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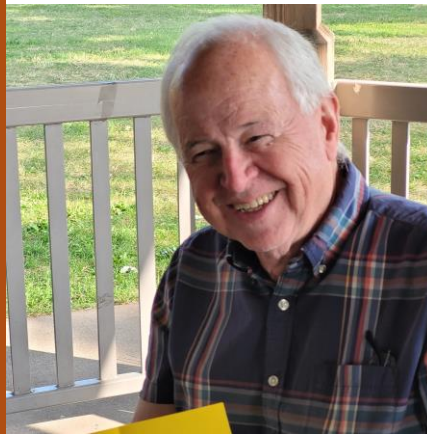
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MEMBER PROFILE OF THE MONTH

TOM MCMANUS

BY LANA BLUMHOEFER



Our member profile this month is Tom McManus. He became a member of our Twin Cities Civil War Round Table in 2015. Tom shares he has always been interested in history, and by high school he had read several books about the Civil War. He enjoys our monthly meetings and the newsletters.

Tom was this year's Trivia Contest Winner

On his mother's side, he has ancestors who fought

in Ohio regiments but doesn't know any of the particulars of their involvement. He intends to dig into their histories to find out more about what they did and where they served.

Tom finds the battles, troop movements, attacks, and tactics to be the most interesting about the Civil War. His favorite battle is Gettysburg because of the important part that the 1st Minnesota played. He has also traveled to most of the other major battle sites and has enjoyed them all.

He grew up in St. Paul, being the second of four brothers but has no sisters. He attended a minor seminary near Buffalo, NY during his ninth, tenth, and half of the eleventh grades, so he experienced living away from home and his parents at an early age. He



First Minnesota Monument at Gettysburg

returned home and graduated from Cretin High School in St. Paul. He then attended the University of Minnesota for his undergraduate degree and attended the University of Minnesota Law School.

He enlisted in the Navy for 3-1/2 years where he served as a lawyer in the JAG Corps, mostly as defense counsel in low-level court martials. He was stationed on Treasure Island in the San Francisco Bay.

After he got out of the Navy, he spent some time in private law practice and then worked as an attorney for various title insurance companies and agencies until he retired in 2008.

OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING: SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

“An Introduction to Mosby’s Rangers” - Eric W. Buckland



In his presentation, “An Introduction to Mosby’s Rangers”, Eric Buckland will discuss the forming of the unit – formally known as the 43rd Battalion Virginia Cavalry – and how it became a highly effective and efficient Partisan Ranger unit. He will talk about some of the “myths” and “legends” that have been passed down over the years and separate fact from fiction. Eric will also provide anecdotes and biographical information about a few of the more “colorful” Rangers.

Eric Buckland has written several books about the lives of some of the men who rode with the 43rd Battalion Virginia Cavalry – Mosby’s Rangers. He has given over 100 presentations about the stories in his books. He has appeared on C-Span and had two articles published in America’s Civil War magazine.

Eric graduated from the University of Kansas and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. The majority of his 22-year military career was spent in Special Forces. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. Some of his awards include the Ranger Tab, Special Forces Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Special Operations Combat Diver Badge, and the Combat Infantryman’s Badge.

He retired at the end of 2021 from his second career as a Policy Analyst in the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

He recently completed his third term as President of The Stuart-Mosby Historical Society and continues as the Editor of the Society’s newsletter, *The Southern Cavalry Review*.

Eric and his wife, Maureen, have been married for over 44 years and reside in Centreville, VA. They have three sons and four grandsons.

OUR 2023-2024 PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2023

- October 17th “General Grenville Dodge, Grant’s Chief Intelligence Officer
Prof. William Feis
- November 14th “General George Searls Greene & Culp’s Hill”
Dan Welch
- December 19th “General Grant as Commander-in-Chief of the Union Armies”
Christopher L. Kolakowski

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- January 16th “Civil War Ciphers & Codes Wartime Evolution”
Derek Lee
- February 20th “The Concept of “Cowardice” in the Civil War”
Dr. Lesley Gordon
- March 19th “Food and Hunger During the Civil War”
Prof. Anne Rubin
- May 21st “U.S. Colored Troops at War”
Dr. David Wright Falade

STEVEN SCHIER’S CIVIL WAR TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

In 1860, which two states had more slaves than free people?

(See last page for the answer)

THIS MONTH IN CIVIL WAR HISTORY – SEPTEMBER

- 1st 1862 – Battle of Chantilly, Virginia.
- 2nd 1864 – Union forces under William T. Sherman capture Atlanta, Georgia

- 5th 1861 – Union and Confederate forces skirmish near Papinsville, Missouri
- 6th 1863 – Confederate forces abandon Fort Wagner and Morris Island, South Carolina
- 12th 1861 - Union forces begin the seige of Lexington Missouri and Major General Sterling Price’s Missouri Guard.
- 13th 1881 – Union Major General Ambrose Burnside dies at the age of 57.
- 27th 1864 – Superior Confederate forces under General Sterling Price, defeat Union forces under Brigadier General Thomas Ewing Jr. to capture Fort Davidson, Iron County , Missouri.

