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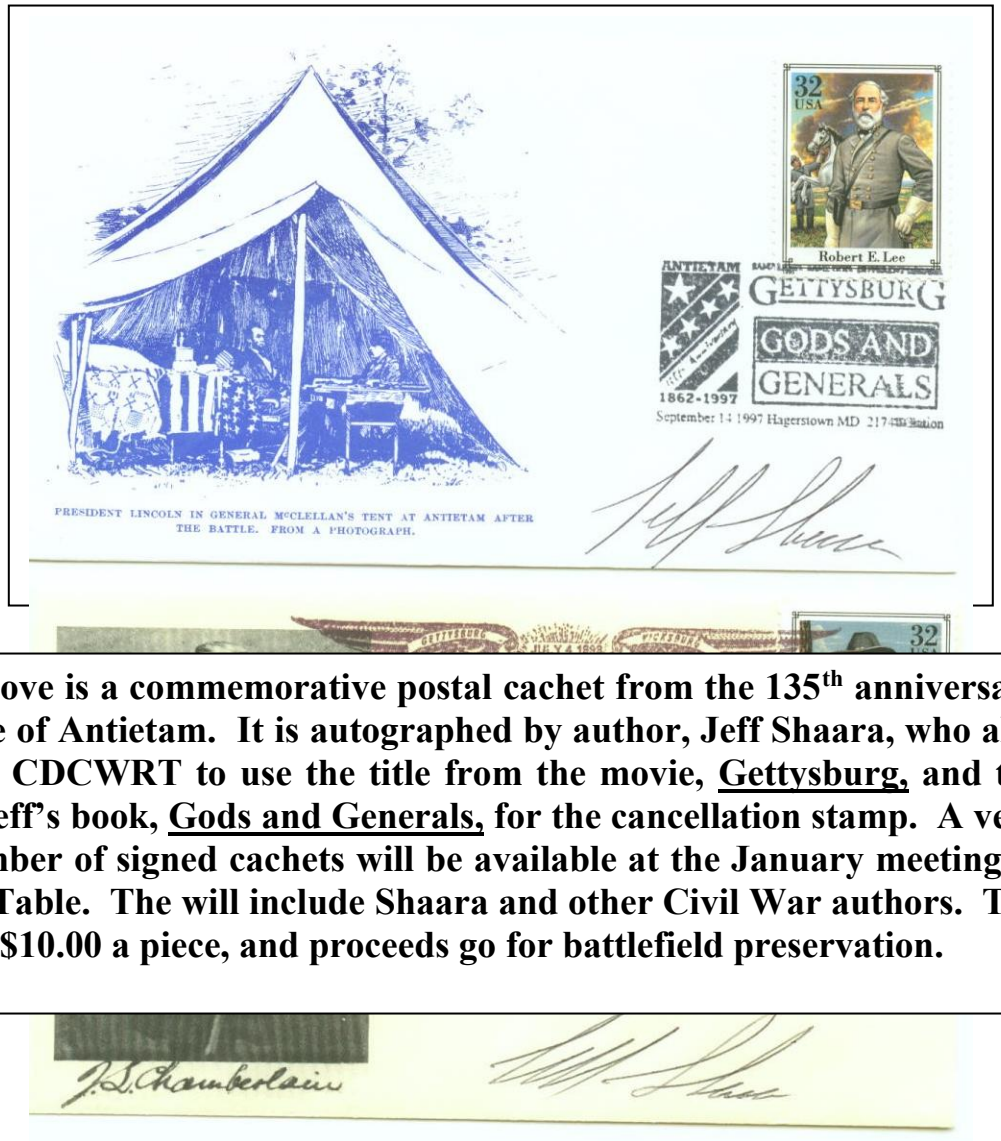

Pictured above is a commemorative postal cachet from the 135th anniversary of the battle of Antietam. It is autographed by author, Jeff Shaara, who also allowed the CDCWRT to use the title from the movie, Gettysburg, and the title from Jeff's book, Gods and Generals, for the cancellation stamp. A very limited number of signed cachets will be available at the January meeting of the Round Table. The will include Shaara and other Civil War authors. The cachets are $10.00 a piece, and proceeds go for battlefield preservation.

DECEMBER MEETING
Friday December 8, 2006
Guilderland Library
2228 Western Ave.

An Evening with Author
Jeff Shaara

PRESENTATION 7:30PM

CDCWRT MEETING

The December meeting of the CDCWRT has been cancelled. As noted in last month's newsletter, the Guilderland Library will host a special event with author, Jeff Shaara as speaker. Attendance is by ticket only. There is no charge for the tickets. A limited number of tickets were provided to the Round Table and were made available to members on a first come basis via mail. If a member does not have a ticket, the library may still have some at 456-2400, ext. 12.

