



Midwin Heritage Association

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The Midwin Heritage Association president Lorin Schab, also a DANK Chicago South Board member, will be conducting a special German Heritage tour at the Midwin National Tallgrass Prairie (MNTP) during the DANK National Convention, on Saturday October 14.

The car caravan tour will stop at several of the small cemeteries encapsulated within the MNTP, a 19,000 acre US Forest Service unit. There Lorin will talk about the lives of the German speaking immigrants who came to this country in the 1800's to start a new life, and who are now buried at these small rural cemeteries. Hear about the challenges these early settlers overcame, and for some, their involvement in the American Civil War.

The tour will pass through the remnants of the former Joliet Army Ammunition Plant of which Lorin will also talk about. For those not attending the convention meetings, this will be a great opportunity to learn a bit of our local history spanning over 100 years.