



# The Dispatch



Newsletter of the

Capital District Civil War Round Table

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## NOVEMBER PROGRAM SATURDAY, NOV. 11, 1995

Italian Community Center  
Washington Avenue Ext., Albany NY

Cocktails: 6:30 PM  
Dinner: 7:30 PM

This month we all get an opportunity to enjoy our annual fall banquet, especially so as we have procured the speaking services of noted historian, tour guide and author **John J. Hennessy**. John is a Capital District native who now makes his home in Frederick, Maryland, with his lovely wife **Cheryl** and their two children.

After graduation from the University at Albany, John commenced work as a historian at the Manassas National Battlefield Park. While there, he completed his first book, *The First Battle of Manassas: An End to Innocence*, which was part of the one hundred volume Virginia Civil War Battles and Leaders Series of books.

During a stint with the NYS Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and then again back to the National Park Service, John brought to fruition his critically acclaimed *Return to Bull Run: The Campaign and Battle of Second Manassas*. Interspersed throughout this period, he has written a large number of articles for all of the important Civil War and historical magazines.

John is presently working on his *magnum opus*, a study of the subordinate commanders of the Army of the Potomac. This work would be akin to the famous *Lee's Lieutenants*, and would clearly be a "must have" for any respectable CW library.

In keeping with his latest research, John's topic for the banquet will be "The Flawed Machine: The Army of the Potomac at Antietam." Those of you who know John will understand how his intense knowledge and laid back style will translate into an excellent lecture.

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## CDCWRT CALENDAR

**NOV. 9 V.A. HOSPITAL STAMP CACHET SALE:** To coincide with the Veteran's Days activities throughout the Capital District. Volunteers needed: contact Sue Knost or Dan Lorello.

**NOV. 11 CDCWRT ANNUAL FALL BANQUET:** See above.

**NOV. 11 SONS OF UNION VETERANS:** Ceremony for the rededication of Major General Von Steinwehr's grave monument, Albany Rural Cemetery. Includes another postal cancellation sale. See inside for more details.

**DEC. 3 VICTORIAN STROLL POSTAL CANCELLATION:** In beautiful and historic **Troy, NY**. Sponsored by the Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce, and in conjunction with the annual Rensselaer County Historical Society "Greens Show." We will be selling postal cachets in the lobby of the **Troy** Post Office from Noon until 3:00 PM. An anticipated second location will give us another opportunity to copy old military photos for sharing with the US Army Historical Institute at Carlyle Barracks, as well as set up a display area to generate membership interest. More details will follow.

**DEC. 8 MEETING:** Our annual potpourri night of short topics from the membership. So far we have **David S. Moore**, who served as editor of the recently issued "I Will Try to Send You All the Particulars of the Fight," which was published by the Friends of the NYS Newspapers Project. Also, we will hear from **Brandon Schecter** who will speak on "Black Confederate Soldiers." We can still fit one or two more topics, so if you're interested, please contact Nancy Shour.

**JAN. 12, '96 MEETING:** Watervliet Arsenal retiree **David Carhart** will address the issue of the Arsenal's role in the Civil War.

**FEB. 9 MEETING:** **Tom Duclos**, curator of the NYS Military Heritage Museum, will speak on the Albany Sanitary Commission Fair, which was held to raise money for the comfort and health of the troops in the field.

**MAR. 9 ANNUAL "CABIN FEVER" BANQUET:** We are very pleased to announce that our speaker for this event will be nationally renowned historian, Time-Life editor, and TV's Civil War Journal "talking head" **Brian Pohanka**. His topic will be announced at a later date, but you can be sure that this will be another great one!

## CDCWRT NEWS

### VON STEINWEHR MONUMENT REDEDICATION

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have invited the CDCWRT to participate in their planned ceremonies involving the rededication of the monument erected to the memory of Major General Adolphus Von Steinwehr in the Albany Rural Cemetery on November 11, 1995.

The ceremony will begin at 2:00 PM with all participants gathering at the reflecting pool. [The easiest entry point would be from Route 378.] From the reflecting pool we will have a short march over to the monument, where our own illustrious leader **Dan Lorello** will be one of the speakers. Besides the Sons and CDCWRT, the German-American Club and various reenactor organizations are expected. The US Postal Service will be offering a special cancellation from 1:00 until 3:00 PM. For further information, contact Lew Warner at 393-1788.

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### TREASURER'S REPORT

**Matt Farina** giddily reports that our current balance is the mind boggling sum of \$9,322.02, of which amount \$6,258.69 is attributed to **Sue Knost's** stamp cachet sales program.

