

# The Outpost

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## 491st Regular Meeting

**DATE:** Friday, June 17, 2016  
**PLACE:** Lisle-Hilton; 2003 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, IL 60516  
**TIME:** 6:30pm Cocktails--7:30 pm Dinner  
**TOPIC:** “Civil War Medicine Hollywood Version:  
The Good, the Bad and the Ugly”  
**SPEAKER:** Gordan Dammann, D.D.S.

Dr. Dammann will show clips from six movies that have scenes depicting medicine during the Civil War. He will, with the help of the audience “dissect” these scenes to show the “good” points, the “bad” points and the “ugly” points. Scenes will be taken from *Gone with the Wind*, *Glory*, *Gettysburg*, *Gods and Generals*, *Andersonville*, *Horse Soldiers* and *Dances with Wolves*.

Dr. Dammann is a resident of Illinois and a 1969 graduate of the Loyola School of Dentistry. He is an Army veteran, serving as a Captain in the U.S. Dental Corps from 1969 to 1971, and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal in 1971. Dr. Dammann worked in private dental practice in Lena, IL for forty years from 1971 to 2011. He is the chairman (emeritus) and Founder of the National Museum of Civil Medicine and an accomplished researcher and lecturer on the history of medicine in the Civil War. He is the author of several books, including three volumes of *The Pictorial Encyclopedia of Civil War Medical Instruments and Equipment and Images of Civil War Medicine*, with co-author Alfred J. Bollet. He is also founder and past-president of the Lena Area Historical Society and past instructor at Highland Community College. Dr. Dammann currently serves as a Licensed Battlefield Guide and Medical Consultant for Antietam National Battlefield.

## **MAY MONTHLY SUMMARY BY ARTHUR FOLEY**

For the SCCWRT May meeting we were privileged to have Frank Crawford describe the massacre that occurred during the morning and early afternoon of September, 27, 1864 in Centralia, Missouri.

Union soldiers of various regiments were heading home for a much anticipated furlough. Unknownst to these unarmed men their train would be stopped by Confederate partisans under the leadership of "Bloody" Bill Anderson.

Anderson's pack of guerilla marauders had taken possession of the town earlier in the day, sacking, stealing, and getting intoxicated. After stopping the train the Union soldiers were robbed, stripped, and after being lined up - executed. No mercy was shown, with the exception of Sgt. Thomas Goodman, 1st Missouri. Engineers. Why Anderson decided to hold this man as a prisoner has not been fully determined, perhaps to be used in a swap for another captured raider. Ten days later Goodman, fortunately made a successful escape. He lived to write "A Thrilling Record" of this experience, an event that haunted him for the rest of his days. The Sergeant was witness to the mutilation and desecration of his comrade's corpses.

Anderson's men then set fire to the train and departed the town to an encampment several miles away. At this place they successfully ambushed and annihilated an attacking unit of green inexperienced troopers later the same day.

Thank you to Mr. Crawford for sharing with the membership his knowledge of this brutal action from the decidedly uncivil war in the Trans Mississippi.

Unfortunately I have a family conflict the same evening as the upcoming banquet. I would like to extend a wish to those in attendance for an enjoyable evening and to everyone a fulfilling summer! HUZZAH!

## **BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION COLUMN, JUNE, 2016**

During the last two months this column examined the battlefield preservation going on at the Fredericksburg Battlefield. It was a large parcel of land that the Civil War Trust was preserving. Although the commercial development efforts were halted and the real estate to be preserved has been taken off the market, this is a long term preservation effort.

In many of the efforts preserving the Civil War battlefield real estate, not all of the battlefield real estate can be preserved at one time. For example, a small portion of the battlefield is owned by another private owner who is not willing to sell at that time. The Civil War Trust with assistance from other preservation groups purchases the portion of the battlefield that is available for preservation. The Civil War Trust then monitors the status of the parcel that was not available for purchase. Hopefully, this remaining small parcel can be preserved at a later date. Often the parcel(s) to be preserved later are located in the middle of preserved battlefield land.

This is the current situation of five battlefields located in Virginia. The first battlefield is at Williamsburg, the 1862 Peninsula Campaign. According to the President of The Civil War Trust, there is a 3 acre parcel of real estate that is available to be preserved. This parcel is located where Union General Joseph Hooker attacked the Confederate battle line during the battle. Once preserved, this parcel of land will be added to other portions of the battlefield already preserved by the Civil War Trust, the Colonial National Historical Park or other preservation organizations.

