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AIHA PRESENTS DENNIS GAFFNEY "CIVIL WAR" LECTURE ON JANUARY 8

ALBANY, NY— The Albany Institute of History & Art is proud to host local freelance author Dennis Gaffney on Sunday, January 8 at 2 PM, as he shares a series of great stories from the Civil War that together summarize a fascinating and memorable history. The lecture is **FREE with museum admission**.

Gaffney's book, *The Civil War: the Seven Day Scholar Exploring History One Week at a Time*, has been widely praised as a reader-friendly way to learn about the Civil War. Amateur historian and Civil War buffs will both learn something new at Gaffney's talk, which will include details about the role of Albany and New York State in the war effort. Also covered will be topics involving the medical history of the Civil War, which complement the current exhibition *Albany and the Civil War: Medicine on the Home and Battle Fronts*.

Following the lecture Gaffney will be available to answer questions and to sign copies of his book, which will be available for sale at the Museum Shop. The book signing session is **FREE and open to the public**. The *Albany and the Civil War* exhibition will be on display in the Albany Institute Entry Gallery through February 26, 2012.

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Related Exhibition:

ALBANY AND THE CIVIL WAR: Medicine on the Home and Battle Fronts

THROUGH FEBRUARY 26, 2012

On the Civil War home front and on the battlefields, Albany residents played key roles in providing medical care for the sick and wounded. The exhibition includes photographs and manuscripts related to the Albany Relief Bazaar, journals and letters written by Garrett and Dr. Albert Vander Veer, and materials related to President Abraham Lincoln's two trips to Albany and a painting memorializing his death completed in 1872 by Howard Hill. This exhibition is supported by Albany Medical Center. *Main Floor Galleries*

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The Albany Institute's distinguished collections and acclaimed exhibitions comprise the definitive expression of the cultural, historical, and artistic heritage of Albany and the upper Hudson Valley. From its world-renowned Hudson River School collection, to the famous Albany Mummies, to the wide range of performances, lectures, and festivals, to its outstanding educational and family programming, this distinctive and engaging institution provides visitors of all ages and interests with a splendid museum experience. One of America's oldest museums, the Albany

Institute of History & Art was founded in 1791, during the presidency of George Washington, making it older than the Louvre, the Smithsonian, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Visit www.albanyinstitute.org for more information, and be sure to follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/albanyinstitute) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/albanyinstitute).

The Albany Institute of History & Art is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 AM-5 PM and Sundays NOON-5 PM. The museum is closed on Monday and open for pre-registered groups only on Tuesday. The library is open Thursdays 1:30-4:30 PM and by appointment.

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