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PRE-VETERANS DAY SALUTE

November 5 Program to Put Personal Spin On World War II, Korean War Experiences

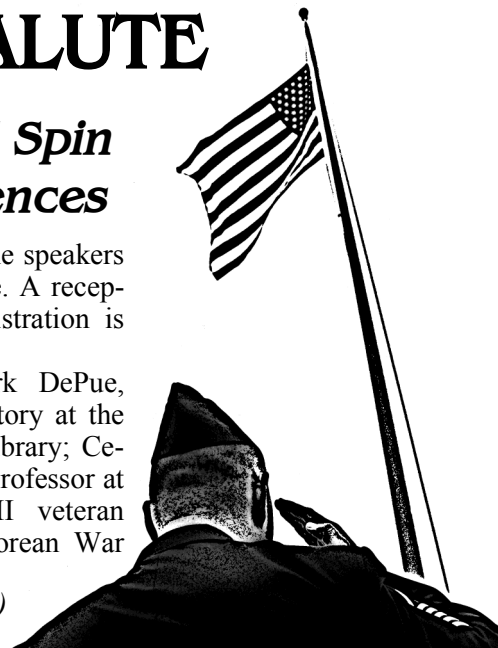
Sangamon County veterans of both World War II and the Korean War will be front and center on Tuesday, November 5 when they-- and the researchers who are recording their experiences for future generations--speak to the Sangamon County Historical Society in this special pre-Veteran's Day presentation.

The program, begins at 5:30 p.m. at Brookens Auditorium on the University of Illinois campus. Open to the public, the program is a change in the regular meeting

schedule to accommodate both the speakers and as a pre-Veterans Day salute. A reception will follow. Advanced registration is not required.

Panelists will include Mark DePue, since 2006, director of Oral History at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library; Cecilia Stiles Cornell, an associate professor at UIS-Springfield; World War II veteran Kenneth "Tuck" Belton; and Korean War

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Society Opens Next Round of Grant Program, Deadline November 15

Earlier this year, through its Special Projects grant program, the Sangamon County Historical Society provided financial underpinnings for efforts that:

- Inspired a group of children to learn more about the Emancipation Proclamation.
- Helped Visitors and residents define Williamsville's role in local history.
- Supported the efforts of several organization working together to show

what life was like here during the Civil War.

The next phase begins this month when the Special Projects Committee, under the direction of board member David Scott, reviews a new set of applications to support unique educational and literary history projects designed to promote a better understanding of our country's history. The deadline for filing a grant request is November 15.

"Groups and individuals can apply for grants up to \$1,000 for projects that are of interest and value to citizens of the county," explains Scott. "The Society is particularly interested in applications for projects involving students and teachers in schools as well as local history groups." The Special Projects Committee reviews all the applications and makes its recommendations to the Society's board, which makes the final decision.

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Looking Inward: A Society and Its People

A successful organization is composed of all its parts, in our case nearly 500 individuals and organizations who share a love of history. We have always been blessed with a group of dedicated people, past, present, and hopefully, future.

Among them is David Scott, chair of the Society's Special Projects committee that seeks and makes recommendations to our board about projects worthy of funding. For Scott, a past president of this and other key history organizations, this is no trivial matter. In fact, if it were not through his efforts, the Society would not have the funds it now has to make the grants that you can read about on page 1 and see the results on page 4. As president, Scott conceived the idea of a 50th anniversary fund drive—the first and only one in the Society's history—and put his all into the campaign, composing and writing letters, personally signing each one, even addressing and mailing them himself.

It was a time-consuming effort that some naysayers at the time dismissed as folly, but Scott rose above it and in doing so, raised \$9,000 virtually overnight. As Special Projects chair, he has stayed true to the purpose promised to those who made that special donation, making sure that the funds those generous donors gave will support projects like those you are reading about, now and in the future.

We have not held another fund drive since, but put the monies we raise at our annual dinner auction to that purpose. But we welcome donations and bequests throughout the year for the Special Projects fund and other worthy So-

ciety projects.

So thank-you David, for your efforts. They will continue to pay off in the years to come.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of former president Carl W. Volkmann (1993-1994) after a long struggle with cancer. Volkmann, a native of Streator, Illinois, held a Master of Divinity degree from Wartburg Seminary and a Master of Library Science degree from the University of Illinois. After a teaching and serving as librarian at Tri-City High School in Buffalo, he joined the Lincoln Library and became its Director in 1981.

