Northern Illinois
Coalition of
Civil War Round Tables

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Speaker Directory
Dear Program Director:

Want to put on a good program about the Civil War at your school, library, historical society or museum?

With the sesquicentennial of the Civil War coming up in 2011, The Coalition of Civil War Round Tables of Northern Illinois want to spur interest in the Civil War. So we’ve put together a “speaker’s bureau” of local published authors and experts, who’ve presented programs throughout the Midwest. And in this era of tight budgets, most of these programs come free!

The attached file details the presenters, their programs, and contact information. Please contact each individual regarding their program and possible fees, if any.

Best regards,
The Coalition of Civil War Round Tables

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Speaker Directory

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Travel Distance: Any
CWRT Affiliations: Chicago, Northern Illinois
Topics: Historical Perspectives on Civil War Battlefield Preservation; Civil War Battlefields as Commemorative Landscapes: The War Generation and Preservation; The New Deal Battlefield Preservation in the 1930’s, “The Civil War Centennial: Rhetoric, Reality and the Selective Memory”

ANGELO, Phil
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CWRT Affiliations: Kankakee Valley

ALLARDICE, Bruce, Teacher/Author
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Travel Distance: Chicagoland area
CWRT Affiliations: Chicago, Northern Illinois
Topics: Lincoln as War Leader, Civil War Geneology, Election of 1984, Vicksburg, Civil War & Baseball, The Draft, Confederate Colonels

ALLEN, Jerry
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Travel Distance: No Limit
CWRT Affiliations: Chicago, Northern Illinois, McHenry County, Salt Creek
Topics: Portrayal of Major General George H. Thomas; 15th Wisconsin (Scandinavian Regiment); 78th Illinois Regiment (Portrayal of Captain John Allen); Dakota Uprising of 1962 (Minnesota in the Civil War)

ANDRESEN, Rick
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Travel Distance: 90 miles
CWRT Affiliations: McHenry County, Northern Illinois, Chicago
Topics: “Lincoln’s Cabinet, Copperheads, The Committee on the Conduct of War”, Parts 1 & 2; Civil War Firsts; Reconstruction

BANKS, Charlie
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Travel Distance: Willing to drive up to two hours away (may make exceptions)
CWRT Affiliations: Lake County, McHenry County, Northern Illinois, and Chicago
Topics: Lincoln Funeral Train; Jed Hotchkiss, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad in the Civil War, Jedediah Hotchkiss

BENSON, Rick
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Naperville, IL 60565-2358
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CWRT Affiliations: Salt Creek
Topics: 1.) Henry Wirz - This talk is essentially a biography of his life, from birth through his life up to & including Andersonville & his hanging; 2.) The Nightmares of Capt. Henry Wirz. This talk deals strictly with the arrest, the unusual Trial by Military Tribunal, & the hanging of Capt. Henry Wirz. On either talk I would propose to bring copies of photos of Andersonville photos, obtained from the National Archives. I have one portable easel. I would request the usage of 4 or 5 easels wherever I did the presentations. Both talks would approximate 45 minutes to an hour, & would then be followed by a Question & Answer period.
BERNSTEIN, Arnie, Author
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CWRT Affiliations: Chicago, Northern Illinois, Milwaukee and Salt Creek
Topics: Living History: “A Day in the Life of a Civil War Soldier”; CW Naval Blockade and Blockade Running

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CWRT Affiliations: Robert E. Lee CWRT of Central New Jersey

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BROWN, Ward
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Topics: Living history

BUCK, Stephen, Teacher/Author
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Topics: Joliet and Will County Civil War

BURTON, Art, Teacher/Author
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Topics: Wild West; Blacks in the Civil War

