

THE DECATUR CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

19th ANNUAL FALL SYMPOSIUM

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2014

8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

YODER'S KITCHEN BANQUET FACILITY - ARTHUR, ILLINOIS
\$55.00 PER PERSON - INCLUDES SPEAKERS AND NOON LUNCH

COME AND JOIN US FOR A RELAXING AND EDUCATIONAL DAY OF CIVIL WAR HISTORY AS OUR SPEAKERS
PRESENT IN-DEPTH DISCUSSIONS ON UNIQUE CIVIL WAR TOPICS.
SPEAKERS BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE BY BOB MURPHY BOOKSELLER



LINDA BARNICKEL - "MILLIKEN'S BEND AND THE WAR OVER EMANCIPATION"

Linda Barnickel is an archivist and freelance writer, with master's degrees from the University of Wisconsin – Madison and The Ohio State University. She wrote *Oral History for the Family Historian* for the Oral History Association; published the records of Battery G, 2nd Illinois Light Artillery in the book: *We Enlisted as Patriots*; and has written numerous articles, including pieces in *North and South Magazine*; *the Civil War News*; and *the Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, among others. Her latest work, *Milliken's Bend: A Civil War Battle in History and Memory* (LSU Press, 2013) received the 2013 Jules and Frances Landry Award from LSU Press, and the A.M. Pate Jr. Award from the Fort Worth Civil War Round Table earlier this year. Linda's complete and careful analysis and well constructed narrative reveal the years she has spent on this often overlooked battle and its importance in Civil War history. *Bruce*



DAN LEE – "GENERAL THOMAS J. WOOD AND THE WAR IN THE WEST"

Dan Lee was born in Louisville, but was raised in Hardin County, Kentucky. He holds a bachelor's degree in history from Murray State University and a master's degree in history from Western Kentucky University. Dan taught U.S. history in Hardin County and retired after twenty-seven years to pursue other interests, writing Civil War nonfiction foremost among them. Among the books Dan has written for McFarland and Company are *Kentuckian in Blue: A Biography of Major General Lovell Harrison Rousseau*; *The L&N Railroad in the Civil War*, and *Thomas J. Wood: A Biography of the Union General in the Civil War*. In addition, several of his articles appeared in the (now defunct) *North and South Magazine*. Most recently, Dan has been working on a study of Union Colonel Frank Wolford and his 1st Kentucky Cavalry. This is his second appearance before the Decatur Civil War Round Table.



DOUGLAS RICHARDSON – "LINCOLN AND MCCLELLAN (AND A LITTLE ULYSSES GRANT AND HENRY HALLECK): WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN"

Doug Richardson is in his twenty-first year with the National Park Service. He started his career in National Park locations near his hometown, and spent seventeen years working at a collection of five National Parks in western Pennsylvania, including Johnstown Flood National Memorial, and Flight 93 National Memorial. He also worked briefly at the Abraham Lincoln National Historical Park. Having a life-long fascination with the American Presidents, specifically Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses Grant, Richardson came to Fort Donelson National Battlefield in September of 2010 to have the opportunity to explore this part of Grant's life. He has collected presidential biographies since the age of 10, which are at present severely testing the beams of the floors of his house. Doug has co-authored two books on the Johnstown, Pennsylvania Flood, and is working on another. After hearing about Doug's speech I immediately contacted him. Expect

an energetic, fact filled speech and lively conversation in the Q&A to follow. *Bruce*



GENE ERIC SALECKER - "DISASTER ON THE MISSISSIPPI: THE SULTANA EXPLOSION, APRIL 27, 1865"

Gene Eric Salecker is a well-known Chicago area historian and collector of Sultana artifacts and photographs. He has been compiling data on the worst maritime disaster in United States history since 1978. Gene has written numerous articles on the subject for Civil War magazines and is the author of *Disaster on the Mississippi: The Sultana Explosion, April 27, 1865*. He has also authored four books concerning the Pacific Theater in World War II. Gene is a retired university police officer and currently works as an 8th grade social studies teacher. He and his wife Susan, reside in River Grove, Illinois with their cat, rabbit and numerous fish. With the 150th anniversary of this tragic event coming next April, I thought it appropriate to honor the memories of the soldiers on the Sultana as well as their families by inviting the person I consider to be the preeminent authority on the subject to recount the story. *Bruce*

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SCHEDULE

8:30 - 9:15	Registration
9:15	Announcements
9:30 - 10:30	Linda Barnickel – “ Milliken’s Bend and the War Over Emancipation ”
10:30	Break
10:45 - 11:45	Dan Lee – “ General Thomas J. Wood and the War in the West ”
11:45 - 12:00	Announcements
12:00 - 1:15	Buffet
1:15 - 2:15	Douglas Richardson – “ Lincoln and McClellan (and a little Ulysses Grant and Henry Halleck): What Might Have Been ”
2:15	Break
2:30 - 3:30	Gene Eric Salecker – “ Disaster on the Mississippi: The Sultana Explosion, April 27, 1865 ”
3:30 - 4:00	Closing

DIRECTIONS TO YODER'S KITCHEN BANQUET FACILITY

Located at the East edge of Arthur on Route 133

From the North	I-57 South to Arcola (Exit 203), West 9 miles on Route 133 to Arthur
From the South	I-57 North to Arcola (Exit 203), West 9 miles on Route 133 to Arthur
From the East	U.S. Route 36 West to Tuscola (Exit 212), South on I-57 - 7 miles to Arcola (Exit 203), West 9 miles on Illinois Route 133 to Arthur
From the West	I-72 from Springfield to Decatur, U.S. Route 36 from Decatur East to Arthur Road (approximately 26 miles), South on Arthur Road 5 miles, East on Illinois Route 133 to the edge of town

ACCOMMODATIONS

(Area Code 217)

ARTHUR	Arthur's Country Inn(543-3321)
ARCOLA	Comfort Inn(268-4000)
TUSCOLA	Baymont Inn (253-3500),Super 8(253-5488),Holiday Inn Express(253-6363)
MATTOON	Fairfield Inn(234-2355),Hampton Inn(234-4267),Holiday Inn Express(235-2060), Comfort Suites(235-6745),Super 8(235-8888)
DECATUR	Hampton Inn(877-5577),Country Suites(872-2402),Comfort Inn (875-1166),Fairfield Inn(875-3337)
CHAMPAIGN	A wide variety near I-57 and I-74

Registration must be received by September 5 or contact made with the symposium coordinator. Fee includes admission to all speakers and noon lunch. Tickets sold at door (\$70.00) if seats available.

We reserve the right to make additions, changes or deletions.