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Event: Three programs commemorating the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War.

When: June 8 to 10.

Where: Onondaga Historical Association Museum, 321 Montgomery St., Syracuse.

The programs:

■ 7 p.m. June 8: John V. Quarstein is a Civil War historian and author discusses the Battle of Big Bethel, which took place June 10, 1861.

■ 7 p.m. June 9: Patrick A. Schroeder, historian at Appomattox Courthouse National Historical Park, gives a talk called "Elmer E. Ellsworth and the 11th New York Fire Zouaves: Heroes or Humbugs?"

■ 5:30 p.m. June 10: Tom Hunter, of the OHA museum, gives a talk called "Butler's Zouaves and the Battle of Big Bethel, June 10, 1861." The talk will be followed by a gallery tour.

Also: An exhibit of Civil War images called "Shadows of the Storm" opens in the OHA gallery June 8.

Cost: Free.

Event: Onondaga County Civil War Roundtable

When: 7 p.m. Thursday.

Where: DeWitt Community Room, 148 Sanders Creek Parkway, East Syracuse.

Description: Presentation by Michael T. Russert will examine how the war altered the lives of the Slentz family and the landscape of Gettysburg.

Cost: Free.