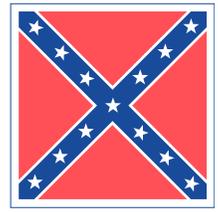


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743ND REGULAR MEETING

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Friday, June 12th

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HOLIDAY INN MART PLAZA
350 NORTH ORLEANS STREET

Cocktails at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

\$49 - Members/Non-members

*Entrée: Roast
Pork Loin or
Baked Salmon*

Please Note:

Make your reservations by Wednesday, June 10, by emailing dinnerreservations@chicagocwrt.org, or calling 630 460-1865 with the names of your party and choice of entrée.

If a cancellation becomes necessary after dinner reservations have been made, please email us at dinnerreservations@chicagocwrt.org and/or call us at 630-460-1865.

We are offering the option of choosing not to have dinner and coming only for the address at 7:15 p.m., for a charge of \$10 per person.

Parking at the Holiday Inn is \$25 with validation. More if not validated Other parking is available at 437 N. Orleans.

Garry Adelman on 4D Civil War Photography Extravaganza

BY BRUCE ALLARDICE

Join us on June 12th as we welcome Garry Adelman for a lively and multi-dimensional Civil War photography extravaganza. The Civil War was the first war to be extensively photographed and, for the first time in history, the public was exposed to real-life images of the gruesome toll of battle. Through then-and-now photographs, as well as 3-D (and even 4-D) techniques.

Mr. Adelman will tell the story of the Civil War via the intensive and revolutionary wet-plate photography process and the truly unique individuals involved in the birth of photojournalism. Learn how early photographs were made, used, distributed and,

thus, how they changed our understanding of the American Civil War. The latest photo-related discoveries and scholarship will be covered.



A graduate of Michigan State University and Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania,

Garry Adelman is the award-winning author, co-author or editor of 20 books and 35 articles on the Civil War. He is the vice president of the Center for Civil War Photography and has been a Licensed Battlefield Guide at

Gettysburg for 20 years. He has appeared on numerous productions shown on the BBC, C-Span, Pennsylvania Cable Network

and on HISTORY. He works full time as Director of History and Education at the Civil War Trust.



Famous Photo of George Custer, with prisoner. Two images for 3D effect.

\$115K Needed For Antietam Land

(May 2015 *Civil War News*)

WASHINGTON – With \$460,000 in leadership gifts and commitments in hand, the Civil War Trust needs an additional \$115,000 by June 30 in order to buy what Trust President James Lighthizer calls “The Epicenter of Antietam.”

The tract has been described as the most blood-soaked ground on the entire Sept. 17, 1862, battlefield which saw the single bloodiest day in American history.

“This 44-acre piece of central battlefield land is one of the most important... one of the most significant... one of the most priceless parcels of hallowed ground you and I have ever had the chance to save,” said Lighthizer.

The \$575,000 total cost includes the land, removing the modern house and replanting a portion of the East Woods.

The Trust must provide the purchase and restoration funds without assistance because the property is an “in-holding” within park boundaries and not eligible for federal matching grant money. State funds are not available.

Lighthizer said that although some restrictions were voluntarily placed on the property years ago by the landowner, “it is most emphatically not fully protected, and will not be, until we purchase it.”

He said the greatest threat was the possibility that it could be sold to a buyer who might try to replace the farmhouse with a “McMansion” in the heart of the Antietam battlefield, much as what happened on Fleetwood Hill at Brandy Station Battlefield.

Historians agree on the site’s significance. James McPherson

said, “To acquire this property and restore the same view that Hooker and his men saw on that fateful morning would be one of the greatest coups in the history of battlefield preservation.”

Robert K. Krick noted that over nearly a half-century of leading battlefield tours he has had to describe “the savage maelstrom of battle on that field” standing along its boundary, without access to the ground.

“Any way today’s visitor looks at it, this 44-acre tract is as vital to an understanding and interpretation of the morning’s fight – for Miller’s cornfield and the West Woods slaughter – as any other land that has been preserved at Antietam,” said Ed Bearss.

For James I. Robertson Jr., “That tract of land, consecrated by the blood of patriots, is a holy memorial to American courage and sacrifice. Preserving it for all time to come is a move that the whole nation should applaud.”