He was active in several organizations during and after retiring in 1993 and in 2004 deservedly was named recipient of the Illinois Humanities Council's Studs Turkel Humanities Service Award in recognition of his 40 years as an educator, librarian and community volunteer. The Society was among the many that benefitted from his commitment to the community. Our deepest sympathies go to his wife Roberta and family.]

Congratulations are in order to award-winning documentary film maker Alison Davis Wood, a Society member and daughter of board member Mary Alice Davis. Alison, who wrote and produced "*Lincoln: Prelude to the Presidency*" and was the keynote speaker last year for our History through the Arts event, has won a second Emmy, this one for a close-up on world-famous baritone Nathan Gunn, a University of Illinois professor.

Roger



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Vicky Whitaker, *Historico* Editor, Donna Catlin, *Photographer*

Reserve By Mail or On-Line

Annual SCHS Holiday Party Returning To Old State Capitol December 10

Members of the Sangamon County Historical Society will be getting into the holiday spirit Tuesday, December 10 at 5:30 p.m. when they gather for the Society's annual Holiday Party.

"The setting for last year's event, the Old State Capitol in Springfield, was so lovely, that we decided we wanted to be there again," said Mary Alice Davis, Special Events/Program co-chair. "And, like last year, we will have the Old State Capitol Foundation as our co-host and Carol Fraase as the caterer with a terrific selection of substantial hors d'oeuvres and desserts of the season."

Tickets are \$15 per person for this *members-only* event and can be purchased by mail (use the form on page 7) or on-line at sangamonhistory.org. Payment must be received by December 2.



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Gettysburg to be Focus of Lincoln Legacy Lectures

The 11th Annual Lincoln Legacy Lectures will be held at the University of Illinois Springfield on November 19, the 150th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address. "Lincoln & the Gettysburg Address" will feature two lectures on the same evening.

Speaking will be Miami University of Ohio, Hamilton assistant professor of history Dr. Martin P. Johnson and Rochester Institute of Technology political science professor Dr. Joseph R. Fornieri.

The free event will run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Brookens Auditorium at UIS. Seating is first come, first seated, with overflow seating in Pub-

lic Affairs Center Room C/D. The live webcast can be viewed at: www.uis.edu/technology/uislive.html.

Author of the forthcoming book, *Writing the Gettysburg Address*, Dr. Johnson will talk about "Lincoln's Journey to Gettysburg." Dr. Fornieri, author of several books on Lincoln including the forthcoming *Lincoln, Philosopher Statesman*, will address "Abraham Lincoln's Political Faith in the Gettysburg Address."

Dr. Michael Burlingame, Naomi Lynn Distinguished Chair in Lincoln Studies at UIS, will offer opening remarks, "The Gettysburg Address: Myths and Realities," and serve as moderator for the

question and answer session.

At a reception following the lectures, books by the speakers will be available for purchase and signing.

Primary sponsor for the event is the UIS Center for State Policy and Leadership, in cooperation with Dr. Michael Burlingame, and co-sponsors including the Abraham Lincoln Association the Shelby Cullom Davis Charitable Fund, Engaged Citizenship Speaker Series, Illinois Issues, Illinois State Library, UI Alumni Association, UIS College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and College of Public Affairs and Administration, and WUIS Public Radio.

NOVEMBER NEW MEMBER REPORT

The Society welcomes its newest members:

Ilene Casebeer, Garret & Monica Moffett, St. Agnes School

Deadline Ahead Grants Program Now Entering Second Phase

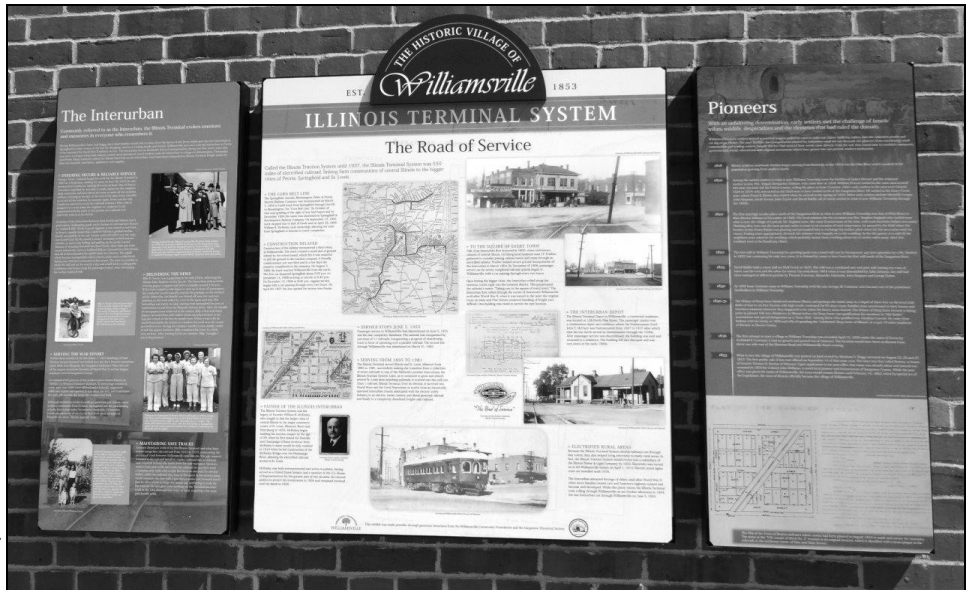
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In the first round of funding, the Society awarded the Abraham Lincoln Association \$750 to help purchase T-shirts and caps for youths participating in a military parade and other activities reenacting the life of Civil War soldiers that was part of an 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation event on August 3 at the Old State Capitol, the Lincoln Home, and Oak Ridge Cemetery.

