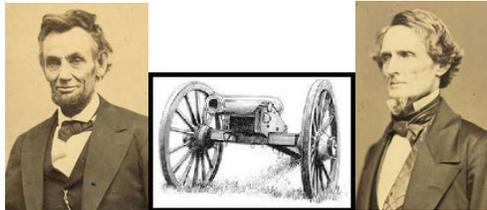


AUGUST 2016

**SOUTH SUBURBAN
CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE**

NEWSLETTER



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LOCATION: SMOKEY BARQUE
20 KANSAS STREET
FRANKFORT, ILLINOIS

Time: THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2016 AT 7:00 PM

Join us for dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m.
Stay for the meeting at 7:00 p.m.!

Contact Us at (815) 274-5321 or SSCWRT@gmail.com



Join the
Smokey Barque Club
by texting "Smokey"
to 411669
and receive 10% off
your meal



MEETING ALERT

IMPORTANT: Cruisin' Frankfort Car Club will meet in downtown Frankfort on Thursday, August 25 — the same day as our meeting. Public parking is available on White and Hickory Streets. The lot across from Smokey Barque is for Cruisin' Cars. Please see attached map for information.

*** WELCOME ***

We have lots in store for the 2016-2017 season of the South Suburban Civil War Round Table. Check out the many speakers and topics on our new 2016-2017 Schedule at www.SouthSuburbanCRWT.com.

Many thanks to our May speaker **Bjorn Skaptason** who talked about *Chicago Light Artillery at the Battle of Vicksburg*. Bjorn gave a fascinating talk that painted a vivid picture of the challenges and progression of the Vicksburg campaign.



Our speaker on **Thursday, August 25** will be **Jerry Allen** who will talk about **General George Henry Thomas**. Jerry studied mathematics at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and physics at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse. Jerry is a retired pension consultant and enjoys the Green Bay Packers.



General George Henry Thomas

2016-2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES

It's time to get your **2016-2017 membership dues** to our Treasurer, Gordon Ramsey. Yearly dues are \$25 for individuals, \$30 for families, and \$5 for students. If paying by check, **please make check payable to Gordon Ramsey**. Your support helps keep our group going! There is no admission charge for our presentations. We are proud to continue to bring high quality presentations to the region at such little cost. Please see membership form on page 4.



\$25 Individuals
\$30 Families
\$5 Students

WELCOME

We welcome our **new Vice President and Quizmaster, Phil Angelo!** Phil has a vast knowledge of the Civil War and we look forward to his challenging quizzes. Phil mentioned that if anyone had a quiz they would like to share, he is happy to step aside for a month or two.



GOT POLO?

Interested in purchasing a SSCWRT polo shirt? The cost is \$35, sizes are S, M, L, XL and XXL, and comes in many colors including black, blue and light blue. We need a minimum purchase of 12 shirts to place an order. If interested, please contact Dennis Doyle.





Entrance Fee Free Days
August 25 through 28

BOARD MEETING RECAP

The SSCWRT officers met on Thursday, June 16 to discuss many agenda items. Among the topics discussed was where to donate holiday party auction proceeds. A decision was made to split the proceeds 50/50 with half of the proceeds being donated to a local Civil War-related organization and the other half donated nationally. **We welcome any suggestions from our membership on where our donations should be sent.** Some suggested national organizations include:

★**The Center for Civil War Photography:** the CCWP is currently seeking funding in the form of grants or donations to continue work digitalizing images pertaining to the Civil War. You can view The Gettysburg National Military Park section of the archive project online at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/ccwpdigitalarchive/>

★**President Lincoln's Cottage:** At the *Cottage*, President Lincoln made some of his most critical decisions here. While in residence, Lincoln developed the Emancipation Proclamation, visited wounded soldiers, and spent time with self-emancipated men, women and children. **President Lincoln's Cottage is a private nonprofit operation and the only National Monument in the country that does not receive federal operating support**, making a donation essential to the stewardship of the *Cottage*.

Some suggested local organizations include:

★**Camp Douglas Restoration Foundation:** The organization was formed to develop educational and historic information pertaining to Chicago during the Civil War. Planned for the restoration is the construction of a prison barracks on the site to be used as a visitors center and a gallery of Camp Douglas and Civil War prison camps. As an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, the Camp Douglas Restoration Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization. www.campdouglas.org

★**Beecher Mausoleum:** The Mausoleum is the final resting place for many veterans including Civil War veteran Joseph Clويدt. In 1861, at the age of 21, he enlisted in the 20th Regiment, Indiana Volunteers, together with his brother, Anton. Joseph fought in the battles of Bull Run and Gettysburg. At one time during the war, he enjoyed the distinction of being a bodyguard to Abraham Lincoln. The Beecher Mausoleum is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The **Beecher Mausoleum Guardian Angels**, a 501(c)(13) organization, was formed to help restore, preserve and maintain this historic landmark. For more information go to <http://beechermausoleum.org>



Sudley Church



Stonewall Jackson

Bull Run – First Manassas – July 21, 1861. This was the first major land battle of the armies in Virginia. The untried Union army under Brig. Gen. Irvin McDowell marched from Washington against the Confederate army, which was drawn up behind Bull Run beyond Centreville. McDowell crossed at Sudley Ford and attacked the Confederate left flank on Matthews Hill. Fighting raged throughout the day as Confederate forces were driven back to Henry Hill. Late in the afternoon, Confederate reinforcements extended and broke the Union right flank. The Federal retreat rapidly deteriorated into a rout. Thomas J. Jackson earned the nom de guerre “Stonewall.” By July 22, the shattered Union army reached the safety of Washington.