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June 6–7, Civil War Days, Baker/Koren Round Barn Farm Park, Manhattan.

This event features infantry, cavalry, and artillery re-enactors, as well as musicians, horses, and medical personnel. The Battlefield Balladeers will perform Songs of the Civil War. More information is available at (815) 478-3324 or manhattanparkdistrict.com.

June 27–28, Civil War Reenactment Weekend, Fischer Farm, Bensenville.

There will be a rally for drills in the morning and a skirmish in the afternoon. The Battlefield Balladeers will perform. More information is available at bensenvillepark-district.org or (630) 766-7015.

Gettysburg Guides Celebrate 100 Years

By Kathryn Jorgensen (May 2015 *Civil War News*)

GETTYSBURG, PA. — As Civil War 150th commemorations come to a close, the 100th anniversary of licensed battlefield guides is being celebrated in Gettysburg.

Special programs and articles will recognize the 1915 formalization of professional guiding. The Guides' history will be related in the July *Civil War News*. The *Gettysburg Times* is running monthly columns and *Celebrate Gettysburg* magazine will have a story in its May/June issue.

Association of Licensed Battlefield Guides (ALBG) President Joseph Mieczkowski says, "We want people to better understand the history of the organization and why it's so special."

He speaks with pride of the Guides' sense of tradition and passion for interpreting the Battle of Gettysburg — a far cry from the earliest days of Gettysburg tourism when "guides" accosted travelers and regaled them with facts and fiction.

The War Department, which managed the battlefield, responded to complaints about the quality of tours by taking over and starting licensing. The ALBG now has 124 licensed members, four retired emeritus and 197 associate members. Mieczkowski says about 100 are active tour guides.

The ALBG's 100th year began with a sold-out annual Spring Seminar, which focused on "The Union Right Flank — The Other High Ground." The Sept. 11-12 Fall Seminar theme is "The battle between the barns — Peach Orchard to Bliss Farm."

Lincoln portrayer Jim Getty was scheduled for the late April Visiting

Scholars Program banquet at the Dobbin House to talk about his life as Lincoln and interactions with the battlefield guides.

In June Adams County Winery will host a picnic for guides — there may even be a special bottling with the association's logo.

The Guides' fourth annual Tuesday evening "Walks Through History" series will feature 14 guided tours from June to September. Each walk will have a specific topic "telling stories of the battlefield that tourists can't get on the regular tours," says Mieczkowski.

Dates for the 5:30 p.m. walks are June 9, 16, 23, 30; July 7, 14, 21, 28; Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25; and Sept. 1, 8. People who sign up for six walks, can enroll for a seventh free.

Guides will be giving free 6 p.m. tours of Soldiers' National Cemetery this summer. Mieczkowski notes that many guides, some of whom were veterans or ancestors of today's guides, are buried in nearby Evergreen Cemetery.

The ALBG also expects to have some exhibits in the park visitor center to show artifacts including old uniforms and photos.

The 100th anniversary of the first licensed battlefield tour will be celebrated at a visitor center banquet on Oct. 17.

A November memorial service will be held at Price of Peace Episcopal Church, which was built as a monument to the battle. Mieczkowski says, "It will honor the men and women who were telling the stories of the people who fought here."

Proceeds from sale of centennial

pins with the ALBG logo will help offset costs of the anniversary programs. Mieczkowski says the Gettysburg Foundation is providing significant support to the Guides' commemorations.

The guiding season is busy with school groups from April to June, summer anniversary events and vacationers, and then fall foliage visitors, but Mieczkowski says "any time" is a good time to see the battlefield.

Visitors can tour on foot, by car or bus, or on a horse, scooter or Segway. Whatever they want, a Gettysburg Licensed Battlefield Guide will be there.

"If folks wish to tour the field this year with a licensed battlefield guide advance reservations are suggested," Mieczkowski says. "They won't be disappointed."

For more information about ALBG programs visit www.gettysburgtourguides.org.



Stephen A. Douglas Assn.

Historian Martin H. Quitt, whose biography of Stephen A. Douglas opened new themes in the historiography of the Little Giant, will be the keynote speaker at the Douglas Associations annual observance of Senator Douglas's death. This year's ceremony will begin with the annual wreath laying at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 13th, at the Douglas tomb, followed by the luncheon and talk at the Holiday Inn Merchandise Mart. For Reservations or more information, see www.stephenadouglasassociation.com.

