



CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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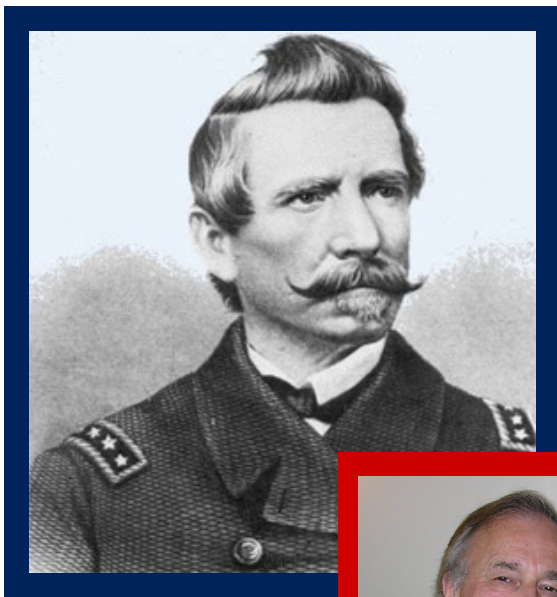


The **Wayne County Civil War Round Table Program**, which is free and open to the public at the **Wooster Branch** of the **Wayne County Public Library**, is continuing with its quality programs!

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Intrepid Mariners

This is a PowerPoint presentation of the saga of the only major battle between ocean-going vessels in the Civil War.



John A. Winslow and Raphael Semmes had become best friends while serving together during the Mexican War. However, during the Civil War, Semmes captained the C.S.S. Sumter and the C.S.S. Alabama and became the scourge of Federal commercial shipping, sinking or capturing 85 merchant ships and one Union warship. As Captain of the U.S.S. Kearsarge, Winslow pursued his former friend and the Alabama for 14 months before cornering him off the coast of Cherbourg, France, where the two ships fought to the death. Their last view of each other and the action taken by Winslow in consequence of it is the stuff of legend. The story is not only history; it is supreme literature.

John C. Fazio has a B.A. and J.D. from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He is a student of history, with an emphasis on European and American history and with an even greater emphasis on the most defining event in American history, the Civil War. He is a member of the Cleveland Civil War Roundtable and has been its president. He is also a member of the Lincoln Forum, the Surratt Society, the Cleveland Grays and the Western Reserve Historical Society. He has taught Civil War history at Chautauqua Institution, frequently speaks on the war and other subjects before Roundtables and other groups and has written and published more than 50 articles and essays on the war and other subjects. In addition, he has written two full-length books. The first, *Decapitating the Union: Jefferson Davis, Judah Benjamin and the Plot to Assassinate Lincoln*, which was written after five years of research and writing, was published by McFarland & Co., Publishers, and was released in March, 2015. Copies are available from Amazon.com, from other on-line book sellers and from book stores. The second, *Who Really Killed Lincoln: Four Smoking Guns*, is currently being published and is expected to be released early in 2023.



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