

Riverland Generations

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"Minnesota in the Civil War"

Thursday, February 25th ** 6:00 – 8:30 pm

Riverland Community College, Austin Campus ** West Building ** Room A237



Thousands of books have been written on this chapter of U.S. history. Nearly every imaginable aspect of the war has been studied and put into print. But, on a closer level, just what do you know about your own state's part in the conflict? Are you aware that we were the only state to fight another war in the middle of the Civil War? Or how important a role did two of Minnesota's infantry regiments play? Or just how many men we sent into the fight? How was it that Governor Ramsey happened to be in Washington City when news of the attack on Fort Sumter took place? How many Union Generals are buried in Oakland Cemetery in St Paul (and why are there so many)? Can you define all of the following: hardtack, old soldier's disease, seeing the elephant, a doughnut, camp town races, rookie? You'll also learn how to find out more about any ancestors you might have that fought in the "Second War for Independence", also called the "War of the Rebellion".

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, February 15, 2010 (study materials will be mailed February 16.)

"Lincoln"

Thursday, March 11th ** 6:00 – 8:30 pm

Riverland Community College, Austin Campus ** West Building ** Room A237

In 2009 we celebrated the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth. But how much did you really learn about him during that entire year? In this session you'll learn more than you probably care to know about our 16th President. For instance, how was it that he got into hot water with the northern press for allowing a Confederate General's widow to stay in the White House? Why did he choose his political opponents from the 1860 election to form his Cabinet once he became President? How did the office of President change during his term? Was he really our greatest President? We'll also take a glance at his famous wit and love for the lighter side of things; some say it's why so many believed he was a country bumpkin....

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, March 1, 2010 (study materials will be mailed March 2.)

ABOUT THE PRESENTER

Michael Eckers has studied the Civil War for nearly 40 years and recently published two books on Civil War history. He is a firm believer that "when you're 50 and get to dress up and play soldier, life is good..." Michael resides in Owatonna and is days away from the end of a 30+ year career with the U.S. Post Office.



REGISTRATION

**** Registration must be paid prior to deadline in order to receive study materials ****

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- Minnesota in the Civil War—\$10
- Lincoln—\$10
- Both—\$15

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