It also provided \$500 to help pay for printing and promotional costs for the Springfield Art Association in conjunction with four other Springfield historic groups that jointly present "The Fiery Trial: Civil War Stories by Candlelight" on September 28. The candlelight tour, held at the Association's historic Edwards Place, the Illinois State Military Museum, Lincoln Tomb, Iles House and the Lincoln Home National Historic Site, also focused on the Emancipation Proclamation.

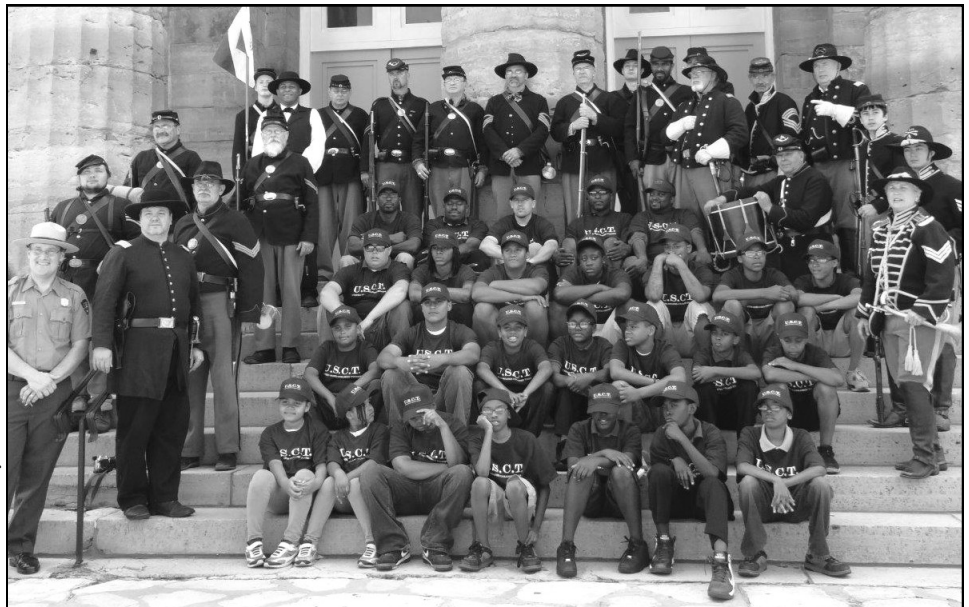
A \$500 award to the Village of Williamsville covered the estimated graphic design costs for historic site marker unveiled in September at the community's Annual Fall Festival. Affixed to one of its historic buildings, the marker details Williamsville's early transportation system including the Inter Urban rail that provided a direct link into downtown Springfield and points east and west from the late 1800s through the mid 1900s.

Application forms are posted online at the Society's websites, sancohis.org or sangamonhistory.org. Completed forms can be submitted online or can be mailed to the Sangamon County Historical Society, Special Projects Committee, P.O. Box 9744, Springfield, IL 62791-9744.



COMMUNITY HISTORY is captured in this Williamsville plaque created with financial support from the Sangamon County Historical Society.

Donna Catlin photos



BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB members donned special t-shirts and caps, joining re-enactors in an Abraham Lincoln Association-sponsored event at the Old State Capitol celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Declaration. The Society helped finance the purchase of the shirts and caps.



HELPING PROMOTE multiple presentations by several groups at sites such as the Lincoln Tomb (left) and re-enactors Pat and Robert Davis at Iles House (right) was the goal of a Society grant to the Springfield Art Association for the joint community-wide project. The Association's Edwards Place Historic Home also participated in "The Fiery Trial: Civil War Stories by Candlelight" event.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All history organizations are welcome to post meeting and event announcements on this site. Items will be published subject to space availability. Send information to historicoeditor@gmail.com.

