

# Cannon Valley Civil War Roundtable

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## This month's presentation:

"Civil War Weapons" by Rick Gnemi

Rick Gnemi has been an avid collector of Civil War era memorabilia for about 45 years.

His favorite focus of that time period relates to Civil War weaponry.

Innovations abounded during the war regarding weapons and ammunition, some more successful than others.

Rick will give a presentation about a variety of weaponry and ammunition.

He will be bringing in a display of some types used in the war.

Come to the Cannon Valley Civil War Roundtable  
Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 7 p.m.  
Fifty North (Northfield Community Center)  
1651 Jefferson Street  
Northfield, Minnesota  
The public is welcome to attend.

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Daniel and Joseph Budd,  
Civil War Brothers.  
Both will die in the Civil War.  
Joseph, fighting with Merrill's Horse,  
died in "The Battle of Vassar Hill",  
July 18, 1862.

Photo found on Pinterest

## **Cannon Valley Civil War Roundtable Schedule September 2019-August 2020**

### **September 19, 2019 7pm - Welcome back Meal**

Dan Roberts

"The Telegraph in the Civil War Era"

### **October 17, 2019 2019 7-8:30 pm**

Deb Gnemi

"Ford's Theater Employees & Actors After the  
Assassination"

### **November 21, 2019 7-8:30 pm**

Rick Gnemi

"Civil War Weapons"

### **December 19, 2019 - No Meeting**

Members Christmas PotLuck

(more details to come)

### **January 16, 2020 7-8:30pm**

Carol Vanorum

"Sherman, the Chattahoochee River, and the King Family"

### **February 20, 2020 7-8:30pm**

John Cain

"Twenty + Confederate Flags"

### **March 19, 2020 7-8:30pm**

No Speaker as of this printing

### **April 16, 2020 7-8:30pm**

No Speaker as of this printing

### **May 21, 2020 - No Meeting**

Members Picnic

### **June - August 2020 - No Meetings**

Summer Break

## Civil War Trivia

1. Who made comrades of deserters stand at attention while watching their friends shot firing squads? (Clue: New Orleans)
2. What 19-year old sergeant took water to wounded enemies and became known as the “Angel of Mary’s Heights”?
3. What major general, who graduated forty-fourth in a West Point class of fifty-two, was severely wounded in the left arm, then lost his right leg? (Hint: CSA)
4. What former medical professor and organizer of the ambulance corps and reserve hospitals of the CSA amputated Stonewall Jackson’s arm? (Hint: His statue sits prominently on the grounds of the Virginia State Capitol, and nearby the Veterans Administration Medical Center is named in his honor. Also, he was a pallbearer at Jackson’s funeral.)

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### October's Trivia Questions and Answers

1. Who was William Jones (Freed in 1859)?  
Grant's Slave
2. What was Point Lookout? (50,000 held there)  
A prison in Maryland
3. Who shot John Wilkes Booth?  
Sergeant Boston Corbett

### Dan Peterson's trip to Museum:

Weeks ago I received a call from the Civil War Museum in Battle Lake, MN. It's 219 miles from Northfield and I traveled there on November 5th. MPR wrote a six- page report on the place. I was given a copy.

It was Jay Johnson's great grandfather who was in the 92nd IL Infantry. James Allison "Cap" Colehour fought in more than 30 battles, wounded twice, and eventually moved to Battle Lake.

Jay Johnson himself walked me through the three -story museum.

I saw letters, guns, campaign posters, and much much more Civil War and post Civil War memorabilia.

[www.ProspectHouseMuseum.org](http://www.ProspectHouseMuseum.org) phone 218-864-4008

I would go back anytime.

DAN Peterson

(picture from Dan's trip in next column)

That was QUITE a gun. Could shoot 20 rounds a minute vs Rebels worked to shoot three rounds a minute and HAD TO STAND UP TO RELOAD!!

Totally unnecessary to stand up to reload the Spencer.

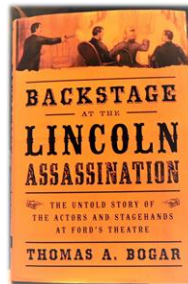
## OCTOBER'S PRESENTATION



Deb Gnemi during her presentation about the Ford Theater employees and actors after the shooting of President Abraham Lincoln on April 14, 1965. I found this a very interesting subject. Deb had so much information to share with us. One of her references was the book “Backstage of the Lincoln Assassination” \*the untold story of the actors and stagehands at Ford’s Theatre\* by Thomas A. Bogar



Deb receiving the Cannon Valley Civil War Roundtable Cup. Every presenter gets one.



### **The Cannon Valley Civil War Round Table**

is a small group who likes to share interesting information about all things Civil War.

We have a monthly meeting on the Third Thursday of each month,

May-August, December – No Meetings

We have a speaker at monthly meetings.

### **Membership Dues**

**Individual - \$25 Family - \$30 Students - \$10**

**Membership year is September – August**

**We meet 7 pm at North Forty Senior Center – Northfield, MN**

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