

Cannon Valley Civil War Roundtable

Welcome Back !

Kick Off Meal for our 15th year
Sept. 19th at North Forty Senior Center
1651 Jefferson Parkway, Northfield, MN

6 pm

Meal will be Sloppy Joes, potato salad, veggies, and brownies. \$5.00 per person.

The public is welcome.

Coffee before, during, and after the Meeting.

Treats afterward during Question and Answer period.

Our speaker, Dan Roberts of Montgomery, will speak on the importance, use of, and technology of the Telegraph during the Civil War. Lincoln monitored and gave orders via the telegraph.

Mr. Roberts is probably the most recognized expert on telegraph and telephone history in this area.

Just a quick reminder, renewal and new membership dues will be collected at the meeting.

Civil War Trivia

1. What Kentucky native was appointed to West Point from Louisiana, graduated eighth in the Class of 1826, then resigned from U.S Army to become a full General in the Confederate Army?
2. At First Bull Run, what fellow brigadier general coined the nickname "Stonewall" for Thomas J. Jackson?
3. Who spent his first thirteen months in Confederate uniform without coming under fire or taking part in a general engagement?
4. When ordered to return to Winchester, Virginia in March of 1862, what commander of a wing angrily offered to submit his resignation?

Answers will be given at September's meeting and I will also put them in next month's newsletter for those who can not attend.

Cannon Valley Civil War Roundtable Schedule September 2019-August 2020

September 19, 2019 7pm - Back from Break Meal

Dan Roberts

"The Telegraph in the Civil War Era"

October 17, 2019 2019 7 pm

Deb Gnemi

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

November 21, 2019 7 pm

Rick Gnemi

"Civil War Weapons"

December 19, 2019 7 pm

Members Christmas PotLuck

(more details to come)

January 16, 2020 7pm

Carol Vanorum

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

February 20, 2020 7pm

John Cain

"Twenty + Confederate Flags"

March 19, 2020 7pm

No Speaker as of this printing

April 16, 2020 7pm

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May 21, 2020 7pm

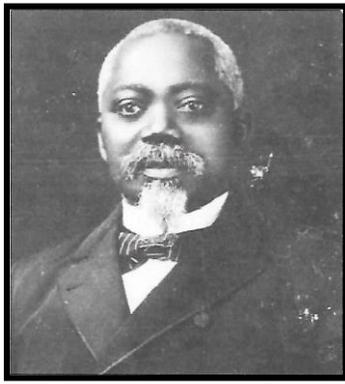
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June 18, 2020

Members Picnic

July - August 2020

Summer Break- No meetings



William Harvey Carney

Carney was born into slavery in Norfolk, Virginia, in 1840. His family was eventually granted freedom and moved to Massachusetts, where Carney was eager to learn and secretly got involved in academics, despite laws and restrictions that banned blacks from learning to read and write.

Carney had wanted to pursue a career in the church, but when the Civil War broke out, he decided the best way he could serve God was by serving in the military to help free the oppressed.

In March 1863, Carney joined the Union Army and was attached to Company C, 54th Massachusetts Colored Infantry Regiment, the first official black unit recruited for the Union in the north. Forty other black men served with him, including two of famed abolitionist Frederick Douglass' sons.

Within a few months, Carney's training would be put to the ultimate test during the unit's first major combat mission in Charleston, South Carolina.

On July 18, 1863, the soldiers of Carney's regiment led the charge on Fort Wagner. During the battle, the unit's color guard was shot. Carney, who was just a few feet away, saw the dying man stumble, and he scrambled to catch the falling flag.

Despite suffering several serious gunshot wounds himself, Carney kept the symbol of the Union held high as he crawled up the hill to the walls of Fort Wagner, urging his fellow troops to follow him. He planted the flag in the sand at the base of the fort and held it upright until his near-lifeless body was rescued.

Even then, though, he didn't give it up. Many witnesses said Carney refused to give the flag to his rescuers, holding onto it tighter until, with assistance, he made it to the Union's temporary barracks.

Carney lost a lot of blood and nearly lost his life, but not once did he allow the flag to touch the ground. His heroics inspired other soldiers that day and were crucial to the North securing victory at Fort Wagner. Carney was promoted to the rank of sergeant for his actions.

For his bravery, Carney was awarded the Medal of Honor on May 23, 1900.

Carney's legacy serves as a shining example of the patriotism that Americans felt at that time, despite the color of their skin

President Dan's Notes

A member is working on a presentation, "Civil War Era Money"

Taken from Internet recently:

- The Union Army of 2,100,00 soldiers was nearly twice the size of the Confederate Army of 1,064,000.
- It was the deadliest war in American History. There were around 210,000 soldiers killed in action and 625,000 total dead.
- Thirty percent of all Southern white males between the ages of 18 and 40 died in the war.
- Around 9 million people lived in the Southern states at the time of the Civil War, around 3-4 million were slaves.
- Sixty six percent of the deaths in the war were due to disease.

June 2019 Picnic @ Ahlman's

It was a very nice gathering with Civil War music playing while we ate our meal. Good conversation and some laughs.



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, except June – August, December

We have a speaker at monthly meeting.

Membership Dues are \$25 – Individual; \$30-Family; Students - \$10
Membership year is September – August

We meet 7pm at North Forty Senior Center – Northfield, MN 55057

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