Tuesday, November 5, Sangamon County Historical Society General Meeting, "Memories and Reflections on World War II and the Korean War." 5:30 p.m., Brookens Auditorium, University of Illinois at Springfield. For directions and parking information, see map, page 6

Wednesday, November 13, Sangamon County Historical Society Board Meeting, 5 p.m., Carnegie Room South, City of Springfield's Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh Street, Springfield. (Board meetings are always open to members).

Saturday, November 16 & Sunday, November 17. Great War Encampment, Illinois State Military Museum, Springfield.

Tuesday, December 10: Sangamon County Historical Society Annual Holiday Party in conjunction with the Old State Capitol Foundation, Old State Capitol, Springfield, 5:30 p.m. For ticket information, see page 2, mail order form on page 7.

Friday, December 13: Victorian Christmas Tea in the Parlors of historic Edwards Place, Springfield. 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Advanced registration required by December 9) The Tea Ladies return with a program that celebrates the splendor of Victorian Christmases. \$25 for Springfield Art Association members / \$30 non-members.

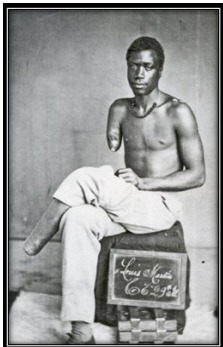
December 14: "An Historic Christmas" Holiday House Walk. Holiday Tours of the Elijah Iles House, Vachel Lindsay Home, Illinois Executive Mansion, Lincoln Home, Edwards Place, and Pasfield House, Noon to 5 p.m. Free. Step back in time at each house in this self-tour and enjoy the beautiful decorations of holidays past as well as Christmas carols performed by the Sound Celebration Chorus, refreshments, and visits with Abraham and Mary Lincoln.

March 22: History Trivia Night, 6 p.m. Foundation Hall, Old State Capitol, Springfield. More details in December-January *Historico*.

HISTORY HAPPENINGS AROUND THE COUNTY

Headstone Service Set For Civil War Soldier

Society members and their guests are invited to attend a headstone memorial marker service at Oak Ridge Cemetery on Saturday, November 2 at 10 a.m. for Civil War soldier, Private Lewis Martin.



Private Martin served with the Illinois 29th Infantry United States Colored Troops (USCT). He was wounded at the Battle of the

Crater in Petersburg, Virginia resulting in amputations to his right arm and left leg.

He is buried in an unmarked grave at Oak Ridge Cemetery in the shadow of Abraham Lincoln's Tomb. A headstone and memorial marker honoring his contribution to what President Lincoln called the "Nation's new birth of freedom," will be unveiled at his grave site during this memorial service.

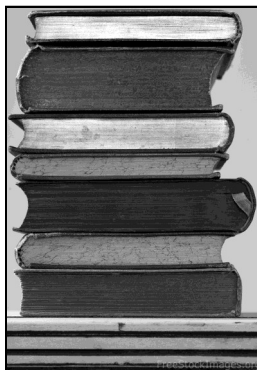
A reception immediately following the service will be held at the Otis B. Duncan American Legion Post 809 located at the corner of Capitol Street and Martin Luther King Drive.

Old Books, Maps, in Sale at Lincoln Land CC

The Third Annual Book and Paper Fair will be held at Trutter Center on the campus of Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, on Sunday, November 3, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

A broad selection of antiquarian to modern books will be offered by several Illinois booksellers, along with paper ephemera including documents, maps, postcards, posters, correspondence and more.

Admission is \$1. For information, call 786-2432.



SPOOKY STORIES were the order of the evening October 22 when three of the areas best storytellers (top, from left) Springfield Walk's Garret Moffet, professional storyteller Cathy Mosley, and author Tara McClellan teamed to share their collection of real and unreal spooky tales woven into Central Illinois legend with Society members. The full-house audience at Edwards Place, got into the "spirit" too, munching on cider and goodies of the season.

Donna Catlin photos



History on the Homefront

Panel to Explore World War II, Korean War Experience

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eran Bernie Goulet, who have shared their experiences with Dr. DePue for the Presidential Library's Oral History Program website that includes veterans interviews.

Dr. DePue launched the Oral History website on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2008 with the posting of 50 veterans' interviews. Since then, extensive collections on Illinois politics, agriculture, and several other topics, 400 in all, have been added to the website.

