

# Northern Illinois Coalition of Civil War Round Tables



## Speaker Directory

Dear Program Director:

Want to put on a good program about the Civil War at your school, library, historical society or museum?

With the sesquicentennial of the Civil War coming up in 2011, The Coalition of Civil War Round Tables of Northern Illinois want to spur interest in the Civil War. So we've put together a "speaker's bureau" of local published authors and experts, who've presented programs throughout the Midwest. And in this era of tight budgets, most of these programs come free!

The attached file details the presenters, their programs, and contact information. Please contact each individual regarding their program and possible fees, if any.

Best regards,

**The Coalition of Civil War Round Tables**

For more information, email us at (Richard Zarr) rzarr@sbcglobal.net.

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**Northern Illinois Coalition of Civil War Round Tables**

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- Kankakee CWRT ..... kvcwr.cwahi.net
- McHenry County CWRT ..... www.mchenrycivilwar.com
- Lake County CWRT
- Lincoln-Davis CWRT
- Northern Illinois CWRT..... nicwr.freehostia.com

# Speaker Directory

## **ABROE, Dr. Mary**, Teacher

212 Woodbine Avenue

Wilmette, IL 60091-3332

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Travel Distance: Any

*CWRT Affiliations:* Chicago, Northern Illinois

**Topics: Historical Perspectives on Civil War Battlefield Preservation; Civil War Battlefields as Commemorative Landscapes: The War Generation and Preservation; The New Deal Battlefield Preservation in the 1930's, "The Civil War Centennial: Rhetoric, Reality and the Selective Memory"**

## **ALLARDICE, Bruce**, Teacher/Author

Darien, IL

H: 630-297-8046; E: bsa1861@att.net

www.civilwarbruce.com

Travel Distance: Chicagoland area

*CWRT Affiliations:* Chicago, Northern Illinois

**Topics: Lincoln as War Leader, Civil War Geneology, Election of 1984, Vicksburg, Civil War & Baseball, The Draft, Confederate Colonels**

## **ALLEN, Jerry**

755 Fox Trail Terrace

Cary, IL 60013-3242

H: 847-516-6429; E: jallen5393@aol.com

Travel Distance: No Limit

*CWRT Affiliations:* Chicago, Northern Illinois, McHenry County, Salt Creek

**Topics: Portrayal of Major General George H. Thomas; 15th Wisconsin (Scandinavian Regiment); 78th Illinois Regiment (Portrayal of Captain John Allen); Dakota Uprising of 1962 (Minnesota in the Civil War)**

## **ANDRESEN, Rick**

1609 Clay St.

Woodstock, IL 60098

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Travel Distance: 90 miles

*CWRT Affiliations:* McHenry County, Northern Illinois, Chicago

**Topics: "Lincoln's Cabinet, Copperheads, The Committee on the Conduct of War", Parts 1 & 2; Civil War Firsts; Reconstruction**

## **ANGELO, Phil**

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Kankakee, IL 60901

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Travel Distance: Chicagoland area

*CWRT Affiliations:* Kankakee Valley

**Topics: Newspapers and the Civil War, Grand Army of the Republic, Morgan's Raid, New York Draft Riots, Fort Donelson, Island Number 10, Lew Wallace, Maximillian & Carlotta, Sibley's New Mexican Campaign; "Civil War Quiz Show", "Family Feud", "Who Wants to be a Millionaire", "Civil War Hollywood Squares"**

## **BANKS, Charlie**

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McHenry, IL 60051

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Travel Distance: Willing to drive up to two hours away (may make exceptions)

*CWRT Affiliations:* Lake County, McHenry County, Northern Illinois, and Chicago

**Topics: Lincoln Funeral Train; Jed Hotchkiss, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad in the Civil War, Jedediah Hotchkiss**

## **BENSON, Rick**

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Naperville, IL 60565-2358

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*CWRT Affiliations:* Salt Creek

**Topics: 1.) Henry Wirz** – This talk is essentially a biography of his life, from birth through his life up to & including Andersonville & his hanging; **2.) The Nightmares of Capt. Henry Wirz.** This talk deals strictly with the arrest, the unusual Trial by Military Tribunal, & the hanging of Capt. Henry Wirz. On either talk I would propose to bring copies of photos of Andersonville photos, obtained from the National Archives. I have one portable easel. I would request the usage of 4 or 5 easels wherever I did the presentations. Both talks would approximate 45 minutes to an hour, & would then be followed by a Question & Answer period.

