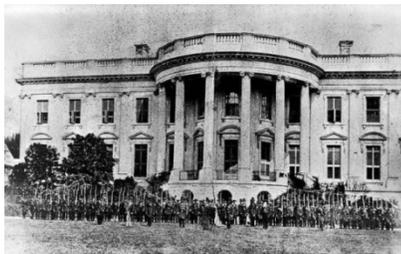


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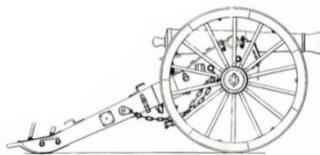


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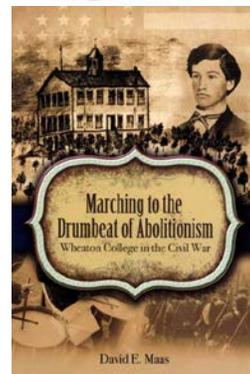
Join us for dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m.
Stay for the meeting at 7:00 p.m.!



Many thanks to our February speaker **Jeff Kannel** who delivered an extensive and in depth discussion on the **29th U.S. Colored Troops**. The unit included many volunteers from Illinois and was involved in the infamous Battle of the Crater at Petersburg. Jeff continues his research on the 29th while volunteering at the Civil War Museum in Kenosha.



On **Thursday, March 24** our speaker will be **David E. Maas** and his presentation will be on the *Wheaton College and the Abolitionist Movement in Illinois*. Dr. Maas taught American History Survey and the Civil War class at Wheaton College from 1970-2010. He has always had a professional interest in the story of the "losers" and neglected average people in American history. Trying to uncover their stories has led him most often into primary documents in local history. Dr. Maas will have his book, *Marching to the Drumbeat of Abolitionism: Wheaton College in the Civil War*, available for purchase at the meeting. His personal interests mainly revolve around his family: wife (Bobbie), 4 children (David, Pam, Beth, and Daniel) and 15 grandchildren. Dr. Maas ran a professional photography business from 1972 until 2004. In his spare time, he enjoys fishing and reading.



IN THE NEWS

The Toronto Star reported the following on **February 15, 2016**: the British Methodist Episcopal church was a focal point of Toronto's black community for more than a century, its congregants offering shelter to those fleeing slavery in the U.S. during the Civil War via the Underground Railroad. Then, decades ago, it was buried under a parking lot and largely forgotten — until now. It has been called "one of the most important blocks of black history in Toronto." On this tract of land, a handful of African Methodists built a small wood frame church in 1845. During recent excavation, ceramics, tools, bottles, syringes, dominos, dice, toys and remnants of clothing were unearthed helping to compose a fascinating and largely untold story of the origins of Toronto's diversity. "Archeology often becomes the voice for the people without history," says Holly Martelle, the consulting archeologist for the dig. In 1845, several families pooled their funds to buy property from John Beverley Robinson, Upper Canada's attorney general. A staunch Tory, he was responsible for a legal ruling that protected black people in Canada from extradition orders that would see them sent back to slave-owners in the U.S. Read the entire story at: <http://www.thestar.com/news>.



John
Beverley Robinson

IN THE NEWS

The Knoxville News Sentinel reported on **February 24, 2016**, that the grave of former slave-turned-Union-soldier **Elijah Knott** was recently discovered. Elijah Knott founded the Haven Chapel United Methodist Church that still exists today. Knott, along with other Blacks and Indians, were laid to rest in the long forgotten and unmarked Herrell Cemetery. Some of the inhabitants' final resting places were marked by rocks. Knott was a soldier in the 42nd U.S. Colored Infantry and his duties in the war's last year included guarding captured Confederate soldiers. Pictured right is **Cleo Ellis** the great-great-great-great nephew of Elijah Knott standing next to the newly dedicated headstone. Read the entire story at: www.knoxnews.com.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

After two years as serving as our Round Table's Vice President, **Steve LaBarre** is stepping down after our May meeting. We thank Steve for his service and look forward to seeing him at our meetings. **Members interested in running for the vice presidency should contact Dennis Doyle no later than May 1.** The Vice President's role is to compose our monthly quizzes and we are asking for a two-year commitment to the position. Election of the new vice president will take place at the May meeting.

