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## The Battle of New Hope Church

Kent, OH. October 2, 2017. The Kent Civil War Society will welcome speaker William F. B. Vodrey at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, October 10 at the Roy Smith Shelter House in Fred Fuller Park, 497 Middlebury Rd, Kent, OH 44240. The topic of Vodrey's talk will be the 1864 Battle of New Hope Church where 16,000 Union and 4,000 Confederate soldiers met near Dallas, Georgia.

Mr. Vodrey is currently a magistrate of the Cleveland Municipal Court, an honors graduate of Oberlin College, with a law degree from Case Western Reserve. A former president of the Cleveland Civil War Roundtable, he gives presentations on a wide variety of Civil War topics to Historical Societies, and launched the effort to have the U.S. Navy name a new class of nuclear-powered submarine the *Monitor*, in honor of the famous ironclad. He is a former re-enactor with the 51st Ohio Volunteer Infantry and his essay, *George Washington: Hero of the Confederacy?* appeared in the October 2004 issue of *American History* magazine.

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Kent Civil War Society meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month, are free and open to the public although donations to the Civil War Preservation Trust are encouraged. Additional information on the KCWS can be found at the group's website [www.kentcivilwar.org](http://www.kentcivilwar.org).

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