

JAMES A. GARFIELD CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE
SPEAKERS BUREAU

Benjamin Frayser, JAGCWRT Commander (“Northeast Ohio’s James A. Garfield.”)

- *MBA, Indiana Wesleyan University; BS, Management, Indiana Wesleyan University*
 - o Life and Times of James A. Garfield (Living Historian as James A. Garfield)
 - o Politics of the Civil War
 - o Various Civil War Battles, with focuses on Middle Creek, Chattanooga & Chickamauga, and Belmont

Wayne A. Witkowski, JAGCWRT Vice Commander

- o Living Historian – CSA (Aide-de-Camp to General Officers; Rank of Captain)
- o Living Historian – USA (Sergeant Major, 42nd OVI; Invalid Corps).
- o Various CW Battles, with focus on Gettysburg
- o General Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson
- o Life of a CW Soldier

Andrew C.M. Mizesak, JAGCWRT Adjutant

- *Master of Applied Politics, The University of Akron*
- *Graduate Coursework in American History and Government, Ashland University*
- *BA, Political Science, Bowling Green State University*
- *Commissioned Colonel on the Staff of the Governor of Kentucky*
 - o Politics of the Civil War
 - o Ohio History and Government
 - o History of Congress
 - o Vexillology and Heraldry
 - o Northeast Ohio Townships
 - o James A. Garfield as an Ohio State Senator
 - o Presidential History with expertise in the elections of 1860, 1864, 1868, 1872, 1876, 1880; Constitutional History.
 - o Life and times of James R. Garfield.
 - o Battle of Petersburg; Battle of Cold Harbor; Battle of Gaines Farm
 - o CSA General John Bell Hood; USA General Catherinus P. Buckingham

Dana E. Best-Mizesak, JAGCWRT Historian

- *Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Anthropology, The University of Akron*
 - o Archaeology
 - o History of Northeast Ohio and Western Pennsylvania
 - o The Estate of President James Madison and the Civil War
 - o Women in the 19th Century

Paul E. Pojman, JAGCWRT Librarian

- *Master of Library Science, John Carroll University*
 - o Ohio Civil War Soldiers
 - o Burial Places of 42nd OVI Soldiers
 - o Publications

Anita F. Beneditti, JAGCWRT Secretary (“Northeast Ohio’s Mrs. Garfield.”)

- *B.A., Kent State University, Major-Literature, Minor-History*
- *Member of Lincoln's Generals, Living History Museum Alliance*
- *Lake View Cemetery Docent & Substitute Guide*
 - o Living Historian of Lucretia Rudolph Garfield
 - o The Life and Times of Lucretia Rudolph Garfield
 - o Elizabeth Todd
 - o Women in the 19th Century

Emily Griffith

- o Living Historian
- o Women in the 19th Century
- o East Tennessee in the Civil War

Mark Mayo

- o Expertise on the life of General Abner Doubleday
- o Rounders and the History of Baseball

COL. Edward E. Best, JAGCWRT Chaplain

- *Doctor of Medical Dentistry, The University of Pittsburgh*
- *Doctor of Medical Dentistry, The University of Pennsylvania*
- *Fellow, International College of Dentistry*
- *Graduate, Command and General Staff School, US Army*
- *BS, Washington & Jefferson College*
 - o Medicine in the Civil War
 - o Battle Tactics and Command Strategies

Rev. Dr. Skip Wilson, JAGCWRT Vice Chaplain

- *Commanding Officer, 4th Battalion, Provisional Army of the Confederate States*

John Spaziani, Living Historian

- *Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering (BSME): Stevens Institute of Technology (Hoboken, New Jersey)*
- *Masters of Mechanical Engineering (MSME): State University of New York (Brooklyn, New York)*
- *Master of Business Administration (MBA): University of Lynchburg (Lynchburg, Virginia)*
- *Master of Arts, Counseling and Human Development (MA): Walsh University (Canton, Ohio)*
- *Licensed Professional Engineer (PE)*
- *Member, Civil War Heritage Foundation*
 - o General Samuel Cooper, Adjutant and Inspector General, CSA – The Highest-Ranking Confederate General*
 - o Timothy Webster, Union Spy*
 - o Lt. George Erasmus Dixon, Last Captain Confederate submarine, The Hunley*
 - o Captain Elmer Otis, fourth Cavalry, Chief Mustering Officer, The Lincoln Guard
 - o Civil War PA Governor Curtin (in progress)

Gerald M. Payn, Abraham Lincoln Presenter

- *M.S., College of Education, The University of Akron, Akron, Ohio*
- *B.S., College of Agriculture, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio*
- *Sergeant, Ohio Army National Guard, 1957-1963*
- *Member, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*
- *Life Member, National Association of Lincoln Presenters*
 - o Abraham Lincoln Historian, including first person presentation living historian
 - o Historian of the Civil War
 - o Can present a “Lincoln/Douglas Debate” with Pastor Ken Hutchinson of North Canton

Marilyn Payn, Mary Todd Lincoln Presenter

Robert Brugler

- *Bachelor of Science in Earth Science, Bowling Green State University*
- *Masters of Science, Natural Resources, The Ohio State University*
 - o The Unknown Lincoln: Stories Seldom Told.
 - o Gettysburg; the Battle, the Meaning and the Address.
 - o Life in the Washington, D.C. during the Civil War.
 - o The Humor of Abraham Lincoln.
 - o Ask Abe - An open question and answer session. Any topic.
 - o A Press Conference with President Lincoln (questions are available before hand) or questions from the audience are taken.
 - o The Many Faces of President Lincoln. (PowerPoint presentation & explanations of photos and paintings).
 - o Abraham Lincoln, the Man Behind the Beard.
 - Dinner with the Lincolns (Mrs. Lincoln joins me).

Barbara Brugler, MSW

- *Bachelor of Arts in Vocal Music, Bowling Green State University*
- *Master of Social Work, The Ohio State University*
- Licensed Independent Social Worker
- Solo portrayer of Mary Lincoln and with the President.
- Portrayer of and lecturer on Mary Lincoln at previous events at:
 - Manassas, VA;
 - James A. Garfield National Historic Site, Mentor, Ohio;
 - The American Civil War Museum of Ohio, Tiffin, Ohio;
 - The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, National Meeting, Sandusky, Ohio;
 - Invited portrayer of Mary Lincoln in Gettysburg; Tiffin.

Psychotherapist with unique perspective on Mary Lincoln's life.

Webpage: www.BarbaraBrugler.com,

Facebook under Visit With Mary Lincoln.

Topics include:

- Tea with Mary Lincoln - Mary's childhood and life
- Meet Mrs. President Lincoln
- Oh What a Fright -The War Years
- The Lincoln children
- Widow Lincoln

For additional information on these presenters, please email JamesAGarfieldCWRT@gmail.com