BIGGS, Greg, Historian/Author/Tour Guide/Flag Historian
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Travel Distance: Anywhere. I only ask for expenses and a motel room when needed.
CWRT Affiliations: President, Clarksville; Program Chair, Nashville; Past President, Friends of the Fort Donelson Campaign
Topics: I have spoken to CWRTs and conferences across the country for many years. The Atlanta Campaign; From California We Come – The Golden State in The Civil War; Tactical Perfection – Forrest At Brice’s Crossroads; Banners In The Breeze – The Flags of the Confederate Army; Failure In The West – The Army of the Heartland; Buckeyes In Gray – Ohio’s Confederate Generals; How Johnny Got His Gun – The Confederate Supply System; Nathan Bedford Forrest – Napoleonic Cavalryman; The Crack Of Doom – The Collapse of Confederate Department No. 2 (Western Theater); Turning the Tide – The Union Cavalry at the Battle of Shelbyville (Tullahoma Campaign); Where the Civil War Was Won...And Lost – The Western Theater; Volunteer Banners: Tennessee’s Civil War Flags; Nashville – Siren’s Song of the Western Confederacy. Coming Soon: Debacle on the Rivers – The Fort Henry-Donelson Campaign. I also do two Revolutionary War programs. There is “no speakers charge” for speaking to other Civil War Round Tables. There is a minimal ”speakers charge” for speaking to Libraries, Museums, Historical Societies, Senior Centers, Parks & Recreation Centers, etc.

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CWRT Affiliations: Son’s of the Union Veterans
Topics: “In the First Line of Battle: History of the 12th Illinois Cavalry in the Civil War and Reconstruction.” NIU Press 2001; Cavalry
Operations of the Army of the Potomac; Confederate Operations of the Army of the Potomac; Cavalry Operations in the Army of the Cumberland and Cavalry Operations in the Army of Tennessee.

In the past I have enjoyed speaking to Civil War Round Tables: McHenry County, Malta, Decatur, Springfield, Champaign, Macoupin County (Virden, Illinois).

CAIN, Marty
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Topics: Mary Custis Lee; Battle of Glorieta - New Mexico Territory; General Lewis Armistead; Baseball During The Civil War; The Confederate White House; General Hiram Granbury; Battle of Belmont; The Confederate Post Office Department

CAMPBELL, Tom, Author
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Topics: My principal topic would be to discuss my book, “Fighting Slavery in Chicago – Abolitionists, the Law of Slavery, and Lincoln.” Based on eight years of research, FSIC was published in February of 2006. It traces the activities of some intrepid Chicagoans who ran the underground railroad, established abolitionist newspapers, organized political parties, and helped get Lincoln elected President. It examines Lincoln’s position on slavery and the steps he took to abolish it and his vision for America. I also could speak on related topics such as Lincoln’s use of Presidential powers.

CARLSON, Ron, Teacher
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Topics: Ben Butler; Alpheus Williams; Civil War in the West

CARROLL, David
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Topics: Lincoln in Photos

CLARKE, Matt
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Topics: Civil War currency

COLE, Steven Alfred
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Travel Distance: Any
Topics: Frederick Douglass, USCT and Blacks in the Civil War; Slavery, the Slave Trade, and Emancipation; Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass and their Friendship; Free Blacks in Colonial America and their role in the Revolution and the Civil War; Abolition and the Civil War

CONNELLY, Kevin J.
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Travel Distance: General Chicago Area, outside that are will need some logistical planning but not adverse
CWRT Affiliations: SSCWRT
Topics: Custer in The Shenandoah; Second Bull Run; Gettysburg (various subjects including Cavalry operations); The Iron Brigade; The 1864 Overland Campaign
CORBETT, David, “Battlefield Balladeers”
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Travel Distance: Uncompensated, up to fifty miles
CWRT Affiliations: Former member / president South Suburban; Chicago, Salt Creek
Topics: The Songs of Stories of the Civil War (musical presentation)

CRAWFORD, Frank
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Travel Distance: I am available in Illinois from May 1st until October 31st.
CWRT Affiliations: Northern Illinois, Lake County, McHenry County in Illinois, and Manasota and Sun Coast in Florida
Topics: Defense of Burnside at the Bridge; The Matson/Lincoln Slave Trial; Copperhead Riot in Charleston, Illinois; A Nasty Little Incident of War – CSA; A Nasty Little Incident of War – USA; A “New” look at Jennie Hodgers; And Where is Iconium – The Death of Stonewall.; Stone’s River – The Turning Point of the War; Illinois Heroes; Life was Hell on the Home Front, Too.; Last Letters Home; Deserter or Prisoner of War?; Andersonville; The Trial of Henry Wirz; Federal Executions; Rangers or Raiders

