

THE CIVIL WAR REPORTER



NEWSLETTER

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TUESDAY JULY 12, 2011

MCHENRY, ILLINOIS 60051

PRESENTATION

AT

The Woodstock Library
440 West Judd Street
Woodstock, Illinois

GENERAL

GEORGE THOMAS

By Jerry Allen

TUESDAY JULY 12, 2011

AT A NEW TIME

7:30PM to 9:00PM

MCHENRY COUNTY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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OF CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLES



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MCHENRY COUNTY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

SERVING THE COMMUNITY
AND MCHENRY COUNTY
SINCE IT'S FOUNDING AT

UNION ILLINOIS
1998



MISSION STATEMENT

THE MCHENRY COUNTY
CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE
HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO PROMOTE
AND FOSTER EDUCATION, DISCUSSION,
AND THE ANALYSIS OF AND ABOUT
THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR.
BY LEARNING ABOUT THE PAST....
WE WILL HOPE TO MORE COMPLETELY
UNDERSTAND THE PRESENT, AND HAVE
A POSITIVE EFFECT ON THE COMMUNITY

MEMORIAL DAY, 2011

On May 30th (Memorial Day), the head stone marker for James Johnson, Confederate Soldier, pictured below was dedicated at the Union Cemetery in Union, Illinois. This dedication and placement of the aforementioned headstone are the result of relentless efforts by Ms. Gloria Mack and Mr. Donald Purn, officers of MCCWRT board of directors.

The headstone was crafted and installed by the father-son team of the Zoya Monument Company of Woodstock, Illinois.

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DISCUSSION GROUP

MEETS AT

PANERA BREAD COMPANY
6000 NW HIGHWAY STE 56A
CRYSTAL LAKE, ILLINOIS

SATURDAY JULY 23, 2011

10:00A.M. to NOON

This Month's Topic

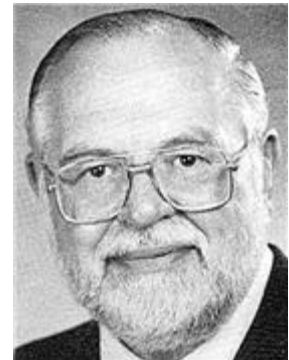
CHILDREN
OF THE CIVIL WAR

ON THE

HOMEFRONT & BATTLEFIELD

[Every Fourth Saturday of the Month](#)
THE PUBLIC IS ALWAYS WELCOME
AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

MCHENRY COUNTY
CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE
MOURNS ITS FOUNDING FATHER



Dr. Edward F. Wilt Jr. M.D.

Founding Father of the McHenry County Civil War Round Table, founded at Union, Illinois in 1998, passed away peacefully in McHenry on June 21st, at 10:50PM. Dr Wilt was the Founder, Historian, News Letter Editor and main drive behind establishing the MCCWRT. [He was greatly admired will be extremely missed.](#)

[Read Northwest Herald Obituary on Page 5 and 6](#)

CALENDER OF EVENTS



McHENRY COUNTY CWRT

MEETS AT
THE WOODSTOCK LIBRARY
440 WEST JUDD STREET
WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS
NOTE CHANGE IN MEETING TIMES
July 12, 2011 Meeting/Presentation
7:30PM to 9:00PM

Tuesday July 12, 2011: Presentation
GENERAL GEORGE THOMAS
By Jerry Allen

Saturday July 23, 2011: Discussion
CHILDREN
OF THE CIVIL WAR
HOMEFRONT & BATTLEFIELD
MEETS AT
The Panera Bread Store
6000 Northwest Highway, Suite 56A
Crystal Lake, Illinois

CWRT OF CHICAGO

NO MEETINGS JUNE – AUGUST

SALT CREEK CWRT

NO MEETINGS JULY & AUGUST

LAKE COUNTY CWRT

NO MEETINGS JULY & AUGUST

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CWRT

NO MEETINGS JULY & AUGUST

SOUTH SUBURBAN CWRT

NO MEETINGS JUNE & JULY

KANKAKEE VALLEY CWRT

NO MEETINGS JULY & AUGUST

LINCOLN - DAVIS CWRT

Tuesday July 19, 2011: Presentation
BLOOD AND TREASURE
By Dr. Donald S. Frazier PHD.

KENOSHA CIVIL WAR MUSEUM



www.kenosha.org/civilwar/index.html

5400 First Avenue
Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140
(262) 653-4140

THEY FOUGHT AT BULL RUN
(And Some Who Didn't)
Thursday, July 21, 2011; 7pm

Join CWM curator Doug Dammann on the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Bull Run as he discusses some of the many principle figures who fought, and a few who didn't.

