



# The Dispatch



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**Capital District Civil War Round Table**

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## Cabin Fever



## BANQUET

with

**Bob Krick**

**Saturday, March 12**

Our Spring Banquet this year will feature renowned author, historian, and preservationist Bob Krick. Anyone who has had the pleasure of hearing Bob speak on the "Cannonball Circuit" can attest to his considerable skills as a speaker as well. Expect his talk to be entertaining and thought provoking. The enclosed flyer has all the details. Hurry, there is only a few days left to register!!

### CDCWRT CALENDAR

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| MAR  | 12 | <b>Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory: The Civil War in Art.</b> A free slide lecture at the NYS Museum by Harold Holzer.<br><br><b>Spring Banquet: Jackson's Failed Protégés.</b> Robert Krick, author of <u>Stonewall Jackson at Cedar Mountain</u> . |
| APR  | 15 | <b>Barksdale's Attack at the Peach Orchard: Gettysburg, July 2, 1863.</b> Captain Steve Hawley, History Department, USMA.  |
| MAY  | 13 | <b>Clara Barton.</b> Stephen Oates, author of biographies of Lincoln, John Brown, King, Faulkner and a recent study of Clara Barton.   |
| JUNE | 10 | <b>A Civil War Medical Re-Enactment.</b> Alvan Jacques.  |

*✍ Dues, Dues, Dues!!!*

Don't forget to renew. Your membership expiration date is on the mailing label of each month's Dispatch. Membership is still only \$15. Send your renewal to CDCWRT, P.O. Box 8874, Albany, NY 12208.



## *Proctor's Bash Is Huge Success!!!!*

**Sue Knost, Richard Straight** and the rest of the crew who staged and otherwise participated in the Gettysburg Bash at Proctor's Theater in Schenectady this past February 20th should be very pleased at the results of all of their hard work. The turnout for the day-long event was incredible.

The event was well covered by the press as well. The following are excerpts from a front page (Section B -- Capital Region) article by Joe Picchi in the Albany Times Union.

### **Proctor's Turns Into Civil War Gold Mine**

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- ◆ Schenectady theater filled with memorabilia
- ◆ Ted Turner's movie "Gettysburg" gets everyone in the mood

They stood silently before the flag that draped Abe Lincoln's coffin when the assassinated Civil War president lay in state in Albany. An armor plate found on the body of a dead Union soldier was displayed against a wall, a vivid reminder of the greatest battle fought on American soil, when the states were anything but united....

Hundreds of Civil War buffs, curiosity seekers and people whose ancestors fought in the three-day conflict passed through the theater lobby on a balmy February day to view the memorabilia. The 125th New York Regimental Association

hosted the display, and members were dressed in authentic Union and Confederate uniforms and the women's styles of the day. Many of the association's members appeared in the Turner Pictures' production of "Gettysburg," which was shown to spectators on the theater's wide screen.

Fascinated by the display of muskets, medals, bullets and uniforms was Schuyler Tallman of Amsterdam, a descendant of two Civil War veterans, although neither fought at Gettysburg. "One of my ancestors fought...in Louisiana and Mississippi," said Tallman. "Another fought south of Washington, in and through Maryland."

Young Douglas Smith of Altamont was dressed smartly in a Union officer's uniform while a print of a soldier similar in appearance was nearby on a display table. The print was of Smith's great-great-grandfather, who escaped Gettysburg, but fought in another significant battle at Petersburg Va.

Fourteen-year old Jeffrey Halton of Troy moved about the displays with his father. Halton is the youngest member of the Sons of Veterans of the Civil War. His great-great-grandfather, David Halton, was a drummer with the 104th New York State Regiment at Gettysburg.

The 125th Regiment of Volunteer Infantry was organized in Troy. In June 1863, they formed part of the 3rd Brigade which, within a month, was among the Union forces converging on Gettysburg. On July 2, the 125th stopped Confederate forces called Barksdale's Mississippians in a nighttime counterattack through Plum Run Swale. On the following day, the 125th held the Bryan Farm area, an objective of Confederate Gen. George Pickett's charge. The regiment suffered 125 casualties in Gen. U.S. Grant's campaigns of 1864 and another 20 in the trenches at Petersburg.

Back to the present, Brian Henchrie of Galway and Anna Church of Averill Park were dressed in a soldier's and a nurse's uniform (respectively) of the 1860s as they moved through the lobby. "Recruitment of the regiment came

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# 1994 Cabin Fever Dinner

## Saturday March 12

Featured Speaker:

**Robert K. Krick**

### **Stonewall's Failed Protégés**

We are privileged to welcome Bob Krick to Albany. Probably the best known Civil War authority of his day, Bob last visited us ten years ago as one of our Round Table's very first guest speakers. He is the nation's leading authority on the Army of Northern Virginia and has authored eight books on its history. His forthcoming book will deal with Jackson at Cross Keys and Port Republic in the 1862 Valley Campaign. Bob is the Chief Historian at the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park.