**BERNSTEIN, Arnie**, Author

www.arniebernstein.com

CWRT Affiliations: Chicago

**Topics: My book: "The Civil War in Chicago"**

**BOHN, Roger**

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Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

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Travel Distance: Will negotiate

CWRT Affiliations: Chicago, Northern Illinois, Milwaukee and Salt Creek

**Topics: Living History: "A Day in the Life of a Civil War Soldier"; CW Naval Blockade and Blockade Running**

**BOROWICK, Mathew**

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Travel Distance: Any, provided there is travel reimbursement.

CWRT Affiliations: Robert E. Lee CWRT of Central New Jersey

**Topics: Running Your Civil War Round Table, The Battle of Second Bull Run, Court Martial of Fitz John Porter, Book: "The Civil War Round Table Handbook: The Indispensable Guide to Running Yours' Right"; Column: "Round Table Review" in the Civil War News**

**BRENNAN, Pat**

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**Topics: CSS Hunley, Jeb Stuart**

**BROWN, Ward**

Richmond, IL

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**Topics: Living history**

**BUCK, Stephen**, Teacher/Author

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**Topics: Joliet and Will County Civil War**

**BURTON, Art**, Teacher/Author

Chicago, IL

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**Topics: Wild West; Blacks in the Civil War**

**BIGGS, Greg**, Historian/Author/Tour Guide/

Flag Historian

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Clarksville, TN 37042

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Travel Distance: Anywhere. I only ask for expenses and a motel room when needed.

CWRT Affiliations: President, Clarksville; Program Chair, Nashville; Past President, Friends of the Fort Donelson Campaign

**Topics:** I have spoken to CWRTs and conferences across the country for many years. **The Atlanta Campaign; From California We Come – The Golden State in The Civil War; Tactical Perfection – Forrest At Brice's Crossroads; Banners In The Breeze – The Flags of the Confederate Army; Failure In The West – The Army of the Heartland; Buckeyes In Gray – Ohio's Confederate Generals; How Johnny Got His Gun – The Confederate Supply System; Nathan Bedford Forrest – Napoleonic Cavalryman; The Crack Of Doom – The Collapse of Confederate Department No. 2 (Western Theater); Turning the Tide – The Union Cavalry at the Battle of Shelbyville (Tullahoma Campaign); Where the Civil War Was Won...And Lost – The Western Theater; Volunteer Banners: Tennessee's Civil War Flags; Nashville – Siren's Song of the Western Confederacy. Coming Soon: Debacle on the Rivers – The Fort Henry-Donelson Campaign.** I also do two Revolutionary War programs. There is "no speakers charge" for speaking to other Civil War Round Tables. There is a minimal "speakers charge" for speaking to Libraries, Museums, Historical Societies, Senior Centers, Parks & Recreation Centers, etc.

**BLACKWELL, Samuel M., Ph.D.**

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Travel Distance: 60 miles

CWRT Affiliations: Son's of the Union Veterans

**Topics: "In the First Line of Battle: History of the 12th Illinois Cavalry in the Civil War and Reconstruction." NIU Press 2001; Cavalry**

**Operations of the Army of the Potomac;  
Confederate Operations of the Northern Virginia  
Cavalry Operations of the Army of the Potomac;  
Confederate Operations of the Northern Virginia  
Cavalry Operations in the Army of the Cumberland  
and Cavalry Operations in the Army of Tennessee.**

In the past I have enjoyed speaking to Civil War Round  
Tables: McHenry County, Malta, Decatur, Springfield,  
Champaign, Macoupin County (Virden, Illinois).

**CAIN, Marty**

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Beach Park, IL 60087-1523

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**Topics: Mary Custis Lee; Battle of Glorieta -  
New Mexico Territory; General Lewis Armistead;  
Baseball During The Civil War; The Confederate  
White House; General Hiram Granbur; Battle of  
Belmont; The Confederate Post Office Department**

**CAMPBELL, Tom, Author**

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Chicago, IL 60614

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www.fightingslaveryinchicago.com

**Topics: My principal topic would be to discuss my  
book, "Fighting Slavery in Chicago - Abolitionists,  
the Law of Slavery, and Lincoln."** Based on eight  
years of research, FSIC was published in February of 2006.  
It traces the activities of some intrepid Chicagoans who  
ran the underground railroad, established abolitionist  
newspapers, organized political parties, and helped get  
Lincoln elected President. It examines Lincoln's position  
on slavery and the steps he took to abolish it and his  
vision for America. I also could speak on related topics  
such as Lincoln's use of Presidential powers.

