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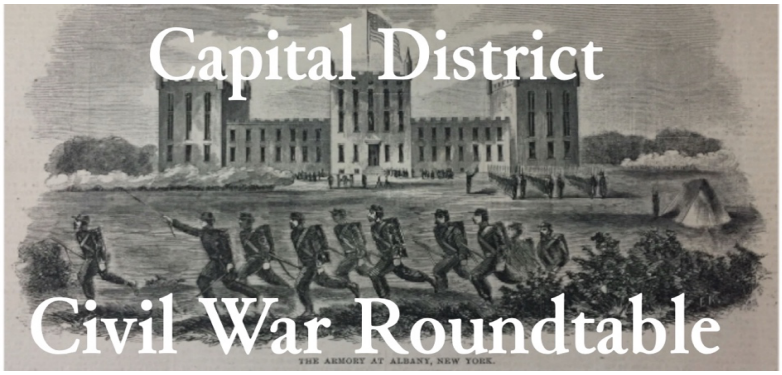




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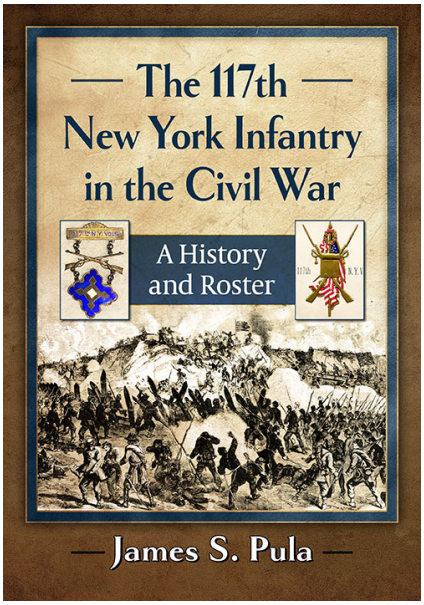
## THE HORROR OF THE FIGHT: THE 117TH NEW YORK VOLUNTEER INFANTRY

**OCT. 10, 2026 11:00am**
**Watervliet Senior Center**




**The CDCWRT welcomes James S. Pula, a Professor of History Emeritus at Purdue University, a prolific author on Civil War topics, and former editor of Gettysburg Magazine, to our October 10 meeting. He will discuss "The Horror of the Fight: The 117th New York Volunteer Infantry." Recruited in central New York, the 117th NYVI followed a somewhat different path from most Empire State regiments, which were assigned to the Army of the Potomac. Drawing on numerous primary sources, Professor Pula discusses the regiment's history, using the men's own words and photographs, whenever possible, to tell the story of their hopes, fears, travails, and triumphs during the war.**



Historian James S. Pula is a Professor of History Emeritus at Purdue University and former editor of Gettysburg Magazine. His books include For Liberty and Justice: A Biography of Brigadier General Włodzimierz B. Krzyżanowski; The Sigel Regiment: A History of the 26th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry; the two volume Under the Crescent Moon With the XI Corps in the Civil War; The Civil War from Its Origins to Reconstruction; and Union General Daniel Butterfield. He was four times awarded the Oskar Halecki Prize for outstanding books as well as the Gambrinus Prize in History from the Milwaukee County Historical Society, Honorary Membership in the Iron Brigade Society, and the U. S. Army Historical Foundation Distinguished Writing Award. His research on Polish immigrants was recognized with the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland.



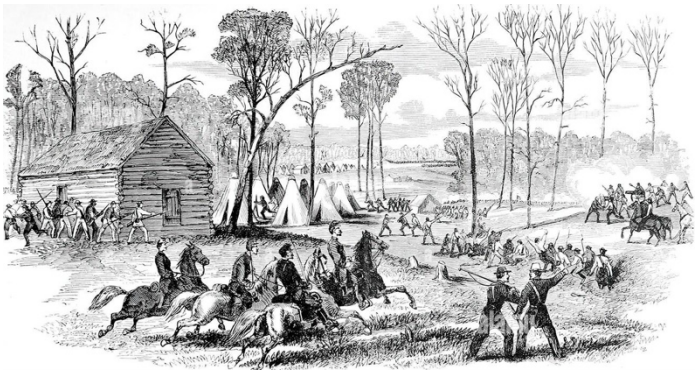
## *Financial News*

Roundtable's bank balance is $5,933.81.

We donated twice to Grant Cottage this year: $50 for our participation in the Community Days in June and $500 toward the purchase of the President Grant casket flag in August.

Donated $100 to the Descendants of the 154th New York Volunteers toward restoring the Cattaraugus County Memorial and Historical Building, located at 302 Court Street in Little Valley, New York in June.

Several Roundtable members attended the Grant Cottage Civil War Encampment on October 3 and 4. More details and photos will appear in the next newsletter.



## *Monthly Meeting Updates*

The roundtable conducted a survey asking whether to keep the meetings on Saturday morning at 11 or choose a different day and time. Here are the polling results:

Return to second Fridays, 7pm: 12 people

Change to first Saturdays, 1 pm: 2 people

Stay at second Saturday, 11 am: 1 person

By an overwhelming majority, members chose to return to the second Fridays of the month at 7 pm. The board will vote on these poll results at our October 7 Board meeting.

# *Capital District Civil War Roundtable Upcoming Presentations*




## *Civil War Stereo Cards*

***by Stu Lehman***

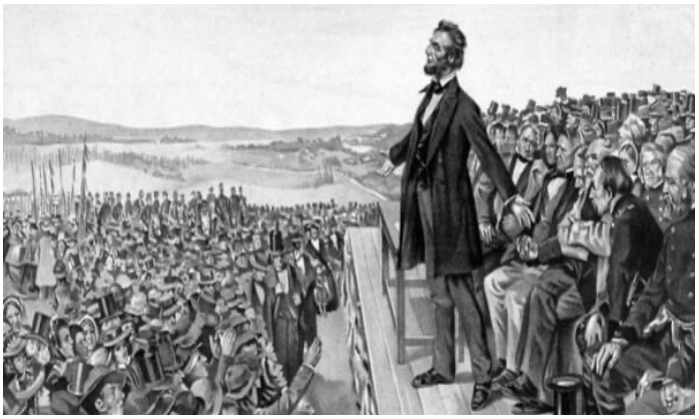
***Sat Nov 14 @ 11am***



## *American Revolutionary War Swords*

***by Daniel Flynn***

***Sat Dec 12 @ 11am***



## *CDCWRT Potpourri Night*

***Friday, Jan 8 @7pm***

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***Created in 1984, the Capital District Civil War Round Table is an incorporated non-profit educational organization. Meetings are held monthly in various locations in the Capital District. This newsletter is published eleven times per year. Annual dues are $35. The purpose of the organization is to promote, educate, and further stimulate interest in, and discussion of, all aspects of the Civil War period.***

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