This evening's program will be "Stonewall's Failed Protégés" in which he will study Jackson's inability to select successful subordinates. Five examples will be examined in detail in Mr. Krick's interesting and often humorous way.

**Special Raffle:** Our special raffle item for this event will be the noted Civil War artist Don Troiani's print "The Diehards" which features the Rebel stone throwing episode at the unfinished railroad at Second Manassas. This is the print featured on the dust cover of John Hennessy's "Return to Bull Run." We've had it professionally mounted and framed, an extra \$100 value.

New  
Location!

**Ramada Inn**  
Route 20, 1228 Western Avenue  
(1 Mile east of the Northway)  
Cocktails 6:00; Dinner 7:00  
\$22.50 Per Person

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Location!

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner choices:     Boneless Chicken Breast a la Kiev  
                           Roast Top Sirloin au jus

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from Troy and much of Rensselaer County." said Henchrie. Church said the women would visit the camps as members of the sanitary commission, a forerunner of today's Red Cross, and help soldiers by writing letters, cooking and attending to their medical needs. "Just like we do today," laughed Church. "Things haven't changed very much."

Another couple, Ralph and Nan Scinter of Queensbury, portrayed an assistant surgeon and hospital nurse. "The assistant used to aid the surgeons with amputations," said Ralph Scinter, "and do the amputating themselves if the physician was not available."

The display in the Proctor's lobby came not only from the private collections of regiment members, but also from area museums, (the Capital District Civil War Round Table), and the state Division of Military and Naval Affairs.

### *Reenactors Rededicate Monument to 125th NY*

A monument to the 125th New York Volunteer Infantry in Gettysburg National Park was rededicated during the annual Remembrance Day ceremonies this past November 20, 1993. The monument, which is situated on Cemetery Ridge near The Angle, pays tribute to the regiment's colonel, George Lamb Willard, who commanded the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Division of Hancock's corps during the fighting on Cemetery Hill July 2, 1863.

**Bob Mulligan** delivered the oration "What Means These Stones," portraying Cpl. James Tanner, the National Commander of the GAR in 1905. **Capt. Richard Straight**, the 125th's commanding officer, gave a reading of the poem, *Bivouac of the Dead*. Also on hand was Michael Marchand, a reenactor whose great-great-grandfather, Charles Austin, was a member of Co. B of the 125th New York. A wreath was laid at the monument by Gettysburg's own James Getty, in the person of President Abraham Lincoln, and **Kathy Straight** of the 125th Regimental Association.

In honor of the rededication, a special postmark cancellation was designed featuring a photograph of Col. Willard and artwork by Kathy Straight. Postmaster Jack Gladfelter braved the cold and wind to man the temporary postal station on Steinwehr Avenue where the postmark cancellations were offered.

### *Update on the Campaign to Save Malvern Hill and Glendale*

APCWS reports they received **\$455,385.51** in donations to the Save Malvern Hill and Glendale campaign for 1993. This does not include another **\$100,000** check coming from the Gilder Foundation. Thank you to all the CDCWRT members who contributed to this great success!

### *Unique Zigzag Trench Preserved*

A unique zigzag trench used during the 1862 Battle of Fredericksburg has been preserved. Chatham Square Associates, a local development company planning an office project nearby, gave the city about five acres around the trench. The idea behind the trench was to improve the standard straight-line earthworks. With the zigzag pattern a shell exploding in the line would soon run into dirt and not destroy an entire line. The zigzag trench at Fredericksburg was the only one of its kind build during the Civil War, and the design did not reappear until World War I.

### ☺ *Welcome a New Member!*

Please welcome our newest member, Jacqueline Tremont of Averill Park.

Created in 1984, the Capital District Civil War Round Table is an incorporated non-profit educational organization. Meetings are held monthly at the Bethlehem Public Library in Delmar, New York. This newsletter is published ten times per year. Annual dues are \$15. The purpose of the organization is to promote, educate, and further stimulate interest in, and discussion of, all aspects of the Civil War period.



To join or renew membership, send \$15 to the CDCWRT address below.

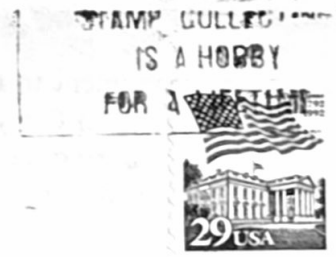
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