**CARLSON, Kurt, Attorney**

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CWRT Affiliations: Salt Creek, Chicago

**Topics: "Chicago in CW"; "Patrick Cleburne -  
What Makes a General Great?"; "Backing the  
Boys-Chicago Business & Industry in the Civil  
War"**

**CARLSON, Ron, Teacher**

Clarendon Hills, IL 60514

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**Topics: Ben Butler; Alpheus Williams; civil war in  
the west**

**CARROLL, David**

Tinley Park, IL

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**Topics: Lincoln in Photos**

**CLARKE, Matt**

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www.changeinhistory.com

**Topics: Civil War currency**

**COLE, Steven Alfred**

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Freeport, IL 61032

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Travel Distance: Any

**Topics: Frederick Douglass, USCT and Blacks  
in the Civil War; Slavery, the Slave Trade, and  
Emancipation; Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass  
and their Friendship; Free Blacks in Colonial  
America and their role in the Revolution and the  
Civil War; Abolition and the Civil War**

**CONNELLY, Kevin J.**

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Travel Distance: General Chicago Area, outside that are  
will need some logistical planning but not adverse

CWRT Affiliations: SSCWRT

**Topics: Custer in The Shenandoah; Second Bull  
Run; Gettysburg (various subjects including  
Cavalry operations); The Iron Brigade; The 1864  
Overland Campaign**

**CORBETT, David, "Battlefield Balladeers"**

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www.myspace.com/battlefieldballadeers  
Travel Distance: Uncompensated, up to fifty miles  
CWRT Affiliations: Former member / president South Suburban; Chicago, Salt Creek

**Topics: The Songs of Stories of the Civil War**  
(musical presentation)

**CRAWFORD, Frank**

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Travel Distance: I am available in Illinois from May 1st until October 31st.  
CWRT Affiliations: Northern Illinois, Lake County, McHenry County in Illinois, and Manasota and Sun Coast in Florida

**Topics: Defense of Burnside at the Bridge; The Matson/Lincoln Slave Trial; Copperhead Riot in Charleston, Illinois; A Nasty Little Incident of War – CSA; A Nasty Little Incident of War – USA; A "New" look at Jennie Hodgers; And Where is Iconium – The Death of Stonewall.; Stone's River – The Turning Point of the War; Illinois Heroes; Life was Hell on the Home Front, Too.; Last Letters Home; Deserter or Prisoner of War?; Andersonville; The Trial of Henry Wirz; Federal Executions; Rangers or Raiders**

**CROWE, Richard, Author**

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CWRT Affiliations: Salt Creek, Chicago

**Topics: "Ghost Stories of the Civil War"; "Lincoln Supernatural Connections"**

**CUNNINGHAM, Jim, Teacher**

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**Topics: Nationhood**

**DAILEY, George**

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Travel Distance: 50 mile radius of Chicago  
CWRT Affiliations: Northern Illinois

**Topics: Battle of Chancellorsville**

**DAMMANN, Doug**

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www.thecivilwarmuseum.org

**Topics: Kenosha Civil War Museum, The Collections of the Civil War Museum, Kenosha, WI; Elmer Ellsworth and the United States Zouave Cadets**

**DAMMANN, Gordon, D.D.S.**

PO Box 754  
Lena, IL 61048  
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Travel Distance: Travel is unlimited  
CWRT Affiliations: Milwaukee, Chicago

**Topics: Civil War Medicine**

**DANIELS, Max & Donna**

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www.abeandthebabe.com  
Travel Distance: Almost anywhere in the Midwest. (We do charge a fee and sometimes request assistance with travel expenses).  
CWRT Affiliations: Salt Creek; also familiar with South Suburban, Northern Illinois, Kankakee, McHenry County and Chicago.

**Topics: "Evening with Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln (One act play)", "Press Conference with the President and Mrs. Lincoln", "Woman in Black: Customs of Mourning in the Civil War", "Roles of Women in the Civil War/Fashions of the Civil War", "Lincoln on Leadership"**

**DAVIS, Brooks**

1445 North State Parkway #1705  
Chicago, IL 60610-1549  
H: 312-654-0614  
Travel Distance: open

*CWRT Affiliations:* Chicago

**Topics:** Lincoln; “Stephen A. Douglas and Abraham Lincoln: Friendly Enemies?”; “Abraham Lincoln: Man of Faith”; **Commanders in Chief: Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis**”; “The Civil War and the G.A.R.” **Workshops, panel discussions.** Please call for more information.