CIVIL WAR BIRTHDAYS – SEPTEMBER

- 4th 1793 – Edward Bates U.S. Attorney General
- 7th 1815 – Major General Howell Cobb C.S.A
- 8th 1829 – Brigadier General Seth Maxwell Barton C.S.
- 12th 1806 – Rear Admiral Andrew Hull Foote U.S.
- 13th 1813 – Major General John Sedgwick U.S.A.
- 17th 1820 – Magor General Earl Van Dorn C.S.A.
- 27th 1803 – Rear Admiral Samuel Francis Dupont U.S.
- 27th 1824 – Major General William (“Bull”) Nelson U.S.A.

TCCWRT MEMBERS WITH SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 9/4 | Blake Duerre | 9/23 | Bradley Peterson |
| 9/11 | Chad Cox | 9/24 | Lance Teachworth |
| 9/17 | Jim Hinderks | 9/28 | Charlotte Shover |
| 9/19 | Nancy Harder | 9/29 | Dick Shover |

Minnesota's New Military and Veterans Museum

After a multi-year fund raising effort, ground will be broken for the new Minnesota Military and Veterans Museum near Camp Ripley. Located on a donated parcel of land between State



Highway 371 and the Camp Ripley National Cemetery, the 40,000 square foot building will showcase collections and archives gathered over the past several decades and stored in several older buildings on the Camp Ripley post. Funding for construction (nearly \$40 million) has been secured. Additional fundraising is underway to furnish the several display galleries and library.

On Sunday September 2023 as part of Camp Ripley's Open House a ceremonial ground breaking will be held on the new museum site at 2 PM. Prior to that the First Minnesota reenactment group and WWII reenactors will interpret encampments around the old museum

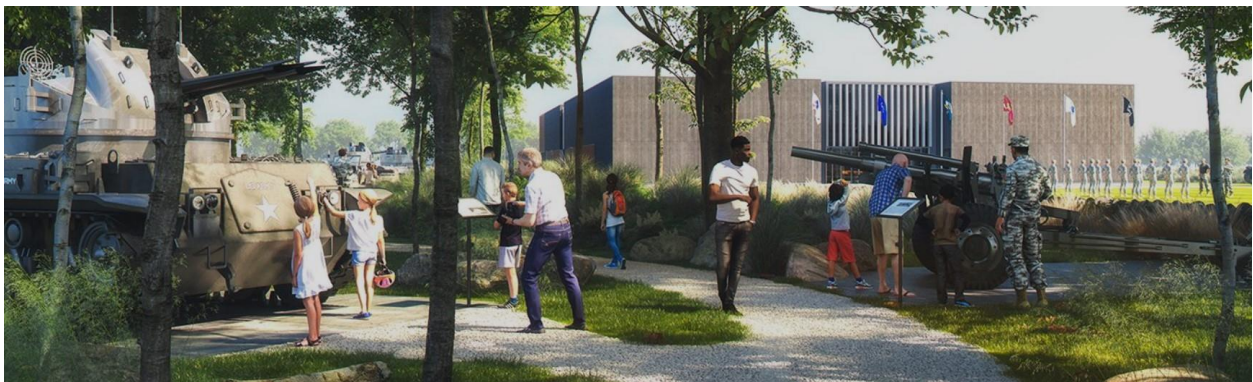
buildings. All displays inside and outside will be open that day. Camp Ripley is an easy 2-hour drive north of the Twin Cities.

To learn more about the ongoing process of building and furnishing this world class museum, look here: <https://www.mnvetmuseum.org/new-site-facility>

The museum web site has links for programs, membership, and informational updates on the new museum. <https://www.mnmilitarymuseum.org/>

And for a thrilling 90 second video flyover of the new facility, visit:

<https://youtu.be/KM60rstRS9k>



TCCWRT member Stephen Osman is part of the task force creating the new facility and will keep members up to date as we count down to the new museum opening in 2025. Expect to hear more as both fundraising and planning continues for the Civil War gallery in the new facility!

