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**THE 33rd ILLINOIS VOLUNTEER REGIMENT BAND TO PERFORM DURING
2nd ANNUAL GENERAL W. H. L. WALLACE MEMORIAL WEEKEND**

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The Second Annual General W. H. L. Wallace Memorial Weekend (Friday April 19th through Sunday, April 21st), entitled “Lincoln and his Generals: LaSalle County at War,” will include several new events this year including a military parade, a performance by the 33rd Illinois Volunteer Regiment Band, a display of Civil War era clothing and the keynote address by Rob Girardi, Civil War historian and author.

Friday evening will feature the presentation of “Shiloh: The Devil’s Own Day”, a 30-minute video by the Tennessee Renaissance Center about the Battle of Shiloh and the last days of General. W. H. L. Wallace. In the video, Ottawa historian, Mollie Perrott, reads several of the love letters written between Wallace and his wife, Ann. Also, on Friday evening, 810 luminaries will be lit in Washington Square, at the Civil War Memorial monument, dedicated to the 810 LaSalle County soldiers, who paid the ultimate price.

Saturday’s events will include the opportunity to have breakfast with the soldiers, Civil War flag and artifact display at the Ottawa Historical and Scouting Heritage Museum, Union and Confederate encampments, a display of Civil War era clothing, demonstrations and vendors in Washington Square, a “press conference” with Lincoln and his generals, and guided bus tours of the Dickey-Wallace cemetery. Saturday evening, the luminaries will again be lit and Rob Girardi, Civil War historian and author, will give the keynote presentation, “Lincoln and his Generals: LaSalle County at War.”

On Sunday, the new events will include an Infantry and Artillery Civil War battle, a military victory parade, and the concert by the 33rd Illinois Volunteer Regiment Band in Washington Square at 2:00pm.

Several events are free and some do have some entrance costs. All money raised throughout the weekend will be used for the maintenance and upkeep of the Dickey-Wallace Cemetery.

For more information, please visit our websites, www.ottawaavenuecemetery.com or www.reddickmansion.org.

