

The Outpost

The Newsletter of the Salt Creek Civil War Round Table
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511th Regular Meeting

DATE: Friday, March 16, 2018
PLACE: Oak Trace, 200 Village Drive, Downers Grove, IL
TIME: 8:00 p.m.
TOPIC: "The Battle of Monocacy"
SPEAKER: Charles Banks

In July of 1864, a hodge-podge of Union troops was quickly assembled under the command of Major General Lew Wallace for a defense along the banks of the Monocacy River just outside Frederick, Maryland. Facing that Union defense was a veteran Confederate force under Lt. General Jubal Early who left the Army of Northern Virginia a month before and moved down the Shenandoah Valley, crossed the Potomac River, and moved into Maryland. Mr. Bank's talk will study the Battle of Monocacy and show how Lew Wallace's makeshift force just might have saved Washington, D.C.

Charlie Banks has been a longtime active member of the Civil War Round Table movement. He is past president of the Northern Illinois CWRT, Lake County CWRT, and McHenry County CWRT. The Salt Creek CWRT extends a hearty welcome to Mr. Banks and looks forward to his insight of this important battle.

Due to construction the parking at Oak Trace has changed. There are plenty of spaces available. If you need assistance finding parking, please ask at the front desk or call the On-Site Transportation & Security Service at 630-401-6699 which is available to assist you.

FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING REPORT

At the February meeting longtime member Art Foley enlightened the membership about an unsung hero of Gettysburg in his presentation "Henry Hunt and the Third Day at Gettysburg". Henry Hunt was from a military family. His father was an infantry officer and his grandfather was a colonel in the Revolutionary War. He graduated from West Point in 1839 as a brevet 2nd Lt. in the 2nd U.S Artillery serving under Winfield Scott in the Mexican War. In 1857 he served in the U.S. Artillery in the Mormon War in Utah.

Hunt was a member of a three-man board that revised the field artillery drill and tactic for the army. After Bull Run, Hunt joined McClellan's staff where he organized and trained the army artillery reserve of the Army of the Potomac and fought in the Peninsula Campaign. Before the Battle of Chancellorsville Hunt fell out of favor with General Joseph Hooker and lost direct command of the Artillery Reserve. The lack of coordination of the artillery forces was recognized and Hooker restored his command after the battle.

Hunt's greatest service was at the Battle of Gettysburg. He was a proponent of artillery practices that reflected conservation of ammunition. He urged gun crews to fire slowly with more accuracy. His handling of the artillery helped in the repulse of Pickett's charge. Hunt resisted the command pressure from General Hancock to keep firing and using up ammunition before it could be replenished. Hunt order his crews to gradually cease fire, thus fooling the confederates into thinking his batteries were destroyed or out of ammunition. His placement of batteries north of Little Round Top caused massive casualties along with the remaining ammunition that was fired after the assault began. After Gettysburg Hunt served the rest of the war in Virginia, managing the siege of Petersburg. His courage and tactics affected the outcome of some of the most significant battles of the Civil War.

The Chicagoland Civil War & Military Extravaganza will be held April 28, 2018 at the DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton. Volunteers needed. Contact Jan: jrbarns@sbcglobal.net