On this note, we would like to take the opportunity to repeat the Board's request for ideas from the membership about how you would like this money expended. The Board has been putting together a list of appropriate historical, educational and preservation causes which we believe are ripe for our support, and if you have thoughts on the matter, please feel free to contact any Board member.

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### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Board met Wednesday evening, October 25, 1995. Among the topics of discussion were the Fall Banquet and raffle. Tickets for the banquet are

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# ANNUAL FALL BANQUET

Saturday, November 11, 1995

## "The Flawed Machine" The Army of the Potomac at Antietam

We are extremely pleased to feature noted author, historian and our one and only CDCWRT life member, JOHN J. HENNESSY, as this year's speaker. John is the author of two books dealing with the two battles at Manassas, as well as magazine articles too numerous to enumerate here. His first book, The First Battle of Manassas- An End To Innocence, was published in 1989 as part of the Virginia Civil War Battles and Leaders Series. His second book, the critically acclaimed Return to Bull Run- The Campaign and Battle of Second Manassas was published by Simon & Schuster in 1993. He is in great demand as a battlefield tour guide and lecturer and he speaks to a number of historical organizations every year. John is currently working on his *magnum opus*, a study of the subordinate command of the Army of the Potomac

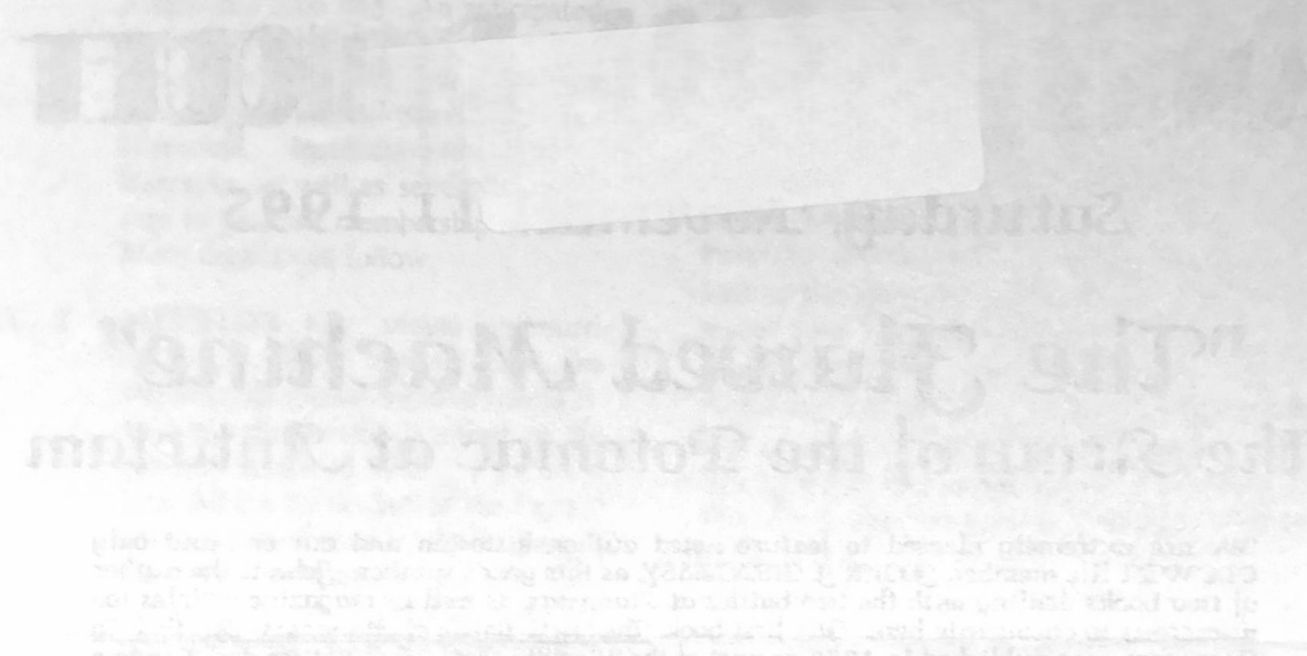
ITALIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER  
WASHINGTON AVENUE EXTENSION  
ALBANY, NY

COCKTAILS.....6:30 TO 7:30 p.m.  
DINNER.....7:30  
PRICE.....\$23.50 PER PERSON

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Please list all persons attending.

Dinner choices:    \_\_\_ Veal Parmesan with pasta and vegetable  
                          \_\_\_ Stuffed Breast of Chicken with potato and vegetable  
                          All dinners include soup, salad and dessert.

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### The Officers

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Video Library	Joe Stracuzzi
Historian	Ray Smith

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