**DeFRANCO, Tom**

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Norridge, IL 60706-2941

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Travel Distance: any

*CWRT Affiliations:* Northern Illinois

**Topics:** Ewell at Gettysburg on July 1 (What if Jackson were there?); Sickles Advance Into The Peach Orchard (July 2); The 36 IL at Stones River (December 31, 1862); The Controversies Of Gettysburg.

**DOYLE, Dennis, Teacher**

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**Topics:** Joliet in the Civil War

**EICHER, David J., Author**

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www.astronomy.com

Travel Distance: depends on program, availability, compensation

*CWRT Affiliations:* Milwaukee

**Topics:** Dixie Betrayed: How Confederates Unraveled Themselves; Abraham Lincoln as Wartime Strategist; The Longest Night: A Military History of the Civil War; Civil War High Commands; Gettysburg Battlefield; The Photographs of Robert E. Lee

**FARINA, Bill, Author**

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**Topics:** General Grant

**FINNEGAN, Marc**

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**Topics:** Living history portrayal

**FLYNN, John**

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Palos Heights, IL 60463

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Travel Distance: 30-40 miles

*CWRT Affiliations:* South Suburban, Salt Creek

**Topics:** Civil War Relics (Show & Tell of some of the interesting pieces from the Civil War).

**FOLEY, Arthur F.**

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Naperville, IL 60540

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Travel Distance: negotiable

*CWRT Affiliations:* Salt Creek

**Topics:** Regimental Bands of the Union Armies; George F. Root and Henry Clay Work – Chicago’s Civil War Music Makers; The 1861 Missouri Campaign of Nathaniel Lyon; Sterling Price’s 1864 Missouri/Kansas raid; The Civil War in the Indian Territory; Gen. Richard Taylor, “War and Reconstruction”

**FRENZ, Bob**

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Crystal Lake, IL

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Travel Distance: 30-40 miles

*CWRT Affiliations:* McHenry County

**Topics:** Grand Army of the Republic

**GIRARDI, Robert I., Historian/Author**

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www.robertgirardi.com

Travel Distance: Any, depends on the situation

*CWRT Affiliations:* Chicago, Salt Creek, Northern Illinois, South Suburban

**Topics:** Railroad Defense in the Atlanta Campaign; “The Evolution of Union Victory”; Civil War Engineers; Abraham Lincoln’s Doctor’s Dog; The Soldier’s View, The Civil War Art of Keith Rocco; The Real War will Never Get in the Books; Civil War Artifacts; The Engineers at Fredericksburg; General Impressions of the Civil War; Leonidas Polk and the Fate of Kentucky in 1861; Civil War Corps Command: A Study in Leadership, “What I Saw at Shiloh,” Sgt. Joseph A. Greenhut, 12th

**Illinois; General William Passmore Carlin, Fighting General; "What Will You Do When all the Brave Men are Gone, Lyman S. Widney and the 34th Illinois"**

**GLICK, Ray, DVM**

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Wadsworth, IL 60083  
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CWRT Affiliations: Lake County

**Topics: The Impact of the Horse and Mule upon the Outcome of the Civil War; The Horses of Civil War Generals, Leaders, Officers**

I have no restrictions on how I can be contacted and do not charge, if the group offers to off set gas I do accept, but do not "expect it ". My animal related charity of choice is the American Veterinary Medical Foundation at [www.avmf.org](http://www.avmf.org).

**GODDARD, Leslie**

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Darien, IL 60561  
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[www.lesliegoddard.net](http://www.lesliegoddard.net)  
Travel Distance: 60 miles  
CWRT Affiliations: Chicago, Salt Creek

**Topics: Clara Barton** (first-person portrayal),  
**Louisa May Alcott** (first-person portrayal)

**GUGALA, Valerie**

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Bartlett, IL 60103  
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[www.marylincoln.org](http://www.marylincoln.org)  
Travel Distance: any

**Topics: 1.) "A Visit with Mrs. Lincoln"**, first person portrayal of Mary Lincoln; **2.) "Divided: Mary Lincoln and Emilie Todd Helm"**, first person Reader's Theatre presentation dealing with Mary Lincoln and her half sister, Emilie Todd Helm, wife of Confederate General Ben Helm; **3.) "The Lincoln Family after 1865", What happened to Mary Lincoln and her sons after Abraham's murder?** This question and many others are answered in this lecture; **4.) "Mary Lincoln as a Wife and Mother" Mary's relationship with her children is explored in this lecture.** Springfield neighbor's recollections and Mary's own words are used to show how she related to her children, how she viewed marriage

and motherhood, and how she dealt with her grief at the death of her sons. **5.) Mary Lincoln and the Spiritualists". After the death of her son Willie, Mary Lincoln held séances in the White House to try to contact him and other deceased relatives.** Why did Mary (any many other bereaved families) believe in the spiritualist movement? What happened at these séances? Did Abraham Lincoln ever attend one?