GRAPESHOT



June 6th-7th. Civil War Days in Manhattan, IL, featuring the **Battlefield Balladeers**. See more details on page 2.

On June 10th. Jeff Shaara book signing at Naper Settlement.

On June 13th, the **Civil War Museum in Kenosha** will sponsor its Annual Salute to Freedom.

The **Pritzker Military Library** is opening an exhibit the week of June 22nd entitled "Dignity of Duty" and is seeking re-enactors who might pass out flyers on Michigan Avenue promoting the exhibit. Contact Teri Embrey at tembrey@pritzkermilitary.org for more details.

On June 28th. Civil War reenactment weekend at Fischer Farm, Bensenville, featuring the **Battlefield Balladeers**. See more details on page 2.

Check the **Announcements** section of the CWRT's website for additional coming events.

Know of any upcoming talks, events, or publications? All members are welcome to contribute items to the newsletter. Contact the editor at editor@chicagocwrt.org or (630) 297-8046.

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Sixty plus years of audio recordings of CWRT lectures by distinguished historians are available and can be purchased in CD format. For pricing and a lecture list, please contact Hal Ardell at hal229@ameritech.net or phone him at (773) 774-6781.

Each meeting features a book raffle, with proceeds going to battlefield preservation. There is also a silent auction for books donated by Ralph Newman and others, again with proceeds benefiting battlefield preservation.

More Upcoming Civil War Events

- June 5th, Northern Illinois CWRT: Annual Banquet, with Chris Kolakowski on "The Naval War in 1864"
- June 9th, McHenry County CWRT: **Rob Girardi** on "General G. K. Warren"
- June 11th, Milwaukee CWRT: Garry Adelman, "4D Civil War Photography Extravaganza"
- June 13th, Stephen A. Douglas Assn.: Martin H. Quitt on "New Views of Douglas"
- June 16th, Lincoln-Davis CWRT: **Mary Abroe** on "Saving Antietam: A Preservation Victory"
- June 19th, Salt Creek CWRT: Annual Banquet, with Greg Biggs on "The Fort Henry-Donelson Campaign"
- June 21st: Annual Lake County CWRT picnic.
- June 26th, Canal Corridor Historical Society in Lockport, Laura Keyes and **Leslie Goddard** present "Mrs. Lincoln and Mrs. Kennedy"
- July 21st, Lincoln-Davis CWRT: Max and Donna Daniels on "Civil War Mourning Customs"
- July 26th, Graue Mill Museum in Oakbrook: Leslie Goddard as "Louisa Mae Alcott"
- Aug. 2nd, Byron (IL) History Museum: **Bruce Allardice** on "Baseball During the Civil War"
- Aug. 18th, Lincoln-Davis CWRT: Rhonda Kohl on "The Prairie Boys go To War"

Bulletin Board



FUTURE MEETINGS

Regular meetings are held at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, 350 North Orleans Street, the second Friday of each month, *unless otherwise indicated*.

- Sept. 11: Dale Phillips on "The Capture of New Orleans"
- Oct. 9: Dennis Frye, Nevins-Freeman Award: "John Brown: The Spark that Ignited War"
- Nov. 13: Philip Leigh on "Trading with the Enemy"
- Dec. 11: Dave Keller on "Camp Douglas"
- Jan. 8, 2016: David Moore on "William S. Rosecrans"
- Feb. 12: Don Doyle on "The Cause of All Nations"
- March 11: Bruce Kraig on "Why the Civil War Made our Modern Food"
- April 8: Greg Biggs on "Nashville: Siren's Song of the Confederacy"
- May 13: Glenna Schroeder-Lein on "The Solders' Home in Civil War America"
- June 10: Dale Phillips on "Ben Butler and the Federal Occupation of New Orleans"

Virtual Book Signing

Join the **Abraham Lincoln Book Shop** on June 11, at 6pm (Central) when we welcome **Jeff Shaara** and **William Marvel** to the program. Shaara will discuss his new book, *That Fateful Lightning*, Marvel will talk about his book, *Lincoln's Autocrat*. Learn more about this book and order yours at http://virtualbooksigning.net/book-information/#anchor_2.

