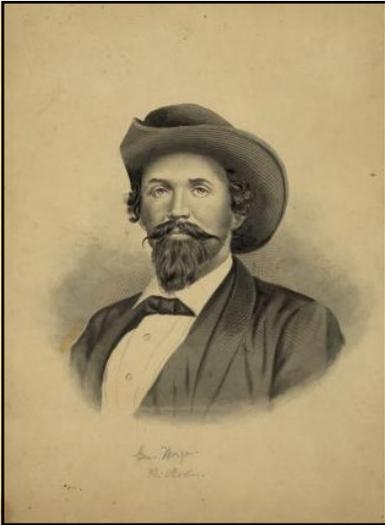




# Spring Speakers Series 2018

## *Cavaliers, War Heroes & Parlor Music*

at the Ross County Heritage Center  
45 West Fifth St., Chillicothe, Ohio  
*Free & Open to the Public*

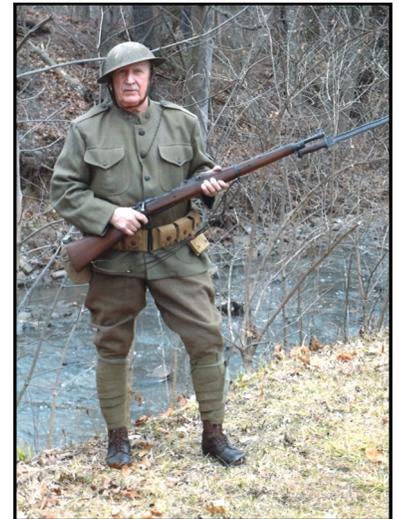


### ***Morgan's Great Raid: Taking the War to the North*** **Featuring historian David Mowery, Milford, Ohio.** **Wednesday, April 25, 7:30 p.m.**

During the hot days of July 1863, while the great battles at Gettysburg and Vicksburg captured the attention of the American people, Confederate general John Hunt Morgan led nearly 2,500 cavalymen on a daring raid into the North. While Morgan's incursion had the desired effect of distracting Union forces and throwing the entire state of Ohio (including Chillicothe and Ross County) into a state of panic, it would end with disastrous results for his famous division. David Mowery, a foremost authority on the subject, will discuss Morgan's Great Raid as it passed through three Union-held states including Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio circumventing Cincinnati, which at the time was the seventh largest city in the United States. Morgan's operation represented the pinnacle of his strategic and tactical skills and the best of his division's raiding capabilities. No other American mounted infantry division on horseback would ever achieve what Morgan's raiders accomplished on the Great Raid of 1863. Join us for an expert presentation on one of the most compelling chapters in Ohio's Civil War history.

### ***Sergeant Alvin York: World War I Hero*** **Featuring Kenneth Hammontree of Living History Productions, Ashland, Ohio.** **Wednesday, May 9, 7:30 p.m.**

You have seen him as Simon Kenton, Simon Girty, General George Patton, and even Pretty Boy Floyd, to name a few. Now see him as Sergeant Alvin York, the most decorated American soldier of World War I and recipient of his nation's highest honor. Ken Hammontree of Living History Productions is a master of first-person portrayals of historic figures and always provides a lively, entertaining, and convincing performance. This time he will treat us to the story of how a pacifist from the mountains of east Tennessee led a daring attack on several machine gun positions during the Meuse-Argonne offensive in October 1918, killing 25 German troops and capturing 132 others. French General Marshal Foch hailed York's actions as "the greatest thing accomplished by a soldier." Later, U.S. General John Pershing conferred upon York the Medal of Honor. Hear his story as only Ken Hammontree can tell it.



### ***The Girls at Home: Parlor Harmonies of the Civil War Era***, Featuring the singing group **Lafferty Pike of South Charlestown, Ohio.** **Wednesday, May 23, 7:30 p.m.**

During the mid-1800s, American music was most often homemade. Composers catered to amateur musicians, providing a wealth of songs that typified the sentimental romanticism and humor of the era. Our ancestors often enjoyed such music performed at informal concerts in the homes of family and friends. In the spirit of these "parlor concerts," join us as the Arendt sisters of the group "Lafferty Pike," present a program of popular songs from the Civil War generation, accompanying themselves with harp, guitar, banjo, mandolin, and fiddle. They will highlight lesser-known theatrical pieces, hymns, ballads, and patriotic songs of the "girls at home" on both sides of the Mason-Dixon Line.

