

The Outpost

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504th Regular Meeting

DATE: Friday, June 16, 2017
PLACE: Lisle-Hilton; 3003 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, IL 60516
TIME: 6:30pm Cocktails—7:30pm Dinner
TOPIC: Abraham Lincoln & Franklin D. Roosevelt: Two War Presidents
SPEAKERS: Max Daniels and R.J. Lindsey

The presidencies of Abraham Lincoln and Franklin D. Roosevelt have noted similarities. Both presidents participated in terrible wars they did not ask for. Both were presidents when the nation was attacked. Both grew as commanders-in-chief after suffering defeat after defeat to finally win their wars, and both died in office before the wars actually ended. Max Daniels and R.J. Lindsey appear in this presentation as Abraham Lincoln and Franklin D. Roosevelt in their times of challenge.

Max Daniels along with his wife Donna Daniels have been portraying Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln professionally since 1988, and are widely recognized throughout the Midwest as being among the best of the Lincoln presenters. They are past Vice-Presidents of the National Association of Lincoln Presenters, and over the years have received awards for “Best Abe”, “Best Mary”, “Best Abe & Mary Team” and “Lincoln Legend”. They have performed at the Lincoln Home Visitors Center in Springfield and at the Smithsonian Institute. They have been featured on the C-Span Cable Network in the Lincoln-Douglas Debate Series, the “*Someone You Should Know*” program on ABC, in Chicago and the “*Investigating History*” series on The History Channel. They research and write their own original scripts and make numerous appearances at reenactments, schools, libraries and other organizations. They take pride in “bringing history to life” for audiences of all ages.

R.J. Lindsey’s 35 years of experience as a researcher, writer, and actor have contributed to the success of his living history programs. Besides Franklin D. Roosevelt, he also appears as Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Edison, Daniel Burnham, Civil War Surgeon Gen. William Hammond, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Paine, NPS Director Stephen Mather, WWI General Charles Dawes, Walt Whitman and Charles Darwin. His latest program is “*Lusitania, America and WWI*”.

MAY MONTHLY MEETING SUMMARY BY ARTHUR FOLEY

The May meeting of the Roundtable featured the talk, "Faith of the Fathers, Stories of the Challenges, Courage, Humor, and Dedication of Catholic Civil War Chaplains", presented by Father Robert Miller. With his opening declaration that these men were "not your typical priests", Father Bob described a set of very unusual men.

Outlining the source of the word chaplain, the involvement of chaplains in American conflicts previous to the Rebellion, Father sorted a variety of official recognition and involvement that separated the official versus unofficial status levels for chaplains. Chaplains served in three separate associations: hospitals, military posts, and in the field at regimental / brigade / or corps oversight. Of the one hundred and four Catholic priests who served as chaplains for the armies, only fifteen were full time. The rigors of their service debilitated these men and in some cases caused their deaths. Only one priest, a Benedictine, died from a combat wound. Highlighting unique situations these men encountered, Father spoke about Father William Corby, famed chaplain of the Irish Brigade, (the only chaplain to be memorialized by a statue on a battlefield, in this case Gettysburg). Father Peter Paul Cooney, noted in the OR for his service at Stones River. Jesuits, the most from any order, who served in both armies. Bishop John Le May, immortalized in Willa Cather's novel "Death Comes To The Archbishop", who oversaw religion in the far west or Father William Elder who wrote an interesting memoir of his service experience. Father Jeremiah Tracey, who served on both sides. Father Peter Whelan, who brought mercy to the inmates of Andersonville. Finally, we were introduced to the post-war activities of Father Abram Ryan - the "Poet-Laureate" of the Lost Cause.

Traveling amid the armies, as necessitated by the vast numbers of Catholic immigrants serving, these men had to deal not only with the many pressures of campaigning as well as to administer to the souls under their charge. And performing with the tact to withstand the Nativist prejudices of the general public.

We would like to thank Father Bob for his informative presentation. Huzzah!

UPCOMING CIVIL WAR EVENTS

JUNE 20, 2017

LINCOLN DAVIS CWRT

"General Lee at Gettysburg"

Speaker: Dave Eisele

Countryhouse Restaurant Alsip

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JULY 11, 2017

McHENRY COUNTY CWRT

"Show and Tell"

Woodstock Library

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JULY 18, 2017

LINCOLN DAVIS CWRT

"Confederate Surrender at Greensboro"

Speaker: Robert Dunkerly

Countryhouse Restaurant Alsip

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JULY 22, 2017

Midwest Civil War Round Table Meeting

Kenosha Civil War Museum

Discussion Group 9:30am

Program 2pm

"Forgotten Field: The Cavalry Battlefield at Gettysburg on July 3, 1863"

Speaker: Marshall Krolick"

JULY 22 & 23, 2017

Lombard Civil War Reenactment

10am-4pm

Four Season Park

Salt CWRT will have a table on the 23rd

Volunteers needed

Contact Rick Zarr rzarr@sbcglobal.net

AUGUST 8, 2017

McHENRY COUNTY CWRT

"Palmyra Massacre"

Speaker: Frank Crawford

Woodstock Library

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AUGUST 15, 2017

LINCOLN DAVIS CWRT

"Confederate Photography"

Speaker: Ron Coddington

Countryhouse Restaurant, Alsip

ALL FOR THE UNION

The Salt Creek CWRT will have a table at "National Night Out" Tuesday Aug. 1st located at Benedictine University's Dan & Ada Rice Center Parking Lot 5-8pm 5700 College Road, Lisle
Contact Rick Zarr rzarr@sbcglobal.net

Brian Conroy has taken over the Salt Creek CWRT Facebook page. Check it out.

BACK IN HISTORY

50 Years Ago: Glenn Williams presented "Phantom of the Valley"

25 Years Ago: Gale Pewitt presented: "Stephen R. Mallory"

10 Years Ago: Patrick Brennan presented: "The Battle of Nashville"

FUTURE SCCWRT MEETINGS

September 15, 2017

"Andersonville"

Speaker: Frank Crawford

October 20, 2017

"Sherman's March to the Sea: War Crime or Military Necessity?"

Speaker: Bruce Allardice

Annual Battlefield Preservation Book Sale Meeting at the Glen Ellyn History Center

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