

Monroe County Historical Society

About our quarterly speaker...

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Scott E. Womack



is a twenty-seven year veteran of the U.S. Army and currently teaches English, French, and Journalism at James Monroe High School in Lindsie, West Virginia and is also a member of the National Language

Service Corps. After serving as an Armor Officer for ten years, Lieutenant Colonel Womack spent the last seventeen years of his career either in Sub-Saharan Africa or dealing with affairs in the region as a Civil Affairs Officer and then as a Foreign Area Officer (FAO).

Lieutenant Colonel Womack earned a Doctorate of Educational Leadership, Management, and Policy at Seton Hall University in 2010. He earned his M.A. in National Security Affairs from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California in 1995 and his B.S. in History from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York in 1986. He is proficient in French and German. Scott is the recipient of numerous U.S. and Foreign Service awards and decorations.

January 2020 Quarterly Meeting

Sunday, January 12th at 2:00 p.m.

Meet at the Monroe County Public Library

Presentation by Lt. Col. Scott Womack

Colonel Andrew Summers Rowan:

Monroe County's Spanish-American War Hero



Colonel Andrew Summers Rowan, was a Monroe County native and a West Point graduate. Scott Womack will illuminate

Rowan's mission to find and communicate with Cuban rebel leader General Calixto Garcia at the outset of the Spanish-American War. But for a rousing essay by Elbert Hubbard entitled

"A Message to Garcia," Colonel Rowan may have remained anonymous. Scott will briefly describe Rowan's mission, the context in which he executed it, the impact of Hubbard's essay, and make some parallels with some of the missions in which he was involved in Africa in the early 2000's.

From the President



Happy New Year! My two –year tenure as president of MCHS has flown by. We will vote at the quarterly on a new slate of officers, so please turn out. I personally look forward to going back to my neglected work on the collections and exhibits and making

more records accessible to the public in digital documents on our computer. Over the last two years, we have had successes and a couple of unpleasant surprises. I had looked forward to restoring the original interior rooms of our potentially lovely c. 1820 Caperton Law Office, complete with a Burgess mantel. However, while clearing overgrown vegetation around this building and the Clark-Wiseman/Owen Neel log cabins some serious structural problems were revealed, and these require our immediate attention and resources. In 2019, following our first board retreat in many years, committees were created and this will help us keep on top of society business going forward. One example is that the Building and Grounds Committee will work proactively to secure our complex of buildings against the dreaded agents of deterioration - water infiltration, bugs, etc - these committee members are unsung, behind the scenes history heroes so essential to preserving our historic buildings and their irreplaceable contents.