Major General
Irvin McDowell

IN THE NEWS

The National Park Service reported on July 6, 2016, that a \$1.5 million project to rehabilitate Cemetery Ridge at Gettysburg National Military Park has begun. Some monuments, which were moved during the construction of the Cyclorama building, will be returned to their original location now that the building has since been demolished.

National Public Radio reported on July 25, 2016, “*If War Is Hell, Then Coffee Has Offered U.S. Soldiers Some Salvation.*” In April 1865, at the bloody, bitter end of the Civil War, Ebenezer Nelson Gilpin, a Union cavalryman, wrote in his diary, “*Everything is chaos here. The suspense is almost unbearable.*” “*We are reduced to quarter rations and no coffee,*” he continued. “*And nobody can soldier without coffee.*” War, freedom, slavery, secession, union — these are some of the big themes you might expect to find in the diaries of Civil War soldiers. At least, that’s what Jon Grinspan, a curator at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History, assumed when he began digging through war journals in the nation’s Civil War archives. Listen to NPR’s presentation:

<http://www.npr.org/sections/thesalt/2016/07/25/485227943/if-war-is-hell-then-coffee-has-offered-u-s-soldiers-some-salvation>

The Friends of the Hunley reported on July 27, 2016 that scientists at the Warren Lasch Conservation Center have recently completed the conservation process of most of the torpedo spar of the H.L. Hunley. The Hunley became the world’s first successful submarine to sink an enemy ship in battle. The 16 foot long spar was attached to the bow of the submarine and delivered the torpedo charge that sank the USS Housatonic on February 17, 1864. The conservation of the spar has already revealed many clues about its use and manufacture, including evidence of bending in various places. After completion of the treatment, all parts will be reassembled to better understand the weapon system and the attack.



“*Nobody can soldier without coffee*” a Union soldier write in 1865.



Conservator Paul Mardikian cleaning the forward most section of the spar

ANNOUNCEMENT

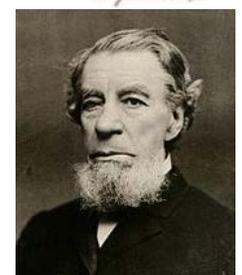
Thank you to all who donated to the **Save the 100th Illinois Colors** campaign through our 2011 Holiday Party auction. The SSCWRT donated a total of \$142.00 toward the preservation of the 100th Illinois Volunteer Regiment Flag. We are pleased to announce that the 100th Illinois Colors have been conserved and are on display at the **Joliet History Museum** located at 204 North Ottawa Street in Joliet. Stop by today!



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IN AUGUST

On Saturday, **August 13** from **11:00 am to noon** the **Will County Historical Museum**, located at 803 South State Street in Lockport, presents “*Meet Gurdon S. Hubbard*” portrayed by SSCWRT member **Brian Conroy**. Fur trader, businessman, alderman, and one of the original three commissioners of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, Gurdon Hubbard lived a long, rich life that helped to establish Chicago as a major commercial center, and make Illinois an economically attractive location for settlement and business. Join Brian, Vice-President of the Will County Historical Museum and Research Center, as he portrays Mr. Hubbard’s life in the very building that he would have worked out of along the I & M Canal. Cost is \$8 for Will County Historical Museum members, or \$10 for non-members.



Gurdon Saltonstall
Hubbard



IN SEPTEMBER

Living history "Civil War Encampment" at the Graue Mill and Museum located at 3800 York Road in Oak Brook will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 3 and 4 from 11:00 am-4:00 pm. Don't miss this annual tradition when members of the 10th Illinois Regiment spend the weekend on the Mill grounds depicting what life was like in a Union military camp. Experience black powder firing demonstrations and drills, cooking, toys, and crafts. For information www.grauemill.org or call (630) 655-2090.



Graue Mill

The Philip H. Sheridan Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) in conjunction with the Maple Hill Cemetery Association will conduct a dedication ceremony for seven new headstones on the previously unmarked or poorly marked graves of Civil War veterans buried in the historic Maple Hill Cemetery in Elwood, Illinois. The ceremony will be held on Saturday, September 17 at 1:00 pm at the cemetery located at 21301 West Mississippi Avenue, 1 mile west of Elwood. Street-side parking is available. Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs for their comfort. Among those receiving new grave markers are: James F. Branch (20th Illinois Infantry), George R. Clark (20th Illinois Infantry), Thomas F. Francis (2nd Illinois Light Artillery), Joseph Hedge (8th Illinois Infantry), James Kinney (12th and 17th Illinois Cavalries), Ralph Nye (86th Ohio Infantry) and Stephen J. Roke (100th Illinois Infantry).



SIDEBAR: Did you know there are only six known living Real Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and eight living Real Daughters?

The National Civil War and Military Collectors Show is Saturday, September 24 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm at the DuPage County Fairgrounds located at 2015 W. Manchester in Wheaton. Dealers throughout the U.S. will be offering Civil War treasures and memorabilia. Admission is \$9; early buyers enter at 8:00 am for \$25. For information call (715) 526-9769 or www.chicagocivilwarshow.com.



IN OCTOBER

The Dollinger Family Farm located at 7502 East Hansel Road in Channahon presents Civil War Days 2016 Reenactment Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, October 15 and 16. Admission is free except \$8 for adults, \$6 for children for the battle only. Purchase tickets online and receive \$1 off. For more information go to www.dollingerfarms.com or call (815) 467-6766.



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MEMBERSHIP FORM

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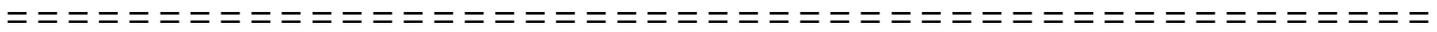
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Send me information via email Yes No

Return form to Donna M. Tarvid



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MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

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Frankfort, IL 60423-8452

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