



The Special Collections Division of the Akron-Summit County Public Library and the Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society present

# Discovering Your Military Ancestors

*Featuring Eric Johnson and Michael Strauss*

**Saturday, August 5, 9:30 am to 4 pm**

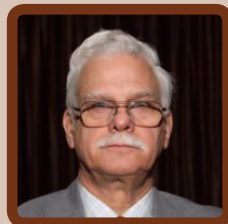
**Main Library Auditorium, 60 South High Street, Akron, Ohio 44326**

## Program Schedule:

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| <b>9:30 – 9:45</b>   | Introductions                           |
| <b>9:45 – 10:45</b>  | Revolutionary War Genealogical Research |
| <b>10:45 – 11:15</b> | Break                                   |
| <b>11:15 – 12:15</b> | Ohio, the Civil War, and the Internet   |
| <b>12:15 – 1:30</b>  | Lunch on your own                       |
| <b>1:30 – 2:30</b>   | Ohio and World War I                    |
| <b>2:30 – 3</b>      | Break                                   |
| <b>3 – 4</b>         | Research Your World War II Ancestors    |

The program is free and open to the public, and parking is free in the High-Market Parking Deck. To register or for more information, contact the Special Collections Division at 330.643.9030 or [speccollections@akronlibrary.org](mailto:speccollections@akronlibrary.org). Visit us on the web at <http://www.akronlibrary.org/locations/main-library/special-collections>.

**Eric Johnson** is a trustee for the Ohio Genealogical Society, the Archivist General for the General Society of the War of 1812, a member of the Company of Military Historians, National Society Sons of the American Revolution, and the Swedish Colonial Society. A retired lieutenant colonel in the United States Air Force, he is the author of the eight books on the Civil War and the War of 1812.



### **Ohio, the Civil War, and the Internet**

Learn historical background of the regiments formed in Ohio and guidelines to help you locate the records left behind by your ancestors who served in both the regular army and the volunteers during the Civil War.

### **Ohio and World War I: Reconstructing your Ancestor's Military Service Records**

Although the majority of military service records were destroyed by fire in 1973, your ancestor did come home with a copy of his service records. This lecture will cover how to find these documents.

**Michael Strauss** holds a BA in history and is a United States Coast Guard veteran. He has been an Accredited Genealogist since 1995. A native of Pennsylvania and a current resident of Utah, Michael has taught military genealogy and history courses for several institutions including Brigham Young University. He is an approved genealogist for the United States Army to locate DNA-qualified family members of MIAs and POWs from World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.



### **Revolutionary War Genealogical Research**

This lecture will focus on a variety of genealogical and historical materials covering the War for Independence, such as compiled service records, pensions, bounty land, local militia lists and rolls, Navy and Marine Corps records, and the Continental Congress papers.

### **Research your World War II Ancestors**

This lecture examines the Official Military Personnel Files housed in St. Louis, Missouri to learn about those who saw military service during this conflict, and takes on the challenge to reconstruct the military service files of those most affected by the 1973 fire.



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