**HERDEGEN, Lance, Author**

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Burlington, WI 53105  
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Travel Distance: 100 miles  
CWRT Affiliations: Milwaukee

**Topics: Iron Brigade; Kenosha Civil War Museum – Kenosha, WI; Native America and the Civil War**

**JOHANSON, Fred**

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Tinley Park, IL 60487  
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Travel Distance: 100 miles roundtrip  
CWRT Affiliations: Chicago, South Suburban

**Topics: Recent presentations include: "Antietam", "Hornet's Nest at Shiloh", "Illinois Political Generals", "German Generals", "Creation of the ANV"**

**KOCIOLKO, John S.**

4929 West 31st Place  
Cicero, IL 60804  
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Travel Distance: open  
CWRT Affiliations: Chicago

**Topics: Abraham Lincoln and the New Nation; Whatever Became of the Union; Robert E. Lee and His Allegiance; Civil Wars Compared—English and American; Abraham Lincoln** (first-person presentation)

**KOWALSKI, Jerry**

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Elmhurst, IL 60126  
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Travel Distance: anywhere in the Midwest  
CWRT Affiliations: Chicago (Past-President)

**Topics: 1.) The Life and Times of Pap Thomas; 2.) The Causes of the War. It wasn't just slavery.; 3.)**



**Battles Mill Springs, Chickamauga, Nashville; 4.)  
Friends, Enemies & Lovers, You don't have a clue.**

\*Everything in life is negotiable\*

**KREBS, Michael and MILLER, Debra**

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Travel Distance: national

*CWRT Affiliations:* Great Lakes Civil War Symposium,  
First Division Museum, Wheaton, IL

**Topics: "Visiting the Lincolns"** - A group of unexpected guests arrives at the Lincoln White House on the eve of the President's assassination and catches the First Family unawares. The Lincolns entertain as best they can with anecdotes and yarns. The couple delights the audience with stories about the people and events that influenced their lives. Through engaging conversation they speak about their youth, education, the struggles of the Civil War, and their personal lives in Springfield and Washington D.C. By the end of the program, the audience will know more about the personal Mr. Lincoln, as well as the professional politician and the issues that troubled the nation in his time. The audience will have an opportunity to ask questions, and meet & greet for pictures. This program is suitable for all ages 40 minute running time.

**MAAS, Dr. David E.**

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Travel Distance: 50 miles one way

**Topics: Wheaton College and the Underground Railroad**

Honorarium is up to group to whom I speak.

**MICHNA, Jessica I.**

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Travel Distance: unlimited

*CWRT Affiliations:* Waukesha, WI

**Topics: Mary Todd Lincoln as a widow reflects on her life with the President; Mary Todd Lincoln circa 1860's talks about meeting Mr. Lincoln and her boys.; Sari Semple tell stories of Appalachia in the 19th century.; Abigail Adams reflects on**

**her life with John during the Revolution and his Presidency; Eleanor Roosevelt reflects on her life and achievements; her marriage to Franklin.** All programs are done in first person in full period costume.

**MILAM, Helen**

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Travel Distance: 75 miles or less/76+ requires lodging & mileage

**Topics: Darling of the South, "Miss "Major" Pauline Cushman-The Woman Officers Feared"; "Mary Ann 'Mother' Bickerdyke Victorian Tea"; "It's Not All About Tea"**

**MILGRAM, Dr. James W.**

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Travel Distance: distance 50 mile radius of Chicago  
Well-known postal historian — published 439 articles and 7 books.

**Topics: Federal Civil War Postal History (includes some Confederate too)** 40-60 min. Powerpoint.  
No fee but please call in by phone for all inquiries.