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CWRT Affiliations: Salt Creek, Chicago
Topics: “Ghost Stories of the Civil War”; “Lincoln Supernatural Connections”

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Topics: Nationhood

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CWRT Affiliations: Northern Illinois
Topics: Battle of Chancellorsville

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Topics: Kenosha Civil War Museum, The Collections of the Civil War Museum, Kenosha, WI; Elmer Ellsworth and the United States Zouave Cadets

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Topics: Civil War Medicine

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Travel Distance: Almost anywhere in the Midwest. (We do charge a fee and sometimes request assistance with travel expenses).
CWRT Affiliations: Salt Creek; also familiar with South Suburban, Northern Illinois, Kankakee, McHenry County and Chicago.
Topics: “Evening with Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln (One act play)”, “Press Conference with the President and Mrs. Lincoln”, “Woman in Black: Customs of Mourning in the Civil War”, “Roles of Women in the Civil War/Fashions of the Civil War”, “Lincoln on Leadership”

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CWRT Affiliations: Chicago

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CWRT Affiliations: Northern Illinois
Topics: Ewell at Gettysburg on July 1 (What if Jackson were there?); Sickles Advance Into The Peach Orchard (July 2); The 36 IL at Stones River (December 31, 1862); The Controversies Of Gettysburg.

DOYLE, Dennis, Teacher
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Topics: Joliet in the Civil War

EICHER, David J., Author
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Travel Distance: depends on program, availability, compensation
CWRT Affiliations: Milwaukee
Topics: Dixie Betrayed: How Confederates Unraveled Themselves; Abraham Lincoln as Wartime Strategist; The Longest Night: A Military History of the Civil War; Civil War High Commands; Gettysburg Battlefield; The Photographs of Robert E. Lee

FARINA, Bill, Author
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Topics: General Grant

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Topics: Living history portrayal

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Travel Distance: 30-40 miles
CWRT Affiliations: South Suburban, Salt Creek
Topics: Civil War Relics (Show & Tell of some of the interesting pieces from the Civil War).

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Travel Distance: negotiable
CWRT Affiliations: Salt Creek
Topics: Regimental Bands of the Union Armies; George F. Root and Henry Clay Work – Chicago’s Civil War Music Makers; The 1861 Missouri Campaign of Nathaniel Lyon; Sterling Price’s 1864 Missouri/Kansas raid; The Civil War in the Indian Territory; Gen. Richard Taylor, “War and Reconstruction”

FRENZ, Bob
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CWRT Affiliations: McHenry County
Topics: Grand Army of the Republic

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Travel Distance: Any, depends on the situation
CWRT Affiliations: Chicago, Salt Creek, Northern Illinois, South Suburban
Topics: Railroad Defense in the Atlanta Campaign; “The Evolution of Union Victory”; Civil War Engineers; Abraham Lincoln’s Doctor’s Dog; The Soldier’s View, The Civil War Art of Keith Rocco; The Real War will Never Get in the Books; Civil War Artifacts; The Engineers at Fredericksburg; General Impressions of the Civil War; Leonidas Polk and the Fate of Kentucky in 1861; Civil War Corps Command: A Study in Leadership, “What I Saw at Shiloh,” Sgt. Joseph A. Greenhut, 12th
Illinois: General William Passmore Carlin, Fighting General; “What Will You Do When all the Brave Men are Gone, Lyman S. Widney and the 34th Illinois”

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CWRT Affiliations: Lake County
Topics: The Impact of the Horse and Mule upon the Outcome of the Civil War; The Horses of Civil War Generals, Leaders, Officers
I have no restrictions on how I can be contacted and do not charge, if the group offers to off set gas I do accept, but do not “expect it”. My animal related charity of choice is the American Veterinary Medical Foundation at www.avmf.org.