The Guilderland Public Library will become an author's salon the evening of Friday, December 8, 2006, at 7:30 pm, when Jeff Shaara, who has enthralled reader with his best-selling historical novels set in the American Revolution, The Mexican War, the Civil War, World War I and World War II, reads from his latest works as part of the Library's Carol J. Hamblin Notable Author Speaker Series.

This is a historic event. Not since Joyce Carol Oates's appearance at the library in 2003, has such a widely read author spoken at the library. Shaara's rise to the rank of best-selling author began in 1993 when he was helping turn his late father's phenomenally successful historical novel, **The Killer Angels,** ***into the equally successful film,*** **"Gettysburg."** ***The film's director, Ron Maxwell, approached Jeff about finding someone to author a prequel and sequel to*** **The Killer Angels.** ***In spite of having no previous writing experience, Jeff tackled the job himself.*** **Gods and Generals** ***was the result. Two weeks after its release, it was on the New York Times Best Seller List where it remained for fifteen weeks.***

In 1998, Jeff's sequel to **The Killer Angels, The Last Full Measure,** ***was published and quickly found its way to a thirteen-week stay on the New York Times Best Seller List, gaining praise from fans and critics alike. Subsequent other best sellers by Mr. Shaara include*** **Rise to Rebellion** ***and*** **The Glorious Cause,** ***a two-volume story of the American Revolution as seen through the eyes of its key participants. His novel of the First World War,*** **To the Last Man,** ***received extraordinary praise from notable figures such as General Tommy Franks, Steve Forbes and General Wesley Clark. The book became an immediate national best seller, and was given the American Library Association's "Boyd" Award for excellence.***

Recently Jeff focused his storyteller's art to World War II, to write his latest work, **The Rising Tide,** ***in which he follows several significant historical figures through this global conflict.*** **The Rising Tide** ***is the first work in a planned trilogy devoted to the Second World War. Mr. Shaara's appearance in Guilderland and his discussion of*** **The Rising Tide** ***caps the library's World War II: Documentaries and Discussion program that has examined the causes, combatants, and human costs of the world's deadliest conflict.***

This event is underwritten in part by your **Capital District Civil War Round Table.**

UP-COMING EVENTS

The January meeting of the CDCWRT will be held at the Guilderland Library on Friday, January 12, 2007. This is our annual Potpourri Meeting where several members of our Round Table will make short presentations on Civil War topics of interest. Laura Alpert will talk about Doctor Mary Walker, the only female physician in the Union Army during the War. She is also the only woman to be awarded the Medal of Honor. The evening is also our T-Shirt Night, where members can "show off" their new Civil War T-shirts they have acquired, or buy new T-shirts from the Round Table.

There will also be table available for members to bring in items of interest. If you have a collection or some unusual item that you would like to display, contact President, Matt George, so that a table will be available.

This month's meeting will also be combined with our Holiday Party, which we usually have had in December. However because of the special event with Jeff Shaara, it has been postponed to January. Members are encouraged to bring in some snacks or cookies or some holiday treat to share.

Finally, General elections will be held at the January meeting. These too were postponed from the December meeting.

BOARD MEETING

At the November meeting of the Board, a slate of officers was put forward for the general election, which will be held at the January meeting of the CDCWRT.

These are nominations only. Nominations remain open up to and including the election meeting. Any member in good standing may make nominations from the floor at the election meeting. Members are encouraged to make nominations.

Anyone interested in serving on the Board, but not wanting an elected position, is encouraged to volunteer and serve on one of several committees. Please contact any officer to indicate your interest.

Nominations:

President	**J.J. Jennings**
Vice-President	**Lew Warner**
Treasurer	**Mike Spaulding**
Secretary	**Rosemary Nichols**
At-Large	**Fran McCashion**
At-Large	**Mary Ellen Johnson**
At-Large	**Laura Alpert**
Ex-Officio	**Matt George**

Non-voting member include the following appointments:

Membership	**Joe Stracuzzi**
Library Liaison	**Lew Warner**
Editor Newsletter	**Matt Farina**

MISCELLANEOUS

Matt George, continues on his lecture tour through the historical societies, schools and senior citizen centers in the region. Matt talks about the Civil War soldier and how he lived in the field. There is a great interest in this topic, and Matt brings this to life as a re-enactor. He also spreads information about the CDCWRT. Anyone interested in joining him on some of these events should contact Matt.