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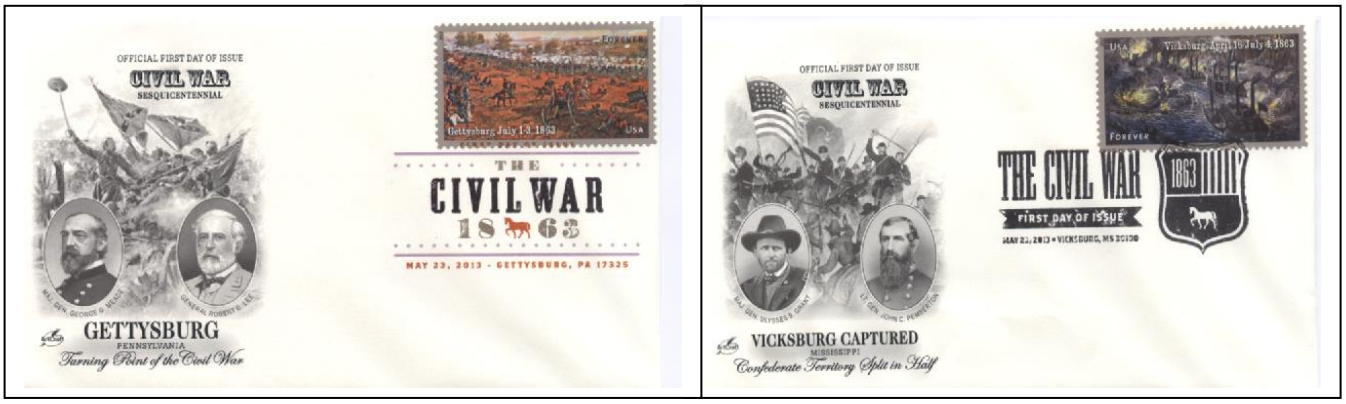
CAPITAL DISTRICT CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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CDCWRT AT GETTYSBURG NATIONAL PARK FOR 151st ANNIVERSARY



Pictured above are two commemorative postal envelopes with the Vicksburg stamp and the Gettysburg stamp. Both stamps were released in their respective cities on May 23, 2013. The cancel stamps follow the same pattern used by the USPS since the beginning of the Sesquicentennial Commemoration of the Civil War in 2011. One is the traditional black ink cancel; the other is the newer color digital cancel. The stamps for 2014 are for the Petersburg campaign and the Battle of Mobile Bay. They have not yet been released.

The CDCWRT will sell the above envelopes and a limited selection of envelopes that were cancelled at Gettysburg on July 1, 2 and 3, commemorating the 151st Anniversary of the battle, at the Schuyler Flatts Civil War Event for $4 each or 3 for $10. Silk-screened #10 envelopes are $8 apiece or 3 for $20. Or email Matt Farina at www.mafarina@aol.com for an earlier selection. Support your Round Table.

AUGUST MEETING
FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2014

SCHUYLER FLATTS ANNUAL PICNIC
Start socializing: 4:00pm
Dinner with the troops: 6:00pm

SATURDAY-SUNDAY 16-17TH CIVIL WAR WEEKEND
Saturday: 10:00am to 5:00pm
Sunday: 10:00am to 4:00 pm

CDCWRT MEETING

Our annual picnic will be held on Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. on August 15th. Socializing begins at 4:00 p.m. It will be held at Schuyler Flatts as part of a Civil War Weekend at the Flatts on Saturday, August 16th from 10:00a.m.to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, August 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Schuyler Flatts Park is located off Route 32 {Broadway) just north of Menands and south of Watervliet.

The picnic is FREE. Our guests will be the various groups of re-enactors who will be setting up their tents for the activities on the weekend. The Round Table will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls and bread, drinks and condiments.

Members are asked to bring their families and a salad, covered dish or dessert to share. Please call Noreen Underhill at 371-4312 by August 12th to confirm how many will be in your party and what dish you are bringing so that we don't wind up with 15 bowls of potato salad. Don't worry about the weather because there is a covered structure on site AND a tent with 80 chairs! Bring a flashlight or lantern.

