



Civil War 150 Advisory Committee

Tom Brinkman, Jr.

Hamilton County

Brinkman is a former Ohio legislator (2001-2008) from Cincinnati. He has an educational background in history and experience with former commemoration initiatives in Ohio. He has a passion for the Civil War.

Andrew Cayton

Butler County

Cayton is an Ohio native and is a history professor at Miami University. He is the author of *Ohio: The History of a People*, published in 2002 and was recently appointed as President of the Society of Early American Historians. He has earned many honors and distinctions for both his scholarship and his teaching, including a Fulbright position in American Studies at Leiden University in the Netherlands.

Gainor Davis

Cuyahoga County

Davis is the Executive Director of the Western Reserve Historical Society, an organization whose collections include an extensive and unique Civil War-era collection. She has over 27 years of experience, including leadership roles in history organizations in Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Louisiana.

Susan Fryer

Licking County

Fryer is the Executive Director of the Greater Licking County Convention and Visitors Bureau. An avid supporter of her community's heritage tourism, Susan spearheaded a collaboration between the Visitors Bureau and over 25 museums, libraries, universities and other local organizations to create the Licking County Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee, which developed numerous successful events, a passport program, and a commemorative guidebook.

Anthony Gibbs

Fairfield County

Gibbs received his bachelor's degree in history from The Ohio State University. He is well-known across the state for his living history programs focusing on African Americans in history.

Leonne M. Hudson

Portage County

Hudson is an associate professor of history at Kent State University. Hudson has a Ph.D. in history and teaches courses with a focus on African American history. He has authored several articles on the Civil War as well as encyclopedia essays and numerous book reviews.

Paul LaRue

Fayette County

LaRue is a high school social studies teacher at Washington High School in Washington Court House. He has been honored for his innovative methods of teaching Civil War history by the American Legion (2003 Educator of the Year) and the Civil War Preservation Trust, among others.

Carol Lasser

Lorain County

Lasser is a professor at Oberlin College and has a Ph.D. in History from Harvard University. She has written widely on women and gender in nineteenth-century America for multiple publications and has served as an evaluator for Teaching American History grants funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

Roger Micker

Jefferson County

Micker is a high school social studies teacher at Steubenville High School in Steubenville. He is President of the Ohio Valley Civil War Roundtable, a reenactor, a member of the Ohio Historical Society Teacher Advisory Committee, and a Teaching American History program participant.

Bob Minton

Seneca County

Minton is Colonel of the Army of the Ohio Reenacting Battalion. He has been involved in efforts to preserve land at Johnson's Island Civil War Prison site and raised significant funds to conserve two Ohio Civil War battle flags.

Representative Mark Okey

Carroll County

Okey is the State Representative for House District 61, which includes Carroll County and parts of Mahoning, Stark and Tuscarawas Counties. The McCook House is within his district, and he has a passion for Civil War history, evidenced by his personal collection and research.

Fredric Lynch

Montgomery County

Lynch serves as Senior Vice Commander of the Department of Ohio, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War and is editor of *The Buckeye Bugle*, the department's newsletter. This patriotic and educational organization seeks to preserve the

memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and to care for GAR memorials and identify the location of union veterans' gravesites. An Ohio native, Fred served 26 years as a U.S. Air Force Officer and served as emergency preparedness program manager in California before returning to Ohio in 2008.

Kim A. Robinson

Hamilton County

Robinson serves as President and CEO of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. A 28-year veteran of P&G, Kim retired as Vice President of Customer Business Development in February, 2010. Kim joined the Freedom Center in April, 2010 as Director of Advancement and became President and CEO July 1, 2011.

Dave Roth

Franklin County

Roth is the co-founder and publisher of *Blue & Gray Magazine*, which focuses on Civil War battlefields and provides in-depth information on Civil War sites for its readers. The *Blue & Gray* is one of just a few successful Civil War magazines and has surpassed 25 years of operation and the 150 issues.

John Switzer

Franklin County

Switzer is a journalist with the *Columbus Dispatch*. Previously a weather columnist, today he writes a Sunday Metro column, often revealing his love of history in his topics.

Catherine Wilson

Greene County

Wilson is the Executive Director of the Greene County Historical Society. She has experience in archives, genealogy, history scholarship, and Civil War reenacting. She has authored a number of articles on topics of relevance to Civil War history as well.

Eric Wittenberg

Franklin County

Wittenberg is an attorney who has authored more than ten books about the Civil War and also writes a blog, *Rantings of a Civil War Historian*. He is a member of the Central Ohio Civil War Roundtable and Vice President of the Buffington Island Battlefield Preservation Foundation.

Liaisons:

Amir Eylon

Ohio Tourism Division

Eylon is Ohio's State Tourism Director and leads the Ohio Tourism Division's efforts to drive economic development by marketing the State's leisure tourism experiences and industry to travelers regionally and within Ohio. The Division's goal is to attract travelers from outside the State to Ohio, promote travel within the state, and sell Ohio's unique business opportunities for the travel industry.

Tammy Brown

Ohio Tourism Division

Brown is the public relations manager for the State of Ohio Department of Development's Ohio Tourism Division. She leads the Division's efforts to generate media coverage and overall awareness of Ohio as an exciting and vibrant tourism destination in an effort to attract travelers from across the country and beyond.

Janet Ingraham Dwyer

State Library of Ohio

Dwyer serves youth services librarians of Ohio as Library Consultant for the State Library of Ohio. With Janet's help, the State Library partnered with the Ohio Historical Society to promote the Civil War commemoration to libraries across the state. In addition, she oversees the Choose to Read Ohio program, which includes three Civil War-themed books in 2011 for various ages.

Joshua Mann

Army National Guard/The Adjutant General's Office

Mann serves as Sergeant First Class and historian for the Army National Guard. Josh continues to work with OHS and on oral history projects and Civil War battle flag conservation efforts on behalf of The Adjutant General's Office. In addition, he assisted the Committee in organizing a successful Civil War commemoration kickoff event at the Ohio Statehouse in 2011.

Pat Williamsen

Ohio Humanities Council

Williamsen is the Executive Director of the Ohio Humanities Council, and active partner and funder for the humanities in Ohio. The Council has sponsored the CW150 interpretive framework, traveling exhibit, and Speakers Corps.

Former Committee Members:

James Bissland

Author of *Blood, Tears, & Glory: How Ohioans Won the Civil War* and associate professor of journalism emeritus of Bowling Green State University.

Don Murphy

Former Chief Executive Officer of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Heather A. Reed

Former curator and education coordinator at the Athens County Historical Society and Museum in Athens, Ohio.

Chuck Reeves

Former Commander of the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Diana Thompson

Executive Director of the Miami County Visitors & Convention Bureau.