

# The Outpost

The Newsletter of the Salt Creek Civil War Round Table  
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## 505th Regular Meeting

**DATE:** Friday, September 15, 2017  
**PLACE:** Oak Trace, 200 Village Drive, Downers Grove, IL  
**TIME:** 8:00 p.m.  
**TOPIC:** "Andersonville"  
**SPEAKER:** Frank Crawford

Andersonville Prison, Camp Sumter as it was officially known, became after the Civil War one of the most famous places in United States History. Today over 150 years later, it remains such. Much is known about Andersonville as a prison and now it is the site of the National Prisoner of War Museum, but there is still new research and new information which is being carried on by both professional historians, assigned specific tasks to study and answer the many questions asked to the guides there and proper answers cannot be given. As well, amateur historians ask those questions of themselves. Websites, blogs and other "social media avenues" are available but not easily found and often contain half-truths, false information or, in today's terminology "fake news".

Frank Crawford, one of those amateur historians, has studied and collected stories about the site for almost 40 years. He has authored three books, two which contain some of those stories, as well as participated in marking of an Andersonville survivor's grave, the 100th anniversary historical commemoration of the State of Illinois Monument at Andersonville and assisted in the 150<sup>th</sup> burial ceremony for those 12,912 men that died at Andersonville but never had a funeral. Crawford is a retired Special Education instructor from Belvidere, Illinois High School, a twice past member of the Boone County Historical Society Board of Directors, serving four years as president of the board and a very proud recipient of the Daughters of the Confederacy's Jefferson Davis award.

## **JUNE MONTHLY SUMMARY BY ARTHUR FOLEY**

The June Banquet featured a visit from Presidents Abraham Lincoln and Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Allowing group suspension of disbelief, Donna Daniels interviewed these august personages, exploring various areas of their earthly experiences.

Both men detailed their times, political careers, and the varieties of crisis they faced leading the nation. The presidents summarized their use of, and philosophy regarding executive orders. Of particular interest was the exposition on how they were assisted by their wives.

I congratulate our friends and fellow members Donna and Max Daniels on the high level of performance they always bring to their appearances. To R.J Lindsey we convey high praise for his authentic impersonation.

The Banquet is always a wonderful opportunity to visit with our fellow members. This year the standard of good food and fellowship was upheld!  
Huzzah!

## **ALL FOR THE UNION**

SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

"Chicagoland Civil War & Military Extravaganza

DuPage Co. Fairgrounds, Wheaton

Volunteers needed.

Contact Jan: [jrbarns@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jrbarns@sbcglobal.net)

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

## **BACK IN HISTORY**

50 Years Ago: Warren Reeder presented: "The 27<sup>th</sup> Indiana Regiment"

25 Years Ago: Peter Cozzens presented: "The Real Rock of Chickamauga:  
The 21<sup>st</sup> Ohio at Horseshoe Ridge"

10 Years Ago: Marshall Krolick presented: "Council of War, July 2, 1863"

## **UPCOMING CIVIL WAR EVENTS**

SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

### **SOUTH SUBURBAN CWRT**

"President Lincoln and the Framing of the Gettysburg Address"

Speaker: Dave Dixon

Smokey Barque, 20 Kansas St.  
Frankfort, IL

[www.southsuburbancwrt.com](http://www.southsuburbancwrt.com)

SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

### **LINCOLN/DAVIS CWRT**

"The Lost Gettysburg Address"

Speaker: Dave Dixon

Country House Restaurant, Alsip

[lincolndavisroundtable@yahoo.com](mailto:lincolndavisroundtable@yahoo.com)

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### **KANKAKEE VALLEY CWRT**

"Civil War Generals (and what they said about each other)"

Speaker: Robert Girardi

Kankakee Public Library

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### **NORTHERN ILLINOIS CWRT**

"George Armstrong Custer"

Speaker: Don Sender

Arlington Hts. Memorial Library

500 Dunton, Arlington Hts.

[Northernilcwrt.org](http://Northernilcwrt.org)

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### **McHENRY COUNTY CWRT**

"Wisconsin—Hotbed of Secession?"

Speaker: Jerry Allen

Woodstock Library

[www.mchenrycivilwar.com](http://www.mchenrycivilwar.com)

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### **CHICAGO CWRT**

"Chickamauga"

Speaker: Dave Powell

Holiday Inn O'Hare

5615 N. Cumberland, Chicago

[dinnerreservation@chicagocwrt.org](mailto:dinnerreservation@chicagocwrt.org)

## **FUTURE SCCWRT MEETINGS**

October 20, 2017

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

Speaker: Bruce Allardice

Annual Battlefield Preservation Book Sale

Meeting at the Glen Ellyn History Center

November 17, 2017

"Lincoln and the Gettysburg Address"

Speaker: Don White

## **THE SALT CREEK CWRT**

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