A 1976 graduate of the United States Military Academy, Dr. DePue spent over five years on active duty. He began graduate studies in history at the University of Iowa in 1981, and joined a Field Artillery unit in the Illinois National Guard at the same time.

He received a Ph.D. in Contemporary U.S. and Military History in 2004 from the University of Iowa and was an assistant professor of military science at Western Illinois University before moving to Springfield to work full-time for the Illinois Army National Guard.

Dr. DePue, who also taught United States history courses at Lincoln Land Community College extension centers

for several years, retired from the Guard in 2001. He is the author of two books, *Patrolling Baghdad: A Military Police Company and the War in Iraq*, based on a series of oral history inter-

Belton was a B-17 pilot whose plane was shot down over Holland in early 1945. He spent the next several months with the Dutch underground, participating in several missions with



VETERANS AFFAIRS: Speakers (from left) Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Oral History project director Mark DePue, World War II Airman Kenneth Belton in uniform, Korean War vet Bernie Goulet on the battleground, and UIS professor Cecilla Stiles Cornell, an expert on 20th Century American foreign policy.

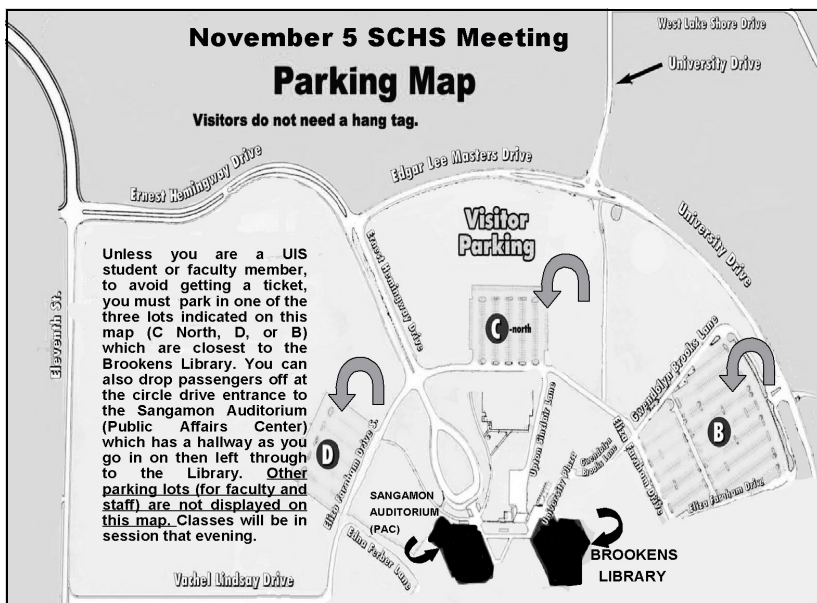
views conducted with Springfield's 233rd Military Police Company, and Lineage and Honors of the Illinois Militia and National Guard.

Dr. Cornell, who now teaches 20th Century American and U.S. foreign relations, will explore ways in which we remember both wars. Her research interests include the early years of the Cold War and the transition on the home front from World War II to the postwar era. She holds a Ph.D. in American History from Vanderbilt University.

the underground before slipping across to Allied territory.

Goulet served with the 7th Division during the first, tumultuous year of the Korean War. He has some vivid memories during the battle around the Chosin Reservoir against the Communist Chinese.

After the survivors' evacuation from Hungnam, Goulet saw more combat in South Korea as the front line moved back and forth before finally settling down near the 38th parallel.



AS THE MAP SAYS, be sure to park in one of the three lots designated for Visitor Parking lest you find a ticket pinned under your window wiper. All three lots are relatively close (C North is nearest...don't mix it up with C-South—not on the map) which is even closer to Brookens but reserved for faculty and staff. Easiest access if walking is an issue, is to be dropped off in the circle that feeds the Public Affairs Building that houses Sangamon Auditorium. When you walk in, take the first corridor to your left and keep going. It's a passageway to the Library. Ask for the Brookens Library Auditorium. Someone is always on hand to give directions.

2013 ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY MAIL RESERVATION FORM





Checks for \$15 per person made payable to SCHS must be received by Monday, December 2. Mail to SCHS, Box 9744, Springfield, IL 62791-9744. *Members only.*



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You can also purchase tickets on line at www.sangamonhistory.org

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PERIOD WARDROBE: ILLINOIS 1860s

Sat., Nov. 9, 2013

Instructor Kay Gnagey, noted seamstress and expert on Civil-War era fashions, will conduct a morning historical review and an afternoon textiles workshop at Lincoln Land Community College, with assistance from local representatives of the 150th Lincoln Funeral Coalition.

Information:
 217.786.2432 or
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