ILLINOIS IN THE CIVIL WAR

By Victor Hicken

Most of the soldiers were volunteers and most of them were young. The majorities were between 18 and 25, but some 237 were 50 years of age or over, and five were boys of 13.

They took part in major campaigns, gigantic, awesome battles in the West, and some in the East. They also fought in so-called lesser engagements and they fired their weapons in countless tiny outbreaks of combat, some of which are not even in the records.

Of the roughly 10,500 military events of the Civil War it is impossible to determine just how many involved the men of Illinois, but a goodly total it was. In addition, there were other not-so-glamorous duties such as the guarding of towns and cities, protecting railroads and bridges, forwarding supplies, and just being there in case of need.

Most of these men were in the conflict without an idealistic purpose—just a general conviction that the Union was in trouble and something had to be done. For some it would evolve into more; for a few it would become a crusade; for others it would remain largely a personal adventure into which they were more or less forced, for it was the thing to do. They entered into all this with an 'elan and an attitude of camaraderie that the United States had not seen before and perhaps not to see again.

They joined the fray with almost a college spirit— their regiments were to become their alma maters. The regiment was something that was new and yet it was also something old, something they could cling to something that gave the humblest of them a place of importance. Small enough and usually composed of men from the same general area of the state, the regiment gave the youthful and sometimes frightened and homesick soldier an identity and a refuge.

Oh, certainly, they were proud at times of brigade, division, corps, army, state, and nation. But nearly always closer to their hearts was the old regiment. These regiments became developed distinctive personalities, drawing their names and reputations from their records and from the predominating composition of the outfit, whether of preachers, teachers, businessmen, city boys, "foreigners," or what have you.

[To Be Continued in the August Issue](#)

TO READERS & FOLLOWERS MCCWRT & CIVIL WAR REPORTER NEWSLETTER

We will be dedicating the entire August Newsletter to the memory of our Fallen Founding Father, Dr. Edward F. Wilt Jr.

Please feel free to forward any memory sincere or funny thoughts about Dr. Wilt.

Forward all to kmfisher51@gmail.com
The Civil War Reporter Newsletter Editor.



New Name, New Logo Same Mission



Nearly 20 percent of America's Civil War battlefields have already been destroyed—denied forever to all future generations. Of those that remain, only 15 percent are protected as National Parks.

There is only one national organization working to save all these battlefields: [The Civil War Trust](#).

We can't save these threatened battlefields alone—

The best benefit of joining the Civil War Trust is knowing you've helped preserve endangered Civil War battlefields—forever.

There are even more benefits—from your subscription to our award-winning *Hallowed Ground* Magazine to our acclaimed Civil War battle maps and more.

Civilwar.org

POND PROJECT STOP ORDERED

Corps of Engineers Cites Culpeper Landowner, Says pond's Construction on Brandy Station Battlefield Violates Federal Clean Water Act.

Date published: 5/17/2011

By CLINT SCHEMMER

A federal agency has ordered a [Culpeper County](#) man to stop building a pond on his property that has dammed a creek and affected part of the Brandy Station battlefield. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, via a letter sent Friday, instructed Tony Troilo to "cease and desist" bulldozing along Flat Run, a perennial tributary of Mountain Run, which feeds the Rappahannock River.

Nicholas L. Konchuba, chief of the corps' Northern Virginia Regulatory Section, advised Troilo that the earth-moving on his 60 acres off State Route 685 near Brandy Station directly violates the Federal Clean Water Act.

Hal Wiggins, an environmental scientist in the corps' Fredericksburg field office, said in a phone interview yesterday that the project built an earthen dam across Flat Run, disturbing and filling about 600 linear feet of the stream. Wiggins visited the site Wednesday and met with Troilo, he said. In phone conversations with Wiggins yesterday, Troilo said that he would restore the creek.

"It looks like Mr. Troilo wants to work with us to remove the fill material in Flat Run, including the pond," Wiggins said. A letter Troilo sent yesterday to Konchuba states that "we have already stopped all land disturbances and work in Flat Run." The landowner acknowledges that the work was "unauthorized" and says he will draft a plan, working with Wiggins, to restore the site. "I must apologize," Troilo wrote. "[H]ad I known this was in violation, I would have never proceeded on this project."

In his letter, Konchuba said the Virginia Department of Historic Resources told the corps that the work occurred within the Brandy Station Battlefield Historic District. Projects involving federal waters that affect properties on, or eligible for, the National Register of Historic Places require further scrutiny, he wrote.

Randall Jones, spokesman for the historic resources department, said that agency will investigate the matter--as required under Section 106 of the federal Historic Preservation Act. "Clearly, there has been a disturbance," Jones said yesterday afternoon. "We need to get out and assess the project's impact on the battlefield, its landscape and the archaeological resources there." The tract where Troilo lives is part of the sprawling Brandy Station battlefield, where the Civil War's largest cavalry fight took place on June 9, 1863. Fleetwood Hill, which includes Troilo's property, was the heart of the battle. A spokesman for the Civil War Trust, which has preserved 1,448 acres at Brandy Station, expressed grave concern about Troilo's terrain alterations.