**MILLER, Reverend Robert J.**

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Travel Distance: Open to going nearly anywhere, depending on my ministry schedule (Midwest locations particularly)

*CWRT Affiliations:* Chicago (former President)

**Topics: Books/articles: Author of "Both Prayed to the Same God - Religion and Faith in the American Civil War" (Lexington, 2007); Blue and Gray, (XXVI, #6, 2010) "The Religious Trickster - Fr. Joseph Bixio"; The Citizen's Companion (October 2007, "19th Century Religion - A Different World"; Religion and Faith in the Civil War [or any topic in this general area]; "Confederate Christian Warrior - Fr. James Sheeran (14th LA)"; "God's Shock Troops - the Jesuit Civil War Chaplains"**

**MOOCK, Rick**

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**Topics: Band Biography - 97th Regimental String Band current**

The music began in the hobby of Civil War reenacting. As members of a group in St. Petersburg, Florida, they began singing around the campfire at reenactment events in 1983. They wanted to sing songs that the original Civil War soldiers sang. Their research revealed lots of these old tunes, and they began bringing their instruments to these events. The combination of music, atmosphere, and camaraderie suited them so well that they decided to develop their musical talents as a business. At reenactments, malls, festivals and schools they found that the old-time songs still brought smiles and enjoyment to modern audiences. The band performed these songs the way they felt the soldiers of North and South would have sung them in camp and on the battle line, using acoustic instruments: guitar, bass, fiddle, banjo, mandolin, harmonica - the same instruments available to 19th Century musicians - and adding vocal harmonies. The style will remind some of the Kingston Trio or Peter, Paul and Mary. Their individual musical backgrounds vary from folk to barbershop to stage shows to classical, and every exciting performance blends the best qualities of those styles with clear melodies and words, strong chorus, and genuine old-time sound. These were America's popular songs of the 19th Century, and whether the tune is happy or sad, romantic or patriotic or nonsense, audiences of all ages feel the music still belongs to them, to sing along with, dance to or just listen to and enjoy.

**NOE, David**

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Travel Distance: 60-70 miles possibly a few more

*CWRT Affiliations:* Northern Illinois, McHenry

**Topics: The Great Camel Experiment; The Luck of the Merrimac; The Naval Blockade**

**PHELPS, Michael**

(see under WILLEVER, Michael)

**POHLAD, Mark B., Ph.D.**

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Travel Distance: 100 miles one way

**Topics: "Abraham Lincoln in American Art"; "The Camera and Abraham Lincoln"**

**POWELL, Dave**

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Travel Distance: 50 miles

*CWRT Affiliations:* Northern Illinois

**Topics: Battle of Chickamauga; Stuart at Gettysburg; Confederate Cavalry in the Western Theater; Battle of Shiloh; Army of the Cumberland; Army of Tennessee (Confederate)**

**PRIDDY, Nick**

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Travel Distance: 50 miles

**Topics: 1.) Life of the every day soldier in the west; 2.) The major battles in the west; 3.) Thomas's 1864 Campaign; 4.) General Thomas himself.** I have all the gear of the everyday union soldier.

I also was a reenactor with the 36th Illinois Volunteer Infantry and know the history of the unit.

FEE: \$50 and mileage

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**Topics: "Loss of the Steamboat Sultana"; "American B-17 in the Pacific"**

**SCHILLER, Dr. Laurence D.**

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Travel Distance: Pretty Open

*CWRT Affiliations:* Northern Illinois

**Topics: Cavalry and cavalry tactics, re-enacting,**

**Gettysburg** (actually I'm pretty much a generalist – so lots of battles – esp. Shiloh, Antietam.); **8th Illinois Cav and Buford's Division; 7th PA Cav and Minty's Brigade (Army of Cumberland); 55th Ill, 104th Ill, Iron Brigade – especially 2nd and 6th WI; USCT; slavery** (I have a Ph.D. in African History); **“Of Sabres and Carbines: The Emergence of the Federal Dragoon”;** Danville, VA; **“Blue and Gray Education Society, Monograph #11”, August 2001. Articles: “A Taste of Northern Steel: The Evolution of Federal Cavalry Tactics 1861-1865,” North & South, v. 2.2, January, 1999, 30-46, 80-84; “Two Tales of Tennessee: The Ups and Downs of Cavalry Command,” North & South, v. 4.4, April 2001. 78-86.** I've been working on a history of the 55th Illinois Infantry, a bio of Colonel David Stuart, who commanded it, and a comprehensive work on the evolution of cavalry tactics North and South.

**SCHWARTZ, Thomas F.**

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Travel Distance: 200 miles  
*CWRT Affiliations:* Chicago, Salt Creek  
**Topics: 1.) Lincoln and Grant; 2.) Lincoln's Fire in the Rear: Civil Unrest in Illinois; 3.) Lincoln and Political Patronage; 4.) Images of the War (in preparation)**  
I can only accept reimbursement for expenses.

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*CWRT Affiliations:* Chicago  
**Topics: Battle for the Prairie State: Illinois Politics During the Civil War; Appomattox Experience; DuPage County History with emphasis on the Fischer Family (including but not limited to the Civil War era); Overview - The Civil War Soldier; Life and Times at Jubilee College, 1830-1862;**  
Numerous other presentations on various battles and other aspects of the war.

