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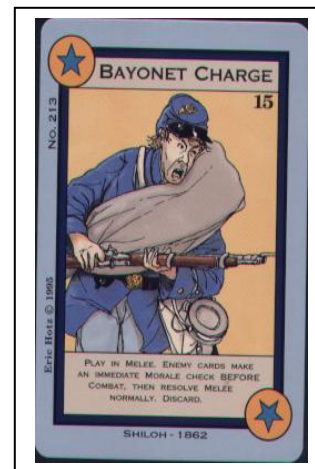
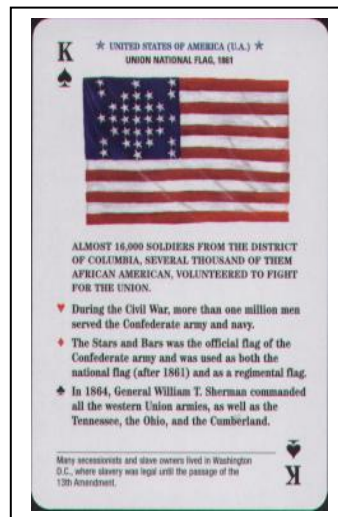
Capital District Civil War Round Table

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Pictured above are “playing cards” from several different games. These are just some of the collectibles and games that focus on the Civil War. The Round Tables postal cachets are another example of collectibles. Our speakers for the January meeting will talk about Civil War gaming, and three – dimensional collectibles or action figures. Members are invited to bring in their examples of collectibles for “show and tell.” It’s also T-shirt night and magazine night.

JANUARY MEETING

**Friday January 14th
Guilderland Library
2228 Western Ave.**

SOCIAL HOUR	6-7PM
BUSINESS MEETING	7-7:30PM
LECTURE	7:30-9PM
EXHIBITS	9:00-10PM

CDCWRT MEETING

Our first meeting of the calendar year will be held on Friday, January 14th, at the Guilderland Public Library. This meeting is our annual POTPOURRI NIGHT when several of our members can present topics that are shorter presentations. This is also T-Shirt Night, and Show And Tell Night.

Robert Mulligan, retired historian, will talk about Civil War Gaming –Gettysburg Style. Bob has talked to our group in the past as Corporal Tanner. He has also talked about war-gaming a-la Waterloo. There are Civil War computer games that allow you to fight the Battle of Gettysburg the way you think it should have been fought. Bob will discuss the much more interesting situation where you are matching your wits with another human being.

Michael Spaulding, member and newly elected Treasurer, will talk about The History of Action Figures and How to Display them. Mike will talk about the development of the action figure from GI Joe to the life-like models today. He will have an display some limited edition models of famous military leaders and the common soldier. He will also talk about how to display them in dioramas. Both

young and old are fascinated by the Civil War dioramas, which are in some of the national parks. Mike's artistic talents have also been seen in our postal cachets, a number of which Mike has designed.

This is also the meeting where we encourage members to wear their new Civil War T-shirts, which they may have received as holiday gifts. If you have none, come topless, since the RT will have a supply of new T-shirts for sale, including the new Irish Brigade shirt and the Civil War Harley-Davidson shirts. Any members who have some interesting objects de art, which they would like to show, can bring them. Tables will be available for you to display your prized possessions. Please call President, Matt George (355-2131) if you need a table or more.

PAST EVENTS

About 60 members were present at the December meeting to hear Chuck Veit, President of the Navy and Marine Living History Association, make his case for the role of the United States Navy during the Civil War. He then spoke about the USS Alligator, the first submarine. This vessel had an underwater exit to allow a diver to leave the sub and plant mines on the hulls of enemy ships. It also had a carbon dioxide recovery system that is similar to modern recovery systems. As expected, there were many question asked during both presentations.

The meeting also included the election of new officers and a new board. This was followed by holiday snacks that many members graciously brought. A good time was had by all.

On Saturday, December 11th, there was a battle flag exhibit in the library. Mea Culpa,

Mea Culpa, mea Maxima Culpa. Your editor forgot to list the **date** of the event in last month's newsletter. The Round Table wishes to thank the staff from the Military Museum, the preservation lab at People's Island, the 125th NYSVI organization, the guest speakers, and the Guilderland Library for this unique exhibit and presentation.

UP-COMING EVENTS

The February meeting of the RT will be held on EITHER Friday the 11th OR Saturday the 12th, Lincoln's birthday. The date will depend on our speaker, and details will be present in next month's newsletter.

BOARD MEETING

At the Board Meeting in December, the Board voted to donate \$1000 to the Civil War Preservation Trust purchase of land at White Oak Road. This was a 17:1 match, so the conation is leveraged to \$17,000. A second donation of \$5000 was made to CWPT for the purchase of a portion of the Mullins farm, the site of the opening engagements of the Battle of Chancellorsville. This was a 2.5:1 match. Thus the leveraged valve of the two donations was \$39,000. The Board also voted to donate the proceeds of the First Night Activities in Saratoga to the NYS Military Museum.

Please note the names and phone number of the new officers and board on the mailer page. E-mail address will be added later.

TRIVIA

The quote in *Rolling Stone* magazine is from a recent autobiography. (*"The god-awful truth of that would be the all-*

encompassing template behind everything that I would write.") The popular songwriter is Bob Dylan.

How many civilians were killed in the siege of Petersburg? Answer: less than six, according to Noah Andre Trudeau.

Congratulations to Jon Olson, 1st prize-winner of the Friends of the National Parks at Gettysburg. The prize was a signed stock certificate for the Ocala & Silver Springs Company, signed by the company president, Joshua L. Chamberlain.

JOE'S JOTTINGS

Well, my two years flew by all too quickly, and Matt George is officially resident. Good luck to him and the rest of the officers. I want to thank all the officers who served under me, my committee chairs, and the membership for their support, and I urge you to keep on helping our roundtable to grow and prosper.

Special thanks to Matt Farina, who each month puts out one outstanding newsletter after another. And of course, Sue Knost, for her programming and all the trips she planned in addition to the ones we were able to successfully complete. Especially not planning one for Christmas week on USAir.

The two warriors in Iraq, who are relatives of RT members, were more than pleased with the packages the membership sent to them. Wayne Ward is now stateside. Rosemary Nichols has informed me that Warren is expected home sometime in the spring. His address is:

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