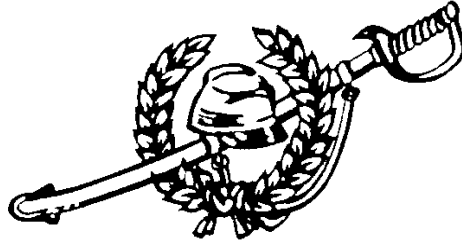


The Outpost

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572nd Regular Meeting

DATE: **SATURDAY**, September 14, 2024 ***Note Date Change***
PLACE: Glen Ellyn History Center at Stacy's Corners
800 N. Main St., Glen Ellyn, IL (NW Corner of Main & Elm Streets)
TIME: 11 a.m.
PROGRAM: **"Stonewall Jackson: The Man, the Myth and the Legend"**
SPEAKER: Robert I. Girardi

Thomas Jonathan Jackson, better known as Stonewall Jackson, rose from humble beginnings to become one of the most widely recognized generals of the Civil War. His successes in the Shenandoah Valley and other battlefields made him world famous. His exploits became legendary. He was lionized as one of the great leaders of the Confederacy. After the war, his death was lamented as a reason for the Confederate defeat, and he became a mythological god in the Confederate pantheon. This remained true for generations. Now, however, Stonewall Jackson is being removed from the historical landscape. How did the man become a legend, and where does he stand today?

Salt Creek CWRT Vice President Robert I. Girardi has a Masters Degree in Public History from Loyola University. He is a past president of the Chicago CWRT and is the author or editor of nine books, numerous articles and book reviews. He was a board member of the Illinois State Historical Society and was guest editor for the 2011-2014 Sesquicentennial of the Civil War issues of the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*. His most recent article, "Reconsidering Major General Gouverneur K. Warren," appeared in the July 2020 issue of North & South Magazine. He is a recipient of the Chicago CWRT's Nevins-Freeman Award (2010), and the Milwaukee CWRT Iron Brigade Association Award (2014). He speaks to audiences of all ages on various aspects of the Civil War. For more information, his website is www.robertgirardi.com

This meeting is a week early due to a conflict with the Civil War Show on Sept. 21st.

ALL FOR THE UNION

Volunteers are needed for the Midwest Civil War Show on September 21st.
Contact Jan @ jrbarns@sbcglobal.net or sign up at the September 14th meeting.

VACANT CHAIR

Longtime member John Beale passed away July 16th. John attended many reenactments portraying both Union and Confederate soldiers. He was also present at the Civil War Shows. A celebration of life will be held Friday, September 20th at 11am at the Blake Lamb Funeral Home, 5015 Lincoln Avenue, Lisle followed by a military service at 2:30 at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL.

UPCOMING CIVIL WAR EVENTS

Check with the organization sponsoring the program for meeting status.

September 6, 2024

Northern Illinois CWRT will feature Leslie Goddard as “Clara Barton”.
Arlington Hts. Historical Museum or Arlington Hts. Library www.northernilcwrt.org

September 8, 2024 at 2pm

NW Indiana CWRT will feature Bill Taylor presenting “The American Civil War vs The Vietnam War”. Crown Point Community Library Northwest Indiana CWRT on Facebook

September 9, 2024 at noon

Rock River Valley CWRT will feature Dwight Hughes presenting “The Battle of Hampton Roads”. Veterans Memorial Hall, 211 N. Main Street. Rockford, IL

September 10, 2024

McHenry Co. CWRT will feature Robert I. Girardi presenting “Rank Discord”.
Woodstock Library www.mchenrycivilwar.com

September 13, 2024

Chicago CWRT will feature John Horn presenting “The Wilson-Kautz Raid June-July 1864”.
Holiday Inn Oakbrook, 350 W. 22nd Street, Oakbrook Terrace chicagocwrt.org

September 17, 2024

Lincoln/Davis CWRT will feature John Hopkins presenting “The Gettysburg Reunion of 1913”. Country House Restaurant, Alsip, IL lincolndavisroundtable@yahoo.com

September 21, 2024

Civil War & Military Show at the Dupage Co. Fairgrounds, 2015 W. Manchester, Wheaton, IL
www.ChicagoCivilWarShow.com

September 23, 2024

NW Indiana CWRT will feature Bob Grenier presenting “Florida Civil War Veterans and the Fight to Preserve Their Legacy”. Crown Point Community Library Northwest Indiana CWRT on Facebook

September 26, 2024

South Suburban CWRT will feature John Horn presenting "Grant Lays Siege to Lee: Petersburg". Aurielio's Pizza, 19836 Wolf Road, Mokena, IL. South Suburban CWRT on Facebook.