GODDARD, Leslie
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Travel Distance: 60 miles
CWRT Affiliations: Chicago, Salt Creek
Topics: Clara Barton (first-person portrayal), Louisa May Alcott (first-person portrayal)

GUGALA, Valerie
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www.marylincoln.org
Travel Distance: any
Topics: 1.) “A Visit with Mrs. Lincoln”, first person portrayal of Mary Lincoln; 2.) “Divided: Mary Lincoln and Emilie Todd Helm”, first person Reader’s Theatre presentation dealing with Mary Lincoln and her half sister, Emilie Todd Helm; 3.) “The Lincoln Family after 1865”, What happened to Mary Lincoln and her sons after Abraham’s murder? This question and many others are answered in this lecture; 4.) “Mary Lincoln as a Wife and Mother” Mary’s relationship with her children is explored in this lecture. Springfield neighbor’s recollections and Mary’s own words are used to show how she related to her children, how she viewed marriage and motherhood, and how she dealt with her grief at the death of her sons. 5.) Mary Lincoln and the Spiritualists”. After the death of her son Willie, Mary Lincoln held séances in the White House to try to contact him and other deceased relatives. Why did Mary (any many other bereaved families) believe in the spiritualist movement? What happened at these séances? Did Abraham Lincoln ever attend one?

HERDEGEN, Lance, Author
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Travel Distance: 100 miles
CWRT Affiliations: Milwaukee
Topics: Iron Brigade; Kenosha Civil War Museum – Kenosha, WI; Native America and the Civil War

JOHANSON, Fred
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CWRT Affiliations: Chicago, South Suburban
Topics: Recent presentations include: “Antietam”, “Hornet’s Nest at Shiloh”, “Illinois Political Generals”, “German Generals”, “Creation of the ANV”

KOCIOLKO, John S.
4929 West 31st Place
Cicero, IL 60804
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Travel Distance: open
CWRT Affiliations: Chicago
Topics: Abraham Lincoln and the New Nation; Whatever Became of the Union; Robert E. Lee and His Allegiance; Civil Wars Compared-English and American; Abraham Lincoln (first-person presentation)

KOWALSKI, Jerry
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Elmhurst, IL 60126
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Travel Distance: anywhere in the Midwest
CWRT Affiliations: Chicago (Past-President)
Topics: 1.) The Life and Times of Pap Thomas; 2.) The Causes of the War. It wasn’t just slavery.; 3.)
Battles Mill Springs, Chickamauga, Nashville; 4.)
Friends, Enemies & Lovers, You don’t have a clue.
*Everything in life is negotiable*

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Travel Distance: national
CWRT Affiliations: Great Lakes Civil War Symposium,
First Division Museum, Wheaton, IL
Topics: “Visiting the Lincolns” - A group of
unexpected guests arrives at the Lincoln White House
on the eve of the President’s assassination and catches
the First Family unawares. The Lincolns entertain as best
they can with anecdotes and yarns. The couple delights
the audience with stories about the people and events
that influenced their lives. Through engaging conversation
they speak about their youth, education, the struggles
of the Civil War, and their personal lives in Springfield
and Washington D.C. By the end of the program, the
audience will know more about the personal Mr. Lincoln,
as well as the professional politician and the issues that
troubled the nation in his time. The audience will have
an opportunity to ask questions, and meet & greet for
pictures. This program is suitable for all ages 40 minute
running time.

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Honorarium is up to group to whom I speak.

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CWRT Affiliations: Waukesha, WI
Topics: Mary Todd Lincoln as a widow reflects
on her life with the President; Mary Todd Lincoln
circa 1860’s talks about meeting Mr. Lincoln and
her boys.; Sari Semple tell stories of Appalachia
in the 19th century.; Abigail Adams reflects on
her life with John during the Revolution and his
Presidency; Eleanor Roosevelt reflects on her life
and achievements; her marriage to Franklin. All
programs are done in first person in full period costume.

