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Michigan's G.A.R. Museum Showcases *"The worst colonel I ever saw"*

Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Memorial Hall and Museum in Eaton Rapids will be sponsoring a Free Civil War History Seminar on **Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 7:00 PM** at **Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall & Museum** located at **224 South Main Street in Eaton Rapids**. The topic of the presentation will be ***"The worst colonel I ever saw."*** The presenter will be **Mr. Bob Myers**.



Service in the Civil War boosted some men to fame and glory. For others, it brought shame and ruin. In 1860, Francis Quinn of Niles was a rising star in the Republican Party, and was a Michigan delegate to the Chicago convention that nominated Abraham Lincoln for President. After the outbreak of the Civil War, Quinn raised the 12th Michigan Infantry regiment and won a commission as its colonel. Three weeks after the regiment left its training camp in Niles, it fired the first shots of the Battle of Shiloh. The battle could have secured Colonel Quinn a great place in history, but instead his incompetence and quarrelsome personality led to disaster. Michigan Governor Austin Blair dubbed him *"The worst colonel I ever saw."* This program follows Quinn and his command through one of the war's bloodiest battles and its aftermath.

Bob Myers is the Assistant Director for Education Programs and Events at the Historical Society of Michigan (HSM). In his role at HSM, Bob is responsible for the popular *"Michiganders on the Road"* bus tours, as well as overseeing the society's education programs and providing leaderships for various training programs and conferences. He holds an MA in history from Western Michigan University. Prior to joining HSM, Bob served as a HSM board member and worked for the Berrien County Historical Association. Bob has created and presented hundreds of history programs for people of all ages, contributed to numerous successful grant applications, written 13 books and numerous articles, and curated various exhibits.

There is no charge for admission and refreshments will be served. Additional information regarding the seminar may be obtained by going to Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall & Museum Face Book page at [GARBrainerdPost111MemorialHallAndMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/GARBrainerdPost111MemorialHallAndMuseum) or to our website at <http://garmuseum.com.weebly.com>.

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