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Thank you to all who generously donated and bid on our Holiday Party silent auction items. **We raised \$160!** The proceeds were split between the **Civil War Trust** and the **Camp Douglas Restoration Foundation**.

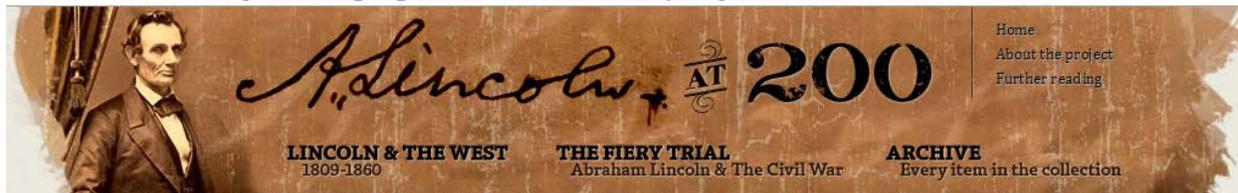
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The **Joliet Junior College Civil War Symposium** is **April 30** with many interesting speakers and topics. The cost is \$20 per person if you register by April 1. Registration after April 1, the cost is \$40 per person. Sign up today!

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know the **Newberry Library** has a virtual exhibit online entitled **A. Lincoln at 200** which includes such exhibits as **Lincoln & The West**. This exhibition draws on an autobiography Lincoln wrote for the 1860 presidential campaign and explores how contests over westward expansion and the future of slavery shaped nineteenth century political culture. Each section begins with a quotation from the autobiography and relates Lincoln's own experiences to larger currents of American history and culture. Or view the exhibit **The Fiery Trial - Abraham Lincoln & The Civil War** which begins in 1860 and chronicles the fundamental changes in Lincoln's thinking while president that ultimately saved the nation and gave all Americans a new birth of freedom. In this section, discover how the Civil War forever changed Lincoln and America. To view these exhibits and much more go to: <http://publications.newberry.org/lincoln/>



REMINDER ...

The **Camp Douglas Restoration Foundation** has an opportunity to obtain seven original documents relating to Colonel James A. Mulligan, Commander of Camp Douglas from February 1862 until June 1862. Documents range from original letters to original orders. The Foundation is seeking financial support for this acquisition. If you'd like to make a donation, please send your check to:

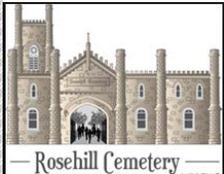


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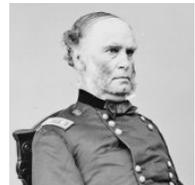
NEW: The **Chicago History Museum** will hold a **Civil War Bus Tour** on **Saturday, May 7** at 1:00 pm. As Lincoln fought to preserve the Union, Chicagoans rallied to support him and the Northern effort. Visit locations significant to Chicago during the war with guide Kevin Naughton. Stops include the site of the Wigwam, where Lincoln won the nomination for president; the site of Camp Douglas, a training center for Northern troops and later a prisoner of war camp; the site of the US Circuit Court building where Lincoln practiced law; and Oak Woods Cemetery where many Confederate soldiers are buried who died as prisoners of war at Camp Douglas. Cost is \$55 per person for non-members and \$45 for members. **Other Chicago History Museum tours include:** * **Graceland Cemetery** located at 4001 North Clark Street in Chicago on Saturday, **May 14** at 10:00 am; and * **Rosehill Cemetery** located at 5800 North Ravenswood Avenue in Chicago on Sunday, **May 15** at 1:00 pm. For information and to register please call (312) 642-4600 or www.chicagohistory.org.

