

**SOUTH SUBURBAN CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE
AUGUST 24TH, 2017 NEWSLETTER**

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SOUTH SUBURBAN CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE SPEAKER:

Dr. Samuel Blackwell is our first 2017-2018 calendar SSCWRT year guest speaker for our upcoming Thursday August 24, 2017 SSCWRT meeting. Sam will be presenting on Illinois Calvary and he will examine the very significant role that Illinois Calvary units contributed to the Union war effort and victory. Dr. Blackwell has also authored a superb regimental history of an Illinois Cavalry unit titled *"In The First Line Of Battle: The 12th Illinois Cavalry In The Civil War."* Dr. Samuel Blackwell is a visiting Assistant Professor of History at Northern Illinois University and he also earned his Ph.D. in History at NIU.

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.

2017-2018 SSCWRT MEMBERSHIP and DUES INFORMATION:

Yearly membership dues are \$25 per person/\$30 per family and \$5 per current college enrolled student. Please see our Treasurer Gordon Ramsey for the 2017-2018 membership payment.

***SSCWRT has also created a new **“non-area resident”** membership fee of only \$5 for those members who live 75 miles outside of the South Suburbs for the 2017-2018 membership year.

SSCWRT WEBPAGE AND FACEBOOK PAGES:

Please visit our webpage at www.southsuburbancwrt.com for updated and current information regarding SSCWRT events.

Please like us on Facebook-as daily and weekly posts are put on FB regularly.

2017-2018 SSCWRT BOARD MEMBERS:

PRESIDENT: Dennis Doyle

VICE PRESIDENT: Phil Angelo

TREASURER/SECRETARY: Gordon Ramsey

POSSIBLE SPRING (APRIL), 2018 TOUR EVENT:

SSCWRT members have already begun discussions as to our possible Spring, 2018 Tour Event. Possible Tour Event Locations include the following:

1. **Abe Lincoln Book Shop in Chicago**: A tour event followed by a Civil War author lecture would be provided during the tour.
2. **Kenosha Civil War Museum**: A tour event and possible lecture on a Civil War topic could be provided during the tour.
3. **Springfield Lincoln Museum**: A tour of the Lincoln Museum in Springfield as well as Lincoln's home could be part of the tour.

SPRING, 2018 TOUR EVENT OUTLINE:

The SSCWRT Board and Members would like to continue our annual Spring Tour tradition of visiting various Civil War related institutions and organizations in order to better our own understanding of the Civil War as individuals and to share in our love of learning about the Civil War with our fellow SSCWRT members as well. Numerous SSCWRT members took the tour and we all found the event to be very informative and the museum itself is located within a beautiful building on South Michigan Avenue.

DOLLINGER FARMS CIVIL WAR DAYS:

(7420 East Hansel Road, Channahon, Illinois)

This Civil War event has grown into one of the best in the Midwest! Over 500 re-enactors participate in this annual event. Relive History with President Lincoln, or General Thomas. There are live horses, booming cannons, and a spectacular battle scene! Admission fee does apply (Open 10:00am-6:30pm)

Saturday, October 21, 2017

Battle of Mansfield, Louisiana of April 8, 1864

Sunday, October 22, 2017

Battle of Pleasant Hill, Louisiana of April 9, 1864



SSCWRT MEMBERSHIP COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Past President of SSCWRT Russ Tarvid suggested at the April Roundtable meeting that SSCWRT members could volunteer at various Will County events (both Civil War related and non-Civil War related events) and utilize that opportunity to promote our SSCWRT as well. This is a very good idea to advertise our Roundtable to possible new members whenever possible at various organizations and events our current membership attends.

FRONTLINE REPORT-BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION NEWS:

CIVIL WAR TRUST (www.civilwar.org)

The Civil War Trust's 30th Anniversary: 1987-2017

In 1987, a small group of historians and concerned citizens joined together in hopes of preventing the loss of America's Civil War battlefields. Now, thirty years later, the Civil War Trust has saved more than 46,000 acres at more than 100 battlefields in 24 states, creating battlefield parks where none existed and, in many cases, restoring the land to its Civil War appearance.

- *Over 46, 355 Acres saved in 24 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)
- *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 during the summer-fall months.
Tours are offered to select groups.

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

2017-2018 SOUTH SUBURBAN MEETING SCHEDULE:

AUGUST 24, 2017:	<u>Samuel Blackwell:</u>	Illinois Calvary
SEPTEMBER 21, 2017:	<u>David Dixon:</u>	President Lincoln and the Framing of the Gettysburg Address
OCTOBER 26, 2017:	<u>Doug Hurt:</u>	Food and Agriculture during the Civil War
NOVEMBER 16, 2017:	<u>David Noe:</u>	Merrimac-Virginia Naval Battle
DECEMBER 14, 2017:	<u>Holiday Party</u>	
JANUARY 25, 2018:	<u>Don White:</u>	Women and the Civil War
FEBRUARY 22, 2018:	<u>Jason Krausz:</u>	36 th Illinois
MARCH 22, 2018:	<u>Steve Thompson:</u>	Coles County Volunteers
APRIL 26, 2018:	<u>Dennis Doyle:</u>	Colorado and the Western Territories during the Civil War
MAY 17, 2018:	<u>Lester Lindley :</u>	The Dred Scott Case

AUGUST ROUNDTABLE NEWS

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE:

August: No August meeting.

CHICAGO CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE:

September 08 : Ed Bonekemper on *False Remembrance of the Civil War, The Myth of the Lost Cause*

JOLIET AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM:

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

KANKAKEE CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE:

September 06: Kankakee Valley CWRT: Jack Klasey *gives a guided tour of the Kankakee County Historical Museum*

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE:

September, Northern Illinois CWRT:

SALT CREEK CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE:

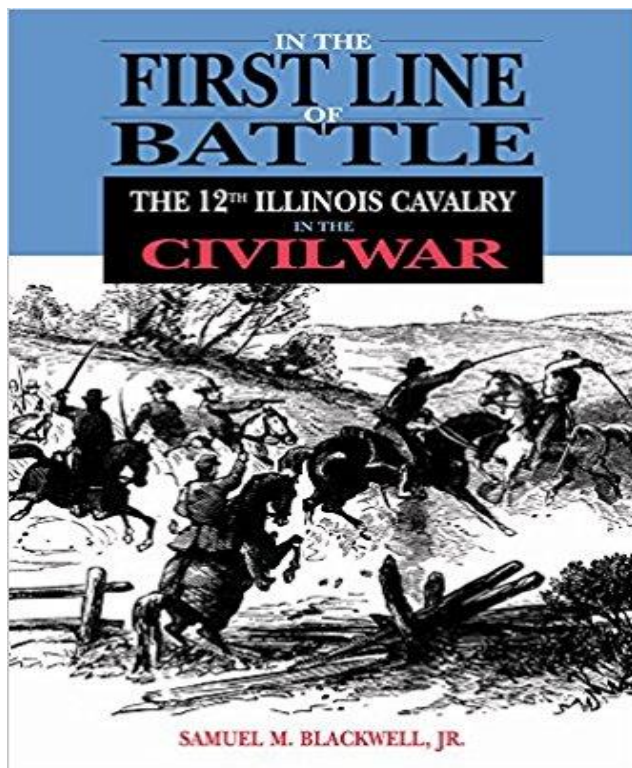
September:

SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE:

September 12: "Fighting the Civil War - Historical Treasures of the Conflict"

SSCWRT AUTHORS CIVIL WAR LIBRARY:

SSCWRT Member Dr. Samuel Blackwell's book on the 12th Illinois Cavalry:



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...>

