

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

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SOUTH SUBURBAN CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE SPEAKER:

Bob Kuzma is our guest speaker for the upcoming Thursday, May 18 SSCWRT meeting. Bob will be presenting on *Will County during the Civil War* and he will examine the very significant role that Illinois and Will County contributed to the Union war effort and victory. Over 3,700 young men from Will County served in various units during the Civil War and about 500 died from warfare and/or disease during their service. Bob Kuzma is a life-long Joliet area resident, he is an attorney by profession and he earned his B.A. degree in history from the University of Illinois. Bob was also very influential in returning the 100th Illinois Battle Flag to the Joliet Area Historical Museum for permanent display.

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.

POSSIBLE SPRING, 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.

April 22, 2017 Tour Event Summary: Our 2017 tour was 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 SSCWRT Board and Members would like to thank the Pritzker Museum staff for a great tour event that was held on Saturday April 22. 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.

2017-2018 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. ***It was also suggested to create a "**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-discussion to follow at the May 18th meeting.

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

SSCWRT 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 promote our Roundtable whenever possible at various organizations and events our membership attends.

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.

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:	Holiday Party	
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

MAY ROUNDTABLE NEWS

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE:

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

CHICAGO CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE:

May 12: Connie Hanson : "A First-Person Portrayal of Jennie Wade's
Mother"

JOLIET AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM:

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

KANKAKEE CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE:

May 03, Kankakee Valley CWRT: Bruce Allardice on "Jeff Davis's
Colonels"

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE:

May 05, Northern Illinois CWRT: Dan Joseph on "The 82nd Illinois"

SALT CREEK CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE:

May 19, Rev. Robert J. Miller on "For God, Church, and Country:
Catholic Civil War Chaplains"

SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE:

May 09, Discussion of the 1864 Atlanta Campaign

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...>