MEMORIAL DAY 2011

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A marker was placed at the grave of Confederate soldier James Johnson by Zoia Monument Company of Woodstock. Tony Zoia (on the left) crafted the marker. He and his father (on the right) installed the marker on May 14th in Union Cemetery, Union Illinois.



On May 30th (Memorial Day), the marker was dedicated at the Union Cemetery. There was a parade from Union's former American Legion Lodge to the Cemetery.

Upon arrival, the American Legion Post, which is soon to be disbanded, held a military memorial and the Zoias placed the memorial at the base of the Flag Pole.

We will have three markers in place by the end of June:

1. Union Cemetery's James Johnson
2. Algonquin Cemetery's Chas. Dodd
3. Holcombville Cemetery's Clark Waterman (will be shipped this month).

Please note that CWRT was given \$800 in donations, and a \$500 donation from the Huntley American Legion . Zoia Monument Company charged below general cost of making the marker and installed it for \$350.

Don Purn

UPDATE

Sent: Friday, June 03, 2011 10:17 AM
Subject: Memorial Day

Dear All,

I will be sending thank you notes to the four confederate soldiers (on horseback) that attended the Memorial Day celebration in Union. (3) of the group are from Darien Wisconsin, and one is from Richmond, Illinois.

Gloria Mack



Citation: "Patriot" Harrisburg, PA.; August 8th, 1861 (Volume & and Number 50-- Front page) "A FEMALE SPY CAUGHT---

A female was detected in Colonel Guthie's Kentucky Regiment, at Racine, Ohio. She enlisted in Company D, on the 10th of May last, and has been doing soldier duty ever since.

On all the long marches we have made she has carried her musket and knapsack the whole time, and never complained or lagged behind. On being closely questioned, she confessed that she was a spy, and that she was in constant communication with the Rebels--that she is a member of the Knights of the Golden Circle, and through the order, members of which, she has found the means of forwarding letters to the Rebels.

She says she knew full well that the penalty for being a spy was death, and she was ready whenever they wish to shoot her.

She has been kept a prisoner ever since, and will be forwarded to Columbus for safe keeping.

She poisoned one of the soldiers who discovered her sex. It did not injure him seriously. A confidant of hers by the name of Williams, has been arrested, and will probably give some information of her.

Transcribed, researched and credited to Kevin Dier-Zimmel, of Johnsburg, Illinois.

[Continued In the August Newsletter](#)

A REVIEW OF LONGSTREET IN EAST TENNESSEE

By Bill & Kathy Grey

During our regular scheduled presentation/meeting on June 14, at the Woodstock Library, all those who were in attendance were treated to an interesting and informative team effort by Bill and Kathy Grey.

Their topic covered Longstreet's Campaign in East Tennessee. They covered the 2 key battles of the campaign, which were: Campbell's Station and Fort Sanders.

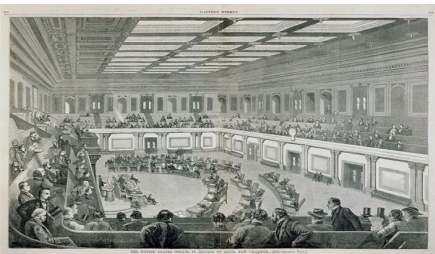
Kathy read the narrative while Bill read first-hand accounts and quotes from major participants in the campaign.

They focused on the many delays caused by lack of communication and lack of co-operation due to petty jealousies, poor intelligence, bad weather, and a lack of supplies.

Editor

CONGRESS SUPPORTS THE PRESIDENT

July 4, 1861, when the new Congress, dominated now by the Republican Party, came into session Abraham Lincoln's gamble that his exercise of unconstitutional power would be sanctioned, paid off. Republicans in both houses, swiftly passed a series of bills that put Lincoln's war on a legal footing.



THE POLITICAL PRISONERS.

A DAY AT FORT LAFAYETTE.
LIST OF THE PRISONERS.



The Government's Holding Cell in 1861

MCCWRT/DR. EDWARD WILT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION TUESDAY JUNE 14, 2011



Gloria Mack, Chandler Ellison, Maureen Mikyska,
Marie Wilt & Samantha Anderson



Chandler Ellison Accepts Her Award



Samantha Anderson Accepts Her Award



Chairwoman Marie Wilt

Scholarship Essay Winners

Samantha Anderson of McHenry West Community High School, will attend De Pauw University, at Greensburg, Indiana in the fall.

