

The Dispatch

Newsletter of the

Capital District Civil War Round Table

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YOUR ROUND TABLE IS NUMBER ONE IN THE USA WITH DONATIONS TO DATE OVER $225,000 IN CASH, MATCHING FUNDS, AND NON-CASH ITEMS

One year after its founding, the CDCWRT made its first donation for the preservation of Civil War land. In the past 20 years, the efforts of the organization to make substantial donations have grown tremendously. This month representatives of the Round Table will accept a national award. Details are inside.

APRIL MEETING

Friday April 21 , 2006
Guilderland Library
2228 Western Ave.

SOCIAL HOUR	**6;00-7:00PM**
BUSINESS MEET	**7:00-7:30PM**
PRESENTATIONS	**7:30-8:30PM**
Q&A	**8:30-9:30PM**

CDCWRT MEETING

The April meeting of the CDCWRT will be held in the Guilderland Public Library on Friday, April 21st, 2006 at 7:30pm. Our speaker will be Dr. Matthew Farina. Matt's topic will be **"SOLDIER'S HEART: THE DEVELOPMENT OF ANGLO-AMERICAN CARDIOLOGY FROM THE CIVIL WAR TO WORLD WAR I."** ***Matt is a practicing Pediatric Cardiologist and a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at Albany Medical College. In this presentation he gets to talk about his two favorite topics --- cardiology and the Civil War, an unusual coupling.***

In some respects the development of the field of American cardiology is partially rooted in the Civil War. A disease complex, named Soldier's Heart or Irritable Heart Syndrome, was first studied during the war by Jacob DaCosta. His works established the relationship between the brain and the heart. The sharing of concerns in military cardiology between Americans and the British began with World War I and the development of new diagnostic tools such as the EKG.

Join us for a fascinating look at Civil War medicine you won't find on the History Channel.

ABOUT OUR COVER

Many of you have heard Ed Bearss say it: the Capital District Civil War Round Table is the ***premier Round Table in the country.*** This month the Civil War Preservation Trust will honor your RT with an award for the RT of the year. Details of the award and its presentation, along with the whys and wherefores, will be in next month's newsletter. This is a singular honor and carries with it a commitment on the part of the membership to keep CDCWRT in the front, like Joshua Chamberlain leading the Pennsylvania Brigade at Petersburg.

UP-COMING EVENTS

The May meeting of the CDCWRT will be held on Friday, May 12th at the Guilderland Library. Jim O'Dell will present, **"Civil War Trains."**

June 10-11, Saturday and Sunday, mark the 14th Annual Peterboro Civil War Weekend in Peterboro on route 20 between Utica and Syracuse. There will be a soldiers' encampment, period entertainment and performances, Civil War music, and crafts. There will be walking tours of the Gerrit Smith National Historic Landmark and Heritage NY Underground Railroad sites. There will be a skirmish on Saturday and Sunday, and a Blue and Gray Ball Saturday night. Our RT and other groups have information tables at this event, and a special postal cancellation will be available. For more information go to **www.the12thus.com.**

June 24-25, Saturday and Sunday, marks the 10th Annual Civil War Encampment at Prospect Park, Troy, NY. This is hosted by the 77th NYVI. There will be skirmishes each day, including artillery. The CDCWRT and the Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway Museum will have displays and a special postal cancellation. Breakfast is available both days and a dinner is available on Saturday. This event was previously held at the King Solomon Masonic Temple in Troy, but had outgrown the site. This is becoming a great local event that deserves our support.

July 1-3, Saturday – Monday, marks the 143rd Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. These are the same dates as the original battle in 1863. The re-enactment is entitled, *High Tide of the Confederacy – Turning Point of the Civil War.* There will be battle scenarios every day, as well as walks on the battlefield with Park Service Rangers. This is a major event for the CDCWRT. Volunteers are needed. Plan ahead now, since rooms are very limited in motels for this event. Info is at www.gettysburgreenactment.com.

The weekend of July 28-30 marks the Induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, NY. The CDCWRT usually has tables for sale of postal cachets and other items at this event. Details will follow in later newsletters.

MISCELLANEOUS

The brother of a RT member is serving in Afghanistan for the next year. He would greatly appreciate reading materials. Please send to:

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THE FALL TRIP

Our fall trip to Civil War Philadelphia is being pieced together. More details will be in future newsletters. Start planning and saving for it now.

We would tour on Columbus Day weekend, leaving Friday, October 6th, and returning on Monday, October 9th. We would travel by Brown Bus Company, a known entity. The complete cost would be somewhere between $450-500, depending on a host of variable that may change between now and down deposits. A solid commitment of 25 is needed. Any more above 25 will make the price go DOWN since transportation is the biggest expense. A show of hands at the meeting indicated almost 20 who are seriously interested.

A non-refundable deposit will be required. If we do not have the necessary numbers and deposits by the deadline date (to be announced in the next newsletter), deposits will be refunded, and the trip scrubbed.

CIVIL WAR TRIVIA

His epitaph reads:
"I repose in this quiet and secluded spot / Not from any natural preference for solitude / But, finding other Cemeteries limited as to Race by Charter Rules / I have chosen this that I might illustrate in my death / The Principles which I advocated through a long life / EQUALITY OF MAN BEFORE HIS CREATOR."

Who was he?
Answer: Thaddeus Stevens

Winner: Rosemary Nichols