

Jeff O'Den: Presenter/Speaker/Historical Documentary Filmmaker

Jeff O'Den is an author, writer-director, historical documentary filmmaker, Emmy-nominated writer-producer, published writer (see July/August 2011 issue in Michigan History Magazine), former Adjunct Professor at University of Detroit Mercy, member of Detroit Historic Sites Committee, participant in the Michigan Sesquicentennial Civil War, and official photographer and historian for the 102nd U.S. Colored Troop in Detroit.

Mr. O'Den's four documentary films are really "docudramas": Each film listed below features compelling stories and many never seen before photographs and drawings from the Civil War period. Film segments include re-enactors President Abraham Lincoln, Frank Robinson, a 10-year-old Michigan drummer boy; Michigan Senator Jacob M. Howard, author of the 13th Amendment; the 102nd U.S. Colored Troop, Michigan's only black Civil War Regiment; interviews with Sons & Daughters of Union Veterans and much more.

- "Untold stories of Michigan in the Civil War"
- "Lest We Forget: Black Civil War Soldiers & Sailors"
- "They Dared to Return" (Fugitive slaves in Canada returned to fight in the Civil War)
- "The Civil War: A Forlorn Hope"

Each 60-minute presentation includes an introduction and the film followed by a question and answer session. All four films are entertaining, educational, engaging, and suitable for adults, middle/high school and college students. O'Den is available as a speaker and/or to screen his films for museums, historical and genealogical societies, libraries, churches, and others. His historical documentaries have been seen by hundreds in museums, libraries, historical and genealogical societies, Civil War Roundtables, churches, and private groups in the U.S. and Canada. His films include interviews and footage of Civil War re-enactment events at "The Jackson Muster" in Cascade Park, "Civil War Days" in Historic Fort Wayne in Detroit, and "Civil War Remembrance" in The Henry Ford (THF).

Availability: Black History Month & Year-round

Fees: Honorarium plus travel negotiable

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