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Republican Wigwam
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On **March 6, 7 and 8, 1862** – **Battle of Pea Ridge** (also known as the **Battle Elkhorn Tavern**), **Arkansas**. Nearly a month after initiating their campaign against Confederates in southwest Missouri, Gen. Samuel R. Curtis' Union Army of the Southwest had pushed into Arkansas and established a defensive position on the bluffs overlooking Little Sugar Creek. At the same time, Gen. Earl Van Dorn was appointed to take command of Confederate forces in the trans-Mississippi with the objective of destroying Curtis and his 12,000 Federals. Rather than attack Curtis' fortifications, Van Dorn proposed to march around the Union right flank, near Pea Ridge. In the course of the maneuver, however, the Southern forces were divided. Van Dorn's two wings, under Generals Benjamin McCullough and Sterling Price, were separated by Pea Ridge, and subsequently compelled to fight two distinct actions, with neither wing able to support the other. Further compounding Van Dorn's woes was the fact that Union scouts had detected the Confederate movement. Federal troops were en route to meet the Confederate threat. The Union victory loosened the Confederate hold on Missouri and disrupted southern control of a portion of the Mississippi River.



General
Samuel R. Curtis



Major General
Earl Van Dorn

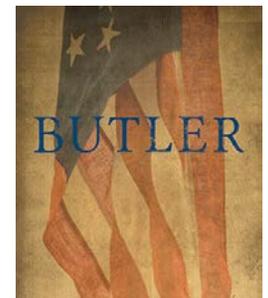
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IN MARCH

NEW: The **Northlight Theatre** located at 9501 Skokie Boulevard in Skokie presents **Butler** beginning **March 11 through April 17**. Early in the Civil War, three escaped slaves arrived at a Union fort to seek sanctuary from Major General Butler. Despite the conflict between the states, law requires that the slaves be returned to their rightful owner. Seeking a solution that satisfies both ethics and duty, Butler embarks on a battle of words and wits, calling into question what is legal versus what is right in a captivating story based on actual events. For information call (847) 673-6300.



NEW: The **Civil War Museum** located at 5400 First Avenue in Kenosha, Wisconsin will host their **Civil War Expo** on Saturday, **March 12** from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. Living history, heritage groups, and Civil War Round Tables from around the Midwest will present samples of their programming. At noon **Songs of the Civil War** will be performed by **The Old Soldier Fiddlers** and at 1:00 pm David Wege will give a presentation on stories and information of **Company E, 6th Wisconsin**, a unit that was part of the famed Iron Brigade of the West. For information call (262) 653-4141.





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Also at the **Civil War Museum**, Steve Acker will give a presentation on *Gettysburg: The First Day's Fighting* on Sunday, **March 13** from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The cost is \$25 for non-members and registration is required. For information call (262) 653-4141.



The **McCord Gallery** located at 9602 West Creek Road in Palos Park presents a special exhibit entitled *The Civil War and American Indian Wars* on **March 16-18** from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. This exhibit will take you back to the days of slavery, the Civil War and the notorious General George Armstrong Custer. The cost is \$12.00 per person. For information call (708) 671-0648 or office@mccordgallery.org.



NEW: The Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau presents *Civil War Field Embalming: A Demonstration of Period Technique* at the White Oak Library District-Romeoville Branch located at 201 West Normantown Road in Romeoville on Wednesday, **March 16** at 7:00 pm. Jon Austin will portray **Dr. Benjamin F. Lyford** in the aftermath of the Battle of Gettysburg. Mr. Austin offers a first-person presentation in the style of 19th century medical school lecture, using a re-enactor "corpse" as a visual aid. Mr. Austin addresses such topics as period medicine and chemistry, human anatomy, the verification of death, and the preparation of deceased soldiers' remains for shipping and burial. Also discussed will be 19th century mourning rituals, Lincoln's funeral, and the ways in which modern funeral practices have developed over time. More information is available at www.civilwarembalmer.com or call (815) 552-4230 to register for this event. This is a free event and open to the public.