**SENDER, Don**

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Travel Distance: 50 miles  
*CWRT Affiliations:* Chicago, Salt Creek  
**Topics: The Westward Movement: Custer and the Little Big Horn, slide presentation with audio; Cruise of the Confederate Raider Alabama, slide presentation with audio; John Chivington: Glorieta to Sand Creek, slide presentation; Battle of Dead Angle on the Kennesaw Line Near Marietta, Georgia, (Sam R. Watkins-Co. AYTCH) with slides; The Lincoln Assassination, slide presentation.**  
Published a set of 43 transparencies on the American Revolution with accompanied text through Scott Graphics, Chicopee, MA.

**STEINKAMP, Tom,** Teacher

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**Topics: 95th Illinois Infantry**

**STEVENS, Norman S., Ph.D.**

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**Topics: The Fower of the Southern Army, “the Army of the Valley and the Shenandoah Campaign of 1862”;** **“A Set of Determined Young Men”;** **The Virginia Military Institute and the Civil War”;** **“Iron Nutmegs”;** **Connecticut's Volunteer Field Officers and the Connecticut Experience in the Civil War”;** **“I find myself quite a stranger here, but ere-long expect to master all difficulties,’ Thomas Jackson's antebellum experience at the V.M.I.”;** **“Personal Affairs”;** **Violent Postbellum Deaths of Confederate Generals”;** **“This Affair will not prove Unimportant, the Battle of Piedmont, Virginia, June 5th, 1864”;** **“I think there is indolence and idiocy aplenty here!”** **Command Relationships in the Army of Mississippi, Spring 1863.”**

**STRELKA, Mike & Anna**

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Travel Distance: unlimited (if expenses paid)

CWRT Affiliations: Northern Illinois

**Topics: Talks/topics (all first person impressions): Tales from the life of Gen. John B. Turchin, "the Russian Thunderbolt," and his gallant wife, Nadine; The Incident at Athens, Alabama, and the Court Martial of Col. Turchin; The Conduct of the War through a Russian Staff Officer's Eyes; Chickamauga, Eyewitness Accounts by General & Madame Turchin; A Brief Tribute to "The American Volunteer." Also, Anna does a first person impression of Virginia lady Constance Cary, a belle of Richmond society during the Civil War.**

**TULLOCH, Rebecca**

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Travel Distance: Principally in the Midwest, open to all USA

CWRT Affiliations: Northern Illinois

**Topics: 1.) Letters of the Civil War: 30 Civil War Letters dramatically interpreted to music, period photos and film footage, 2.) Civil War Nursing and Louisa May Alcott: Miss Alcott describes the sites and sound of a Civil War Union hospital in 1862, 3.) A New England Abolitionist, Maria Weston Chapman: Hear the fiery speech of a Boston Female Anti-Slavery Society Disciple, 4.) Our Regimental Vivandier: Women in the Army! And both North and South had them. Listen to the story of one such lady, 5.) Coehorn Mortar Demo and Firings: Learn about the Civil War Coehorn Motar and be prepared for a live firing. Bang!, 6.) Hauntings of the Civil War: Invite Maggie Fox, a founding influence of American Spiritualism to share her tales of Civil War chills, 7.) The Spinning Wheel and Our Clothes: The audience participates in learning how to spin cotton, wool and flax, 8.) "Prairie Rose" Film Presentation: A 90 minute period drama produced and created by Civil War Reenactors depicting Camp Douglas in Chicago during the Civil War.**

**URBAN, Ed**

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Travel Distance: depends on my schedule at time of request, please contact me.

CWRT Affiliations: McHenry County

**Topics: Earl Van Dorn; The Eighteenth Illinois, the Hanging of Private Dickerman and the Court Martial of Colonel Lawler; Ironclads; Exploits of Col. CR Ellet and the Sinking of the "Queen of the West"; Battle of Chickasaw Bayou.**

**VAN HAFTEN, Dan**

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Travel Distance: If expenses are offered would be willing to travel outside the Chicago metro area.

**Topics: Talk on the book "Abraham Lincoln and the Structure of Reason," a book I co-authored with David Hirsch, a Des Moines attorney.** In this book, we describe how Abraham Lincoln used his study of Euclid Elements to construct the iron logic found in his speeches, letters and legal arguments. Also can sell and sign copies of "Abraham Lincoln and Structure of Reason".

