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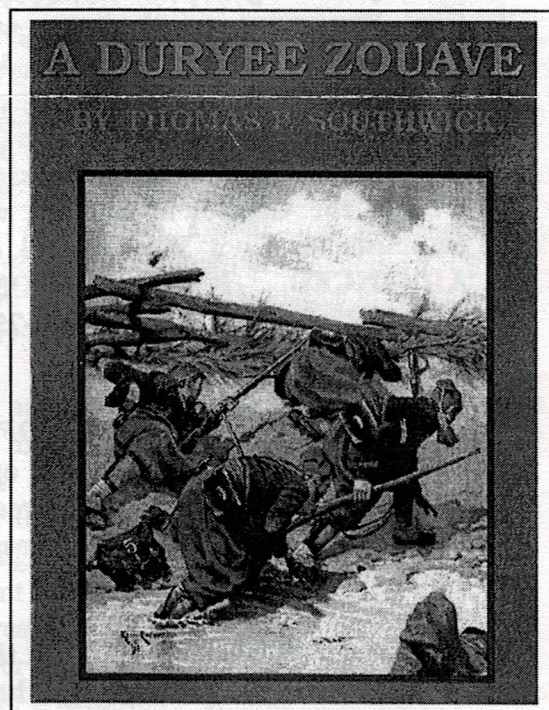
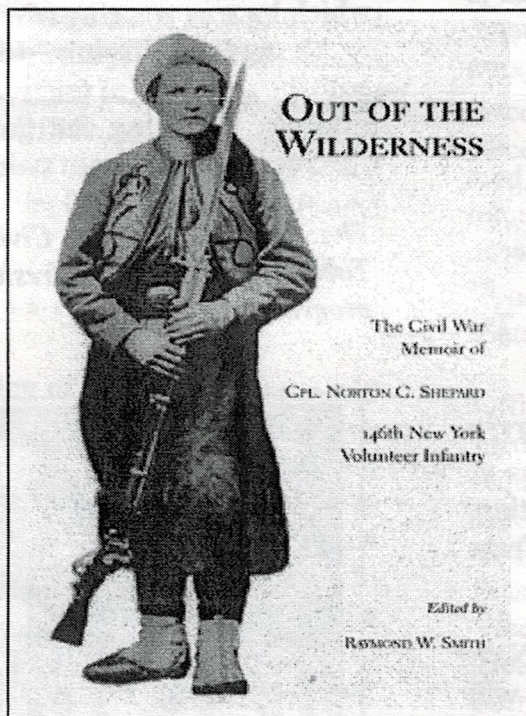
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ZOUAVES – ZOUAVES – ZOUAVES

Our November meeting will be at the NYS Military Museum in Saratoga on Saturday, November 13th (see details inside). Pictured above are the covers of two soft cover books about Zouaves. The memoir of Cpl. Norton Shepard who was wounded at The Wilderness was discovered and edited by RT member, Ray Smith. The second is the story of Sgt. Thomas P. Southwick of the 5th NY, who was the great-grandfather of the author. Both regiments will be portrayed in the living history exhibit at the museum.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Friday November 12th
New York State Capitol
2-6 PM

Saturday November 13th
NYS Military Museum
Saratoga Springs, NY
10 AM to 4 PM

CDCWRT MEETING

Usually we have a Civil War conference the same weekend as our banquet. This year we will link with the New York State Military Heritage Museum, which has a Civil War event on the same weekend. There is no charge for the Museum program.

On Friday, November 12th, there will be a tour of the Capitol at 2:00pm, with an emphasis on Civil War related objects. **ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. CALL (518) 473-7521 TO REGISTER.**

At 4:00pm the "**FLAGS OF THE FIGHTING ZOUAVES**" exhibit opens at the Capitol. There will be a reception, which the Round Table will host, from 4:00 to 6:00pm.

On Saturday, November 13th, at the NYS Military Museum in Saratoga there will be a program on the Zouaves. Here is the schedule of activities.

10:00am -4:00pm

The 5th Regiment NY Volunteers Living History Organization will portray the 5th NYVI, 11th NYVI, and 146th NYVI.

10:30am

Associate Curator Tom Duclos will provide a walk-through of the "NEW YORK'S FIGHTING ZOUAVES" exhibit.

11:30am

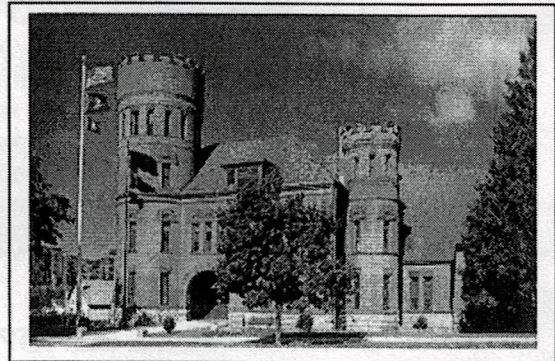
Michael McAfee will present "Why Zouaves?" in which he will examine why there were Zouaves in the American Army.

