

**SOUTH SUBURBAN CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE
APRIL, 2017 NEWSLETTER**

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SOUTH SUBURBAN CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE MARCH SPEAKER:

Charlie Banks is our guest speaker for the upcoming Thursday April 27, 2017 round table meeting. Charlie will be presenting on ***Rail Roads of the Civil War*** and this is an important topic due to the changing role that the Industrial Revolution influenced both the economic and social transformations that were taking place before and during the Civil War. Charlie Bank's presentation will offer our Round Table another historical perspective on how the growing American Rail Road system directly influenced the strategy and tactics that took place during the Civil War.

Charlie Banks is a long serving member of the McHenry CWRT and he has presented on numerous Civil War topics at various Roundtables.

MONTHLY MEETING LOCATION:

The Smokey Barque, 20 Kansas Street, Frankfort, IL. Phone (815) 277-2502
Webpage: www.smokeybarque.com

Public Parking is located just across the street from the Smokey Barque on Kansas Street.

Dinner: Orders begin at 5:30pm, SSCWRT meeting follows dinner at 7:00pm

2017 TOUR EVENT NEWS:

Our 2017 Tour Event will be held on Saturday, April 22nd at the Pritzker Military Museum and Library. Address: 104 South Michigan Ave., Chicago. Phone (312) 374-9333; webpage: www.pritzkermilitary.org

The Tour Event will begin at 1:00pm and last for approximately one hour, therefore, we would ask all attending members to meet at Noon in the lobby of the Pritzker Museum.

****Fee:** There is no charge for current SSCWRT members, but for non-members, the fee is \$5.

****Parking:** Grant Park North Parking Lot: 25 North Michigan Ave. Chicago.
Webpage: www.millenniumgarages.org.

****Parking Fees:** \$16 for 3-8 hours of parking. Please pay online for the discount \$16 price at www.millenniumgarages.org

****Please refer to our tour event registration form for further information-please e-mail SSCWRT President Dennis Doyle at d2doyle68@yahoo.com for any questions you might have.**

2016-2017 SSCWRT MEMBERSHIP and DUES INFORMATION:

Yearly membership dues are \$25 per person/\$30 per family and \$5 per student. Please see our Treasurer Gordon Ramsey for the 2016-2017 membership payment.

SSCWRT NEWSLETTER-MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS VOTE RESULTS:

SSCWRT conducting a ballot vote on Thursday March 23rd regarding the issue of continuing our yearly newsletter-magazine subscriptions.

SSCWRT yearly subscribes to the following: Civil War News, Civil War Times and America's Civil War. The yearly dues average between \$85-\$95 each year.

****Voting Results from the March 23rd, 2017 SSCWRT Meeting:**
(15 total votes were cast, either in person or via By-Proxy to President Dennis Doyle. Votes were counted by SSCWRT member Brian Conroy after the March 23rd meeting)

1. Civil War News: 12 Yes-3 No: 80% Support to Continue
2. Civil War Times: 11 Yes-4 No: 73% Support to Continue
3. America's Civil War: 10 Yes-5 No: 67% Support to Continue

****Voting was completed by a simple yes or no ballot style paper vote.**
A simple majority vote determined which (or all) SSCWRT subscriptions will continue from year to year.

****Voting Rights:** Must have been a current SSCWRT dues paying member. A current member could have voted By-Proxy (if they were not able to attend the March SSCWRT meeting) by e-mailing their vote in confidence to SSCWRT President Dennis Doyle.

SSCWRT WEBPAGE AND FACEBOOK PAGES:

Please visit our webpage at www.southsuburbancwrt.com for updated and current information regarding SSCWRT events. Also, please like us on Facebook- as daily and weekly posts are put on FB regularly.

2016-2017 SSCWRT BOARD MEMBERS:

PRESIDENT: Dennis Doyle

VICE PRESIDENT: Phil Angelo

TREASURER/SECRETARY: Gordon Ramsey

FRONTLINE REPORT-BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION NEWS:

CIVIL WAR TRUST (www.civilwar.org):

- *Over 44, 648 Acres saved in 21 States since its founding in 1987
- *2,373 Acres saved in 11 different states in 2016
- *\$4.9 million in Civil War Trust funds spent from Jan-April, 2017
- *244 Acres bought at Brandy Station Battlefield (Spring, 2017)
- *45 Acres preserved at Ft. Donaldson (Spring, 2017)
- *18 Acres preserved at Parker Crossing Roads (Spring, 2017)
- *243 Acres preserved at Cedar Creek and Harpers Ferry Battlefield (Spring, 2017)
- *\$6 million dollars acquiring and rehabbing General Lee's Headquarters at the Gettysburg National Military Park (Fall, 2016)

CAMP DOUGLAS-CHICAGO ([www. Campdouglas.org](http://www.Campdouglas.org))

Archaeological work will continue once Spring weather turns warmer and drier.

Tours will begin later this Spring.

Dedicated to the development and operation of interpretive and educational facilities relating to the Civil War military installation Camp Douglas, Chicago, IL.

ROUNDTABLE NEWS

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE:

April : Lincoln and the Founding of the Illinois Republican Party
Guest Speaker - Bill Kemp

CHICAGO CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE:

April 21: Diane Smith: "Command Conflict in the Overland Campaign"

JOLIET AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM:

Spring, 2017: Civil War exhibit, display of the battle flag of the 100th Illinois (Will County)

KANKAKEE CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE:

Apr. 5th, Kankakee Valley CWRT: Phil Angelo on "U.S. Grant—
Underrated General, Underrated President"

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE:

Apr. 7th, Northern Illinois CWRT: Steve Fratt on "Civil War Battle Tactics"

SALT CREEK CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE:

April 21, Steven Alban "Lincolns Political Generals"

SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE:

April 11, Bill Grandstaff "Sultana-Fates Cruel Twist"

**Contact SSCWRT President Dennis Doyle at d2doyle68@yahoo.com
for any Roundtable Updates/Current Information.

CIVIL WAR LIBRARY

Our very own SSCWRT Member Steve LaBarre published his recent book on The Fifth Massachusetts Colored Cavalry in the Civil War.

<http://www.mcfarlandbooks.com/book-2.php...>

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