

The Outpost

The Newsletter of the Salt Creek Civil War Round Table
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571st Regular Meeting

DATE: **FRIDAY**, June 21, 2024
PLACE: Double Tree by Hilton, Lisle-Naperville
3003 Corporate West Drive (Warrenville Road) Lisle, IL
TIME: 6:30pm Cocktails--7pm Dinner--Program
PROGRAM: **"Not Written in Letters of Blood: The Tullahoma Campaign"**
SPEAKER: Christopher Kolakowski

The Tullahoma Campaign lasted from June 24 to July 4, 1863, and resulted in the Federal Army of the Cumberland securing Middle Tennessee. The victory, overlooked at the time and since, was a masterpiece of maneuver which set up future operations around Chattanooga and beyond. This talk will examine the campaign and its context.

Christopher L. Kolakowski is Director of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum, a position he has held since January 6, 2020. He was born and raised in Fredericksburg, Va, but his mother's family has very deep roots in the Badger State. Chris received his BA in History and Mass Communications from Emory & Henry College, and his MA in Public History from the State University of New York at Albany.

Chris has spent his career interpreting and preserving American military history with the National Park Service, New York State government, the Rensselaer County (NY) Historical Society, the Civil War Preservation Trust, Kentucky State Parks, the U.S. Army, and the MacArthur Memorial. He has written and spoken extensively on various aspects of military history and leadership from 1775 to the present, and was the inaugural Director of the General George Patton Museum and Center of Leadership at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Chris has published three books on the Civil War and three on World War II in the Pacific. He is a reviewer and contributor to the *Air Force Journal of Indo-Pacific Affairs* and a Senior Fellow at the Consortium of Indo-Pacific Researchers. His latest book, titled *Tenth Army Commander*, is about General Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr., who was killed in battle on Okinawa.

Registration flyer attachment included. Please respond by June 17th.

ALL FOR THE UNION

After Covid there was a need to find a new location for the SCCWRT meetings. We have been meeting on the 3rd Saturday at the Glen Ellyn History Center. We have received numerous positive comments regarding the change. **Thanks to all for the support.**

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Dick Jensen (newly reenlisted member)

UPCOMING CIVIL WAR EVENTS

Check with the organization sponsoring the program for meeting status.

The Kenosha Civil War Museum features **Second Friday Lectures at Noon.**

June 14, 2024 Dr. Gregory Burek will present "Post Civil War Veteran Mental Health".

<https://museums.kenosha.org/civilwar/events/>

June 10, 2024

Robert I. Girardi will present "Civil War Generals" to the Fort Wayne CWRT.

June 11, 2024

Robert I. Girardi will present "The Midwest Fights the Civil War" to the Southwest Michigan CWRT.

June 11, 2024

McHenry County CWRT will feature Bob Presman presenting "John Brown, Hero or Terrorist? Martyr of Madman?" Woodstock Library. www.mchenrycivilwar.com

June 14, 2024

Chicago CWRT will feature Timothy Smith (Nevin's Freeman Award) presenting "Grierson's Raid" at Holiday Inn Oakbrook, 350 W. 22nd Street, Oakbrook Terrace. chicagocwrt.org.

June 15, 2024

NW Indiana CWRT will host **HISTORY SPEAKS** at the Buckley Homestead Encampment in Lowell Indiana 10am – 4pm featuring Reenactors, Food Vendors, Authors, Presentations & Activities. Bruce Allardice will present "The Ten Worst Civil War Generals". For more info see Northwest Indiana CWRT on Facebook.

June 18, 2024

Lincoln/Davis CWRT will feature Steve Alban presenting "The 1860 Election" at Country House Restaurant, Alsip, IL. lincolndavisroundtable@yahoo.com

June 22, 2024

Abraham Lincoln Association 2024 Summer Symposium at Cantigny. 9am to 1pm. Attendance is free but seating is limited to 100. RSVP Kay Smith at kaysmith.ala@gmail.com. The presenters include Ed Achorn, Bill Shepherd, Dr. Dan Monroe, Joshua Clayborn, Guy Fraker and Robert I. Girardi presenting "General John E. Smith."