1:30pm

There will be an oral presentation followed by a drill demonstration based upon the manual written by Col. Elmer Ellsworth.

On exhibit will be Elmer Ellsworth's coat, which he was wearing when he was killed in Alexandria, Virginia. In addition there will be curator's tours of other new exhibits, including the gun vault and a spectacular U.S. Grant painting.

The Capital District Civil War Round Table will provide refreshments for the program.



UP-COMING EVENTS

CIVIL WAR FILM FESTIVAL AND LECTURE SERIES will continue on Tuesday, November 16th, at 7:00pm, at

the **Guilderland Library**. The movie will be ***SHENANDOAH***. The guest speaker will be Cathy Sheehan from the Rensselaer County Historical Society. She will talk about some recently discovered letters from Southern women who were "trapped" in the North at the Emma Willard School when the War broke out.

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Remembrance Day at Gettysburg will commemorate the 141st anniversary of the Gettysburg Address. This year activities will begin on Thursday, November 18th through Sunday, November 21st. As in the past, the Round Table will have a presence at the activities.

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The Victorian Stroll in Troy will be held on Sunday, December 5th. The Round Table will have an information table at the Troy Post Office as usual. Volunteers are needed to meet the public and talk about their interest in the Civil War and the Round Table.

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The last meeting of the calendar year will be our December Meeting and Holiday Party at the Guilderland Library on Friday, December 10th. There will also be the election of new officers and board members. The topic for the meeting will be "How the U.S. Navy Won the American Civil War." Our speaker will be Chuck Veit, President of the Navy and Marine living History Association. He will also talk briefly about the "USS Alligator - the First Submarine." This promises to be a never-before-discussed topic for our Round Table.

This will also be our year-end party. If you would like to bring a plate of your favorite cookies or holiday dessert, it would be most welcomed.

The July 2004 issue of ***The Gettysburg Magazine*** is available through the Round Table for \$5.00. There is an article on the 126th NYVI of Willard's Brigade. There will also be a selection of Civil War books for sale at the December meeting.

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The January 14th meeting will be our potpourri meeting. At this time it appears topics will be Civil War gaming and the construction of dioramas.

BOARD MEETING

At the Board Meeting on October 25th the Treasurer reported \$926 in the regular account, and \$10,936 in the Preservation account. The fall trip was a success. After expenses, a \$500 donation was made to CWPT for a 3:1 match for battlefield preservation. The Board also voted a \$500 donation to the Hudson-Mohawk Industrial Gateway and Burden Ironworks Museum.

Officer and Board member elections will be held at the December meeting. Our charter requires a slate be proposed sixty days before the election. Proposed is the following:

President - Matt George
Vice-President - Lew Warner
Treasurer - Joe Stracuzzi
Secretary - Rosemary Nichols
At-Large - Mary Ellen Johnson
Mike Spaulding
Fran McCashion

**20th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET SATURDAY NOVEMBER 13TH AT
THE HOLIDAY INN TURF ON WOLFF ROAD – NORTH END
STONEHENGE BALLROOM B**

6:30-7:30 pm Cash Bar

7:30-8:30 pm Capital Buffet Dinner

Sliced Sirloin Steak, Salmon, Garlic Roasted Chicken

Potatoes, Vegetable de jour, Fruit, Dessert Table

8:30 Program and Speaker

JOHN HENNESSY, *historian, preservationist and author, was one of the early members of the CDCWRT. He chaired the Preservation Committee, and instilled in many members a strong sense of history and the need to preserve battlefields before they are lost to 'progress.' John was voted our first Lifetime Member, an award that John considers his greatest honor. He has published two books on the battles at Manassas. His book, BACK TO BULL RUN, was an award winning analysis of Second Manassas. John is presently Chief Historian at the Fredericksburg-Spotsylvania Military Park. He is an entertaining, knowledgeable, brilliant speaker.*

LINCOLN, THE GREAT ARBITRATOR: Lincoln and the War in Virginia in 1862

The year, 1862, was the first full year of the War. It was a year of great campaigns and battles in Virginia: The Peninsula Campaign, The Seven Days Campaign, Second Manassas, Antietam, and Fredericksburg. Lincoln's goal was to restore the Union and transform American Society by the end of 1862. To accomplish this goal, Lincoln did things that we would never imagine he would do. He used every management tool available to him. He reasoned, he smoozed, he cajoled, he threatened, he bribed. He brought pressure on his Military, Cabinet, and Congress to focus on the war effort in Virginia. John's presentation will cover this little known side of the evermore-complex Lincoln.

NAMES: _____ @ \$35.00 EACH = \$ _____

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Mail this to: CDCWRT, P.O. Box 14871, Albany, NY 12212-4871

Deadline date 6:00 pm Wednesday, November 10th

Raffle Item: 2 original watercolors, Union & Confederate Soldiers, donated by local artist, John Connor, plus other items. Please return tickets & money with reservations. \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00.