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Topics: Darling of the South, “Miss “Major”
Pauline Cushman–The Woman Officers Feared”;
“Mary Ann ‘Mother’ Bickerdyke Victorian Tea”;
“It’s Not All About Tea”

MILGRAM, Dr. James W.
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Well-known postal historian – published 439 articles and
7 books.
Topics: Federal Civil War Postal History (includes
some Confederate too) 40-60 min. Powerpoint.
No fee but please call in by phone for all inquiries.

MILLER, Reverand Robert J.
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depending on my ministry schedule (Midwest locations
particularly)
CWRT Affiliations: Chicago (former President)
Topics: Books/articles: Author of “Both Prayed to
the Same God – Religion and Faith in the American
Civil War” (Lexington, 2007); Blue and Gray,
(XXVI, #6, 20 I0) “The Religious Trickster – Fr.
Joseph Bixio”; The Citizen’s Companion (October
2007, “19th Century Religion – A Different World”;
Religion and Faith in the Civil War [or any topic in
this general area]: “Confederate Christian Warrior –
Fr. James Sheeran (14th LA)”; “God’s Shock Troops –
the Jesuit Civil War Chaplains”
The music began in the hobby of Civil War reenacting. As members of a group in St. Petersburg, Florida, they began singing around the campfire at reenactment events in 1983. They wanted to sing songs that the original Civil War soldiers sang. Their research revealed lots of these old tunes, and they began bringing their instruments to these events. The combination of music, atmosphere, and camaraderie suited them so well that they decided to develop their musical talents as a business. At reenactments, malls, festivals and schools they found that the old-time songs still brought smiles and enjoyment to modern audiences. The band performed these songs the way they felt the soldiers of North and South would have sung them in camp and on the battle line, using acoustic instruments: guitar, bass, fiddle, banjo, mandolin, harmonica - the same instruments available to 19th Century musicians - and adding vocal harmonies. The style will remind some of the Kingston Trio or Peter, Paul and Mary. Their individual musical backgrounds vary from folk to barbershop to stage shows to classical, and every exciting performance blends the best qualities of those styles with clear melodies and words, strong chorus, and genuine old-time sound. These were America's popular songs of the 19th Century, and whether the tune is happy or sad, romantic or patriotic or nonsense, audiences of all ages feel the music still belongs to them, to sing along with, dance to or just listen to and enjoy.
Gettysburg (actually I'm pretty much a generalist - so lots of battles - esp. Shiloh, Antietam); 8th Illinois Cav and Buford's Division; 7th PA Cav and Minty's Brigade (Army of Cumberland); 55th Ill, 104th Ill, Iron Brigade – especially 2nd and 6th WI; USCT; slavery (I have a Ph.D. in African History); “Of Sabres and Carbines: The Emergence of the Federal Dragoon”; Danville, VA; “Blue and Gray Education Society, Monograph #11”, August 2001. Articles: “A Taste of Northern Steel: The Evolution of Federal Cavalry Tactics 1861-1865,” North & South, v. 2.2, January, 1999, 30-46, 80-84; “Two Tales of Tennessee: The Ups and Downs of Cavalry Command,” North & South, v. 4.4, April 2001. 78-86. I've been working on a history of the 55th Illinois Infantry, a bio of Colonel David Stuart, who commanded it, and a comprehensive work on the evolution of cavalry tactics North and South.

SCHWARTZ, Thomas F.
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Travel Distance: 200 miles
CWRT Affiliations: Chicago, Salt Creek
Topics: 1.) Lincoln and Grant; 2.) Lincoln's Fire in the Rear: Civil Unrest in Illinois; 3.) Lincoln and Political Patronage; 4.) Images of the War (in preparation)
I can only accept reimbursement for expenses.

SEBASTIAN, Jonathan
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CWRT Affiliations: Chicago
Topics: Battle for the Prairie State: Illinois Politics During the Civil War; Appomattox Experience; DuPage County History with emphasis on the Fischer Family (including but not limited to the Civil War era); Overview - The Civil War Soldier; Life and Times at Jubilee College, 1830-1862; Numerous other presentations on various battles and other aspects of the war.