June 29, 2024

Kenosha Civil War Museum will feature John L. Hopkins presenting "There Will Never Be Such a Gathering Again: The 1913 Soldiers Reunion at Gettysburg" at 1pm.

July 1, 2024

Rock River Valley CWRT will feature Bjorn Skaptson presenting "Illinois Light Artillery at the Battle of Atlanta" at Veterans Memorial Hall, 211 N. Main Street. Rockford, IL

July 9, 2024

McHenry Co. CWRT will feature Jerry Ed Allen presenting "And Then He Was a Lion: Major General James Steedman" at the Woodstock Library. www.mchenrycivilwar.com

July 16, 2024

Lincoln/Davis CWRT will feature Diana Dretske presenting "The Bonds of War: Immigrant Soldiers of the 96th Illinois Infantry" at Country House Restaurant, Alsip, IL.

August 5, 2024

Rock River Valley CWRT will feature Robert I. Girardi presenting "Civil War Engineers" at Veterans Memorial Hall, 211 N. Main Street. Rockford, IL.

August 9, 2024

Kenosha Civil War Museum will feature Lance Herdegan presenting "A New Look at Gainesville and Brawner Farm".

August 13, 2024 Part 1 August 20, Part 2

Kenosha Civil War Museum will feature Robert I. Girardi presenting "Illinois Holds the Key: The Vicksburg Campaign". 6-8pm

August 20, 2024

Lincoln/Davis CWRT will feature Dennis Doyle presenting "Illinois Regiments at Gettysburg" at Country House Restaurant, Alsip, IL. lincolndavisroundtable@yahoo.com

August 22, 2024

South Suburban CWRT will feature Fr. Bob Miller presenting a topic to be determined.

FUTURE SALT CREEK CWRT MEETINGS

Check us out on Facebook and at saltcreekcwrt.org

September 14, 2024* **Date Change due to conflict with the Civil War Show.**

Robert I. Girardi will present Stonewall Jackson: The Man, the Myth, and the Legend".

October 19, 2024 **ANNUAL BOOK SALE** 11am-1pm and 30 minutes after program
Program at 1pm. Jeff Anderson will present "Joseph Medill: Abolitionist".

November 16, 2024 John Horn will present "The Wilson-Kautz Raid and Grant's Second Offensive at Petersburg".

BACK IN HISTORY

50 Years Ago: Jerry Warshaw presented "The General".

25 Years Ago: Don Sender presented "Col. John Chivington: Glorietta Pass to Sand Creek".

10 Years Ago: Clark "Bud" Hall presented "General John Buford & the 8th IL Cavalry at the Battle of Brandy Station".

On Saturday, September 14, the Civil War Museum of Kenosha, Wisconsin, will host the 16th Annual Great Lakes Civil War Forum. The theme of this year's program is the Union's Brown Water Navy.

The 2024 Great Lakes Civil War Forum: *Mr. Lincoln's Navy*

Saturday, September 14

8:30AM Registration, Programs Begin at 9:30AM

\$68 Friends of the Museums/\$85 Non-Members

Price Includes Programs, Museum Admission, Coffee, Refreshments, and a Catered Lunch

Scheduled Speakers and Topics

Torpedos: An Ironclad's Greatest Fear John Quarstein, Director Emeritus of the USS Monitor Center

Mr. Lincoln's Brown Water Navy Dr. Gary Joiner, Director and Chair of the History Department, LSU Shreveport

Hero of the Red River: The Life and Times of Joseph Bailey Michael Goc, Acclaimed Wisconsin History Author

The Navy and Left-Armed Corps: Outstanding Service in War and Peace Stephen A. Goldman, M.D., Author

To register, please call 262-653-4140 or go to <https://museums.kenosha.org/civil-war-museum-programs-events/annual-events>

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June 2024 Preservation Report

By Brian Conroy

“Save Threatened Battlefield Acres at Fredericksburg”