The 17th Annual Great Lakes Civil War Forum will be held at the Civil War Museum in Kenosha, Wisconsin on Saturday, September 14. There will be a great lineup of authors and historians speaking on topics related to the Union Navy during the Civil War.

John Quarstein will present "*The Battle of Mobile Bay*".

Dr. Gary Joiner will present "*Mr. Lincoln's Brown Water Navy*".

Michael Goc will present "*Hero of the Red River: The Life and Times of Joseph Bailey*".

Stephen A. Goldman will present "*The Navy and Left-Armed Corps: Outstanding Service in War and Peace*".

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

September 7-8 Lockport Military History Weekend, Lockport, Illinois

<https://www.lockportpark.org/mhw/>

September 7-8 Cantigny Revolutionary War Weekend

<https://cantigny.org/event/revolutionary-war-weekend/>

September 14-15 A River Thru History Rendezvous

<http://www.ariverthruhistory.com/>

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

September 13, 2024 Dr. Gordan Damman will present "The Letterman Evacuation Plan at Antietam". <https://museums.kenosha.org/civilwar/events/>

FUTURE SALT CREEK CWRT MEETINGS

Check us out on Facebook and at saltcreekcwrt.org

October 19, 2024 BOOK SALE 11am-1pm and 30 minutes after program

Program at 1pm. Jeff Anderson will present "Joseph Medill: Abolitionist".

November 16, 2024 John Horn will present "The Wilson-Kautz Raid and Grant's Second Offensive at Petersburg."

December 21, 2024 Rob Girardi will host "Memorabilia Show and Tell." (Volunteers needed)

BACK IN HISTORY

50 Years Ago: Roger Wilhelm presented "William Plum and the Civil War Military Telegraph"

25 Years Ago: Gerald Prokopowicz presented "Abraham Lincoln's Good War".

10 Years Ago: David Keller presented "Camp Douglas".

September 2024 Preservation Report by Brian Conroy

With your help, the American Battlefield Trust can preserve historic acres on four battlefields in Mississippi, Arkansas, and North Carolina and restore the land at another in Virginia.

The total value of the 85 acres to be preserved, plus restoration costs, is well over one million dollars. But with the anticipated matching grants from federal, state, and local preservation funds, along with gifts from a few generous members, the Trust still needs to raise just \$72,430 to complete the deal.

Once the land is preserved, the Trust works diligently to restore the battlefield to its wartime condition so that each future generation can see the landscape and terrain that the generals and soldiers of the Civil War did.

With at \$16-to-\$1 match, your gift today to help raise \$72,430 will save, once and for all, hallowed ground at four battlefields, plus complete a crucial restoration project at The Breakthrough in Petersburg, Virginia, where we need to take down a non-historic structure to help return the battlefield to its 1865 appearance.

The History

The final months of 1862 were also a busy time for armies in both theaters of the war, as they worked tirelessly to cover and gain ground before the campaigning season ended for the year. The tracts the Trust is hoping to save are part of four important Civil War battles that all took place in the fall — and all within three months of each other.

- The Battle of Iuka, Mississippi, September 19, 1862
- The Battle of Corinth, Mississippi, October 3-4, 1862
- The Battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, December 7, 1862
- The Battle of Kinston, North Carolina, December 13-14, 1862

Each of these battles played an important role in the broader Union strategy to launch simultaneous offensives in multiple theaters of the war. The larger objective was to take control of Confederate resources and stymie efforts across a wider geographic area. And the battle plan was successful.

The Battles of Iuka and Corinth helped to secure the Union's hold over the crucial transportation networks in the region. The Battles of Prairie Grove and Kinston maintained and expanded Union control on their respective fronts, helping to isolate Confederate forces locally.

Preserve 85 Acres at Four Battlefields & Restore Land at The Breakthrough

Today, every tract of threatened hallowed ground is a target for developers who would turn them into housing subdivisions, apartments, distribution warehouses, or utility-scale solar farms. With your help, we'll be able to save all four of these crucial battlefield tracts!

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