

Programme of Activities

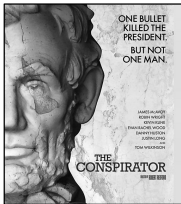
BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE CHAB



Saturday February 11, 2012 at 3 PM

EDOUARD NOIRSAIN, A BELGIAN IN TEXAS AND DURING THE CIVIL WAR, 1855-1863

At the Club House, presentation by *Serge Noirsain*: “*Edouard Noirsain, a Belgian in Texas and during the Civil War, 1855-1863*”. The lecturer will recount the adventures of his ancestor, a little Belgian bourgeois who abandoned his property, his lucrative profession and a comfortable life to immerse himself into the hell of the Texas border and New-Mexico. In 1861, after obtaining the American nationality, he joined the 31st Pennsylvania Regiment as a hospital steward to fight southern slavers. Serge’s presentation will be illustrated by a photograph of his descendent and his parents, by army documents mentioning the name of the officer who recruited him, the date and place of his enlistment, his personality and the papers of his successive assignments in the staff of his two regiments.



Saturday March 10, 2012 at 3 PM

THE CONSPIRATOR

At the Club House, projection on a large screen of “*The Conspirator*”, film produced by Robert Redford in 2010. Following the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, seven men and a woman are arrested and accused of conspiring to kill the President, the Vice President and the U.S. Secretary of State. The only woman charged, Mary Surratt, is the owner of a tavern where John Wilkes Booth, the man who shot the President, met with other accomplices to prepare different murder plots. *The Conspirator* takes us back to a young America traumatized by the assassination of its most iconic President. It is in this context of fear that the mother of one of the culprits faces merciless judges for crimes she did not commit. Defended by a young lawyer played by James McAvoy, who denounces the travesty of justice in progress, she will nevertheless be sacrificed to calm a vindictive population. A discovery and a shock for those unfamiliar with this dramatic affair.



Saturday April 14, 2012 at 3 PM

THE TINCHANT FAMILY OF NEW ORLEANS

At the Club House, conference by *Georges Dewaelheyns*: “*The Tinchant of New Orleans: a family saga*”. Georges will present the original appointment papers of a second lieutenant in New Orleans, on July 4, 1863, and will place him in his historical context. He will make us discover the results of his research on the family of officer

Tinchant, from Louisiana to France, from Mexico to Belgium and from Antwerp to Woluwe-St-Pierre (Brussels). A surprising trip in time and space worthy of a Hollywood saga.