We have the opportunity to save seven and a half acres of twice-hallowed ground through the American Battlefield Trust. The tract is entirely inside the authorized boundary of the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park. Yet it is now unprotected and features several 20th century structures. It has major significance in the two battles of Fredericksburg – it's the site of artillery positions, observation areas, and command posts. It's only a short walk from Lee's Headquarters. The current zoning for this property allows for development into 34 residential townhouse lots, and developers have been chewing at the bit to acquire it. Negotiation for the sale was achieved with the landowner, but it won't come cheap. It's going to cost \$1.525 million over three years. And the first \$500,000 is due soon!

The History

Two significant battles took place on this sacred land, making this land twice hallowed.

The first, in December of 1862, was one of the largest and deadliest battles of the Civil War. It featured the first opposed river crossing in American military history, as well as some of the deadliest urban combat of the Civil War. It was also a decisive Confederate victory that served as a catalyst for a Federal command change within Lincoln's principal army, while setting the stage for the spring 1863 campaign in northern Virginia.

The second battle took place in April of 1863, when Union General Joseph Hooker split his army into three pieces, leaving one in the vicinity of Fredericksburg to hold the Confederates in place, while his other wings cut into the rear of the Confederates. Hooker planned to smash the Southerners in his Northern vice. Undaunted, Robert E. Lee, too, split his forces to meet these threats, leaving some 56 cannons and 11,000 soldiers at Fredericksburg to hold the Federals in place, while Lee and Stonewall Jackson led the remainder of the army west to thwart Hooker. On May 3, 1863, Union forces overwhelmed Lee's rear guard at the Second Battle of Fredericksburg.

Help Save Twice-Hallowed Ground

Today, support is needed for the first step in this preservation project. Please help raise \$500,000 to save 7.5 acres of twice-hallowed ground before it's too late by donating to the American Battlefield Trust.

You can learn about this latest preservation project through the video on their YouTube channel listed as, [“Save Twice-Hallowed Ground at Fredericksburg, VA”](#)



The Salt Creek Civil War Round Table's **Annual Banquet—Friday June 21, 2024**

Time: 6:30 Cocktails – 7:00 Dinner – Program – **Silent Auction**

CHRISTOPHER L. KOLAKOWSKI

Director, Wisconsin Veterans Museum

Presenting: ***Not Written in Letters of Blood:
The Tullahoma Campaign, Summer 1863.***

Where: **DOUBLETREE by Hilton Lisle Naperville**

3003 Corporate West Drive (Warrenville Road) Lisle, IL, 630-505-0900

◆ 1-mile east of the intersection of Naperville Rd./ Naper Blvd. & Warrenville Road ◆

Directions...

From **Chicago:** Eisenhower west to “Aurora / I-88” exit “53 south” 1-block to Warrenville Road, turn west (right) 1-mile (+/-) to the **DOUBLETREE by Hilton Lisle Naperville** on the left (south) side of the road.

From the **West:** To Naperville Road / Naper Blvd., to Warrenville Road; east to **DOUBLTREE**, on the right (south).

Price: **\$65.00** per person (free parking)

Select: Sliced N.Y. strip loin of **BEEF**, Boursin (cheese)-crusted **CHICKEN**, or Honey-ginger **SALMON**

◆ Please make your reservations by **June 17, 2024** ◆

Questions: Call **Jan Rasmussen**... 630-217-8427; jrbarns@sbcglobal.net

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Please respond by **June 17, 2024**—return this form ***with your check*** to:

Jan Rasmussen, Treasurer
756 Sterling Ct. D2; Bartlett, IL 60103

Make checks payable to: “**SCCWRT**” for the ***total amount due***

NAME (please print) _____ PHONE # _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES _____ @ \$65 each = total: \$ _____

CHOICE & NUMBER OF ENTRÉE: Sliced loin of **BEEF** _____ Boursin-crusted **CHICKEN** _____ Honey-ginger **SALMON** _____

NAME(S) OF
GUEST(S) _____