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ROUND TABLE DONATIONS AT \$1,446,974 IN ACTUAL & MATCHING FUNDS

2016 DONATIONS

1. Civil War Trust – Fredericksburg – \$1000 for 26.02:1 match for	\$26,020
2. Central Virginia Battlefield Trust for	\$35
3. Underground Railroad History Project for	\$100
4. Civil War Trust – Shiloh, Bentonville, Stones River \$1000 for 15.71:1 match for	\$15,710
5. Civil War Trust – Gettysburg \$500 for 4.3:1 match for	\$2150

TOTAL CASH OR EQUIVALENT DONATION - \$2635

TOTAL DONATIONS INCLUDING MATCHES - \$44,015

JANUARY MEETING

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2017

WATERVLIET SENIOR CENTER

1541 BROADWAY

WATERVLIET, NY

Members' Potpourri

Meeting and Election of

Officers and Board

Social Hour	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Business Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Presentation	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Questions & Answers	8:00 – 8:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the CDCWRT will be held at the Watervliet Senior Center on Friday, January 13, 2017. This is our members' meeting, where short presentations by our members occur.

Richard Lalosh III will talk about his ancestor Charles Ellerson of the 134th NYVI. Steven Muller will speak about The Galvanized Soldier of the Civil War. Finally, Gerry Hahn will talk about his ancestor, Sigmund Weil of the 7th and 152nd NYV Infantry. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we have a good turnout.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the January 2017 meeting, the membership will vote for officers and Board members of the CDCWRT. The Committee proposes the following slate:

President: Erin Baillargeon
Vice-President: Mark Koziol
Secretary: Rosemary Nichols
Treasurer: Fran McCashion

At-Large: J.J. Jennings
At-Large: Steven Muller
At-Large: Art Heningson

Any member of the CDCWRT in good standing (has paid dues and is current) may be nominated from the floor at any time up to the election. The election will occur just prior to the speakers at the January meeting.

DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY

This is a reminder that the annual dues of \$30 is made in the month of January. The Treasurer will be present to accept cash, greenbacks, real Confederate money or checks. Checks may also be mailed to the CDCWRT at the address in our letterhead.

UP-COMING MEETING/EVENTS

On Friday, February 10, 2017, the regular meeting of the CDCWRT will sponsor Ryan Conklin who will talk about the 18th NYVI.

On Friday, March 10, 2017, the regular meeting of the CDCWRT will sponsor Steve Trimm who will talk about a visit with Gen. U.S. Grant.

On Friday, April 14, 2017, the regular meeting of the CDCWRT will sponsor Terri Olszowy who will talk about the Elmira Prison Camp.

On Friday, May 12, the regular meeting of the CDCWRT will sponsor Chris Mackowski who will talk about Spotsylvania and the fighting at the Mule Shoe.

On Friday, June 9, the regular meeting of the CDCWRT will sponsor Amy Bracewell who will talk about Battlefield Preservation at Cedar Creek and Saratoga.

BUFORD'S VIEW – JANUARY

(A column by our Program Chair by Matt George.)

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Holiday Season. On December 14, I took the train to New York City to attend a meeting of the Civil War Round Table of New York and to visit with our long time friend Pat Falci (aka A. P. Hill). The speaker was John Marszalek who discussed Sherman's march through Georgia. I was honored to sit at head table with the speaker and his wife, Pat and his wife, Harold Holzer and his wife and the Program Chairman of the Round Table.

I suggested to John Marszalek that he might be interested in speaking to our Round Table especially after discovering his ties to our area. John's brother lives in Latham and he has a good friend who lives in Watervliet. One of John's favorite topics is "Old Brains" Henry Halleck who coincidentally attended Union College. I also had an interesting conversation with Martin Smith, the Program Chairman of the Civil War Round table of New York. We discussed the current status of both our Round Tables and the desirability for possible future cooperation.

On my walk up from Penn Station (33rd Street) to the meeting on West 51st Street I passed by Rockefeller Center and took pictures the big Holiday Tree and the beautiful Christmas decorations there. It was both an interesting and productive trip. I even won one of the books in their book raffle: "Seizing Destiny - The Army of the Potomac's Valley Forge and the Civil War Winter that Saved the Union" by Albert Conner and Chris Mackowski (our speaker in May). This was coincidentally the same area that we visited a couple of years ago on Regina Daly's trip to Virginia when we saw the restoration work being done on the winter camp of the 11 Corps at the Stafford County newly created Civil War Park.

On Saturday, January 14, from noon to 4:00 PM the New York State Museum will be hosting a special event called New York

State's GREAT PLACES & SPACES. They urge everyone come to celebrate what's great in New York State! Visitors can take a free trip around the State without leaving the museum to see what an array of the State's historic sites and cultural institutions offer families. There will be hands on activities, educational artifacts to explore and information on regional events to visit throughout the year. Our Round Table will have a presence at this event.

Sometime this spring the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk Library will be presenting one of New York's Reading and Discussion programs called MAKING SENSE OF THE CIVIL WAR. This series of five conversations will explore the different facets of the Civil War experience, informed by reading the words written or spoken by powerful voices from the past and present. Included in the readings are James McPherson's book "Crossroads of Freedom: Antietam", Geraldine Brooks:" March", and an essay by project historian Edward Ayers (University of Richmond) called "Making Sense of the Civil War". I will be a major participant and supporter of this 5 week event. There will be more information forthcoming in the next few weeks in case you wish to attend any or all of these.

Finally, on April 1, 1:00 – 2:00 PM the Schenectady County Historical Society will present a talk by author Andrew Gero on Black Soldiers of New York State (1750-1950) which would include soldiers from the Civil War. On January 21 at 2:00 PM professor Dr. Richard Fogarty of SUNY will give a talk at the Historical Society called "Together Until the End: Schenectady in WW I" If you are not a member, there is a \$5.00 charge.

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