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CWRT Affiliations: Chicago, Salt Creek
Topics: The Westward Movement: Custer and the Little Big Horn, slide presentation with audio; Cruise of the Confederate Raider Alabama, slide presentation with audio; John Chivington: Glorieta to Sand Creek, slide presentation; Battle of Dead Angle on the Kennesaw Line Near Marietta, Georgia, (Sam R. Watkins-Co. AYTC) with slides; The Lincoln Assassination, slide presentation.
Published a set of 43 transparencies on the American-Revolution with accompanied text through Scott Graphics, Chicopee, MA.

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CWRT Affiliations: Belvidere High School
Topics: 95th Illinois Infantry

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Travel Distance: 50-75 miles
Topics: The Power of the Southern Army, “the Army of the Valley and the Shenandoah Campaign of 1862”; “A Set of Determined Young Men”; The Virginia Military Institute and the Civil War”; “Iron Nutmegs”; Connecticut's Volunteer Field Officers and the Connecticut Experience in the Civil War”; “I find myself quite a stranger here, but ere-long expect to master all difficulties,’ Thomas Jackson’s antebellum experience at the V.M.I”; “Personal Affairs”; Violent Postbellum Deaths of Confederate Generals”; “This Affair will not prove Unimportant, the Battle of Piedmont, Virginia, June 5th, 1864”; “I think there is indolence and idiocy aplenty here!” Command Relationships in the Army of Mississippi, Spring 1863.”
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CWRT Affiliations: Northern Illinois
Topics: Talks/topics (all first person impressions):
Tales from the life of Gen. John B. Turchin, “the
Russian Thunderbolt,” and his gallant wife,
Nadine; The Incident at Athens, Alabama, and
the Court Martial of Col. Turchin; The Conduct
of the War through a Russian Staff Officer’s Eyes;
Chickamauga, Eyewitness Accounts by General &
Madame Turchin; A Brief Tribute to “The American
Volunteer.” Also, Anna does a first person
impression of Virginia lady Constance Cary, a belle
of Richmond society during the Civil War.

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CWRT Affiliations: Northern Illinois
Topics: 1.) Letters of the Civil War: 30 Civil War
Letters dramatically interpreted to music, period
photos and film footage, 2.) Civil War Nursing and
Louisa May Alcott: Miss Alcott describes the sites
and sound of a Civil War Union hospital in 1862,
3.) A New England Abolitionist, Maria Westin
Chapman: Hear the fiery speech of a Boston Female
Anti-Slavery Society Disciple, 4.) Our Regimental
Vivandier: Women in the Army! And both North
and South had them. Listen to the story of one such
Lady, 5.) Coehorn Mortar Demo and Firings: Learn
about the Civil War Coehorn Motar and be prepared
for a live firing. Bang!, 6.) Hauntings of the Civil
War: Invite Maggie Fox, a founding influence of
American Spiritualism to share her tales of Civil War
chills, 7.) The Spinning Wheel and Our Clothes: The
audience participates in learning how to spin cotton,
wool and flax, 8.) “Praire Rose” Film Presentation:
A 90 minute period drama produced and created by
Civil War Reenactors depicting Camp Douglas in
Chicago during the Civil War.

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CWRT Affiliations: McHenry County
Topics: Earl Van Dorn; The Eighteenth Illinois,
the Hanging of Private Dickerman and the Court
Martial of Colonel Lawler; Ironclads; Exploits of
Col. CR Ellet and the Sinking of the “Queen of the
West”; Battle of Chickasaw Bayou.

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Travel Distance: If expenses are offered would be willing
to travel outside the Chicago metro area.
Topics: Talk on the book “Abraham Lincoln and
the Structure of Reason,” a book I co-authored
with David Hirsch, a Des Moines attorney. In this
book, we describe how Abraham Lincoln used his study
of Euclid Elements to construct the iron logic found in
his speeches, letters and legal arguments. Also can sell
and sign copies of “Abraham Lincoln and Structure of
Reason”.