At the Gaines Mill Battlefield (1862 Seven Days Battlefield) there are two small house sized lots that are now available to be purchased and preserved. These two parcels amounting to 6 acres are located where the Confederate lines were at the time of the Confederate attack of the Union lines. The Trust intends to tear down the modern house on each lot and preserve the land.

The Civil War Trust is also trying to preserve a three acre parcel of land on the Second Battle of Ream's Station battlefield, part of the Petersburg Campaign in August, 1864. At this battle Confederate General Harry Heth crushed the Union II Corps. The parcel is located at the gap in the Union battle line which the Confederates exploited. The Trust has already preserved 180 acres of this battlefield.

The final two parcels of battlefield land to be preserved are part of the Appomattox campaign in 1865. The Trust is trying to preserve a twelve parcel of real estate located on the White Oak Battlefield dated March 31, 1865. This parcel is located just to the west of battlefield real estate already preserved by the Trust (a total amount of 903 acres). Finally, there is the amount of 289 acres of the Sailor's Creek battlefield, dated April 6, 1865 available to be preserved. The Trust has already preserved 885 acres of the Sailor's Creek battlefield. Union General Andrew Humphrey's II Corps troops charged over this parcel of the battlefield in their attack of Confederate General John Gordon's troops. This piece of land is located between the locations of the Union and Confederate battle lines.

The Civil War Trust seeks your support to preserve the total amount of 313 acres of real estate located at these five Civil War Battlefields. The Civil War Trust has assembled an incredible amount of funds from other sources so that the Trust can match each dollar donated with an additional amount in excess of \$10.00. The information for this column came from the Civil War Trust website. Have a wonderful summer.

## **UPCOMING CIVIL WAR EVENTS**

JUNE 21, 2016

### **LINCOLN-DAVIS CWRT**

"Black Soldiers and a Peckerwood White Boy"

Speaker: Charles Hammer  
Country House Restaurant, Alsip, IL  
[Lincolndavisroundtable@yahoo.com](mailto:Lincolndavisroundtable@yahoo.com)

JULY 12, 2016

### **McHENRY COUNTY CWRT**

"Mr. Lincoln's Navy"

Speaker: Fred Reczkowicz  
Woodstock Library  
[www.mchenrycivilwar.com](http://www.mchenrycivilwar.com)

JULY 19, 2016

### **LINCOLN DAVIS CWRT**

"Sherman's March and How It is Remembered"

Speaker: Sarah Rubin  
Country House Restaurant, Alsip, IL

JULY 23-24, 2016

Lombard's Civil War Reenactment  
Four Season's Park  
Volunteers Needed  
Contact Rick Zarr:  
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AUGUST 9, 2016

### **McHENRY COUNTY CWRT**

"The Philadelphia Home Guard"

Speaker: Dave Noe  
Woodstock Library

AUGUST 25, 2016

### **SOUTH SUBURBAN CWRT**

"General George Thomas"

Speaker: Jerry Allen  
sscwr@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER 9, 2016

### **CHICAGO CWRT**

"The C.S.S. Hunley"

Speaker: Steve Quick  
Holiday Inn O'Hare  
5615 N. Cumberland, Chicago  
[dinnerreservations@chicagocwrt.org](http://dinnerreservations@chicagocwrt.org)

## **ALL FOR THE UNION**

Speakers are needed for 2017. If you have a program to share contact Jan:  
[irbarns@sbcglobal.net](mailto:irbarns@sbcglobal.net)

Thanks to those members who attended the Old Fashioned Memorial Day Observance at the West Aurora Cemetery

## **BACK IN HISTORY**

50 Years Ago: Roger F. Wilhelm presented: "The Military Telegraph in the Civil War"

25 Years Ago: Gary Rotrammel presented: "John S. Mosby"

10 Years Ago: Phil Lauricella presented: A Glass Slide Show of the Last Gettysburg Reunion

## **FUTURE SCCWRT MEETINGS**

September 16, 2016  
"Black Hawk War Veterans in the Civil War" Speaker: Jerry Allen

October 21, 2016  
"Music for the People, George F. Root and The American Public"  
Speaker: Art Foley  
Annual Battlefield Preservation Book Sale Meeting at Glen Ellyn History Center

## **THE SALT CREEK CWRT**

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