



Kalamazoo Civil War Round Table Newsletter

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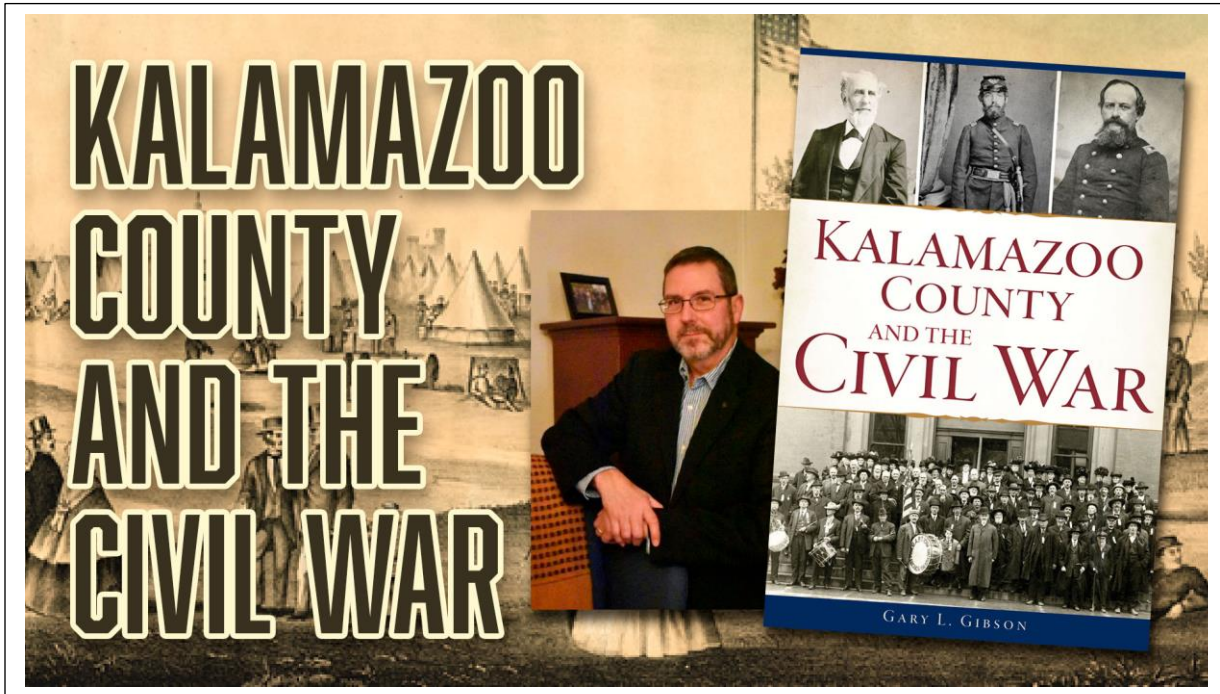
This Month's Program

Kalamazoo Civil War Roundtable is proud to present: Kalamazoo County in the Civil War, led by Gary Gibson, to be held on Friday, November 19th. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. with the usual social period. The program will begin at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Westwood United Methodist Church, 538 Nichols Road, Kalamazoo, MI.

Masks are requested to be worn by the church.

More than 3,000 Kalamazoo County men served in the Union forces during the Civil War. They fought in the most horrific battles from Blackburn's Ford to Appomattox, and 396 did not return home. The war tested the area not just on the battlefield but in its collective back yard and, at times, its front yard. A "peace rally" held by local Democrats was interrupted by Lincoln supporters who viewed the Democrats as traitors. Residents reacted jubilantly to the capture of Richmond, the Confederate capital, and mourned the assassination of Lincoln, who had visited the village of Kalamazoo before the war. As veterans, the former combatants left behind indelible reminders of their sacrifice

Gary Gibson is the author of *Kalamazoo County and the Civil War* published by Arcadia Publishing.



Past Programs

We thank Gary Swain who presented a discussion about Michigan in the Civil War: The talk was very interesting and it was great to see everyone in person. There were 27 people in attendance in October. \$59 was raised for preservation through the raffle and \$44 was raised by sales of books for operating expenses. \$18 was also raised for Loaves and Fishes which will provide for 54 meals.

Dues

To help pay for speakers as well as use of the church, a \$20 yearly due is requested of each family. THANK YOU to the many people who paid their dues in November!

Civil War and History Programs Around the State

Grand Rapids Civil War Round Table – Wednesday November 17th

Kelly Worden will present The Study and Tracing of A Person's Ancestors. The GRCWRT meets at the Chapel in the Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary 2965 Leonard Street NE Grand Rapids, Michigan. Doors open at 6:30, program begins at 7:00. For more information contact Coordinator Dan Dunn at (616) 887-9828 or check www.grcwrt.com.

Ann Arbor Civil War Round Table -

The next meeting is not yet posted on their website. The AACWRT meets at 7:00 p.m. in the normally meets in the Administration Building Exhibition Room of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 5305 Elliott Drive (go to Lot "P"), Ann Arbor, Michigan. For more information call Program Director Ken Baumann at 734-439-7657 or email kb64bau@sbcglobal.net. You can also check aacwrt.org.

Michigan Regimental Round Table

Virtual Events: Their Maryland: The ANV from the Potomac Crossing to Sharpsburg by Alex Rossino on Friday November 19th This meeting will be held on Zoom. Registration is via the website: <http://www.farmlib.org/mrrt/>.

Civil War Round Table of Southwest Michigan –

CWRTSWM held a meeting on November 9, but no future meeting is currently posted on their website. The Southwest Michigan Round Table meets in Fellowship Hall (lower level) of the First Congregational Church at 2001 Niles Ave., St. Joseph, MI. For more information go to <http://www.cwrtswmi.org>.

Sons of Union Civil War Veterans –

It is with sadness that we note the passing of John Keith who was the Pritchard Camp (Kalamazoo County) Camp Commander for many years. John was well known and well liked and he will be missed.

The Pritchard Camp does not have their next meeting in their newsletter. The Camp normally meets at 7:00 pm at the Plainwell-Ransom Library at 180 S. Sherwood Plainwell, MI 49080. For more info contact: gator0205@yahoo.com

Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall – Tuesday Nov 16

Jack Dempsey will present at talk about Major General Alpheus Williams at 7:00 pm at 224 S. Main Street Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. For details visit: <https://www.facebook.com/GARBrainerdPost111MemorialHallAndMuseum> or garmuseum.com or call 517 922-6427



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