

The Outpost

The Newsletter of the Salt Creek Civil War Round Table
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581st Regular Meeting

DATE: FRIDAY, June 20, 2025
PLACE: Double Tree by Hilton, Lisle-Naperville
3003 Corporate West Drive (Warrenville Road) Lisle, IL.
TIME: 6:30pm Cocktails-7pm Dinner-Program
PROGRAM: ***“In Their Letters, In Their Words:
Illinois Soldier Write About U.S. Grant”***
SPEAKER: Mark Flotow

Civil War soldiers were the most literate soldiers in history in their time. They regularly read and wrote letters to remain in communication with friends and family at home. In their letters, they discussed every topic imaginable. These writings provide us with a real-time assessment of the Civil War as experienced by them. Discussions of service, camp life, and concern for the well-being of loved ones and local events flowed from their pens. They also wrote about their comrades and their commanders. Not surprisingly, Ulysses S. Grant, under whom many of them fought, was a popular figure in their communications. Join us this month as Mark Flotow presents examples of how Illinoisans viewed the general who led them to victory.

Mark Flotow is an independent researcher after spending thirty years as a public health administrator, statistician, and demographer for the State of Illinois. He is an adjunct research associate in anthropology at the Illinois State Museum and volunteers as an interviewer for the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's Oral History Program. He contributes articles regularly to *Illinois Heritage Magazine* and is the author of the highly acclaimed *In Their Letters, in Their Words: Illinois Civil War Soldiers Write Home*.

Registration flyer attachment included. Please respond by June 16th.

UPCOMING CIVIL WAR EVENTS

Check with the organization sponsoring the program for meeting status.

June 6, 2025

Northern Illinois CWRT will feature Bob Presman presenting "*Could the South Have Won the Civil War?*". Arlington Hts. Library www.northernilcwr.org

June 7, 2025 10am to 4pm

NW Indiana CWRT will sponsor HISTORY SPEAKS at the Buckley Homestead. 3606 Belshaw Road, Lowell IN. For more information see attached flyer.

June 10, 2025

McHenry County CWRT will feature Bob Presman Doyle presenting "*Could the South Have Won the Civil War?*". Woodstock Library www.mchenrycivilwar.com

June 13, 2025

Chicago CWRT will feature Dave Powell presenting "*Lost Opportunities in the Atlanta Campaign*". Holiday Inn Oakbrook, 350 W. 22nd St., Oakbrook Terrace www.chicagocwr.org

June 17, 2025

Lincoln/Davis CWRT will feature Dave Powell presenting "*Atlanta to Tullahoma*". Country House Restaurant, Alsip, IL lincolndavisroundtable@yahoo.com

July 7, 2025 at noon

Rock River Valley CWRT will feature Dorothy Page Turner presenting "*Songs and Stories of the Underground Railroad*" at Veteran's Memorial Hall, 211 N. Main Street, Rockford.

July 8, 2025

McHenry County CWRT will feature Mary Rose Filip presenting "*Rockford's Camp Fuller and the 74th Illinois*". Woodstock Library www.mchenrycivilwar.com

July 15, 2025

Lincoln/Davis CWRT will feature Alex Rosini presenting "*Calamity at Fredericksburg*". Country House Restaurant, Alsip, IL lincolndavisroundtable@yahoo.com

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

Free and Open to the Public and No Prior Registration is Required.

June 13 Michael Sullivan will present "*Congdon Brothers & Significant Others: Their CW Times*".

July 11 William Griffing will present "*Spared and Shared: Saving History From the Civil War*".

July 18 Aaron Rowland will present "*The US Navy and the American Civil War*".

Aug. 8 Dr. Steve Fratt will present "*Combat in the Civil War*".

Great Lakes Civil War Forum at the Civil War Museum of Kenosha, Wisconsin Saturday, Sept. 13th. The theme of this year's Forum is the Antietam Campaign.

For speaker and program information, registration costs and additional details contact link below.

<https://museums.kenosha.org/civil-war-museum-programs-events/annual-events>

The Kenosha Civil War Museum is offering a Petersburg and Appomattox Campaign Tour.

Sunday October 19th thru Wednesday October 22nd. For itinerary and more information see website.

June 21, 2025

The Abraham Lincoln Association 2025 Summer Symposium at Cantigny. 9am to noon.

Attendance is free, but registration is required. RSVP Kay Smith at kaysmith.ala@gmail.com.

Symposium topics:

Michael Burlingame- "*John Locke Scripps-Lincoln's First Biographer*."

Guy Fraker- "*Young Abraham Lincoln & Ann Rutledge- a New Salem Infatuation*".

Mark Pohlad- "*Abraham Lincoln-the Lawyer and Politician in Chicago*".

Scott Schroeder & David Weigers- "*The Lawyer Sculpture Project – A Digital World Tour*".

FUTURE SALT CREEK CWRT MEETINGS

Check us out on Facebook and at saltcreekcwr.org

Sept. 27, 2025 Jerry Allen will present "*General James B. Steedman*". **Note the date change due to a conflict with the Civil War Show.**

Oct.18, 2025 ANNUAL BOOK SALE 11am to 1pm. Program at 1pm.
Fr. Bob Miller will present *From Rome to Appomattox: The History of Military Chaplains*.

Nov.15, 2025 Thomas Arliskas will present "*Smoothbores & Shotguns vs Rifles at Fort Donelson*".

Dec. 20, 2025 Memorabilia Show & Tell moderated by Robert I. Girardi.

BACK IN HISTORY

50 Years Ago: No June meeting was scheduled.

25 Years Ago: Bill Thomas presented "*The Confederate States Post Office and Its Stamps*".

10 Years Ago: Greg Biggs presented "*Debacle on the Rivers: Fort Henry Fort Donelson Campaign*".

THE SALT CREEK CWRT

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