

**SOUTH SUBURBAN CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE
SEPTEMBER 21, 2017 NEWSLETTER**

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SOUTH SUBURBAN CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE SPEAKER:

David Dixon is our SSCWRT guest speaker for our upcoming Thursday September 21, 2017 SSCWRT meeting. David will be presenting on The Gettysburg Address and he will examine the Gettysburg Address from the perspective of Charles Anderson, the third speaker at the Gettysburg Address that was given on that cold, November day in 1863. David Dixon has authored a superb history of the third speaker at the Gettysburg Address and his book is titled ***"The Lost Gettysburg Address."*** David Dixon earned his M.A. in history from the University of Massachusetts and he has published widely in numerous scholarly journals and magazines. He lives in Santa Barbara, California and his webpage can be found at www.davidrdixon.com.

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



CHICAGO CIVIL WAR SHOW (SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23):

The Chicago Civil War Show will be held on Saturday, September 23rd at the DuPage County Fairgrounds (2015 West Manchester, Wheaton 60189). This is a great opportunity to meet Civil War era collectors of military firearms, uniforms, artillery and books who will be selling high quality, collectable Civil War era items. Many SSCWRT members either attend or sell Civil War era items and this is a wonderful event for anyone interested in the Civil War to visit and enjoy in the fun of so many great Civil War historical items on display and for sale.

The Civil War Show runs from 9:00am to 4:00pm and visit their webpage at www.chicagocivilwarshow.com for more information.

SSCWRT HOLIDAY PARTY: Tuesday December 19th at Aurelio's in Frankfort

The annual SSCWRT Holiday Party is always an enjoyable event for our members and many of us look forward to our Holiday Party. Based on feedback from many members of our Roundtable, this year, we would like to have **Tuesday, December 19th host our 2017 Holiday Party**. The band Battlefield Balladeers will be playing Civil War era Holiday songs. Please contact SSCWRT Board Member Gordon Ramsey for further information.

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 fall months and guided 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:** Samuel Blackwell: Illinois Calvary
- SEPTEMBER 21, 2017:** David Dixon: President Lincoln and the Framing of the
Gettysburg Address
- OCTOBER 26, 2017:** Doug Hurt: Food and Agriculture during the Civil War
- NOVEMBER 16, 2017:** David Noe: Merrimac-Virginia Naval Battle
- DECEMBER 19, 2017:** Holiday Party: Aurelio's Pizza, Frankfort
- JANUARY 25, 2018:** Don White: Women and the Civil War
- FEBRUARY 22, 2018:** Jason Krausz: 36th Illinois
- MARCH 22, 2018:** Steve Thompson: Coles County Volunteers
- APRIL 26, 2018:** Dennis Doyle: Colorado and the Western Territories
during the Civil War
- MAY 17, 2018:** Lester Lindley : The Dred Scott Case

SEPTEMBER ROUNDTABLE NEWS

ABRAHAM LINCOLN BOOK SHOP: (www.alincolnbookshop.com)

Visit the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop and their series of Virtual Book Signings. For more information on these and other upcoming events, visit [Virtual Book Signing](#) or [Abraham Lincoln Bookshop](#)

CHICAGO CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE: (www.chicagocwrt.org)

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

JOLIET AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM: (www.jolietmuseum.org)

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

KANKAKEE CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE: (kankakeecountymuseum.com)

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

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE: (northernilcwrt.org)

September 01: Jerry Allen, *“General George H. Thomas”*

SALT CREEK CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE: (www.saltcreekcwrt.org)

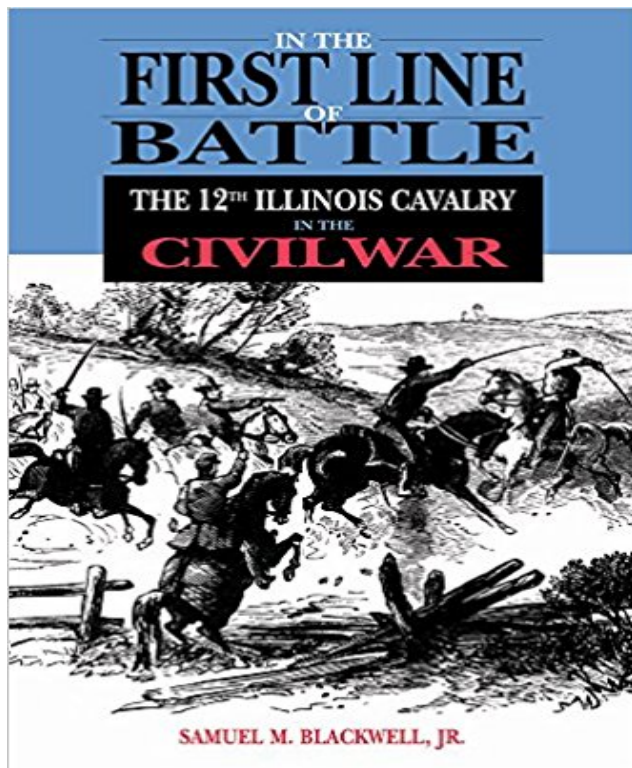
September 15: Frank Crawford, *“Andersonville”*

SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE:
(www.cwrtswmi.org)

September 12: Wayne E. Motts, *“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...>

