

The Outpost

**The Newsletter of the Salt Creek Civil War Round Table
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555th Regular Meeting

DATE: **SATURDAY**, December 17, 2022
PLACE: Glen Ellyn History Center (N.W. Corner of Main & Elm Streets)
800 N. Main Street, Glen Ellyn, IL
TIME: 11:00 am
PROGRAM: "The Dakota War 1862-1865"
SPEAKER: Jan Rasmussen

In August of 1862, as the United States focused its attention on the Second Battle of Bull Run in the Civil War, the Minnesota frontier exploded in violence. Provoked by a corrupt treaty system, waves of immigration, dishonest Indian Agents and traders, and forced cultural changes, the Santee Sioux killed at least 600 settlers. The uprising was one of the worst in American history and launched a series of Indian wars on the plains that did not end until the Battle of Wounded Knee in 1890.

Jan Rasmussen is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Technical College-Waseca with a degree in Veterinary Technology. While there she developed an interest in Minnesota history. She has made numerous trips to the battle sites and forts relating to the Uprising.

Jan has been a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the Salt Creek Civil War Round Table since 1990 holding every position at one time or another. She is currently Secretary/Treasurer, "chief schlepper and keeper of the stuff".

In addition to her Civil War interests Jan has photographed and documented over 250 Round Barns in the Midwest. "All those who wander are not Lost"

**TO HELP CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON
MEMBERS ARE URGED TO BRING COOKIES OR SNACKS**

ALL FOR THE UNION

A \$1000 donation has been made to the American Battlefield Trust in the memory of Jim Soens for the Gettysburg Pickett's Charge Project.

THE CURRENT SALT CREEK CWRT BOARD HAS RUN AGAIN UNOPPOSED AND HAS VOLUNTEERED TO REMAIN AGAIN FOR 1 MORE YEAR!
THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SERVICE!

2023 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE IN JANUARY.

The renewal form is included with the newsletter.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Jan LeMaire

UPCOMING CIVIL WAR EVENTS

Check with the organization sponsoring the program for meeting status

December 13, 2022

McHenry County CWRT will feature Kevin Wood presenting "President Abraham Lincoln"

Zoom Only

McHenry County CWRT on Facebook

December 15, 2022

South Suburban CWRT will feature their Holiday Party at the Joliet Historical Museum,
204 N. Ottawa Street, IL

gprspnphy@yahoo.com

South Suburban CWRT on Facebook

December 20, 2022

Lincoln/Davis CWRT will feature Pat Brennan presenting "Gettysburg in Pictures"

Country House Restaurant, Alsip, IL

Lincolndavisroundtable@yahoo.com

January 6, 2023

Northern Illinois CWRT will feature David Powell presenting "The Tullahoma Campaign"

Arlington Hts. Library

northernilcwr.org

January 13, 2023

Chicago CWRT will feature Robert Girardi presenting "Union POWs at Camp Douglas"

Holiday Inn O'Hare, 5615 N. Cumberland, Chicago (In Person & Zoom Presentation)

Check website to confirm meeting location.

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December 2022 Preservation Report

By Brian Conroy

Merry Christmas to everyone! While it is true that it is the season to give and receive gifts with those we care about, for those of us who care for the preservation of history can be a gift to everyone throughout the country. A great opportunity is available to do just that, which is the preservation of seven acres of land from three different battlefields that cover three different conflicts across the French and Indian War, the Revolutionary War, and the Civil War. The transaction value is more than \$2.7 million, and with a \$45-to-\$1 match available, they can be secured for only \$62,000 — an astounding \$45-to-\$1 match. They are also an important purchase towards the goal of the American Battlefield Trust to preserve 2,500 acres of Revolutionary War battlefields in time for their 250th anniversary.

The two acres that are the aim of preservation during this project at **Fort Johnson** has great value not only to the beginnings of our country's greatest conflicts during the Revolutionary War and Civil War, but also today, as prices in the area of Charleston have doubled in the past decade, and 17% this year alone. This, unfortunately, does not translate well into appreciation of historic significance, and can obscure the importance of many sites from the public. During the Revolutionary War, the 2nd South Carolina Regiment captured Fort Johnson with little resistance, and raised the new flag of South Carolina, which instilled a symbolic victory against the Crown. And more than 80 years later, cannons were fired from this location over Fort Sumter in 1861, marking the beginning of the American Civil War.

Already, more than 14 acres have been saved at the **Eutaw Springs Battlefield**, with this present project aiming to add an additional four acres, increasing the size of the battlefield where, from 1779 to 1781, war raged across the Carolinas, with the fighting in the Carolinas ending on this battlefield. After two years of fighting, British General Cornwallis moved into Virginia, allowing American General Nathanael Greene to take advantage of the situation and moved towards Charleston. He was met in 1781 by Colonel Alexander Stewart, who ultimately beat Greene, but still showed that Greene's American army could contest control of the Carolinas in the conflict.

The third battlefield allows for a connection between the French & Indian War and Revolutionary War. Known as the "Gibraltar of the North," **Fort Carillon** during the French & Indian War saw more fighting than any other post due to its access of the Hudson Valley. In 1758, the Battle of Carillon was a British defeat under Major General James Abercrombie, who was recalled and the fort was then retaken the following year by General Jeffrey Amherst. The area around the fort has revealed sites that include fortified camps, a temporary field hospital site, and a potential burial site.

During the Revolutionary War, the renamed **Fort Ticonderoga** was the site of an American victory in 1775, and later a British victory in 1777. During the Revolution, Fort Ticonderoga was the site of an American victory against the British in 1775, and showed the military leadership of Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold. Two years later, in 1777, under siege of General Burgoyne, American commander Arthur St. Clair gathered his men and escaped to avoid being captured, allowing British forces to regain control of the fort.

FUTURE SALT CREEK CWRT MEETINGS

Check us out on Facebook and at saltcreekcwr.org

Meeting are held at the Glen Ellyn History Center at 11am

January 21, 2023

Jonathon Sebastian will present: "The Valley Campaign of 1864"

February 18, 2023

Paul Wood will present: "General Lee's War"

The Civil War Round Table of Chicago's Annual Battlefield Tour will feature
The Red River Campaign. The tour is May 3-7, 2023

For information and itinerary Email us at CWRT2023Tour@ChicagoCWRT.org.
The tour is limited to one bus with capacity for 50 attendees.

BACK IN HISTORY

50 Years Ago: Orland Roberts presented: "A Look at Collecting Civil War Relics".

25 Years Ago: Auction for Battlefield Preservation featuring Jerry Feinstein, Dan McCarthy
and Kevin Naughton.

10 Years Ago: Memorabilia Show and Tell Night

THE SALT CREEK CWRT

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Wishing Everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year!