Reenactment in Lemont

The historic St. James on the Sag Church, in Lemont, is holding a “Civil War Re-enactment: the Ideas behind the bullets.”

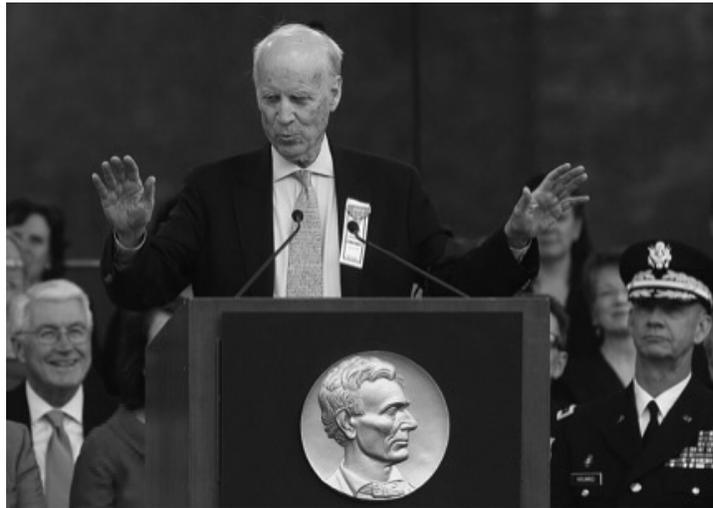
The unique re-enactment won't have any cannons and the bullets that will be flying will be the mighty weapons of the pen. Two Civil War era prelates will face off as actual 1806s sermons from clergymen of the North and the South are re-enacted. Sitting in the oldest working church in Northern Illinois, attendees will be sitting in pews that pre-date the Civil War. Lively discussion will follow. Refreshments will be sold.

The event is Sunday, June 14 at 1:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.historicstjames.org.

Lincoln Funeral

The first week of May saw the Lincoln Funeral Reenactment in Springfield. Here are some photos of the event, from the Springfield Journal Register, including historian Michael Burlingame delivering the keynote address:



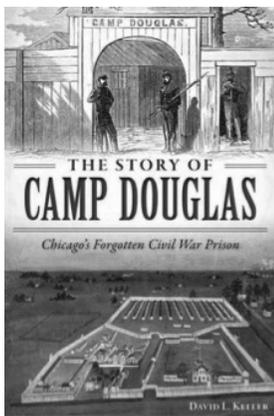


More Summer Events at Kenosha Museum

June 11, Civil War Museum, Kenosha, WI. Jeff Shaara will discuss the final book in his Civil War tetralogy, *The Fateful Lightning*, which covers the final months of battle in Georgia and the Carolinas, noon; suggested \$5 donation at the door.

June 12, Civil War Museum, Kenosha, WI. Bob Braun will speak on Companies H and I of the 33rd Wisconsin Infantry, noon. Program sponsored by the Milwaukee Civil War Round Table and the Iron Brigade Association.

Through June 15, Civil War Museum, Kenosha, WI. Remembrance Field: A Civil War Memorial. Information on all Civil War Museum programs is available at www.thecivilwarmuseum.org or (262) 653-4140.



New Book on Camp Douglas

More Confederate soldiers died in Chicago's Camp Douglas than on any Civil War battlefield. Originally constructed in 1861 to train forty thousand Union soldiers from the northern third of Illinois, it was converted to a prison camp in 1862. Nearly thirty thousand Confederate prisoners were housed there until it was shut down in 1865. Today, the history of the camp ranges from unknown to deeply misunderstood. David Keller offers a modern perspective of Camp Douglas and a key piece of scholarship in reckoning with the legacy of other military prisons.

New CWRT Officers for 2015-2016

At its May meeting, the CWRT of Chicago elected the following officers.

Cindy Heckler	President
Jon Sebastian	Executive VP
Marc Kunis	1st VP
Randy Doler	2nd VP
Jim Cunningham	Treasurer
Bob Gibson	Ass't Treasurer
Leslie Goddard	Secretary
Dan Modes Ass't	Secretary

TRUSTEES: Terms to Expire 2016:

Cary Van Ness, Marybeth Foley, John Ungashik, David Zucker

Terms to Expire 2017:

Tom Murray, Rick Branham, Scott McIlvain, Randy Whitchurch