

## THE ZEPPELIN CONNECTION TO THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

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The German American Heritage Center will host a program entitled "Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin" at 2:00 PM on Sunday, July 24 at the Center. 712 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Davenport. IA

"Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin and His Airships" will be presented by Werner Zarnikow. Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin (1838-1917) first came to the United States in 1863, sent as a war observer of the Northern armies by the King of Baden. He received a permit to pass into the battlefields by President Lincoln after being recommended by then General Carl Schurz. In a few months he was to leave the war zone, explore the American frontier and experience his first balloon. Up, up and away to a new career and a new world. The presentation will also feature a popular song from Zeppelin's peak career years "Come Take a Trip in My Airship" sung by Barbara Kuttler and accompanied by Mark Prebyl on the vintage German piano.

Werner Zarnikow is a GAHC member and a frequent volunteer in our archives, where he provides language translation assistance. He has been fascinated by Zeppelin's career since the latter's flight over Davenport when Zarnikow was a young lad. His collection of Zeppelin's memorabilia will be on display on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of GAHC during July.

Cost: Adults \$5.00; Seniors \$4.00; Children 5-17 \$3.00; Children under 5 and GAHC Members are free.