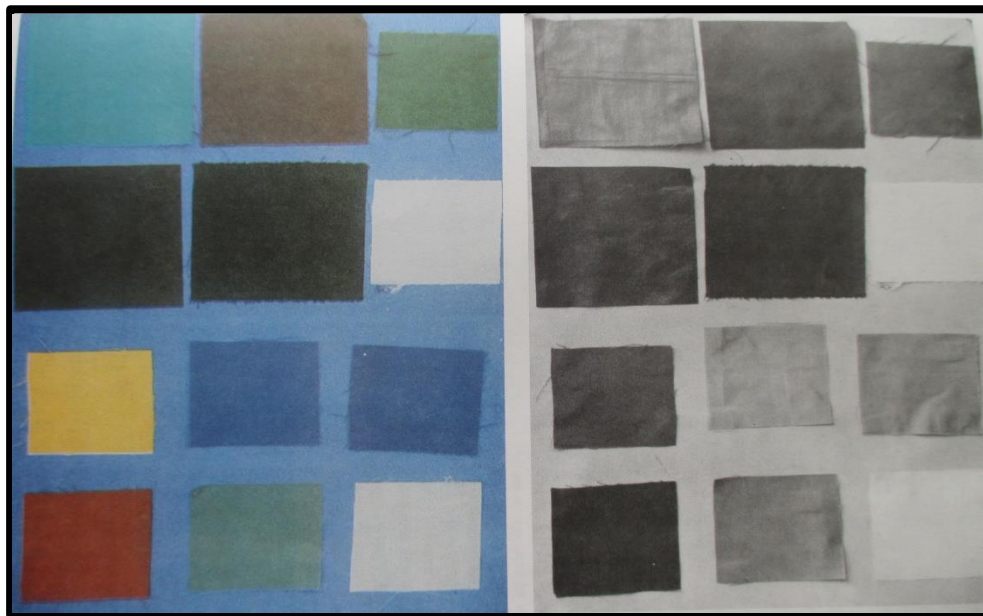
Calotype: in 1841 this produced a paper negative that could be used to produce multiple images (not popular in the U.S.)

Ambrotype: in 1851 this was a single image on a glass plate.

Ferrottype: or “tintype” in 1855 was a single image on a varnished sheet of iron.

Wet collodion: glass negative and paper print was developed in England in 1851.

The ambrotype and ferrottype both required only a two to ten second exposure. The wet collodion was considered the best, especially for CDVs (cartes de visite). Before these methods, the only form to show any color was a picture painted by an artist. The color chart below depicts how the original color would appear in 19th century photography.



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Top row: l to r: teal, wine, olive, Second row: chocolate brown, black-white, Third row: canary yellow, med. blue, bright blue, Fourth row: wine, gray-green, ecru

Living History Ideas for Civil War Era Entertaining at Home

Afternoon Gatherings: Literary Society Meeting, High Tea for 4-5 includes a meal, New Year’s Day Calling, Garden Fete with Lawn Games, Ice Skating Party, Box Social and Cake Walk

Evening Gatherings: Private Ball, Dinner and Parlour Games, Charades Soiree, Washington Day Celebration, Hanging of the Greens and Carols, Home Concert and Readings Fete.

Trivia

Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers all have in common?

A. All were invented by women.

Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil?

A. Honey

Q. Most boat owners name their boats. What is the most popular name requested?

A. Obsession

If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

Certified Genuine Period Jokes

Q. Why is a lady like a keg of whiskey?

A. Because both are enclosed in hoops.

An adjutant of a volunteer corps, being doubtful whether he had distributed muskets to all the men, cried out, "All you that are without arms hold up your hands!"

On a recent occasion, as the marriage ceremony

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was about to be performed in a church, when the clergyman desired the parties wishing to be married to rise up, a large number of the ladies immediately rose.



Spring tour to Chancellorsville: We will return to the Fredericksburg area the weekend of May 5-7 for our fall tour of the Chancellorsville battlefield with the gents from Civil War Excursions. Tours will include the First Day's battlefield, the Last Meeting site, Jackson's flank attack, and, of course, "exclusive sites not normally visited," as we've come to learn.

The cost is \$55 per person for the weekend, and we've made arrangements with the Country Inn and Suites at 5327 Jefferson Davis Highway in Fredericksburg for \$94/night for rooms. Mention the MVCWRT when you call them at 540.898.1800.

The Chancellorsville battlefield was in the news recently when the Civil War Trust announced that they had purchased a 355-acre tract associated with the Battle of Chancellorsville and the 1864 Battle of the Wilderness. With this, the Trust has been able to save 1,100 acres at these two sites. Several sources provided the \$1.75 million needed to secure the site.

BOOK REVIEW

American Ulysses

A Life of Ulysses S. Grant

by Ronald C. White (author of *A. Lincoln*)

Random House, New York, NY (2016) 659 pages

Reviewed by Carole Babyak

There has been a lot written about General Grant and you may wonder, why another biography? The new historians are looking at Grant in a different way.

This biography has more details about his horsemanship, the layout of Shiloh with Grant's reaction, the rift with General

Rosecrans, the trouble with General McClelland, communications with General Thomas about why he wasn't attacking at Nashville, and, putting scandal aside, the important things that were accomplished in his presidency.

The author doesn't cover the alleged drinking problem but he points out all the people who praised Grant. He details Grant's horsemanship at West Point and how the Riding Master raised the bar while Grant rode "York," the horse no other cadet could ride, and guided York over the high jump.

His friendship with Sherman was important and most significant because they could work together. Much has been written about General McClelland, Secretary. Salmon Chase's diary reveals that Lincoln was realistic about McClelland because he said that McClelland was brave but desirous to be independent of everyone else. In the end General Halleck chose Grant.

There is also more information about communications with General Thomas who couldn't attack at Nashville because of ice. Again in the end Thomas smashed the Confederate Army of Tennessee. Scandal has hung over Grant's Presidency, but the many positive things accomplished presents us with a different perspective of that time.

Poland, Ohio in the Civil War: Recently, Dan Welch contributed an article to the Emerging Civil War blogsite about William McKinley for their "ECW Weekender" series. The Weekender series encourages readers to get out and visit out-of-the-way Civil War-related sites.

Dan writes that Poland held "War rallies, patriotic speeches, and even drilling on the green ... just days after the surrender of Fort Sumter," and points out that McKinley was at first hesitant to enlist. In the future president's own words, "I wanted to see how the boys lived in camp, and wished to understand myself so thoroughly that I would not regret any action that I decide to take."

However, McKinley soon realized that he couldn't stay home while others went, and according to his cousin William McKinley Osborne, "When we reached home Will told his mother what we had concluded to do, and she at once replied: 'Well, boys, if you think it is your duty to fight for your country, I think you ought to go.'"

"It was done as McKinley has done the most things of his life," said Osborne, "as the logical offspring of careful conclusion."

See Dan's article and others by visiting <https://emergingcivilwar.com/2017/02/17/ecw-weekender-william-mckinley/>. I encourage you to thoroughly browse the site for new perspectives on the war.