

The Outpost

**The Newsletter of the Salt Creek Civil War Round Table
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561st Regular Meeting

DATE: FRIDAY, June 16, 2023
PLACE: DoubleTree by Hilton Lisle Naperville
3003 Corporate West Drive (Warrenville Road) Lisle, IL
TIME: 6:30 pm Cocktails – 7pm Dinner -- Program
PROGRAM: “The Birth of Combat Photography: McPherson & Oliver
SPEAKER: Lawrence Lee Hewitt

In 1978, Lawrence Lee Hewitt became the first site manager of the Port Hudson State Historic Site. While researching, he began collecting photographs related to the Civil War battle. Hewitt has now brought his four decades of research and collecting together in his new book *Port Hudson: The Most Significant Battlefield Photographs of the Civil War*. In his research he has found evidence proving that the first photographs ever taken in combat anywhere in the world were made by photographers McPherson & Oliver at Port Hudson in 1863. Significant details of that story do not appear in the book. The quantity and uniqueness of these photos help widen our perspective not only on Port Hudson and the Civil War's impact on its people and environment, but also on the history of photography.

Lawrence Lee Hewitt is a professor of history emeritus at Southeastern Louisiana University. A recipient of SLU's President's Award for Excellence in Research and the Charles L. Dufour Award for outstanding achievements in preserving the heritage of the American Civil War, he is a former managing editor of the *North & South*. A longtime member of the Civil War Round Table of Chicago, Lawrence is the recipient of Chicago's Nevins Freeman Award for Distinguished Service in Civil War Scholarship and in the CWRT movement. His publications include *Port Hudson: Confederate Bastion on the Mississippi*, *Confederate Generals in the Western Theater* and *Confederate Generals in the Trans Mississippi*, which he coedited.

Registration for the banquet has been extended to June 9th.

ALL FOR THE UNION

Many THANKS to Roger Bohn for his years of service preparing the speaker plaques. Roger took over the job from Herman DeBoer. After 31 years Roger has decided to step down. Rob Girardi will be assuming the task.

The SCCWRT has made a \$1000 donation to the American Battlefield Trust for the Four Sites in Tennessee and Kentucky Project with a match of \$117 to \$1. The sites include Franklin, Fort Negley, Belmont, and Richmond, Ky.

Bruce Allardice will present "Before the Chicago Cubs: Baseball Comes to the Windy City" on June 3rd at the River Forest Public Library. For more information see www.civilwarbruce.com.

Leslie Goddard will present "Clara Barton" to the Des Moines CWRT on June 21st. For more information on Leslie's presentations, visit www.lesliegoddard.inf.

Rob Girardi will present:

- "General Warren's Last Battle" at the Civil War Conference in Jacksonville, IL on June 3rd.
 - "The Detective as Historian" at the Abraham Lincoln Symposium at Cantigny on June 18th.
 - "Chicago's Memory of the Civil War" at Bernard Horwich JCC on June 28th.
 - "The Union Prisoners of War at Camp Douglas" to the Madison Co. CWRT (KY) on July 21st.
- For more information visit robertgirardi.com.

UPCOMING CIVIL WAR EVENTS

Check with the organization sponsoring the program for meeting status.

June 9, 2023

Chicago CWRT will feature Mark Zimmerman presenting "Mud, Blood and Cold Steel" Holiday Inn Oakbrook, 17 W 350 22nd Street, Oakbrook Terrace
Chicagocwrt.org

June 13, 2023

McHenry County CWRT will feature Larry Werline presenting "U.S. Grant and the Battle of Champion Hill".
Woodstock Library McHenry County CWRT on Facebook

June 20, 2023

Lincoln/Davis CWRT will feature Steve Cowie presenting "When Hell Came to Sharpsburg".
Country House Restaurant, Alsip,
Lincolndavisroundtable@yahoo.com

July 11, 2023

McHenry County CWRT will feature Jerry Allen presenting "The 1st and 8th Wisconsin: Shadowy Secrets".
Woodstock Library McHenry County CWRT on Facebook

August 15, 2023

McHenry County CWRT will feature Bruce Allardice presenting "Charles Gunther: Mississippi River Confederate".

Woodstock Library McHenry County CWRT on Facebook

The Abraham Lincoln Association is holding a Symposium at Cantigny Park, Wheaton, IL. Saturday, June 17, 2023. 9am to 3:30pm. Free and open to the public.

The list of speakers includes Michael Burlingame, Michelle Krowl, Dan Weinberg, Guy Fraker, Robert Girardi, William Griffing and Diana Dretske.

Information flyer included as an attachment.

RSVP to Kay Smith kaysmith.ala@gmail.com or 217-LINCOLN

FUTURE SALT CREEK CWRT MEETINGS

Check us out on Facebook and at saltcreekcwrt.org

Meetings are held at the Glen Ellyn History Center at 11am, on the third Saturday of the month, September thru May.

September 16, 2023

Jerry Allen will present "The 1st and 8th Wisconsin: Shadowy Secrets".

October 21, 2023

Dan McCarthy Topic TBD

November 18, 2023

Gene Salecker will present "Vicksburg After the Fall"

BACK IN HISTORY

50 Years Ago: No meeting was held. The annual banquet was held in October. Richard Blake presented "A Look at Lincoln" (first person presentation of Lincoln)

25 Years Ago: David Erickson presented "Winfield Scott Hancock: Soldier to Presidential Candidate".

10 Years Ago: Eric Jacobsen presented: "The Battles of Spring Hill and Franklin".

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