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Due to surgery and to extended rehabilitation for Dr. Richard Somer, our scheduled speaker, we have asked the Reicards to step in. Thanks Harold and Jan. We look forward to Dr. Somer's visit in the near future and to his discussion of *Did Booth Waste a Bullet?*

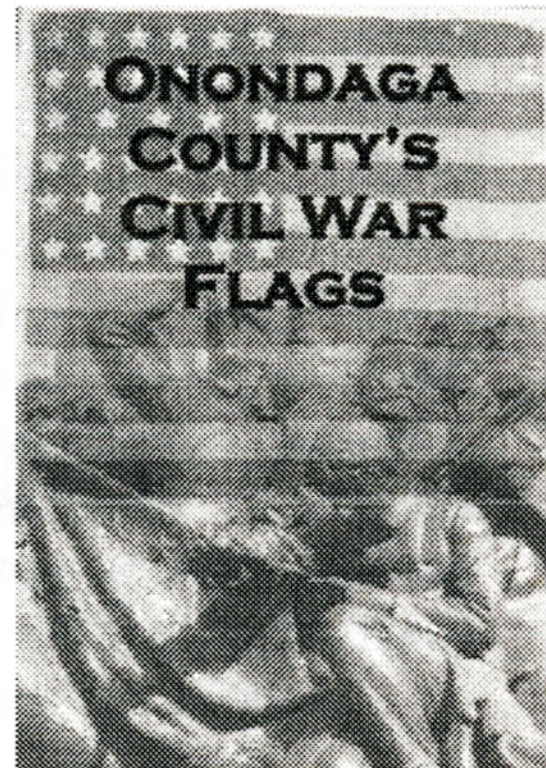
Keeping within the Lincoln theme, Harold and Jan Reicard will discuss the *Last 24 Hours of Lincoln's Life* along with a display of Lincoln mourning artifacts from their extensive 15- year collection. Both Jan and Harold are living historians from the local 12th Regular U.S. Infantry, Company A. They both appeared, though briefly, as extras in *Gods and Generals*, and though I have watched the movie twice, I have not yet spotted them.

Their dream is to open a museum for their collection in Syracuse. Their next full display of their collection will be in November at the Center of Progress Building at the State Fair for the Veterans' Day Ceremony. All service branches will have exhibits along with the Reicard's Civil War display.

Name Tags, Please

If you have an OCCWRT name tag, please bring and wear it at our meetings. I'm afraid we are becoming anonymous to our new members. All dues paying members who do not have a name tag will receive one the month after their dues are received. The 2012-2013 dues are now being collected. Visitors will be issued a disposable ID at all the meetings.

Onondaga Historical Association's New Release



In the late 1990's the Onondaga County Civil War Round Table joined the Onondaga County Clerk's committee to develop a plan to conserve the disintegrating Civil War flags that had stood tightly furled in the Clerk's office for over a hundred years. We used a May 1962 Bulletin as a guide to the history of the nine flags given to the OHA by returning local regiments. There were no photos of the flags in this bulletin. Now that the conserved flags are in a flat file in the lobby of the Clerk's office available for all to see, including the 3rd Brigade flag the OCCWRT sponsored for conservation as seen in the upper left of this page, the OHA has published a full color booklet of the flags' histories along with color photos of the flags either in their original deteriorating state or their conserved state. Added sections include a list of local CW flags in the NYS Military Museum and a history of the conservation effort with the OCCWRT being recognized for their involvement in that effort. The booklet is available at the OHA gift store and is priced at \$5.00. Well worth a place in your library.

Meeting Notice

**Town of DeWitt
Community Room**
148 Sanders Creek Parkway
East Syracuse, New York

The Last 24 Hours Of Lincoln's Life

with

Harold and Jan Reicard

**Thursday, October 18, 2012
7:00 PM**

Meetings are held at 7 PM on the third Thursday of the month from September through June and are free and open to the public.

Directions to the Town of DeWitt Community Room

From 481N take Exit 5W to Kirkville Rd West. Merge onto Kirkville Rd and travel 1.2 miles. Turn right onto Kinne St and travel 0.7 miles. Turn right at Sanders Creek Parkway and travel 0.2 miles to 148 Sanders Creek Parkway, the site of the East Syracuse Fire Department and the Town of DeWitt Community Room.