Pictured below is Drs. Chamberlain and Lyfords



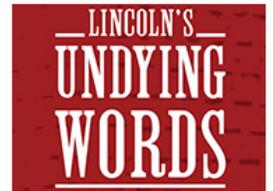


The **Newberry Library** located at 60 West Walton Street in Chicago has a new exhibit entitled *Civil War to Civil Rights: African-American Chicago in the Newberry Collection*. The exhibit includes reports, correspondence, diaries, newspaper articles, legal documents and photographs encompassing the experiences of a few of Chicago's earliest black residents. This exhibit is on display **through April 2, 2016**. *Free*.



NEW: The exhibit *Lincoln's Undying Words* which was at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum will now be on display at the **Chicago History Museum** located at 1601 North Clark Street beginning Saturday, **April 9**. Discover how Abraham Lincoln's changing views toward slavery transformed America. The exhibition explores this powerful story through five key speeches made by Lincoln between 1858–1865. Rare treasures, including Lincoln's family carriage and the bed in which he died, will be on view, supplemented by an audio program of selected excerpts from the speeches. This is a free event with Museum admission.

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NEW: The **South Suburban Archaeological Society** which meets at the Marie Irwin Community Center, 18120 Highland Avenue in Homewood presents *Camp Douglas Update: A Confederate Prisoner of War Camp on Chicago's South Side* on **April 21** at 7:30 pm. Michael Gregory who is the Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology at DePaul University and is on the Board of Directors of the Camp Douglas Restoration Foundation will discuss its recent archeological findings. For information call (773) 268-6705 or Helen Hardman at (708) 748-7806.

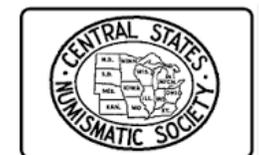


Camp Douglas

NEW: The semi-annual **National Civil War and Military Collectors Show** will be **Saturday, April 23** from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm at the DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 W. Manchester in Wheaton. Stop by and say hello to SSCWRT member **Don White**. Don will be selling his book *Facts, Quotes and Anecdotes of the Civil War*. Also at the show, SSCWRT member and book dealer **Bob Murphy** will be selling his diverse collection of hard to find books. Last but not least, the **Battlefield Balladeers** will entertain you with Civil War music. Admission is \$9, or early buyers can enter at 8:00 am for \$25. For information call (715) 526-9769 or www.chicagocivilwarshow.com. There's a \$1 off admission coupon on this website!



NEW: The **Central States Numismatic Society** will hold their 77th Anniversary Convention from **April 27-30** at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel, 1551 North Thoreau Drive in Schaumburg. On **Thursday, April 28** at 12:30 pm Jeff Paunicka will discuss "**Paper Money: A Confederate Perspective**" in Convention Center Nirvana C. On **Friday, April 29** at 12:15 pm, **Ted Karamanski** will discuss "World War II on the Great Lakes; Arsenal of Democracy." At 1:30 pm **Rob Girardi** will discuss "Shadow Over Chicago: Al Capone and the Windy City" and at 2:45 pm Ted Karamanski will discuss "The Great Fair and The Birth of Modern America: The 1893 Columbian Exposition." For information www.centralstates.info/sched.html or call (414) 807-0116.



IN MAY

NEW: Naper Settlement located at 523 S. Webster in Naperville will hold its **Civil War Days** on **May 21 and 22** from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm each day with the battle taking place at 2:30 pm on each day. Naper Settlement is transformed into a Civil War encampment. Hundreds of re-enactors participate, staging a battle complete with raging cannons and marching infantry. An annual tradition at Naper Settlement for over 25 years, the family friendly event features food, fun and shopping on "Sutler's Row" for traditional Civil War-era reproduction products. Admission fee is \$8-\$15.

