

The Outpost

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541st Regular Meeting

DATE: Friday, June 18, 2021
PLACE: Confines of your own home.
Due to Covid restrictions the meeting will be via zoom
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
TOPIC: “Lincoln on Slavery, Emancipation And Equality”
SPEAKER: Kevin Wood (aka Mr. Lincoln)

Mr. Lincoln shares his ever-evolving perspectives on the subjects of slavery, emancipation, and equality, including the relationship between the white and black races during his times. He gives a brief summary of the long history of slavery in North America, focusing especially on the great debates and compromises over slavery at the time of the formation of the United States and during the subsequent 80 years. He discusses his own political views on slavery and emancipation and how these gradually shifted over the years. He talks about his interactions with both free and enslaved blacks, and about the relationship in general between the white and black races in his times. And, of course, he discusses the great events of his presidency as related to these issues, including the significant decisions to issue the Emancipation Proclamation, to allow blacks to join the armed forces, to give up on the idea of colonizing blacks elsewhere, and to advocate for black suffrage.

Mr. Lincoln is portrayed by Kevin Wood, a professional Lincoln presenter who bears a remarkable resemblance to “the Great Emancipator” and who is extremely knowledgeable about his life and times. Mr. Wood has been portraying Mr. Lincoln since the year 2000, and on a professional basis since 2015. He has made over 1,300 appearances in 31 states plus Washington DC and two foreign countries: Canada and Spain. Mr. Wood also writes a blog – “Loath to Close... Still!” – which encourages others to reflect upon and learn from President Lincoln’s life and legacy. For more information, visit www.mrlincoln.com.

Join Zoom Meeting June 18, 2021 at 7:30pm
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89424996800?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89424996800?pwd=VDVRV3Z3K2xqUFAydnJUclJGQmwQT09)
pwd=VDVRV3Z3K2xqUFAydnJUclJGQmwQT09

Meeting ID: 894 2499 6800
Passcode: 910622

MAY MEETING UPDATE by Art Foley

As a student of history I've always been on the search to make connections. I welcome assistance to guide my attempts to grasp the thought process of the individuals we encounter.

Dan Van Haften's presentation for the May Zoom session, "The Tyranny of Public Discourse: Abraham Lincoln's Six Element Antidote for Meaningful and Persuasive Writing," offered an outline, (fleshed out in the Dan's text of the same name), that can provide a method for the development of a orderly, concise, and logical system of written communication. Based on the method of discourse set out in the process Euclidean geometric discovery, our sixteenth President applied that process to prose composition.

Dan provided instances from Lincoln's correspondence starting during 1855 and onwards for instruction and clarification. Letter's to members of the Illinois legal / political members, instruction to military commanders, (David Hunter, Joseph Hooker, George Meade), and public communication, (2nd Inaugural), served to illustrate Lincoln's methodology. The Presidents' ability to use location, timing, and verbal logic enabled an effective transference of message. The structure underlying his words forming the story beautifully paints his persuasive ability.

To delve into greater description in this recapitulation would poorly serve the subject - I recommend if you desire to incorporate this style that you purchase the text. I have and have found it to be very helpful.

Thank you Dan for an invigorating discussion. You have assisted in illuminating part of Father Abraham's thought process for myself and I appreciate your efforts! Huzzah!

CIVIL WAR TOUR

The annual Chicago CWRT battlefield tour will take place this August 18-22. The tour will be visiting the Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville battlefields. The tour itinerary, registration form, and other information, can be visited at <https://chicagocwrt.org/battletour.html>

OAK TRACE HAS CONFIRMED THAT WE CAN RESUME IN PERSON MEETINGS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER! HUZZAH!!!

JUNE 2021 PRESERVATION REPORT

By Brian Conroy

Welcome to the end of our meeting season, and the beginning of summer. We are finishing the series of our preservation focusing on the rise of the modern preservation movement based on an article about Battlefield Preservation by Bob Zeller, who is co-founder and President for the Center for Civil War Photography.

In 1997, a new phase in battlefield preservation started by reclaiming developed land, removing modern structures, and returning the land to the way it looked during the Civil War. This began with the purchase of a single-family home and lot that was established as the site of the Carter Cotton Gin at the epicenter of the furious battle at Franklin on Nov. 30, 1864 that was forgotten by the 1990s. Organizations such as the American Battlefield Protection Program soon purchased more properties and spearheading certain innovative approaches to reclaiming land and its history from development in other places outside of Franklin, such as at Gettysburg and Antietam.