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Travel Distance: unlimited - mileage/travel
CWRT Affiliations: McHenry County
Topics: Typical Women’s Dress through the
day and from the skin out. (I will dress and have a
Powerpoint presentation, but a model could be used also)
“What a lady wore at home, for day, for special occasions
and to the ball”; Mid Century Parasols and Umbrellas (with
extant examples and Powerpoint presentation); Civilian
Men’s clothing (with a model and Powerpoint presentation)
“What a gentleman would wear at home, at work, for
business, dress and for formal occasions”; Typical children’s
clothing for girls and boys (with Powerpoint presentation)
“No, most little boys did not dress in uniforms, and little
girls did not wear ballgowns: dispelling the myths”; Mid
century Jewelry (with extant examples and Powerpoint
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CWRT Affiliations: McHenry County
Topics: The Gap at Chickamauga, September 20, 1863. In this talk I will relate the events during the battle, leading up to General Longstreet's attack; and highlighting the errors made by Generals, Rosecrans, Wood and others which resulted in what the Confederates call a victory, and the Union refer to as a withdrawal.; Taking The Cars, transportation in the 1860's (can include a Powerpoint Presentation); The life of General John M. Brannan, 1819-1892.
NOTE: Each of these can be presented in from 30 to 45 minutes, but can be longer if time allows.

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Topics: Gen. G.K.Warren and the Warren Court of Inquiry; Whitman’s Sampler—Civil War Poetry

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Travel Distance: almost any
CWRT Affiliations: Chicago
Topics: My presentation relate stories about my travels and findings while writing my book, “The complete Civil War Road Trip Guide”. The book features almost 450 Civil War historic sites, all of which I personally visited. The title of the presentation is “Finding Hallowed Ground: America’s Civil War Sites Today”. The talk focuses on hidden gems, lessons learned, the importance of historic travel, and battlefield preservation.
Fee: None, although I do ask for assistance with travel costs and permission to sell my book.

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Travel Distance: Open
CWRT Affiliations: All Civil War Round Tables
Topics: Dealing in Historical Artifacts; Lincoln Assassins: Trial and Execution

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CWRT Affiliations: Salt Creek for many years, but membership recently lapsed
Topics: First person Ulysses S. Grant. Any topic associated with Grant including: Grant at Chattanooga, Grant at Vicksburg, Life of U.S. Grant, Reminiscences of the Civil War, the Last Year of the Civil War, Grant as President, etc.
I don’t charge fees to Civil War Round Tables, except for gas if a long distance from home.

WHITE, Don C.
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Topics: Lincoln; Robert E. Lee

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Topics: Mr. Willever and I have co-authored a book titled “A Dark and Bloody Ground: Sowing the Wind”. This book chronicles the week of October 4-7, 1862, when the State of Kentucky lay in the balance as vast foraging armies swept the country side; soldiers from the North and from the South fighting and dying, staining Kentucky’s soil with their blood. The reader witnesses these events through the eyes of seven protagonists, four Southern and three Northern.
This novel for the first time brings to life such historical figures as George Thomas, Leonidas Polk, Phil Sheridan and Patrick Cleburne, to name but a few. The events of this week changed the lives of these men and the State of Kentucky forever! This book takes you up to two hours before the Battle of Perryville, Kentucky. It has been nominated for the 2010 Michael Shaara Award for Excellence in Civil War fiction. We are currently working on the second book titled “A Dark and Bloody Ground: Reaping the Whirlwind”. This book is due for release in late 2010. This book will contain the actual Battle of Perryville and culminate with the Confederate withdrawal the day after. Mr. Willever and I will NOT charge any fees for speaking to your group. We do ask to have a small area available, after the lecture, to sell and sign our books. We have a strong passion to educate those unaware of the importance of Kentucky during the American Civil War and to enhance the knowledge of those who do.

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Topics: 1.) The Lincoln-Douglas Debates, 2.) Lincoln’s Speeches – either in general or with respect to particular speeches (1st Inaugural, Gettysburg, 2nd Inaugural, Cooper Union, etc.)
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