



Monroe County Civil War Round Table

S P O N S O R E D B Y T H E F R I E N D S O F E L L I S

HISTORY OF THE 13TH MICHIGAN VOLUNTEER INFANTRY

Upcoming Programs

May 11 – Thirteenth Michigan

May 25 – Paging through the Civil War Book Club

July 27 – Paging through the Civil War Book Club

September 14 – Wayne Motts, National Civil War Museum

September 28 – Paging through the Civil War

October – Custer Week

November 9 – “A Picnic in the Cemetery”

All Round Table programs begin at 7 pm and are held at the Ellis Library and Reference Center, 3700 South Custer, Monroe, MI

Michigan men from the western counties of Michigan enlisted in the 13th Michigan Volunteer Infantry in the fall of 1862. They served in the Western theater and saw action at the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Perryville, Chickamauga, and the March to the Sea. Come and join us on Thursday, May 11, as Mr. Michael Culp shares his knowledge of the history of this Regiment.

Mr. Michael Culp is the Director of the Thirteenth Michigan Memorial Association, which is dedicated to the gathering and preserving of information of the 13th Michigan Volunteer Infantry from the Civil War. During the last nine years, over 3200 pages of information have been gathered and documented on the men who served in this unit.

Mr. Culp is a re-enactor and teacher of the American Civil War. He has participated in many re-enactment events throughout the country and the filming of two major motion pictures, *Glory* and *Gettysburg*. He is a graduate of Western Michigan University and teaches Civil War History at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. He is a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Paging through the Civil War Book Club will meet Thursday, May 25 at 7 pm. This month's book is ***Freedom's Cap*** by Guy Gugliotta. Please contact Charmaine for more information or to reserve a book (734-241-5277 charmaine.wawrzyniec@monroe.lib.mi.us).

Monroe County Events

May 13 – **13th Annual Spaghetti Dinner for Potter Cemetery** – Carleton United Methodist Church, 12 – 5 pm

June 11 – **Heutreau Navarre** – River Raisin Battlefield, 2 pm

July 8 – **Rebuilding Hull's Trace** – River Raisin Battlefield, 2 pm

August 13 – **Furniture making demonstration** - River Raisin Battlefield, 2 pm

Enjoy your summer! See you again in September!

Check out these books available from the Monroe County Library System.....

Greetings from Gettysburg by David Craig. Visit Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, showcased by 160 beautiful historic postcards, memorializing important and noteworthy scenes as though browsing a family picture album. This book is as much about the visitors to Gettysburg as it is about the soldiers and the battle struggles. See battlefields, monuments, statues, soldiers, town citizens, and beautiful landscape scenes and relive history via quotes from the writing that grace some of the greetings. Those who have been to the battlefield will recognize familiar places. For others, who have never spent time in this busy, yet tranquil, place, it will be like receiving postcards from a friend saying "wish you were here" or "Greetings from Gettysburg." (Amazon)

Houses of Civil War America: The Homes of Robert E. Lee, Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln, Clara Barton, and Others who shaped the Era by Hugh Howard. HOUSES OF CIVIL WAR AMERICA takes readers into the daily lives of the most important historical figures in the nation-defining conflict. From modest abolitionist homes to the plantations of the antebellum south. Howard and Straus bring the most intimate moments of the war to life. With insightful narrative and gorgeous photography, HOUSES OF CIVIL WAR AMERICA demonstrates--through these landmark homes--the nation we were and the nation we became. (Amazon)

Traitor

The following was published in the *Monroe Monitor* on May 18, 1863:

The traitorous son-in law of Gen. Scott, Capt. Henry L. Scott is undoubtedly the spy who for a long while in 1862, revealed secrets of the War Department to the insurgents and finally capped the climax of his treason by giving the information which led to the escape of the enemy at Munson's Hill. He is now drawing a fat salary from the United States treasury as a retired officer, and co-operating actively with the secessionists in Europe. Under a monarchy, where certain privileged classes are almost exempt from punishment, an enormity like this is sometimes endured; but that such a base and servile immunity to treason should be tolerated in a republic is a thing which is difficult to realize.

Michigan Civil War Round Tables

May 9 – Round Table Discussion of the 1864 Atlanta Campaign - Civil War Round Table of Southwest Michigan – Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the Month – www.cwrtswmi.org

May 8 – Victorian Era Cemeteries - Ann Arbor Civil War Round Table - Meets 2nd Monday of each month - <http://www.aacwrt.org/>

Kalamazoo Civil War Round Table - Meets the 3rd Friday of every month - <http://www.kcwrt.com/>

Jackson Civil War Round Table – Meets 2nd Wednesday of every month – www.jacksoncivilwarroundtable.com

Civil War Trivia Question: When canned rations were first distributed for army fare, what derogatory name did Union soldiers give to canned beef? (Garrison 104)

Answer to March's Trivia: "Pop-skull" was a slang term for whiskey, especially bad whiskey.

Book Sale! Our Round Table is hosting a monthly book sale. All proceeds will benefit the Antietam Monument Project....Civil War hardcovers-\$3.00 and paperbacks-\$1.00.