

IAAS Tour of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument

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IAAS partnered with the Soldiers and Sailors Monument staff to offer a free, after-hours tour of the monument, which was refurbished in 2010. Tim Daley, executive director of the monument, gave an overview of one of Cleveland's most iconic structures, pointing out details about the monument's decorative scheme. Architect Levi Scofield designed both the monument itself and its sculptural program. That includes the sculptures that are such a striking feature of the monument's public "face," as well as the sculptural reliefs that can be found inside the monument, celebrating such aspects of the Civil War as the contribution of women, including Catholic nuns, in relief efforts for wounded soldiers.



The Hon. Ken Callahan, an IAAS trustee, also spoke about contribution made by Irish-born soldiers in the American Civil War. Callahan was able to bring family history and knowledge to the topic since his great-grandfather (also the great-grandfather of fellow IAAS trustee Brendan Doyle), James K. O'Reilly was a Civil War veteran who fought in the Battle of Gettysburg and is one of the more than 9,000 Civil War veterans from Cuyahoga County whose names are inscribed on inside the Monument.



After the tour, which was attended by 40 friends of the IAAS, all were invited back to Flannery's pub for a social hour—where new friends and connections were made. The event was chaired by IAAS trustee Brendan Doyle. Submitted by Margaret Lynch, Executive Director, IAAS