There will be singing and a group sing-along after dinner. A new supply of Civil War books will be available for members to peruse before the general public gets their opportunity the next day. T-shirts and sweatshirts will be available in our baseball and Irish Brigade themes. New cachets from Gettysburg 2014 and first day covers for the Civil War Sesquicentennial will also be available (Battle of Vicksburg and the Battle of Gettysburg). There will be re-enactors, sutlers, singers, and vendors. In addition to the encampment, there will be drills and skirmishes, along with cannon. There will be a Soldier School for kids, and another one for teens.

We encourage you to attend the activities and bring along your neighbors, children and grandchildren. Remember this is the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War.

UP-COMING EVENTS

The following list of up-coming events is provided to help Round Table members plan their long term calendars. These are events that involve our Round Table, especially events that provide opportunities to raise funds for our preservation activities. Some events may change as the year progresses, so members should check the list monthly. Details of Sesquicentennial Civil War events can be found on the web-site: www.nycivilwar150.org.

On Friday, September 12, 2014, the regular meeting of the CDCWRT will be held at the Senior Center in Watervliet.

On Saturday and Sunday, September 13-14, 2014, the CDCWRT will have a tent set up in the downtown park in Saratoga for Saratoga Civil War Days. Volunteers are needed to man the tent. Please contact Gene Gore.

On Friday, October 10, 2014, the regular meeting of the CDCWRT will be held at the Senior Center in Watervliet.

On Saturday and Sunday, October 11-12, 2014, the CDCWRT will have a tent set up at the Old Stone Fort in Schoharie. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Matt George.

Manassas, Manassas and Monocacy

A Tribute to the 150th Commemoration of the Civil War is sponsored by the Greene County Historical Society. It will cover 3 battlefields from Friday, October 17 to Sunday, October 19, 2014. Cost is $350.00 Per Person (Double occupancy). For a single room, add $95 to the total. This package tour includes the following:

- Two nights lodging
- Two Continental breakfasts
- One Dinner
- Speakers for two nights
- Guided tours of battlefields at Manassas (Bull Run) and Monocacy
- Taxes, gratuities and Driver gratuity
- Motor Coach transportation

Registration forms are available from the Greene County Historical Society at www.gchistory.org or by calling (518) 731-6490.
To reserve your place send a $25 deposit** with your reservation form by July 4th to:
Greene County Historical Society
Box 44
Coxsackie, NY 12051
(Final payment is due by September 5th.)
Any questions regarding trip please contact Dave Dorpfeld at (518)731-1033 or www.gchistory.org

** The $25 deposit is fully refundable until September 5th. After September 5th, it is refundable only if another person fills the seat.

BATTLE SUMMARIES

1st Manassas: The War Commences

The first battle of the Civil War, the Battle of Bull Run was fought on July 21, 1861 and it is important that we now visit that field to see and hear the account of what was supposed to be a short contest. It was fought so close to Washington that residents of the city came out with picnic baskets to watch. Union Gen. Irvin McDowell led the attack against Confederate forces commanded by Brig-Gen. P.G.T. Beauregard. Fighting raged throughout the day until Confederate forces were assisted by reinforcements and broke the Union right flank. The Federal retreat rapidly deteriorated into a rout. It was here that Thomas J. Jackson earned the *nom de guerre* "Stonewall." By July 22, the shattered Union army reached the safety of Washington.

2nd Manassas: Lee versus John Pope

In the 2nd battle of Bull Run, Maj-Gen. John Pope, appointed by Lincoln to command the newly formed Army of Virginia, was soundly beaten by Gen. Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. In order to draw Pope's army into battle, Jackson ordered an attack on the Federal column that was passing on the Warrenton Turnpike on August 28. Fighting lasted several hours and resulted in a stalemate. Pope became convinced that he had trapped Jackson and concentrated the bulk of his army against him. On August 29, 1862, Pope launched a series of assaults against Jackson's position along an unfinished railroad grade. The attacks were repulsed with heavy casualties on both sides. At noon, Longstreet arrived on the field and took position on Jackson's right flank. On August 30, Pope renewed his attacks, seemingly unaware that Longstreet was on the field. When massed Confederate artillery devastated a Union assault, Longstreet's wing of 28,000 men counterattacked in the largest, simultaneous mass assault of the war. The Union left flank was crushed and the army driven back to Bull Run. Only an effective Union rearguard action prevented a replay of the First Manassas disaster.

