



Kalamazoo Civil War Round Table Newsletter

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This Month's Program

Kalamazoo Civil War Roundtable is proud to announce that David Powell and Eric Wittenburg will present their book, Tullahoma: The Forgotten Campaign that Changed the Course of the Civil War to be held on Friday, Sept 16. 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. Please contact Dave Jordan or Jim Frey (contact info above) if anyone is interested in having dinner with the speakers at 5:30 prior to the meeting.

David Powell and Eric Wittenberg are the winners of the 2022 Albert Castel Book Award. This award is made on a biennial basis to the author(s) of an exceptional book on the Civil War in the Western Theater.

Eric J. Wittenberg is an accomplished American Civil War cavalry historian and author. The Ohio attorney has authored nearly two dozen books on various Civil War subjects, with particular focus on cavalry operations, as well as three dozen articles in popular magazines, such as North & South, Blue & Gray, America's Civil War, and Gettysburg Magazine. His first book, Gettysburg's Forgotten Cavalry Actions, won the prestigious 1998 Bachelder-Coddington Literary Award. Wittenberg speaks widely, leads tours of various battlefields, and is an active preservationist.

David A. Powell is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute with a BA in history. He has published numerous articles in various magazines, and more than fifteen historical simulations of different battles. For the past decade, David's focus has been on the battle of Chickamauga, and he is nationally recognized for his tours of that important battlefield. The result of that study is a series of acclaimed books: The Maps of Chickamauga, Failure in the Saddle, and an epic trilogy: The Chickamauga Campaign: A Mad Irregular Battle, The Chickamauga Campaign: Glory or the Grave, and The Chickamauga Campaign Barren Victory. David and his wife Anne live and work in the northwest suburbs of Chicago, Illinois. He is Vice President of Airsped, Inc., an international documents courier services firm for customs.

Michigan's Role in the Civil War

The Michigan Civil War Association invites you to celebrate the launch of a new series of publications on Michigan's role in the American Civil War. Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022 at 2.30 p.m. the Plymouth District Library at 223 S. Main Street Plymouth, Mich. 48170 (734) 453-0750. The first book in the series Heart in Tatters: Eunice Hunt Tripler and the Civil War is published by Mission Point Press of Traverse City.

Join members of the MCWA Board and a proud descendant of Eunice Tripler in this celebration of the bicentennial of her birthday (Oct. 11, 1822). Hear an update on the project to erect a Michigan monument at Antietam.

For information and to register, contact editor Jack Dempsey: jack@jdbooks.org

Lincoln Statue Design Approved

On July 5th, 2022, the Kalamazoo City Commission approved sculptor William Wolfe's winning design for the Bronson Park Lincoln statue. Wolfe's design was chosen following a rigorous selection process, which garnered applicants from across the country. The statue committee, chaired by Gary Swain, narrowed the applicants to three finalists. Each finalist came to Kalamazoo this past June to meet our board and present their design maquettes. The board selected Wolfe's life-like rendering of Lincoln circa 1856.

Past Programs

We thank Steve Hawks who presented "The Crucial Role of Logistics in the Civil War" The talk focused on how the Eastern theater armies were fed, clothed and supplied which is not often understood, but critical to success of an campaign.

Reenactment – Sept 17-18th

Van Raalte Farms in Holland, MI will hold a Civil War Muster. For more info and event schedule: <https://vanraaltefarmcivilwarmuster.wpcomstaging.com/>

2022 Preservation Donation

Each year the KCWRT presents a donation to Civil War preservation efforts. This summer KCWRT sent \$500 to the American Battlefield Trust to support Corinth, Champion Hill, Port Hudson, and Chattanooga battlefields. There was a \$9 / 1 match for donations. More information is included in the link below. Thank you all for your support throughout the year!

<https://www.battlefields.org/give/save-battlefields/help-protect-407-acres-across-four-sacred-battlefields>

Civil War and History Programs Around the State

Grand Rapids Civil War Round Table – Wednesday Sept 21st

The GWCRT will present Roger Rosentreter who will speak on “Always Ready & Always Willing: How Federal Gunners Won The Battle of Gettysburg”. The GRCWRT meets at 6:30 pm (presentation at 7:00 pm) in the Chapel in the Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary 2965 Leonard Street NE Grand Rapids, Michigan. For more information contact Coordinator Dan Dunn at (616) 887-9828 or check www.grcwrt.com.

Ann Arbor Civil War Round Table – Sept 12th

The AACWRT will present Rger Rosentreter who will talk about “Memorialized in Granite: Michigan at Gettysburg”. The AACWRT normally meets at 7:00 p.m but this month will meet at 7:30 pm 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 - TBD

The next Michigan Regimental Round Table speaker is not yet posted, but the MRRT is hosting a field trip Oct 14-16 to Culpepper Battlefield October 14-16th. Th MRRT meets the last Monday of the month at the Farmington Library, Lower Level at 6:30 pm. For more information contact: <http://www.farmlib.org/mrrt/>.

Civil War Round Table of Southwest Michigan – Tuesday, September 13th

CWRTSWM will present Dr. Curt Fields who will talk about “Ulysses S. Grant and the Appomattox Campaign. The Southwest Michigan Round Table meets at 6:00 pm (presentation at 6:30) 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 – Tuesday, October 4th

The Pritchard Camp will have their next meeting on October 4. The Camp meets at 7:00 pm at the Plainwell-Ransom Library at 180 S. Sherwood Plainwell, MI 49080.

For more info contact: Len Sheaffer at gator0205@yahoo.com

Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall –

The museum is open 10 am – 5 pm on Wednesdays. The GAR Hall is located 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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