Major Battles of the Civil War
Lunchtime Speaker Series
@Mentor Public Library

Please call 440-255-8811 for reservations. Mentor Public Library is located at 8215 Mentor Avenue. Each program is free; attendees are welcome to bring lunch and eat during the talk. Located in the James R. Garfield room, lower level.

The Battle of Middle Creek
Wednesday, January 11, 12:00 p.m.
Join James A. Garfield NHS staff and volunteers at Mentor Public Library on the second Wednesday of each month for a new talk on “Major Battles of the Civil War!” In January, volunteer David Lintern will discuss Colonel James A. Garfield’s first engagement: the battle of Middle Creek, Kentucky, a Union victory fought in January 1862.

Fort Henry & Fort Donelson
Wednesday, February 8, 12:00 p.m.
This month, learn about the February 1862 Union victories at Forts Henry and Donelson in Tennessee, the battles that brought Ulysses S. Grant to President Lincoln’s attention.

The Battle of Hampton Roads
Wednesday, March 14, 12:00 p.m.
This month the program will cover the March 1862 battle of Hampton Roads, the important naval clash between the Monitor and the Merrimac

The Battle of Shiloh
Wednesday, April 11, 12:00 p.m.
In April, the discussion will focus on the bloody battle of Shiloh, fought in April 1862 in southwestern Tennessee. This was another Union victory won under the leadership of Maj. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant.

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**The Battle of Winchester**  
**Wednesday, May 9, 12:00 p.m.**  
May brings a look at the battle of Winchester, Virginia, fought May 25, 1862. Winchester was an important Confederate victory during CSA General Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson’s Shenandoah Valley campaign.

**The Seven Days’ Battles**  
**Wednesday, June 13, 12:00 p.m.**  
In June, the focus will be the Seven Days’ Battles of June 25-July 1, 1862, major Confederate victories around Richmond, Virginia and the first battles with CSA Gen. Robert E. Lee commanding the Army of Northern Virginia. PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL NOT BE A MAJOR BATTLES OF THE CIVIL WAR TALK IN JULY. INSTEAD, EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND THE JULY 14-15 CIVIL WAR ENCAMPENT AT JAMES A. GARFIELD NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE. AFTER JUNE 13, THE NEXT TALK IN THIS SERIES WILL BE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8.

**The Battle of Second Manassas**  
**Wednesday, August 8, 12:00 p.m.**  
In August, learn more about the battle of Second Manassas, a Confederate victory fought in Virginia in late August 1862. Victory at Second Manassas encouraged the Confederates to begin their first invasion of the North.

**The Battle of Antietam**  
**Wednesday, September 12, 12:00 p.m.**  
The September 17, 1862 battle of Antietam in Maryland will be discussed this month. Learn more about the bloodiest single day in American history and the strategic Union victory that encouraged President Lincoln to issue the Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation just five days later.

**The Battle of Perryville**  
**Wednesday, October 10, 12:00 p.m.**  
The October 8, 1862 battle of Perryville, Kentucky will be discussed this month. Perryville was a tactical victory for Gen. Braxton Bragg and the Confederacy, but an but eventual retreat set the stage for the battle of Stone’s River at the end of 1862.

**The Battle of Stone’s River**  
**Wednesday, November 14, 12:00 p.m.**  
Following up on October’s talk on Perryville, November’s installment examines the December 1862-January 1863 battle of Stone’s River, Tennessee. Stone’s River is considered a draw, though the Union’s repulse of two major Confederate attacks and the subsequent Southern withdrawal provided a much-needed boost to Union morale.

**The Battle of Fredericksburg**  
**Wednesday, December 12, 12:00 p.m.**  
December’s installment examines the battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia, fought in December 1862 and one of the Confederacy’s most resounding and one-sided victories.