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**PICNIC DETAILS INSIDE
SUNDAY, JULY 18TH
NOON UNTIL 5:00 P.M.**

OUR NEW WEBSITE

www.cdcwrt.org

Just this past week, our new Website went active. Look it over and send us comments. We will also have sales of cachets and other items to allow us to reach a larger audience with our merchandise. Donations for preservation activities to date are over \$142,000.

July Meeting
Sunday, July 18th, 2004
Pruyn House
Old Niskayuna Road
Newtonville, NY

ANNUAL PICNIC
RAIN OR SHINE

CDCWRT MEETING

This year the picnic will be at Pruyn House on Sunday, July 18th, rain or shine, since we will have the Burmaster Barn. The Round Table will supply hamburgers, hot dogs, soda, rolls, buns and condiments. Please bring a favorite summertime dish or dessert to share with others. Call Noreen Underhill at 371-4312 to let her know what you are bringing and how many are coming. We must be out by 5:00 pm since there is a wedding to follow our picnic.

The 125th NYSVI re-enactors will provide entertainment, and will discuss the life of the Civil War soldier. This year's sing-along will feature Confederate songs by Rose Mary Nichols and Roxanne Wegman on the fiddle. There will also be on sale a number of items from the Round Table including our famous NY YANKEES 76TH NYVI T-SHIRT, Civil War books for summer reading, as commemorative postal cachets. SUPPORT YOUR RT.

DIRECTIONS:

From Albany, take exit 5 on the Northway; right at the light onto route 155 west; take the second left onto Old Niskayuna Road just before the Northway bridge; look for the

brown historical signs; Pruyn House is 0.6 miles on the left; park in the large lower lot.

From the north, take exit 5 off the Northway; left at the light onto route 155 east; pass under the Northway bridge; take the immediate right onto Old Niskayuna Road; look for the brown historical marker; Pruyn House 0.6 miles on the left.

UP-COMING EVENTS

CIVIL WAR FILM FESTIVAL AND LECTURE SERIES will continue on **Wednesday, July 14th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Guilderland Public Library.** The feature movie will be the acclaimed film, **GLORY.** This is the story of the first official Black soldier regiment in the Union Army, the 54th Massachusetts Regiment. This is a major film that spurred interest in the Civil War during the 1990's, along with the Ken Burns series.

Dr. Allen Ballard, Professor of Black Studies, at the State University at Albany, will be our guest speaker before the movie. There is also a new exhibit in the library that honors Black soldiers in the Civil War.

Upcoming movies are :

Friendly Persuasion – August 11th

Andersonville – September 15th

Shenandoah – October 20th

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From May 15th to December 23rd, the Rensselaer County Historical Society in Troy will present an exhibit entitle, "War on the Home Front from 1775-2003." Hours are from 12 noon to 5 pm on Tuesdays through Saturdays. More information can be obtained from the website, www.RCHS.online.org.

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July 23rd – 25th - Induction Day at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. This has always been a good day for RT sales of baseball T-Shirts and postal cachets. Volunteers are needed and should contact Joe Stracuzzi.

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July 30th to August 1st – The Third Annual Civil War Music Heritage Gathering at 91 Cross Road in Windham, NY. Activities include regimental bands, 19th century band memorabilia, banjo and guitar sessions, period dance, ice cream social, and Saturday night barbecue. For details, call (518) 734-5655 or visit the website at www.77thballadeers.com.

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Our Fall trip on Columbus Day Weekend, will occur from Friday October 8th to Monday, October 11th. We will start the 140th year anniversary cycle for the last year of the war a little bit early with our trip to Petersburg and Appomattox. We will follow the last days of the Army of Northern Virginia.

The cost of the trip has not yet been established, but will be comparable to our other trips. A deposit of \$150 per person is requested by the date of the July picnic. Deposits will be held until it is confirmed there is enough interest and the trip is a go. The balance will be due in two installments prior to the trip.

We plan to travel by air, but a bus will be available for those who do not wish to fly. The bus will leave Thursday, October 7th, and stop in Gettysburg on the way down. The bus will meet the flyers on Friday.

Once you select your mode of travel, there can be no changes in transportation after airline tickets or motel reservations have been made. This will be a long ride back on the bus on Monday (10-12 hours), depending on traffic.

If you have never been on one of our tours, speak to someone who has. I am certain you will hear about the value and the educational and social enjoyment of our tours.

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Other Civil War activities in the area include the New York State Military Museum in Saratoga, Grant's Cottage in Wilton, and the Burden Iron Works Museum in south Troy.

TRIVIA

Who commanded the Army of Georgia? The answer is "Henry Slocum." The winner is Matt George, and he wins a book prize.

KUDOS

Kudos are in order for Round Table members who have helped in activities to date this summer. The final figures are not yet available, but the CDCWRT has had sales in postal cachets at Peeble's Island, Peterboro, Cooperstown, the Masonic Temple in Troy, and Gettysburg. Thank you Sue Knost, Mike Spaulding, Joe Stracuzzi, Matt George, Lew Warner, and Rose Mary Nichols. Congratulations also go to Roxanne Wegman, who was the fastest runner from the town of Bethlehem in the Freihofer's Run for Women.