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Meeting Site
Town of DeWitt Community Room
148 Sanders Creek Parkway
East Syracuse, New York

A. Scott Cauger presents
First Campaigns in Missouri 1861
Thursday, December 18, 2008
7:00 PM
Our 15th Year!

Meetings are held at 7 PM on the third Thursday of the month from September through June and are free and open to the public.

December 18th Meeting
You are cordially invited to
a holiday meeting of the
Onondaga County Civil War Round Table
December 18th, 7 PM
Join us for a special holiday cake and coffee
and
an introduction to the Trans-Mississippi theatre of the Civil War
presented by A. Scott Cauger

Over the last four years, Scott has traveled extensively visiting Civil War sites in Missouri and through-out a quadrant comprising the 4 state region of SE Kansas, NE Oklahoma, NW Arkansas and SW Missouri visiting over a dozen civil war battlefields and important sites. Missouri was the key state in the Trans-Mississippi theatre and a very rich prize. The outcome in Missouri - whether it would go Union or Confederate - would determine the outcome of the war in the Trans-Mississippi and influence events in the Western Theatre. Scott’s talk will focus on three 1861 campaigns in Missouri that kept the state from joining the Confederacy: Camp Jackson- May 10, 1861 Booneville-June 17, 1861 and Carthage-July 5, 1861. Each of these battles preceded First Bull Run (Manassas) - July 21, 1861. By the end of the war, Missouri remained as a border state and had witnessed so many battles and skirmishes that it rates as the 3rd most fought over state. For those who have asked for a presentation on the war in the west, here it is. Join us for Scott’s analysis of Missouri: Key to the (Trans) Mississippi River & the West: 1st Campaign Actions at Camp Jackson, Booneville & Carthage.

Directions to Town of DeWitt Community Room
From 481N take Exit 5W to Kirkville Rd West. Merge onto Kirkville Rd and travel 1.2 miles. Turn right onto Kinne St and travel 0.7 miles. Turn right at Sanders Creek Parkway and travel 0.2 miles to 148 Sanders Creek Parkway, the site of the East Syracuse Fire Department and the Town of DeWitt Community Room.
The Farm with the Arm

This farm on this Virginia battlefield is often referred to by guides as *The Farm with the Arm*. What battlefield and what farm are the guides referencing?

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Thank You for Your Dues


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BYO Cup, Please

Obama Inaugural Theme

U. S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies has announced a Lincoln theme for the 2009 presidential inaugural. *A New Birth of Freedom*, words from the Gettysburg address, will be woven into the inaugural ceremonies. Feinstein added, “At a time when our country faces major challenges at home and abroad, it is appropriate to revisit the words of President Lincoln, who strived to bring the nation together by appealing to the better angels of our nature. It is especially fitting to celebrate the words of Lincoln as we prepare to inaugurate the first African-American president of the United States.”

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Civil War Haiku

Poet Melissa Whelan has combined the brevity and precision of a traditional form a Japanese poetry, haiku, to achieve complex imagery and meaning in three un-rhymed lines, the first and third containing five syllables each while the second line contains seven. She offers this haiku ode to honor the struggle of all Civil War soldiers.

*The blue and the gray*
*Made a hundred shades of red*
*The colors of war*

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Museum of the Confederacy Expansion

The Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond, Virginia has faced dwindling attendance and revenues for the past few years due to the expansion of modern offices buildings surrounding the Richmond site. Parking is difficult as is finding the Museum itself amid the sprawl of the city. Thoughts of moving the building proved too costly. This past October S. Waite Rawls, museum director, announced plans to create three expansion sites based on the recommendation of Dr. James McPherson. Here are *The Republic of Suffering* by Drew Gilpin Faust

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January Jeopardy

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Four Stamp Designs to Mark Lincoln Bicentennial

The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission (ALBC) and the U.S. Post Office joined together in Springfield, Illinois earlier this month to unveil four commemorative stamps honoring Abraham Lincoln’s bicentennial. The stamps will be available in post offices throughout the country on Monday, February 9th, three days before Lincoln’s 200th birthday, and will be added to personal collections worldwide.

Lincoln, once a village postmaster, has already appeared on more than 50 U.S. stamps, more than any other person. The ALBC recognizes that both as President-elect and as President, Lincoln vowed that the U.S. mails would never be interrupted. “Thanks to him, their safe passage became a symbol of the enduring strength of the Union itself.” The block of four commemorative stamps illustrates aspects of Lincoln’s life as follows:

Railsplitter
Lawyer
Politician
President

The first stamp shows Lincoln as a rail-splitter. It includes the earliest known photo of Lincoln, taken in 1846 by N. H. Shepherd, and depicts Lincoln as a young man splitting a log for a rail fence on the American frontier. When he was a candidate for President in 1860, the Republican Party used the image of Lincoln as a “rail-splitter” to enhance his appeal to the workingman.

Lincoln the lawyer is featured in this stamp which includes a photograph of Lincoln taken on May 7, 1858 by A. Byers and shows Lincoln in a courtroom in Illinois, where he practiced law for nearly 25 years, riding a circuit of courthouses across Central Illinois.

The stamp of Lincoln as a politician includes a photograph of Lincoln, dated February 27, 1860, by Mathew Brady, and shows Lincoln debating Stephen Douglas during their 1858 campaign for a U.S. Senate seat from Illinois.

Lincoln as President includes a photograph of Lincoln, dated November 8, 1863, by Alexander Gardner. It depicts Lincoln conferring with generals Grant and Sherman toward the end of the Civil War. The depiction is based on The Peacemaker (1868), a painting by George Healy.

The stamp artist, Mark Summers, is noted for his scratchboard technique, a style characterized by a dense network of lines etched with precision. His drawings have been featured in the New York Times Book Review. Perhaps you’ve seen his best known work on the Barnes & Noble shopping bags and banners. And remember, four new Lincoln pennies also debut in February.

Onondaga County Civil War Round Table
New Member/Renewal Form

Membership dues of the OCCWRT are:

Please Check one of the Following

_____ $20.00 a year
_____ O.H.A. members $10.00
_____ Seniors and Students $15.00
_____ Family rate (2 or more) $30.00

Dues may be paid at meetings or sent to:

Onondaga County Civil War Round Table
ATTN: A. Scott Cauger Treasurer
216 Windebank Lane
Minos, NY 13116

Please find $__________ enclosed in form of Circle One:

Check  M.O.  Cash

Date ________________

The Onondaga County Civil War Round Table was organized in 1994 and is now an incorporated non-profit educational organization. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month from September through June. The purpose of the OCCWRT is to stimulate and encourage interest in the American Civil War, to assist in community service in order to enhance the study and understanding of the Civil War to provide educational and historical research of the period, and to promote historic preservation.