**VINCENT, Marta**

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Travel Distance: unlimited - mileage/travel

CWRT Affiliations: McHenry County

**Topics: Typical Women's Dress through the day and from the skin out.** (I will dress and have a Powerpoint presentation, but a model could be used also) "What a lady wore at home, for day, for special occasions and to the ball"; Mid Century Parasols and Umbrellas (with extant examples and Powerpoint presentation); Civilian Men's clothing (with a model and Powerpoint presentation) "What a gentleman would wear at home, at work, for business, dress and for formal occasions"; Typical children's clothing for girls and boys (with Powerpoint presentation) "No, most little boys did not dress in uniforms, and little girls did not wear ballgowns: dispelling the myths"; Mid century Jewelry (with extant examples and Powerpoint

presentation), NOTE: Each of these can be presented in from 30 to 45 minutes, but can be longer if time allows.

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CWRT Affiliations: McHenry County

**Topics: The Gap at Chickamauga, September 20, 1863.** In this talk I will relate the events during the battle, leading up to General Longstreet's attack; and highlighting the errors made by Generals, Rosecrans, Wood and others which resulted in what the Confederates call a victory, and the Union refer to as a withdrawal.; Taking The Cars, transportation in the 1860's (can include a Powerpoint Presentation); The life of General John M. Brannan, 1819-1892.

NOTE: Each of these can be presented in from 30 to 45 minutes, but can be longer if time allows.

**WALKER, Paula**

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Travel Distance: within the Midwest  
CWRT Affiliations: Chicago, Salt Creek, South Suburban

**Topics: Gen. G.K. Warren and the Warren Court of Inquiry; Whitman's Sampler—Civil War Poetry**

**WEEKS, Michael**

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Travel Distance: almost any  
CWRT Affiliations: Chicago

**Topics: My presentation relate stories about my travels and findings while writing my book, "The complete Civil War Road Trip Guide". The book features almost 450 Civil War historic sites, all of which I personally visited. The title of the presentation is "Finding Hallowed Ground: America's Civil War Sites Today".** The talk focuses on hidden gems, lessons learned, the importance of historic travel, and battlefield preservation.  
Fee: None, although I do ask for assistance with travel costs and permission to sell my book.

**WEINBERG, Daniel**

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Travel Distance: Open  
CWRT Affiliations: All Civil War Round Tables  
**Topics: Dealing in Historical Artifacts; Lincoln Assassins: Trial and Execution**

**WERLINE, Larry**

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CWRT Affiliations: Salt Creek for many years, but membership recently lapsed

**Topics: First person Ulysses S. Grant. Any topic associated with Grant including: Grant at Chattanooga, Grant at Vicksburg, Life of U.S. Grant, Reminisces of the Civil War, the Last Year of the Civil War, Grant as President, etc.**

I don't charge fees to Civil War Round Tables, except for gas if a long distance from home.

**WHITE, Don C.**

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CWRT Affiliations: South Suburban

**Topics: Lincoln; Robert E. Lee**

**WILLEVER, Michael and PHELPS, Michael**

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Travel Distance: any  
**Topics: Mr. Willever and I have co-authored a book titled "A Dark and Bloody Ground: Sowing the Wind".** This book chronicles the week of October 4-7, 1862, when the State of Kentucky lay in the balance as vast foraging armies swept the country side; soldiers from the North and from the South fighting and dying, staining Kentucky's soil with their blood. The reader witnesses these events through the eyes of seven protagonists, four Southern and three Northern.

This novel for the first time brings to life such historical figures as George Thomas, Leonidas Polk, Phil Sheridan and Patrick Cleburne, to name but a few. The events of this week changed the lives of these men and the State of Kentucky forever! This book takes you up to two hours before the Battle of Perryville, Kentucky. It has been nominated for the 2010 Michael Shaara Award for Excellence in Civil War fiction. We are currently working on the second book titled "A Dark and Bloody Ground: Reaping the Whirlwind". This book is due for release in late 2010. This book will contain the actual Battle of Perryville and culminate with the Confederate withdrawal the day after. Mr. Willever and I will NOT charge any fees for speaking to your group. We do ask to have a small area available, after the lecture, to sell and sign our books. We have a strong passion to educate those unaware of the importance of Kentucky during the American Civil War and to enhance the knowledge of those who do.

**WOLF, Dr. Wayne L.**

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**Topics: The Life of the Common Soldier; Lincoln's Constitutional Disaster**

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PLEASE CONTACT VIA POSTAL ADDRESS OR E-MAIL ADDRESS ONLY.

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