



# The Dispatch

*Newsletter of the*

**Capital District Civil War Round Table**

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**URGENT FALL  
TRIP BULLETIN**

**RESPONSE MUST  
BE IN MAILBOX  
BY AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**CDCWRT MEETING**

*The next regular meeting of the Round Table will Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the BURMASTER BARN AT THE PRUYN HOUSE as part of a Civil War Weekend, September 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars now. More details and directions will appear in the September newsletter. The 125<sup>th</sup> NYSVI will be there. There will be tours, re-enactments, camp life, lectures, food for purchase, displays, gifts for purchase, and much more. This will be a great event for children also. It will be a perfect time to introduce students to living history just in time for back to school American history. Remember, if you go to the Guilderland Library, you will be the only one there along with Michael "Wrong-way" Barrett!*

**JULY MEETING**

The July meeting was our annual picnic which was attended by 60-65 people. As usual the food was great, the company friendly, and the presentation by Bill Neiffer, Chaplain of the 125<sup>th</sup> NYVI, was both interesting, entertaining, and at times, emotional. The weather even was terrific. Hardtack was not on the menu.

**BOARD MEETING**

The July Board Meeting was held on Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. The treasurer's report indicated \$1305.06 in the general fund and

\$4873.91 in the Hennessy preservation fund. The RT grossed \$2180 at the 138<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. We also netted \$780 at the Masonic Civil War Encampment Weekend and \$86 at our picnic. Part of the proceeds will be used to purchase new stamps and postal cachets for Cooperstown and the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first battle of Manassas.

The Board also discussed the meeting schedule for the next 12 months, including our November conference on the Capital District during the Civil War.

A letter from David N. Duncan, Civil War Preservation Trust, was read, thanking the Round Table for its \$500 donation. "We are deeply honored by your generous support." Sue Knost also reported that several return customers at the Gettysburg event commented that our commemorative cachets going back to the 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary, are among the best they have ever seen. It was noted that while Gettysburg is always a big event, the Masonic Hall encampment also drew a nice crowd despite the marginal weather.

**UP-COMING EVENTS.**

**Cooperstown Baseball Hall of Fame Induction Day, August 4-6**, is always a big event for the CDCWRT. The new Legendary Baseball Stadium stamps will make this an exciting event. Joe Stracuzzi will be in charge of the RT activities that weekend. Volunteers are needed to help sell baseball items. Why not work ½ day and join in the festivities for ½ day?

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**The 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1st Battle of Manassas on August 3-5, will be held in Leesburg, VA.** Sue Knost and Matt George will represent the CDCWRT at this event with a special stamp cancellation and several new cachet designs. Why not volunteer to help, and see a large re-enactment event?

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**A Civil War Memorial Service to honor African-American Soldiers will be held at Catskill Point, Catskill, NY on August 25-26.** An encampment and re-enactment will take

place, including infantry, artillery and cavalry. In addition there will be portrayals of Harriet Tubman. Kathleen Thomas' portrayal of John Brown's wife is profound. For more information, contact Lt. Col. Charles Swain, P.O. Box 77, Athens, NY 12015 or phone (518) 943-5241

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**The Ulysses S. Grant Cottage Historical Site at Mt. Macgregor**, open for the season, is reached from Exit 16 of the Northway. Hours are 10-4, Wednesday-Sunday. Admission is charged. Call 587-8277 for information. The Sons of Union Veterans Encampment will occur on August 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, and a Victorian Picnic on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

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## **OCTOBER TRIP**

The main focus of this newsletter is the October trip from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup>, Columbus Day Weekend. *The absolute deadline for a deposit is Saturday morning, August 4<sup>th</sup>.* Your deposit must be in the Round Table's mailbox by that time. Please read the full itinerary below to appreciate the scope of this trip.

### **Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

Arrive at Albany Airport at 5:45 a.m. for flight departure at 6:45 a.m. USAir. There is one stopover in Pittsburgh, arriving at Nashville at 9:51 a.m. Depart by bus at 10:30 and arrive at Clarksville, TN for lunch at Shoney's. After lunch a short drive to Fort Donelson for an afternoon tour of the site of Grant's first major victory. Depart Donelson at 5:30 for Paris Landing Resort Park and dinner. After dinner, drive to Shiloh NMP (100 miles) to the Hampton Inn for check in.

### **Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

Depart 7:30 a.m. for Shiloh NMP for all day tour. At 5 p.m. return from park to dinner site for banquet. Lodging remains at Hampton Inn.

### **Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

Depart from Shiloh for Columbia/Spring Hill area (120 miles) to meet tour guide. Tour Battle of Franklin sites. Lunch at the Bunganut Pig.

Afternoon tour of the Carter House. Depart for hotel at 5:00 p.m. in Franklin. Free night.

### **Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

Depart hotel at 8:00 a.m. for Stones River National Battlefield (48 miles) in Murfreesboro. After tour, lunch at Shoney's. Afternoon tour of Jackson House. Around 3:30 p.m. leave house for airport, arriving around 4:30 p.m. Flight departs at 5:50 p.m. and arrives in Albany at 10:54 p.m. with one stop. Remember, we cross a time zone, so the return is not that long.

The cost covers airfare, bus rental, three nights hotel, all meals except for Friday lunch and Sunday dinner, banquet, and tour guides. The cost will be \$550. **A \$200 deposit must be sent in by August 4<sup>th</sup>. A minimum of 30 attendees is required. All money will be refunded if the minimum is not met. If the trip is a go on August 4<sup>th</sup>, your deposit is non-refundable if you decide to back out. However, you can replace yourself, and recoup your deposit, up until September 5<sup>th</sup> when names will be needed for tickets.** This trip is rated moderately vigorous. Send deposits to Paul Rivenburgh, Treasurer.

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### **ON OUR COVER**

Our cover picture was taken at the CW Days in Petersboro. Sheila Smith, Joe Stracuzzi and Sue Knost man the RT Postal Station under a bright sun, blue sky, warm breeze, and a re-enactment. You could have been there!