Chandler Ellison of Johnsburg High School, will attend Savannah College of Arts and Design, Savannah, Georgia also in the fall.

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH!



This editorial is written as a tribute to
**THE 150th ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
AMERICAN CIVIL WAR.**

It will be run along with other pertinent articles as an effort on our Civil War Round Table's part in the celebrating of:

THE SESQUICENTENNIAL OF THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

1861 To 1865



EVENTS OF THE MONTH OF JULY 1861 DURING THE CIVIL WAR

By Editor K.M. Fisher

July 2, 1861- Battles of Hoke's Run / Falling Waters and Hainesville.

July 5, 1861- Battle of Carthage.

July 11, 1861- Battle of Rich Mountain.

July 18, 1861- Battles of Bull Run/ Blackburn's Ford.

July 21, 1861- Battles of First Manassas and First Bull Run.

July, 1861- General McDowell Is Replaced by General McClellan.



Edward F. Wilt Jr., M.D

McHENRY – Edward F. Wilt Jr., M.D., 85, of McHenry, died Tuesday, June 21, 2011, at Centegra Hospital NIMC– McHenry, Illinois.

He was born Sept. 12, 1925, in Chicago, to Edward Sr. and Mary (Manarik).

On April 11, 1953, he married Marie T. Vilona at Resurrection Church.

A veteran of the U.S. [Army](#) from 1943-46, he served in the 86th Infantry Division (Blackhawk) and the Third Army (General Patton's Army).

After service in the European Theater, he fought in the Pacific Theater.

He received a combat infantry badge, combat service medal, expert rifleman badge, Good Conduct Medal, the Commemorative Medal and the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal.

He was the recipient of a [Bronze Star](#) for his unit's combat in Germany.

After his military service, he began his collegiate education at the University of Chicago and received his Bachelor of Arts in biology in 1948. Continuing his studies at the University of Chicago, he obtained his M.D. in 1953.

Upon completion of his studies at the University of Chicago, Dr. Wilt performed his internship and later his Internal Medicine residency at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Recognized for the quality of his work at Henry Ford Hospital, he received the award of Chief Resident of the Year for 1957-58.

He practiced medicine in McHenry from 1959-95, specializing in internal medicine and gastroenterology.

Other areas of interest included geriatric and home nursing care. Active on the medical staff of Northern Illinois Medical Center, posts included serving as chairman of the Department of Medicine, president of the Medical Staff, and chairman of the Medical Education Committee. He received board certification from the American Board of Internal Medicine in 1962, and was recertified in 1966. In 1974, he pursued postgraduate education at the University of Illinois' School of Public Health, earning a master's degree in Public Health (MPH) in 1976. He became a fellow of the American College of Physicians in 1976.

Since 1985, he was affiliated with Department of Medicine of the University of Illinois' College of Medicine (Rockford), serving first as clinical instructor and then clinical assistant professor. He also was the medical director for the General Medicine Teaching Rotation for the U of I / NIMC program.

He attained many "firsts" for McHenry County during his career, being the first board certified physician in internal medicine, the first president of the McHenry County Board of Health, and the first director of medical education at NIMC.

In 1998, he was founder and first president of the McHenry County Civil War Round Table which was founded at Union, Illinois.

Active with the McHenry County Medical Society, he served as president and was program chairman for 15 years. He was also president of the Illinois Association of Boards of Health and served as president of the McHenry County Board of Health for approximately 14 years.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 2910.

Most recently, he was chairman of the Health Access Committee for McHenry County and volunteered at the Family Health Partnership Clinic practicing internal medicine.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Marie; three children, Carol M. (Martin) Perenchio of Crystal Lake, Timothy (Kristie Ensrud, M.D.) Wilt, M.D., of Minneapolis and Peter (Ann) Wilt of Whitefish Bay, Wis.; five grandchildren, Bryan, Evan, Kathleen, Grete and Ingrid; a brother, William (Barbara) Wilt of Alsip; a sister, Leona Bodin of Oak Lawn; and a sister-in-law, Jean Wilt of Glenview. He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Dr. James Wilt.

The visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 24, at Justen Funeral Home & Crematory, 3700 W. Charles J. Miller Road, McHenry. The visitation will resume at the funeral home from 9 a.m. Saturday, June 25, until prayers are said at 10 a.m. before leaving in procession for the funeral Mass celebration. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church in McHenry. Interment will be in St. Patrick Countryside Cemetery, McHenry.

For those wishing to send an expression of condolence, memorials are suggested by his family to the McHenry County Civil War Round Table for the Dr. Edward F. Wilt Jr. Scholarship Fund, in care of Jim Keefe, Treasurer, 1256 Mitchell St., Woodstock, IL 60098.

For information, call the funeral home at 815-385-2400 or send an online condolence to www.justenfh.com.

