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Sept. 18th, DuPage Civil War Collectors Show in Wheaton
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 Sept. 23rd, South Suburban CWRT: Robert L. Girardi on “William Passmore Carlin, Fighting General”
Sept. 30th, Conference on Illinois History in Springfield: Robert L Girardi on “Lyman Willey and the 14th Illinois”
Oct. 2, 13th Annual Civil War Symposium and Reenactment at Cantigny, featuring presentations by Bruce Levine, Russell McClintock, William K. Scarborough, and Joan Waugh. Contact the National Archives at (773) 948-0001 for more information.

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Feb. 11, TBA
March 11: Susan Boardman, “Steelyard Cyclorama”
April 8: Richard McMurry, TBA
May 13: Tom Schott, “Alexander Stephens”
June 10: Peter Carmichael, TBA

Reminders
Born Skaptason at the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop reminds us that the next “Virtual Book Signing” will be noon, Oct. 9th, with Earl Hess talking about his new book, Into the Crater: The Mine Attack at Petersburg. For more information on these and upcoming events, visit www.virtualbookshopsigning.net or www.lincolnbokshop.com.

On Sept. 23rd the Wheaton History Center will unveil the flag of the 16th IL Infantry. This CWRT donated tens of thousands of dollars to help restore this sacred relic, in large part due to the vision and energy of our friend the late Steve Stewart. The event starts at 7 p.m., with General Thomas (Jerry Koslak) among others, making some wellchosen remarks.

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Marker Honors 69th Pa. Charge at Glendale

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The editors of this book are honored to have The Civil War Round Table members, the CWPT, as the professionals who have contributed the articles. This third volume of the CWPT’s series contains the following articles by members or contributors:

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The former property owner, Dr. Len Morrow, the CWPT and other landowners who helped preserve the site some 30 men of the modern 69th Pennsylvania reenactment group traced their historical counterparts’ trail through over half a mile of dense woods on their way to the clearing where the ceremony was held. Mosquitoes, ticks and a very hot, humid Virginia day were impediments to be coped with. As they approach the clearing where some 40 spectators awaited, the unit fired a volley to announce its presence and begin the ceremony.

Civil War Trust Preservation Trust (CWT) Chief Operating Officer Ron Cogswell congratulated members of the 69th for their perseverance in bringing the Civil War Trail marker, which they financed, and for their “impressive, memorable way of carrying out the dedication ceremony.”

The CWPT purchased the land where the marker was erected in 2007 from Dr. Len Morrow, Cogswell said. Added to other pieces purchased nearby, 577 acres of the land. Purchased nearby, 577 acres of the land were acquired which mentions a South

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While this action was taking place, the CSS Monitor was moving toward Hampton Roads. The Monitor was designed by John Ericsson who with Francis Smith invented an ironclad propelled by water. At Christmas, 1862, a sad end for a vessel that, with the other 66 US built ironclads and the Virginia, influenced naval warfare for 80 years.

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The author of several books about the 69th, Kopich has been president of the unit for eight years and, wearing his captain's uniform, was their leader at the ceremony. ... At the conclusion of the ceremony, the reenactors gathered by the marked — many left a sprig of green or a pinch of Irish soil on the plaque.

The former property owner, Dr. Morrow, told this reporter after the ceremony that his grandparents bought the land in 1918, "So I almost made it 100 years." Dr. Morrow said, "I've always been mindful that this hallowed ground. That's one reason I wanted to see it come to preservation and the Park Service. We don't want a Walmart here on top of this."

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