

The Outpost

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526th Regular Meeting

DATE: Friday, October 18, 2019
PLACE: Glen Ellyn History Center, 800 Main Street)
(N.W. Corner of Main and Elm Street)
TIME: 6:00 p.m. CIVIL WAR BOOK SALE
7:30 p.m. Program
TOPIC: “Lincoln on Immigration and America’s Place in the World”
SPEAKER: Kevin Wood (aka Mr. Lincoln)

Mr. Lincoln discusses the history of immigration in our country, focusing especially on the years from 1830 to 1860 when the rate of immigration increased dramatically and immigration groups became more diverse. He also discusses the responses to this shift in immigration, including the rise of nativism and attempts to limit the influence of new immigrants. He discusses his own experiences with immigrants and their place in America. He ties this in with the related issues of world events and international relations, especially with respect to Europe and Latin America. And he shows how the American Civil War was important not only to the cause of liberty in our own nation, but also to the future of republican/democratic movements in other parts of the world.

Mr. Lincoln is portrayed by Kevin Wood, a professional Lincoln presenter who bears a remarkable resemblance to “the Great Emancipator” and who is extremely knowledgeable about his life and times. Mr. Wood also writes a blog – “Loath to Close... Still!” – which encourages others to reflect upon and learn from President Lincoln’s life and legacy.

SEPTEMBER MEETING UPDATE by Art Foley

Joseph Medill and his male siblings Civil War experiences were recounted at our September meeting by Georgianna Baldino. Her presentation “A Family and Nation Under Fire” based on her text of the same name, told the story of Joseph Medill and his brother William.

Joseph Medill, the oldest child in the family, was one of the founders of the Republican Party and through his several newspaper holdings exerted influence on the party’s activities during the 1850’s onward. Medill used his influence in assisting in the nomination and election campaign of his fellow Republican, Abraham Lincoln. He would also continue as an advisor, (whether asked or not) to Lincoln throughout the war.

James, William and Samuel, were the other male siblings of Joseph. All of the brothers participated in the newspapers owned by their family and like their oldest sibling were involved in many of the liberal and patriotic causes of the day. Brothers James and Samuel, inherited from their father, an affliction to rheumatism and other ailments. Their physical difficulties limited them in their desired military pursuits and brought about the early demise of James in 1864, and Samuel, shortly after the war.

The fourth brother, William, enlisted in a ninety day unit and then was a participant in the recruitment of a company in the Eighth Illinois Cavalry. He would ultimately rise to the rank of Major, well respected by his peers. William and Joseph's letters provided accounts of not only military events that occurred in the eastern theater for the period of 1861 - 1863, but of the political theater as experienced by Joseph. News from the home-front came from the mailings of other family members as well.

Letters from the front, documented camp life, army scuttlebutt, and the actions involving William. He participated in campaigns in western Virginia, the Peninsula, Antietam, Fredericksburg, and Chancellorsville. The final entries are concerned with the Gettysburg campaign. Unfortunately, during the post-battle pursuit of rebel army, William sustained a mortal wound at Williamsport. He lingered and died on July 18, in the company of Joseph who had rushed to his side.

Mrs. Baldino’s examination of these family experiences have been a welcomed September opener. Huzzah!

UPCOMING CIVIL WAR EVENTS

OCTOBER 15, 2019

LINCOLN/DAVIS CWRT

"A Long and Bloody Task: The Atlanta Campaign"

Speaker: Steve Davis

Country House Restaurant, Alsip, IL

lincolndavisroundtable@yahoo.com

OCTOBER 24, 2019

SOUTH SUBURBAN CWRT

"Blue & Gray on Brown Water:

Inland Water as the Key to CW Victory"

Speaker: Ted Karamanski

Smokey Barque, 20 Kansas St.

Frankfort, IL

www.southsuburbancwrt.com

NOVEMBER 8, 2019

CHICAGO CWRT

"Missouri's War: The Military Problem"

Speaker: Ethan Rafuse

Holiday Inn O'Hare

5615 N. Cumberland, Chicago

dinnerreservation@chicagocwrt.org

NOVEMBER 12, 2019

McHENRY COUNTY CWRT

"Grant at Chattanooga"

Speaker: David Powell

Woodstock Public Library

www.mchenrycivilwar.com

NOVEMBER 14, 2019

SOUTH SUBURBAN CWRT

"History, Role and Evolution of the American Battlefield Trust"

Speaker: Mary Abroe

Smokey Barque, 20 Kansas St.

Frankfort, IL

www.southsuburbancwrt.com

NOVEMBER 19, 2019

LINCOLN/DAVIS CWRT

"The War Outside My Window"

Speaker: Janet Croon

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ALL FOR THE UNION

The SCCWRT website is back.

Brian Conroy has taken over the SCCWRT Facebook Page.

Thanks to Rick Zarr, Jan Rasmussen, Roger Bohn, Brian Conroy, Rob Girardi, Mike Miller, Don Sender, Don Sikorski, Cindy Heckler and John Beale for their help at the Civil War Show on September 28th

BACK IN HISTORY

50Years Ago: Warren Reeder presented "The 27th Indiana Regiment"

25 Years Ago: Marshall Krolick presented "The Cavalry in the Chancellorsville Campaign"

10 Years Ago: Rick Benson presented: "Andersonville Commandant, Captain Henry Wirz"

FUTURE SCCWRT MEETINGS

November 16, 2019

"Re-electing Lincoln-How the 1864 Election Resulted in the Abolition of Slavery"

Speaker: Bill Shepherd

December 20, 2019

"Mysteries of the CSS Hunley"

Speaker: Bruce Allardice

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