



# The Dispatch

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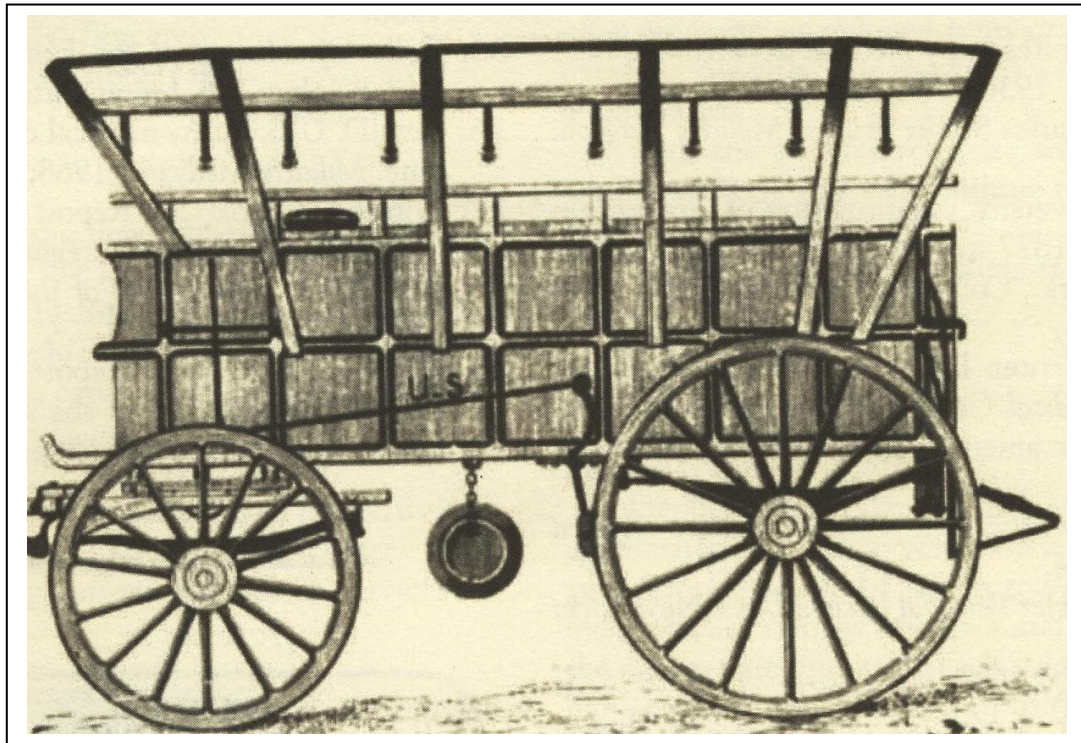
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**Pictured above is the 1859 Tripler ambulance. It could carry four prone and six seated soldiers, but proved too heavy and cumbersome. It was named after Dr. Charles S. Tripler, who served as Medical Director of the Army of the Potomac under Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan. Tripler favored the construction of new hospitals in numbers to accommodate 20,000 beds, improved evacuation of wounded, and vaccinated the army against smallpox. Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii is named after him.**

**OCTOBER MEETING  
FRIDAY OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**GUILDERLAND PUBLIC  
LIBRARY  
WESTERN AVENUE  
GUILDERLAND, NY**

**SOCIAL HOUR            6:00-7:00  
BUSINESS  
PRESENTATION         7:00-8:00  
Q&A – DISCUSSION    8:00-9:30**

**CDCWRT MEETING**

*The next meeting of this new season will be held on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Guilderland Public Library. The social gathering and business meeting will held in the smaller meeting room. We will then move to the large conference room, the Helderberg Room, for the presentation. The Guilderland Library is sponsoring a World War I event. The CDCWRT is participating in this event since the usual Fall trip was canceled because of prohibitive transportation costs.*

**OVER THERE! OVER THERE!**

*Travel back in time at the library and explore the American experience in World War I, the first global conflict, and crucible of the modern world. The U.S. quickly mobilized an army and sent millions of fresh troops into France at the War's darkest hour, ensuring an Allied victory.*

