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WHO? Anyone interested in any aspect of the American Civil War

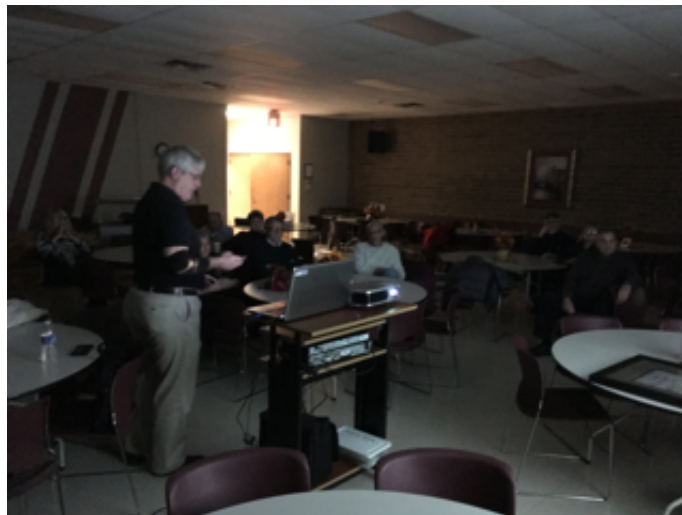
When? **Third Thursday of every month** - except in the summer. 7 p.m.

Where? Faribault Senior Center, 19 W. Division Street. Faribault, MN. {NOT in Faribault this month!}

Cost? \$20.00 Individual. \$25.00 Whole Family. \$10.00 Students. Per year - payable in September

Our Mission? Preservation and interpretation of all American Civil War Battlefields

Jim Stark was impressive in his presentation. He shared visuals of names, events, compromises, murders, tragedies, beatings and the Election of 1860 leading to the Fort Sumpter attack. His conclusions for the cause of the Civil War were: 1. The expansion of slavery to the west and north, and 2. Aggressive behavior by oligarchs with the hope that the north would back down. So much in such a short time of which all present enjoyed. Thanks Jim.





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Our JANUARY Meeting will feature Jan Stevens of Dundas. On the Underground Railroad in Illinois. That's January 18th - so put that on your calendar. BUT on DECEMBER 21st we are having our 13th annual Civil War Recipe Pot Luck Party at my house. We have had them at various members' houses and at my house before this year. I want to be clear of the directions on how to get here before six when we want to eat the 'Civil War Food'.

I live about half way between Northfield and Fairbault on Highway 20. Or about two miles north of Cannon City. The driveway is at the bottom of a hill, it's white and that is where you turn into the driveway. Angle right twice and you will see the shed light, garage lights, and some Christmas Decoration lights. For those with a GPS the address is 16440 Cannon City Blvd Faribault, MN. Latitude: 44.21'2.83 N and Longitude: 93.11' 36.42.

The eatin's. At six, no speaker. Bring a piece or a memorabilia to share or discuss. (I now have a "new" sword, hung.) The troops had more than hardtack, pound bread, and salt pork. Recipes can be found at many websites and:

http://www.cooks.com/rec/search/0,1-0,civil_war_foods,FF.html and
<http://www.americancivilwarstory.com/civil-war-recipes.html>

Come early. It probably will be snowing and cold... windy...

More about that night. I am serving Possum Stew. One Member has donated on case of Jesse James beer and I will have two bottles of wine - Pinot Grigio and Cabernet. You could bring a bottle of wine too.

Remember: "Food. Everyone's first love or close to it." L.R. Casper

Just finished a Civil War Buffs book by T. R. Flagel. Some of the text was about a soldiers's diet. Water was often contaminated, men were rationed a dozen hardtacks a day, salt pork a pound a day. Coffee was valued more than alcohol. Salt Beef? "Men who could stomach salt pork were driven to profanity when describing salt beef." Page 106. Also, the Union Army, based at City Point, Virginia, turned out 123,000 loaves of soft bread every twenty-four hours. Page 101. I am done with that wonderful book and it will be in the Bruce Lee Memorial Box before the 21st. Want it?

Have you checked our website? cannonvalleycivilwarroundtable.org And its links. Needing new photos Members!!!

Paid Members as of November 16th: Dan P., Roni D., Danny U., John G., Stoney and Kathy, Al P., Phyllis B., Rick and Deb, Bryan M., Jan and Stan, Lou S., John A., Ron H., Chuck P., Herman and Mary, Ken P., and Rod M. If we have missed you please correct it with the Treasurer - Chuck P.

Presenters for 2017 - 2018. Always the THIRD Thursday.

September Steve Chicoine on John Basil Turchin

October 19 Steve Osman on Fort Snelling

November Jim Stark on the history of Antebellum

December Civil War Recipe Supper at 6, at 16440

Cannon City Blvd, Faribault, MN.

January Jan Stevens on the Underground Railroad

February Dale Blanshan AS Lincoln

March Karl Fredrickson on MN Regiments

April Tony Ziebol on Richard Kirkland

May Open Forum

June Fort Ahlman 13th Annual Picnic.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.
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HISTORY OF THE DAY. December 21,

1861

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Trent crisis escalates.

On this day in 1861, Lord Lyons, the British minister to the United States, meets with Secretary of State William Seward concerning the fate of James Mason and John Slidell, Confederate envoys arrested by the U.S. Navy aboard the Trent, a British mail steamer. During the meeting, Lyons took a hard line against Seward and forced President Abraham Lincoln's administration to release the Confederates a few days later.

The arrest of Mason and Slidell on November 8, 1861, near the Bahamas triggered a major diplomatic crisis between Britain and the United States.

More at: <http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/trent-crisis-escalates>

See you on the 21st.

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