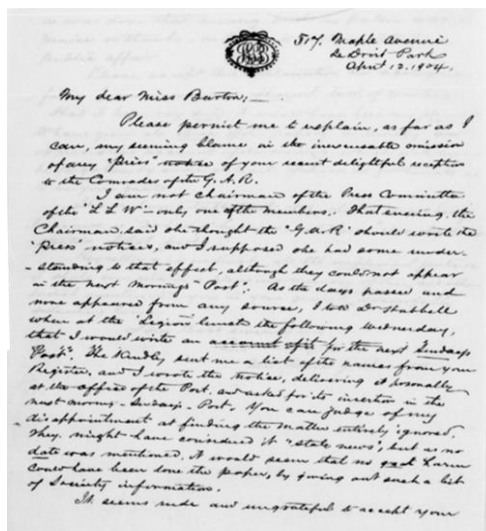
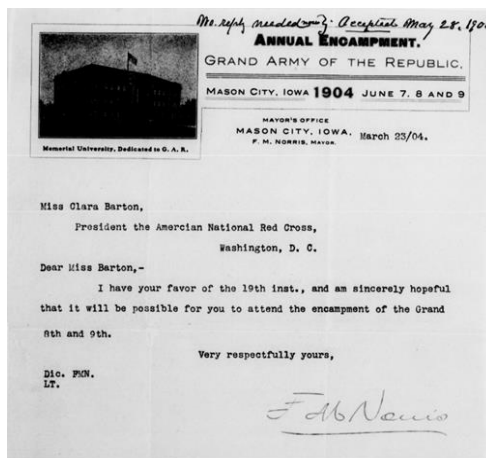
An Interesting Coincidence

Bob Svacina

Before Leslie Goddard left, after being Clara Barton, she told me she was going to the Des Moines Civil War Round Table and do Clara Barton again. According to the schedule she did it in June and this past February, Des Moines had "Civil War Intelligence and Grenville Dodge's Role" by Dr. William Feis, who we will have in October.

Since the Des Moines Round Table meets in Urbandale, the next-door suburb of Johnston, Iowa, the suburb where Camp Dodge is located, I sent some Dodge – Barton information to Leslie. Here is the background of a ceremony they attended together in Mason City, Iowa.

Below is a copy of a telegram (March 1904) and letter (April 1904) sent to Clara Barton asking her to be a guest at the Iowa G. A. R. encampment, June 7-9, 1904. Miss Barton accepted May 28, 1904 – just 14 days after she resigned as president of the American Red Cross. Miss Barton was 83 years old at the time.



Clara Barton did attend and shared the reviewing stand and dedication of the Soldier's Monument with Maj.-Gen. Grenville M. Dodge. Both Dodge and Barton were from Massachusetts.

SHILOH NATIONAL MILITARY PARK COMMISSION

THE BATTLE OF SHILOH

AND THE ORGANIZATIONS
ENGAGED

COMPILED FROM THE OFFICIAL RECORDS BY
MAJOR D. W. REED
HISTORIAN AND SECRETARY
UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION

1902
(REVISED 1909)

Also being recognized was Major David W. Reed who is recognized as the Father of Shiloh National Military Park. Reed still called Mason City his home.

President Roosevelt made Shiloh a Military Park, appointed a director, and funded the park in 1904.

David Wilson Reed: The Father of Shiloh National Military Park

TIMOTHY B. SMITH

DAVID WILSON REED stood proud and tall as he spoke to the crowd gathered at Shiloh National Military Park on November 22, 1906. The crowd surrounding the monument to his regiment, the 12th Iowa Infantry, heard only clear and unfettered pride as Reed pointed and motioned while describing the 12th Iowa's action in the "Hornet's Nest." The 55-year-old veteran reminded his listeners how the regiment and its brigade had "held the Confederates at bay all day long" on April 6, 1862; even 62 Confederate guns had "failed to move the Union forces from their position."¹

Reed's pride was understandable. He had been a soldier whose most notable experience in the Civil War was being wounded at Shiloh. He was a historian whose work concentrated almost exclusively on that battle. He was an extremely particular man who always strove for truth and accuracy, as his writings on Shiloh show. The monument dedication on November 22, 1906, was, therefore, a fitting culmination of Reed's entire private and professional life.

It is conceivable that Clara Barton hitched a ride from Dodge. Dodge was by far the most successful of the upper rank officers of the Civil War in private life after the war. Below is Gen. Dodge's attempt at water color painting of his private railcar.

In 1904, Dodge was still living in New York City on Park Ave about two blocks from the south east corner of Central Park. He probably was spending considerable time in Washington D. C., where Clara Barton lived to get the U. S. Grant Monument approved and funded.

Dodge also had a summer vacation home on Clear Lake that is about six miles west of Mason City. Clear Lake is most noted for being the last place Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson performed. Dodge also had some tie-in with W. W. Mayo in Rochester, Minnesota, but I've never dug in to it.



STEVEN SCHIER'S TRIVIA QUESTION ANSWER:

Mississippi and South Carolina

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