*The core of the program is a free, six-part series of films, readings, and scholar-led discussions entitled, THE WORLD WAR-I YEARS: AMERICA BECOMES A WORLD POWER. Col. Lance A Betros,*

*PhD, and Professor at the United States Military Academy at West Point, will be the presenter.*

*Special feature films, exhibits, and additional lectures are scheduled throughout October and November. The Round Table has secured the loan of a 1917 World War I Model T ambulance for the exhibit. It is one of only six known to exist, and is the only one that runs.*

*On the front cover of this newsletter is a sketch of a Tripler ambulance from the Civil War. Army Surgeon General, Jonathan Letterman was responsible for organizing the Ambulance Corps during the Civil War, as well as organizing a medical triage system and treat system from the aid station near the battlefield, then to the field hospital, and up the chain to the corps hospital and large, general army hospital. His ideas spread to all modern armies in the world.*

**UP-COMING EVENTS**

October 14<sup>th</sup>, Friday, will mark the opening of the Visitor Center at Grant's Cottage in Wilton, New York.

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On Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the Palace Theater on Utica Street in Hamilton, New York, the first inductions for the National Abolition Hall of Fame will take place. The Hall of Fame is located in Peterboro, NY, but events will take place in Hamilton. The first inductees include, *William Lloyd Garrison, Frederick Douglass, Lucretia Mott, Gerrit Smith, and Harriet Tubman.* The event is free, and seating will start at 6:45pm for the 7:00pm program. To reserve a seat, call Diane Beach at Colgate University, at (315)228-9220 or e-mail her at [dbeach@colgate.edu](mailto:dbeach@colgate.edu).

On Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the NYS Military Museum will unveil some of the newly preserved flags in the state collection. More details will follow in next month's newsletter.

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The November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CDCWRT will feature guest speaker, **Stuart Lehman**. He will be in "living history attire," as a Capitol Orderly, circa 1890, a Civil War Veteran, who would have worked as a combination greeter, tour guide, and guard. Stuart will provide a slide presentation of the Civil War connections in the New York State Capitol Building in Albany.

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The December meeting of the CDCWRT will take place on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Guilderland library. This is the annual holiday party meeting, and the election of officers. The planned topic for presentation is *Underwater Civil War Archeology*. Plan on attending this holiday event. As usual, there will be items for sale for you holiday gifts. All proceeds go to our preservation fund.

### **PAST EVENTS**

The Round Table presence at the Irish Festival at the Altamont Fairgrounds on September 17<sup>th</sup> grossed \$891 from the sale of Civil War T-shirts and other items.

The October 1<sup>st</sup> activities at Albany Rural Cemetery received widespread media coverage *before* the event in the local newspapers and television news stations. The weather was perfect and a reasonable crowd was on hand to learn about the home front, Victorian mourning customs, and the life of the soldier. Re-enactors, cannon,

exhibits, horse-drawn hearses, period music, horse-drawn tours of grave sites, President Lincoln, and a memorial service marked the day. The CDCWRT earned \$1378 by the sales of special postal commemorative cachets, T-shirts, books and other items. If this becomes a recurring event, we believe it could grow substantially.

### **ODDS AND ENDS**

Civil War enthusiasts can obtain access to thousands of original maps and diagrams of battles and campaigns between 1861 and 1865. The Library of Congress is posting 2,240 maps and charts, and 76 atlases and sketchbooks on the inter-net. The Virginia Historical Society and the Library of Virginia are also adding 600 items.

### **LINCOLN MEN AND SONS OF DIXIE**

This is a new feature of *The Dispatch*, which was started earlier this year. If you have a relative, or your significant other has a relative, or if your friend has a relative, or if you have just found someone on your own but claim no relative ties, AND you would like to share some history about this person, we would like to highlight it. Please send details to the editor.

### **DONATIONS**

The Board recently approved a policy statement regarding donations.

*Donations made by the CDCWRT are made either for a viable and clear benefit for the promotion of the Round Table or for battlefield and historic preservation. Requests for a donation may be made either by a CDCWRT member or by a qualified representative of the requesting group. Public relations donations are to be limited to goods and memberships given to public, non-profit community organizations. All donations are to be made at the discretion of the Executive Board on a case by case basis.*