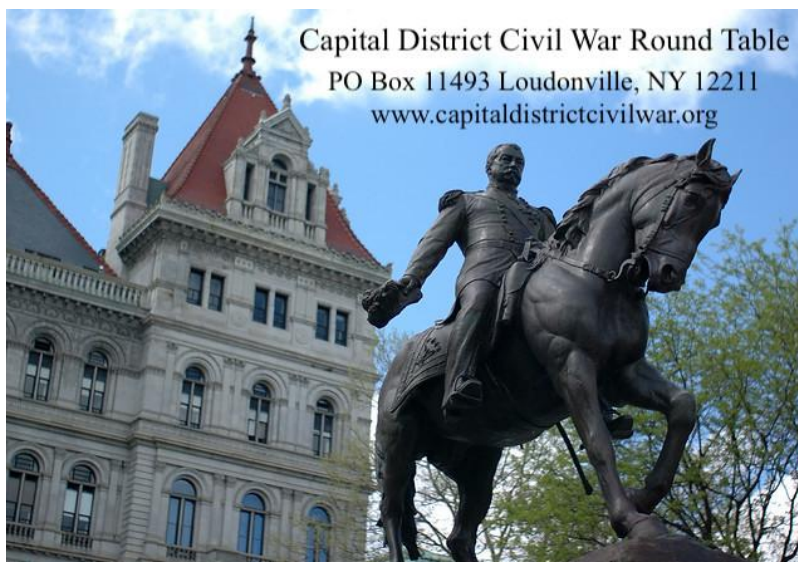


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**CDCWRT DONATIONS NOW TOTAL
\$2,165,047.76
IN ACTUAL AND MATCHING FUNDS**

2021 Donations

\$500 to the American Battlefield Trust to preserve land at Gettysburg at a \$28 to \$1 match

\$500 to the American Battlefield Trust to preserve land at Lookout Mountain and Franklin, Tennessee at a \$53 to \$1 match

**WE HAVE DONATED \$222,495.26 IN ACTUAL FUNDS
OVER THE PAST THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS.**

JANUARY MEETING

Friday, January 14, 2022

**IN-PERSON MEETING
AT THE WATERVLIIET
SENIOR CENTER**

**ANNUAL POTPOURRI
NIGHT**

Social Hour	6:00 p.m.
Business Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Presentation	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Potpourri Night has returned featuring three short presentations.

Neil Yetwin is a retired social studies teacher from Schenectady who has written about Moses Viney of Union College, Jared Jackson of the USCT, and the abolitionist Reverend Day of Schenectady. He will discuss some of his current research.

Claire Hamilton will tell the story of her husband's ancestor. He was captured from Gettysburg by Confederates, able to escape, and then joined the 195th Pennsylvania Regiment.

Julie Mountain will tell us about her ancestor: David Mountain of the 16th Heavy Artillery. He survived the war and was buried with five other family members in an unmarked grave until Julie's research unearthed him.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 11: Matt Watros will present

“Gabriel: a novel of the Civil War.”

March 11: Jerry Mikorenda's presentation is called “America's First Freedom Rider.”

April 8: Mike Russert will speak on the 123rd NYVI at Gettysburg.

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED,
REGARDLESS OF
VACCINATION STATUS.**

We will not have refreshments available.

DUES, DUES, DUES

The Round Table membership year starts January 1. The basic dues level is \$35, and members also have the option to make donations to the Operating and Preservation Accounts. The membership form is included in this newsletter. Payments can be made through the PayPal link on the Round Table's website or mailed to the Round Table's P.O. Box. Please use a check or exact change if you pay in person at a meeting.

CDCWRT'S 2022 ELECTIONS

The election will be held at the January 14 meeting, and any member in good standing (dues paid) may be nominated from the floor for any board position.

Erin Baillargeon, Steve Muller, and Rosemary Nichols are running for their current positions (President, Treasurer, and Secretary, respectively). Mark Koziol is running for Vice President. Joyce Brooks is running for an At-Large position.



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Membership Form

2022 Calendar Year

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Newsletter Preference: Email _____ OR Copy Mailed to Home _____

Membership Dues \$35
 (All dues go into the Operating Account to pay for newsletters,
 program expenses, and use of the meeting space)

Additional Donation for the Operating Account _____

Donation for the Preservation Account _____
 (Preservation money pays for donations to preserve historic
 sites/lands, rental of the storage shed, and the Round Table's
 insurance)

Total: _____

Please mail your payment to: CDCWRT
 P.O. Box 11493
 Loudonville, NY 12211-0493

- * Early payments will be held and deposited in January.
- * Credit/Debit card payments can be made through the CDCWRT website.

BOARD UPDATES

The Executive Board met via Zoom on December 20. The Operating Account has \$2,884.40. The Preservation Account has \$3,644.65. Thank you to everyone who made donations to either account.

Matt George, our Program Chair, has speakers scheduled through the fall of 2022. We hope to continue in-person meetings as long as possible. We will email members in the event we need to switch to virtual meetings.

BUFORD'S VIEW

by Matt George

This past July, Julie Mountain (our third speaker on potpourri night) returned to the area to unveil a headstone at what was the unmarked grave of her great-great-grandfather David Mountain at the St. John the Baptist cemetery in Schenectady. David was survived by two sons: Frank and John Mountain. Frank's story is also an interesting, but different part of American history.

Frank Mountain was a well-known local baseball player during the late 19th century. He attended Union College and played baseball. Frank is credited with being one of the first pitchers to throw a curveball. He even participated in a publicized event whose purpose was to prove that pitch actually did curve and was not an optical illusion.

The histories of baseball and the Civil War have always been closely intertwined. Most Union regiments and many Confederates regiments played the game. One of the best books on the subject is "Baseball In Blue & Gray" (2003) by George Kirsch. The game

was, until 1869, highly organized but totally amateur. Many early players were proud of that and determined to keep it that way. One man wrote the *Clipper* (a sports journal of the day) that the rumor that the New York Highlanders were paying the hotel and food money for their players would prove to be the "ruination" of America's pastime. Because, he said, the teams with the most money will have the best players.

The December edition of *Civil War News* has an article by Carl Sell Jr. called "From Gettysburg to the First Major Baseball League." He discusses two soldiers who served with the 140th N.Y.V.I. and fought at Little Round Top on July 2 when Colonel Patrick O'Rourke was killed. Before the war, Harry Berthrong and Dennis Coughlin played for the Rochester Race Horses baseball team. After the war, they played for a team in Washington, D.C.. Berthrong was truly an amazing multi-talented man. He painted portraits of Presidents and actors, was a competitive sprinter (100 yard dash) and accomplished bowler, and was a first-chair violinist. He died in 1928 and was buried in Middlesex County, MA.

Email me the answers to this month's trivia questions at jbuford63@aol.com

- 1) What is the full name of the first professional baseball team, which began in 1869?
- 2) Who is the only Civil War veteran enshrined in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown and what was his role in baseball?
- 3) Where was General Abner Doubleday (mistakenly given credit for inventing baseball) born?

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