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“THE WORLD WILL NEVER SEE THE LIKE: THE GETTYSBURG REUNION OF 1913”

**A TALK BY JOHN L. HOPKINS OF WOOSTER, OHIO
SHELTER HOUSE, FRED FULLER PARK, KENT
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2024, AT 7:30 P.M.**

John L. Hopkins will join us to talk about his book, *The World Will Never See the Like: The Gettysburg Reunion of 1913*, which *The Wall Street Journal* called “a compelling, poignant and sometimes heartbreaking account of the biggest gathering of the Blue and Gray since the Civil War.” It’s a story of 53,000 old comrades and former foes reunited, and of the tension, even half a century later, between competing narratives of reconciliation and remembrance.

John L. Hopkins is a communication and public relations professional with more than three decades of experience in higher education, nonprofit, and agency settings. He was born and raised in New York City, earned a bachelor’s degree from Williams College, and was transplanted to the Midwest 30 years ago. He’s here to talk about his first book—*The World Will Never See the Like: The Gettysburg Reunion of 1913*—which the *Wall Street Journal* called “a compelling, poignant and sometimes heartbreaking account of the biggest gathering of the Blue and Gray since the Civil War.”

Our optional pre-meeting dinner will be at Eddy’s Deli & Restaurant, 4581 Kent Road in Stow, beginning at 5:30 p.m.



Civil War Reunions in Ohio

Ohio hosted numerous Civil War reunions. The following is an incomplete list of reunions of Ohio regiments:

- annual gatherings of the 20th Ohio in Mt. Vernon and Sidney beginning in 1876
- the 99th Ohio's reunions also starting in 1876
- a notable reunion of the 103rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry which established a permanent gathering space in Sheffield Lake
- the 1876 reunion of the 3rd Ohio at Perryville Battlefield
- various reunions of the 17th Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry in Lancaster (including the 48th and 59th annual events)
- a broadside advertising a reunion of the 46th Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry in Lafayette

The Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.), a prominent veterans organization, also held annual reunions known as "encampments," with one significant example being the 35th National Encampment in Cleveland in 1901. A particularly late reunion of Ohio Civil War veterans took place in 1941 in Clyde, which also included the dedication of General McPherson Highway. These reunions often included recitations of veterans' experiences, music, and family participation, reflecting the lasting bonds formed during the war and the community built around these gatherings.



The Nineteenth Regimental Reunion
16th Ohio Volunteer Infantry
Millersburg, Ohio
September 19-20, 1894