

The Outpost

The Newsletter of the Salt Creek Civil War Round Table
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551th Regular Meeting

DATE: FRIDAY, June 17, 2022
PLACE: DoubleTree by Hilton Lisle Naperville
3003 Corporate West Drive (Warrenville Road) Lisle, IL
TIME: 6:30 p.m. Cocktails -- 7:00 p.m. Dinner -- Program
PROGRAM: "Dr. Mary Walker's Civil War: One Woman's Journey to the Medal of Honor"
SPEAKER: Dr. Theresa Kaminski

Mary Edwards Walker was not like most other nineteenth-century women. She wore trousers, attended medical school, got married and then divorced. In 1861, after the start of the Civil War, Dr. Walker closed her private practice, traveled to Washington, D.C., and offered her services to the United States Army. For four years, she struggled to secure a military commission, which the Army refused to grant because she was a woman. Yet after the war, President Andrew Johnson awarded Dr. Walker the Medal of Honor in recognition of the incomparable medical care she provided. She remains the only woman to receive the award—and to have it rescinded and restored.

Theresa Kaminski, Ph.D. is a professor emerita of history from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. She taught American history and women's history for over twenty-five years. In 2020, Theresa published *Dr. Mary Walker's Civil War: One Woman's Journey to the Medal of Honor and the Fight for Women's Rights*. Her most recent book, *Queen of the West: The Life and Times of Dale Evans*, which she researched on and off for ten years, will be released in April 2022. Theresa is also the author of a trilogy of books about American women in the Philippine Islands, including *Angels of the Underground: The American Women Who Resisted the Japanese in the Philippines in World War II*.

Reservations are due by June 13, 2022. Contact Jan 630-217-8427

ALL FOR THE UNION

Salt Creek CWRT will be celebrating our 60th Anniversary on Friday June 17th at our annual banquet at the DoubleTree by Hilton Lisle Naperville. (Same place new name)
Dr. Theresa Kaminski will present: "*Dr. Mary Walker's Civil War: How One Woman Received the Medal of Honor*". **See attached flyer.**

On **June 25th** Rob Girardi will host a **CIVIL WAR BOOK SALE** from 10am to 4pm
Location: 4532 N. Forestview Ave. Chicago.
More than 1,000 Civil War Books on all topics. Proceeds go to Battlefield Preservation.

UPCOMING CIVIL WAR EVENTS

Check with the organization sponsoring the program for meeting status

June 14, 2022

McHenry County CWRT will feature Jerry Allen presenting "Murphy's Law and the Peter Principle: The Holly Springs Raid"
Woodstock Library
www.mchenrycivilwar.com

June 21, 2022

Lincoln/Davis CWRT will feature Jerry Kowalski presenting TBA
Country House Restaurant, Alsip

July 12, 2022

McHenry County CWRT will feature Bruce Allardice presenting "Mysteries and Myths of the CSS Hunley" Woodstock Library www.mchenrycivilwar.com

July 19, 2022

Lincoln/Davis CWRT will feature Fr. Bob Miller presenting "Fr. Sheeran, CSA"
Country House Restaurant, Alsip

August 9, 2022

McHenry County CWRT will feature David Noe presenting "Merrimac: Lucky or Unlucky Ship"
Woodstock Library www.mchenrycivilwar.com

August 16, 2022

Lincoln/Davis CWRT will feature Charles Knight presenting "From Arlington to Appomattox: The Civil War Day by Day" Country House Restaurant, Alsip

August 25, 2022

South Suburban CWRT will feature Bruce Allardice presenting TBA
Trail's Edge Brwery (formerly Smokey Barbque) 20 Kansas Street, Frankfort, IL
South Suburban CWRT on Facebook

BACK IN HISTORY

50 Years Ago: No June Meeting was held

25 Years Ago: Gordon Sabel presented "The USS Cairo"

10 Years Ago: Ed Bearss presented "Personal Milestone's Along the Way : 50 Years of Civil War Round Tables" at our 50th Anniversary Banquet

The **Kenosha Civil War Museum** is putting on the following program:

Saturday, June 25

Civil War Technology Living History Day

10-4pm

Free and Open to the Public

The Civil War saw large advances in the application of science and technology in regards to weaponry and equipment.

Join members of the Battery A, Chicago Light Artillery and the 1st Michigan Engineers as they present outdoor living history demonstrations showing the technology and equipment used by artillery and engineering soldiers who fought in the Civil War. Battery A, Chicago Light Artillery will do cannon firing demonstrations during the day at 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 2:00 and 3:00. The First Michigan Engineers will perform drill demonstrations at 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 2:30 and 3:30.

For more on programs at the museum, visit <https://museums.kenosha.org/civilwar/events>

FUTURE SALT CREEK CWRT MEETINGS

Check us out on Facebook and at saltcreekcwr.org

Glen Ellyn History Center

September 17, 2022

Jerry Allen will present "*Murphy's Law and the Peter Principle: The Holly Springs Raid*".

October 15, 2022

Rob Girardi will present "John Eugen Smith: Galena's Forgotten General"

Annual Book Sale. 11am-1pm Program at 1pm

THE SALT CREEK CWRT

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June 2022 Preservation Report

By Brian Conroy

Finishing up our round table season is part two of the American Battlefield Trust's journey towards saving a combined 311 acres at four battlefields associated with four legendary generals. This month, Confederate Generals John Hunt Morgan and J.E.B. Stuart will be covered as the ABT continues their journey towards these "first-acre" purchases, which have a combined transaction value of \$2.7 million, of which only \$206,207 needs to be raised.

John Hunt Morgan and the Battle of Buffington Island (1863)

In July 1863, after dual Confederate losses at Vicksburg and Gettysburg, General Morgan and his nearly 1,800 men, after beginning the most ambitious raid of the war across southern Ohio in an attempt to draw Union forces from Tennessee, made their way to Buffington Island in hopes of crossing over the Ohio river unscathed. However, on July 19, they instead encountered 3,000 Union artillery, infantry, and cavalry accompanied by U.S. Navy gunboats. The fighting ended with 700 Confederates surrendering and others captured, wounded, or killed. General Morgan escaped but surrendered eight days later, after a running cavalry fight near Salineville, Ohio.

The Battle of Buffington Island was one of only two Civil War battles in Ohio and the most significant battle fought north of the Ohio River. The 117-acre tract that the ABT is working to preserve from a large-scale residential development is the very ground on which Morgan and his men advanced. And if successful, it will be transferred to their local partner, the Buffington Island Battlefield Preservation Foundation, in what is hoped to be the first in several land-saving actions on the battlefield.

J.E.B. Stuart and the Battle of Upperville (1863)

At the Battle of Upperville, Virginia, the pristine tract of land targeted to be saved remains today very much the way it was in 1863: broad, open terrain ideally suited for close-action cavalry fighting. Peering across the landscape, it's not hard to imagine the ferocious and bloody clash — soldiers shouting, horses whirling, guns blazing — that took place between General J.E.B. Stuart's Confederate and Union General Alfred Pleasonton's cavalry. This battle was an attempt by Union forces to pierce Stuart's cavalry screen of General Lee's northern march, which would result in the battle of Gettysburg less than two weeks later. As skirmishing occurred near Middleburg and Goose Creek east of Upperville, involving infantry, cavalry, and artillery support, eventually Lee's army crossed into Maryland and Stuart was granted permission to strike eastward, making a circuit around the Union army as Lee advanced towards Gettysburg. The 191-acre tract of land that is being worked towards saving provided the stage for the fighting that took place — stirrup to stirrup, saber to saber, and hand to hand — on the afternoon of June 21, 1863.