The Civil War Trust has also embarked on daunting propositions of purchasing highly marketable and desirable land before it is developed, such as the 247 acres of the Slaughter Pen Farm in Fredericksburg in 2006 for \$12 million, in partnership with Tricord, Inc. development company, the American Battlefield Protection Program, SunTrust Bank, and the Central Virginia Battlefield Trust to buy and preserve the largest remaining unprotected part of the Fredericksburg battlefield, and the scene of a Union assault and a furious battle that rivaled the simultaneous charge at Marye's Heights. Developments that have been recently thwarted were against a casino next to the Gettysburg battlefield in 2005-06 and 2010-11, and in 2009-2011 a Walmart superstore on historic land next to the Wilderness battlefield. In May 2002, 790 acres in the heart of the Chancellorsville battlefield were saved from housing and commercial space after a 10-month campaign, after which the Trust acquired two parcels totaling 214 acres in 2010 and 2013.

Civil War battlefield development is rife with victories and losses of preservation battles, such as Tipton Park on Little Round Top, leading to the greatest progress in battlefield preservation not won in the courts, but achieved by private citizens alarmed by rampant battlefield development. Seeing a need to preserve these historic sites, they gathered together to form grass roots organizations to save battlefields by buying them. The movement grew beyond the founders' greatest expectation as today's American Battlefield Trust announced in 2018 that more than 50,000 battlefield acres at more than 130 different battlefields in 26 states had been exceeded, with more in the works and many more planned for the future.

UPCOMING CIVIL WAR EVENTS

Check with the organization sponsoring the program for meeting status

June 15, 2021

Lincoln/Davis CWRT will feature Ron Kirkwood presenting “Too Much for Human Endurance: The Spangler Farm Civil War Hospital”
Country House Restaurant, Alsip, IL

July 13, 2021 Rob Girardi will present “The Changing Memory of the Civil War” at the Maine Township Hall.

July 14, 2021 Bruce Allardice will give a zoom presentation “Baseball in the Civil War” to the Congress of Civil War Round Tables.

August 11, 2021 Bruce Allardice will give a zoom presentation “Confederate Colonels” to CivilWarTalk.com. Visit www.civilwarbruce.com for events schedule and details.

August 26, 2021

South Suburban CWRT will feature Phil Angelo presenting “The Battle for Fort Donelson”
South Suburban CWRT on Facebook (ZOOM MEETING)

The Civil War Round Table Congress is sponsoring a series of virtual Civil War Lectures.
To view the schedule visit: <http://www.cwrtcongress.org/lectures.html>

The Kenosha Civil War Museum is also sponsoring virtual programs.
To view the schedule visit: <https://museum.kenosha.org/civilwar/events>

GREAT LAKES CIVIL WAR FORUM

The Civil War Museum of Kenosha, WI, will be hosting its annual Great Lakes Civil War Forum on Saturday, September 11. As was the case last year, the museum will be offering both in-person and virtual options to attend the event. The information on the four programs and links to sign up for both options are below.

Saturday, September 11 | 9am – 4pm

**In-Person Option: \$55 (\$70 non-member price) includes live in-person presenters,
coffee breaks and boxed lunch**

Limited to 30 participants

<https://84428.blackbaudhosting.com/84428/Great-Lakes-Civil-War-Forum-11Sep2021>

ALL FOR THE UNION

Don Sender has several boxes of Atlas Edition American Civil War Cards. The cards would be great for a young civil war enthusiast. For more information Call Don at 630-668-1897.

FUTURE SALT CREEK CWRT MEETINGS

Check us out on Facebook and at saltcreekcwr.org

September 17, 2021

Bruce Allardice will present "Lincoln as a War Leader" at Oak Trace.

October 23, 2021 SATURDAY AT THE GLEN ELLEN HISTORY CENTER

Annual Book Sale for Battlefield Preservation. 11AM TO 2PM

AT 2PM Rob Girardi will present "Chicago's Memory of the Civil War".

November 19, 2021

David Keller will present: "Command at Antietam" at Oak Trace.

BACK IN HISTORY

50 Years Ago: Dave Baumheckel presented "Jefferson Davis, the Northern General".

25 Years Ago: Kurt Carlson presented "Backing the Boys in the Civil War".

10 Years Ago: Rob Girardi presented "Illinois Fights the Civil War" at our annual banquet.

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