



# The Little White Paper

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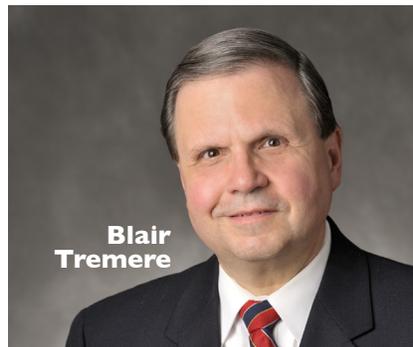
Thursday, May 9, 7 p.m. program...

## “Dancing With Ghosts: Wounded Knee, 1890: Forty Years Later”

Blair Tremere has researched and found lucid accounts of contemporary events and perspectives regarding the challenges faced by both American Indians’ and settlers’ institutions (religious and secular) in seeking to affirm their claims regarding the events surrounding Wounded Knee.

The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Society’s historic church at 6731 Golden Valley Road, Gold-

en Valley, MN 55427. Refreshments will be served.



## Church cleanup set for Saturday, May 4

Building and Grounds Director Jerry Breth has rescheduled the annual spring yard clean up for 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 4. Bring rakes, tarps, pruning tools, garden spades, weed diggers and work gloves to help spruce up the grounds of the historic church. Trimmed branches will need to be carried curbside for city-contracted pick-up. Many hands make short work. Lend us yours and bring as many others as you can.

## Golden Valley Hall of Fame to induct four new members

The Golden Valley Hall of Fame has announced nominees to be inducted on Friday, May 17, 2013, at Brookview Community Center at 8:30 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served with the Hall of Fame presentation following.

This year’s nominees:

**Chester Bird (Ptaszek)** – Namesake of the Golden Valley American Legion Post and WWII hero who died at the Normandy Invasion.

**Lawrence A. (Larry/Bubba) Brown** – Long-time Golden Valley resident, WWII veteran, state employee and volunteer with local and international humanitarian activities (one of three founders of the Ronald McDonald House in Minneapolis) who died March 14, 2012, in Golden Valley.

**Christopher Ewald** – Lived and worked on family farm in Golden Valley at the beginning and well into the 20th Century; progenitor of family that started a floral business that evolved into the well-known Ewald Bros. Dairy.

**Clayton Moore** – Resident of Golden Valley for several years after starring in the pioneering television series “The Lone Ranger,” which ended in 1957, continued to portray the Lone Ranger in commercial promotions (General Mills was a primary sponsor of his radio and television programs), appeared in over 70 motion pictures, established Ranger Realty in Golden Valley with his brother-in-law and was instrumental in developing Ewald Terrace. Moore transcended the fictional character he played and strived to live according to the vir-

tues of the “Lone Ranger Creed,” died in 1999 and is survived by a daughter who attended school in Golden Valley.

Representatives for the nominees will be present to receive the Golden Valley Hall of Fame recognition. A permanent plaque of all the Hall of Fame nominees is on display on the second floor of City Hall.

## In Memoriam

**George Martinsen**, survived by wife Jane, long time resident of Golden Valley and retired insurance broker.

**Irene Serr**, served in the Navy during WWII, participated in the Society production of “The Greatest Generation” and long time resident of Golden Valley.

**Society studies street names...**

**St. Louis Park shares street history**

Jean Andersen, trustee of the St. Louis Park Historical Society has shed some light on the origin of Golden Valley street names.

Andersen writes, “here is what we in St. Louis Park can contribute to your street name history research. In 1890, T.B. Walker bought 1700 acres between Minnetonka and Excelsior Blvds., and filed a huge plat. Names of streets appear to be pretty random, and by the 1930s they were “all over the map,” if you’ll pardon the pun. A committee was formed and the project was completed in 1933, which is when the first directory came out.

“Starting at France, the streets kept the same alphabet. There doesn’t seem to be any rhyme or

reason for the names. After Zarthan came the “second alphabet” which was named after states and provinces. Thus we see Alabama, Brunswick (for New Brunswick, Canada), Colorado, Dakota, etc. Every now and then there just wasn’t a suitable name so something was improvised.

“Then came the ‘third alphabet’ which had to follow a patriotic theme. Most of these streets are in our northwestern section, including Flag, Independence, Gettysburg, etc. Even Aquila and Boone have origins there. We have seen our naming scheme continue north to Crystal and even south to Savage.”

**GV Days is May 18**

The annual Golden Valley Days celebration, Saturday, May 18, will again be held at Brookview Park. The morning will begin with a parade along Western Avenue into Brookview Park and north to Harold Avenue. Vendors’ booths will be open for business at 10:00 a.m. The Society will display historical artifacts at the small picnic shelter. Society President Ken Huber will have some of his antique children’s riding toys available for kids and parents to enjoy until 3:00 p.m.



**First Minnesota Infantry program rescheduled for June 13**

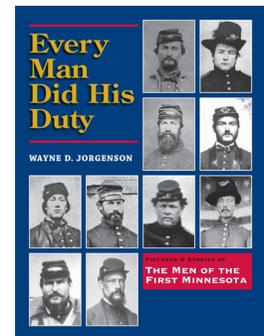
(This presentation was originally scheduled for April 7, but was cancelled because of the ice storm. The program has been rescheduled for June 13.)

Wayne Jorgenson has for decades researched the men and history of the First Minnesota Regiment Volunteer Infantry. He has gathered stories from diaries, pension re-



ords, newspaper articles, family archives, and published histories. He has written a book which, along with stories of individual men, includes hundreds of photographs, portraits of the men, and color photographs of artifacts in archives and personal collections across the country –including his own extensive collection -- thus creating an unprecedented

ed visual record of the regiment. Mark your calendar for the “First Minnesota Regiment Served with Honor and Valor.”



**Officers and representatives...**

**Get to know the 12 members of the GVHS Board**

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