Monocacy: Early Fails to Seize Washington

Monocacy is the Civil War battle that saved Washington, D.C. In July, 1864, Gen. Jubal Early led the South's third and final invasion of the North. Crossing into Maryland, Early made his way through Frederick on his way to try to invade the sparsely defended Union capital of Washington. At Monocacy Junction, on July 9, 1864, Gen. Early's forces were delayed for an entire day by Union Maj-Gen. Lew Wallace's troops. After regrouping, Early's troops marched toward Washington, D.C., but the delay forced by the Battle of Monocacy allowed the fortifications around the Capital to be strengthened, and Early's attempt to capture the city was thwarted.

4th Annual Sue Knost Memorial Conference – November 9-11, 2014

It's 1864. Grant has come East and is now in command of all Union armies. He plans to wage total war against the Confederacy. Lee will on the defensive much of the time. The Sesquicentennial of the Civil War continues in 2014. If you have attended the CDCWRT's previous conferences, you know the quality of the presentations. If you have not attended any, then you are missing out on the 150th commemorative anniversary, and chances are you will not be around for the Bicentennial. So, plan on attending this November.

This year's conference will be at the Mabee Farm near Schenectady. If you had trouble last year deciding which meal to choose, we've made it simple this year. The Friday night banquet will be at Canali's Restaurant, and will be a buffet with a selection of four meals --- or you could have some of all four!

Several of our speakers are back by popular demand: Kolakowski, O'Reilly, Murray and Farina. As part of Sunday's conference, the dramatic movie, *Twelve Years a Slave,* will be shown. As you may know this is a true story with local ties. The CDCWRT will have framed Civil War art and many books for sale and for prizes. These were graciously donated by the estate of one of the NPS Rangers at Gettysburg. Vendors, cachets and sweat shirts will also be available. (Remember it's November and it's winter soon.)

The economy is better; the Dow is at an all-time high; unemployment is down; even gasoline is less expensive; and the CDCWRT has even REDUCED the conference costs. If you put aside $1.00 a day, you can attend the full conference. Give up that daily Starbuck's latte and you can pay for a friend too. We would like to see 75 attendees this year.

CIVIL WAR HONOR ROLL: For a $10 donation you can list your Civil War relatives and their relationship to you, along with a brief bio and picture if you have one.

If you will be unavailable at the time of the conference, then please consider becoming a sponsor with a $50 donation. You will be thanked in the conference program and at the conference.

THE RAFFLE FEATURES THE FOLLOWING PRIZES:

1. **Framed artwork**
2. **$100 Cash**
3. **2-Volume set of the*personal memoirs of Ulysses S. Grant*, 1ST Edition**

The 4thAnnual Sue Knost Memorial Conference

1864 – The Beginning of the End

Preliminary Conference Agenda

Friday, November 7, 2014	
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Registration, reception. hor d'oeuvres at Canali's Restaurant in Schenectady
6:00 pm to 7:15 pm	Buffet Dinnerat Canali's Restaurant
7:15 pm to 7:30 pm	Welcome and Introductions by Rosemary Nichols
7:30 pm to 8:30 pm	**Chris Kolakowski –"1864: The War in the West"**
Saturday, November 8, 2014	
9:00 am to 9:30 am	Coffee & doughnuts, exhibits, vendors in Conference Center at Mabee Farm
9:30 am to 10:30 am	**Andrea Foroughi – "Union College and the Civil War"**
10:45 am to 11:45 am	**Matt Farina – "The Wounding & Death of Joshua Chamberlain"**
12:00 am to 1:00 pm	Box lunch provided; exhibits and vendors
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	**David Cleutz – "The 137th NY Infantry & Col. David Ireland"**
2:15 pm to 3:15 pm	**R.L. Murray – "New York Soldier in 1864: Their attitudes & Action"**
3:30 pm to 4:30 pm	**Frank O'Reilly –Title to be announced**
4:45 pm	**RAFFLE DRAWING: Choices for 1st and 2nd include framed art or $100 cash** **Do not need to be present to win**
Sunday, November 9, 2014	
9:00 am to 9:30 am	Coffee and doughnuts, vendors at Conference Center at Mabee Farm
9:30 am to 10:30 am	**David Anderson – "Living History Presentation as Frederick Douglass"**
10:45 am to 11:45 am	**Linda Barnickel – "The Battle of Milliken's Bend"**
12:00 noon to 1:00 pm	Box lunch provided, vendors
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	**Movie – "Twelve Years a Slave"**

