

# The Little Known & Rarely Told Story of Camp Douglas

(a Civil War Internment Camp in Chicago)

**5:30p.m. - Wednesday, June 26**

Roosevelt University, 425 S Wabash, Rm 418

RSVP to attend this sure-to-be eye-opening visual presentation by one of the foremost authorities on Camp Douglas, David Keller, the Founder of the Camp Douglas Restoration Foundation.

## Agenda

- 5:30 p.m. Doors Open, refreshments available, social time, book sales  
6:00 p.m. Program begins (670 to 90 minutes)  
Question & Answer Period, Book Sales  
8:30 p.m. Adjournment

## The Story of Camp Douglas

Opened in 1861, Camp Douglas was a Union training and reception facility for over 40,000 Union soldiers in Chicago. Camp Douglas became a prison camp, housing over 30,000 Confederate prisoners, from 1862 until it was demolished in 1865. Containing over 200 buildings on 60 acres, Camp Douglas was the most significant Civil War facility in Northern Illinois.

Using, Civil War photos, PowerPoint®, and a static display of information and artifacts, provide a presentation of the history of Camp Douglas and Camp Douglas stories from diaries and journals of Confederate prisoners of the Camp. The presentation includes information on conditions and loss of life at the camp, current status of the camp's site, and work done by the Camp Douglas Restoration Foundation to provide a lasting remembrance of Camp Douglas.

For a sneak peek at the content read: <https://www.historynet.com/norths-last-pow-camp.htm>

## Our Speaker: David Keller

### The Camp Douglas Restoration Foundation, Managing Director

David Keller is a long-time resident of Chicago and an amateur historian. Mr. Keller's professional life included various executive positions at Chicago area commercial banks. Currently he is a respected expert witness in banking matters throughout the country.

Retired since 2002, he devotes much of his time to volunteer activities including the Chicago History Museum. David's interest in Camp Douglas comes from his interest in the Civil War, Civil War Prison Camps and 19th century Chicago history. The founder of the Camp Douglas Restoration Foundation, Mr. Keller is in demand as a speaker on the Civil War and Camp Douglas and has written two books, *The Story of Camp Douglas, Chicago's Forgotten Civil War Prison* and *Robert Anderson Bagby, Civil War Diary (Annotated) 1863-1865*.



## Books for Sale

1. *The Story of Camp Douglas, Chicago's Forgotten Civil War Prison* \$20
2. *Robert Anderson Bagby, Civil War Diary (Annotated) 1863-1865* \$10
  - ❖ Book proceeds go to the Camp Douglas Restoration Foundation.
  - ❖ The noted costs include all taxes.
  - ❖ Payment may be made with CASH or PERSONAL CHECK. Check should be payable to: David E Keller.
  - ❖ When you RSVP, please indicate if you are interested to purchase a book, so that sufficient supplies are available.

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