REMINDER TO RENEW

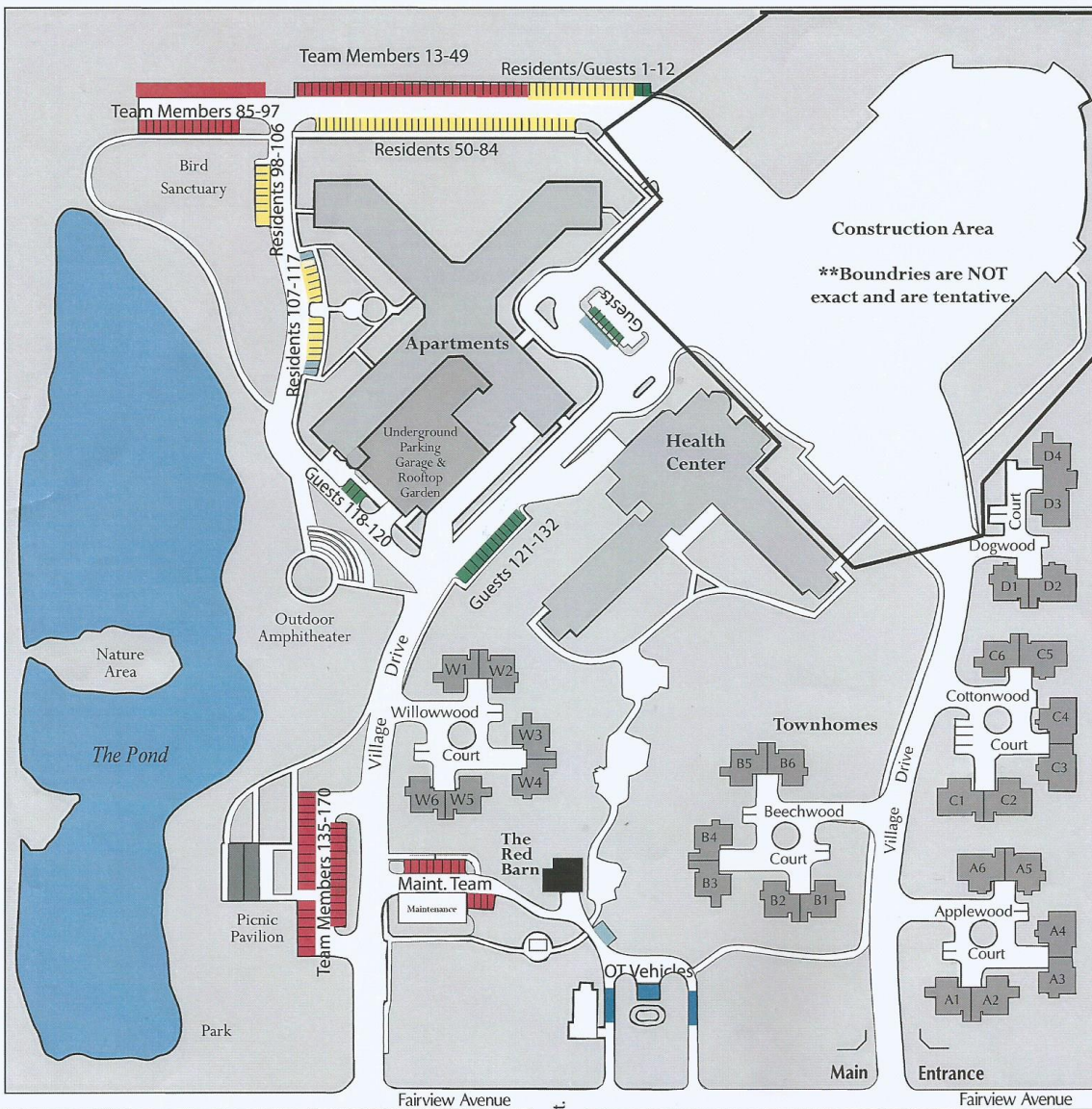
If you have not renewed your membership yet, please send your dues in. If you have already renewed THANK YOU.

BATTLEFIELD TOURS

The CWRT of Chicago 68th Annual Battlefield Tour (April 26-29, 2018) will be the Atlanta Campaign For itinerary and registration information: cwrt2018tour@chicagocwrt.org

The Civil War Museum of Kenosha is offering a bus tour of the Chickamauga/Chattanooga Civil War Sites Sunday, October 21 to Wednesday, October 24, 2018. The tour will be led by award winning author and Chickamauga expert Dave Powell. For itinerary and registration information: ddammann@kenosha.org or 262-653-4432.

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UPCOMING CIVIL WAR EVENTS

MARCH 20, 2018

LINCOLN/DAVIS CWRT

"Lincoln in Indiana"

Speaker: Brian Dirck

Country House Restaurant, Alsip

lincolndavisroundtable@yahoo.com

MARCH 22, 2018

SOUTH SUBURBAN CWRT

"Coles County Volunteers"

Speaker: Steve Thompson

Smokey Barque, 20 Kansas St.

Frankfort, IL

www.southsurburbancwrt.com

APRIL 6, 2018

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CWRT

"Facts About Abraham Lincoln"

Speaker: Dan Weinberg

Arlington Hts. Memorial Library

500 Dunton, Arlington Hts.

northernilcwrt.org

APRIL 10, 2018

McHENRY COUNTY CWRT

"TBD"

Speaker: Rob Girardi

Woodstock Library

www.mchenrycivilwar.com

APRIL 13, 2018

CHICAGO CWRT

"Nevins Freeman Address"

Speaker: John Marzalek

Holiday Inn O'Hare

5615 N. Cumberland, Chicago

dinnerreservation@chicagocwrt.org

APRIL 17, 2018

LINCOLN/DAVIS CWRT

"The Union Artillery at Pickett's Charge"

Speaker: Dave Schultz

Country House Restaurant, Alsip

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ALL FOR THE UNION

The SCCWRT website is temporarily down. Technical assistance would be greatly appreciated. Contact Rick Zarr: rzarr@sbcglobal.net

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kevin Wood

Gail Lord

BACK IN HISTORY

50 Years Ago: "Relics Night"

25 Years Ago: Roger Bohn presented:

"James D. Bulloch: Confederate Naval Agent in Europe"

10 Years Ago: Eric R. Girardi presented:

"The 69th New York State Volunteers"

FUTURE SCCWRT MEETINGS

April 20, 2018

"The Clank of Arms Be Heard No More"

Speakers: Fred & Carol Miller

May 18, 2018

"The Merrimac-Virginia Naval Battle"

Speaker: David Noe

THE SALT CREEK CWRT

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