SPEAKERS

David Anderson Ph.D. is the Community Scholar in Residence at Nazareth College in Rochester. He is a graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology, has a MA in Education from Syracuse University, and a Doctorate in Educational Administration from Union Institute & University in Cincinnati. He has extensive experience in Underground Railroad projects and living history programs. He will appear as Frederic Douglass.

Linda Barnickel is the author of "Milliken's Bend: A Civil War Battle in History and Memory." She will talk about the battle in 1863 and the great impact of the USCT in 1864. There were concerns about the execution of white officer, the enslavement of captured black troops, and the corruption in the Union Army involving the enlistment of black soldiers.

David Cleutz is an author/historian who grew up in Gettysburg and now lives in Binghamton, NY. He has published a comprehensive history of the 137th NYVI entitled *Fields of Fame and Glory.* The 137th held against 6 regiments on Culp's Hill July 2nd, and led the charge up Lookout Mountain in the west.

Matthew Farina is a retired pediatric cardiologist, who has been a member of the CDCWRT since 1989. He has served at Treasurer and President of the Round Table and has been editor of the newsletter since 2000. He will talk about Joshua Chamberlain's wounding at Petersburg in 1864. Chamberlain succumbed to complications of this wound almost 50 years later.

Andrea Foroughi is Associate Professor of History and Director of the Women's and Gender Studies Program at Union College. Her book, *Go If You Think It Your Duty,* is a collection of hundreds of Civil War letters between a husband and wife. She will discuss Civil War ties to Union College.

Christopher Kolakowski is the Director of the Douglas MacArthur Memorial Museum. He has authored Civil War articles and books and is a long time member of the CDCWRT.He has worked at the Civil War Trust and the George Patton Museum. He will provide an overview to events in the West in 1864.

R.L. Murray has a B.S. in History and an M.A. in Military Studies. He has published more than 20 short books on Civil War topics, including a series on New Yorkers in the Civil War. His articles have appeared in *Gettysburg Magazine* &*Civil War Times Illustrated.*He will discuss the attitudes and actions of New York soldiers in 1864, with special attention to debates and opinions concerning the re-election of Lincoln.

Frank A. O'Reilly is a graduate of Washington and Lee University, and is the historian at the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park. His book, *The Battle of Fredericksburg: Winter War on the Rappahannock,*won numerous awards.Frank has published numerous articles on the Civil War and has led tours for the CDCWRT.

COSTS 1. Dinner alone, Friday $40 per person (includes raffle ticket)

2. **Saturday Conference alone, $65/person (includes raffle ticket, box lunch, coffee breaks)**
3. **Dinner and Saturday Conference - $100/person plus above**
4. **Sunday Conference alone, $30 per person (includes box lunch)**
5. **Saturday and Sunday Conference alone $90/person plus above**
6. **Dinner, Saturday & Sunday Conference $115/person plus above**

Early registration for both dinner and/or conference is strongly recommended. The dinner will be a buffet with 4 choices. Appetizers of cheese/vegetable/fruitplatter will be provided. Cash bar 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM AND RETURN TO:

Fran McCashion phone (518) 459-4209
84 Frederick Ave
Colonie, NY 12205

ATTENDEES 1._____
2._____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____

COSTS: FRIDAY DINNER ONLY: $40X Number___ = _____
SATURDAY CONF ONLY $65X Number___= _____
DINNER & SATURDAY CONF $100X Number ____= _____
SUNDAY CONF ONLY $30X Number ____ = _____
SATURDAY & SUNDAY CONF $90X Number _____ = _____
DINNER, SAT. & SUN. CONF $115 X Number _____ = _____
EXTRA RAFFLE TICKETS $5 X Number _____ = _____
GRAND TOTAL = _____

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