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**CAPE MAY COUNTY  
CIVIL WAR ROUND  
TABLE NEWSLETTER  
April 2007**

Deadline for the newsletter is the first of each month, as I put everything together the first week that month. Deadline for the meeting agenda if you want a new business item added is the Monday prior to the meeting as that is when the minutes and meeting agenda are printed out. If you need to contact me:

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Reminder: Memorial Day is almost upon us!

Meetings are normally held at the Cape May Court House Senior Center on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, at 7pm. The following is a listing of the schedule of presentations planned for future meetings.

**19 April 2007:** Dr. Sidney L. Copel will be presenting an examination of *Civil War Humor*; he will be giving us a slideshow and talk on Civil War era cartoon. Refreshments: Pat Munson-Siter

**17 May 2007:** William E. Hughes from the Old Baldy Round Table will be talking about *The Civil War Papers of Lt. Col. Newton T. Colby, NY Infantry*. Mr. Hughes is the great-great grandson of Lt. Col. Colby. Refreshments: Andi Lolli

**21 June 2007:** John Michael Priest will be talking about the subject matter of his book, *Antietam: The Soldier's Battle*. Refreshments by John & Pauline Burke.

**19 July 2007:** Peter Romeika will be giving us a Power Point presentation about the Battle of Antietam, followed by a virtual tour of the areas of Harpers' Ferry, John Brown sites, and South Mountain. Refreshments: Nancy Baxter

**16 August 2007:** Our own Dr. Clark Donlin will be telling us about *Mr. Lincoln's City of Washington, DC: Miss Freedom's City of Sin & Suffering*. Refreshments: Lou Bishop

**20 September 2007:** Mike Kochan will be making a power point presentatin on *The Monitor*. Refreshments: Sue Gibson & Cindi G.

**18 October 2007:** Dr. Sidney Copel will be returning to discuss *The Last Days of Civil War Notables*. This will be a slideshow presentation in which he will examine 25 Civil War personalities, discussing the human interest side of the final period of their lives, and how they met their various ends.

**15 November 2007:** Bob Hanrahan will be speaking on *Civil War Naval Operations* as Gen. John Gibbon.

**6 December 2007:** Date for the 2007 Christmas Party!

**Please note that we need people donating refreshments for some of these meetings!**

**We need volunteers for the Christmas Party committee chairman and members!!!**

Minutes of the Business Meeting Of the Cape May County Civil War Round Table, 15 March 2007.

The meeting was called into order by President Lolli. We saluted the flag and held a moment of silence for the men and women in the service of our country.

Pam Eaves gave the Treasurer's report, which is appended to the permanent copy of these minutes. Motion made to accept the report and file for audit; seconded and approved.

Pam asked that the group consider what we should use the money raised by the raffle for. IT has to be used for special purposes other than just to help fund our meetings as per the official paperwork about the

raffle we filed with the state. We need to check to see what we can legally use it for. One suggestion was, if legal, to use it as donations to the Civil War Preservation Trust.

Pam also asked approval to pay receipts to the Secretary for costs associated with copying and mailing out the newsletter; motion made, seconded and approved.

Our annual audit is due. President Lolli appointed himself, George Brewer, and Bobbie Babbit to conduct the audit. It needs to be completed by the end of April. Andy will establish a date later once he has contacted everyone who needs to be involved and can come up with a day and time they can all get together.

Susan Gibson announced that on Saturday, 22 Sept the AMART will have a symposium on the Pennsylvania Corps of Volunteers and Reserves. She will have fliers available with more information as to cost, how to make reservations, etc.

The Kiwanis organization here in Cape May County has asked the Round Table to give a presentation at a meeting. Sue Gibson and others will give them one on Col. Sawyer and the infantry soldier in the Civil War. They expect 50 to 60 people to attend. This is a chance for favorable exposure; material on joining the Round Table will also be made available to attendees.

Thanks given to Pam Eaves for providing refreshments for this meeting. Reminder to everyone that we still need people to volunteer to provide refreshments for the later meetings of the year. Christmas dinner committee also still needs members.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting.

Submitted with respect

Pat Munson-Siter  
Secretary, Cape May County Civil War Round Table.



## Upcoming Civil War Events

April seems to be the month this year when the number of Civil War related events begins to increase. Lots of events to list for the end of April and beginning of May!

**21 April:** Van tour, *The Capital of the Confederacy*; sponsored by the Newport News Museum. \$45 fee.

Leaves 9am from Lee Hall Mansion in Newport News. Returns at 5pm. Reservations at 757-888-3371

**21 – 22 April:** Scranton, PA: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Grand Civil War Ball and Vintage Fashion Show & Tea, hosted by the Lackawanna Historical Society and the Delaney Delacy Guard, Sons of Veterans Reserve. Jennifer Ochman, 570-655-6340, [jennochman@comcast.net](mailto:jennochman@comcast.net) or [www.scrantoncivilwarday.com/cw2007/index.htm](http://www.scrantoncivilwarday.com/cw2007/index.htm)

**21 – 22 April:** *Days at Ft. McHenry & Hampton NHS* in Baltimore, MD. All weekend, special ranger programs, encampment, firing demonstrations and concerts at Ft. McHenry (10 am to 4:30 pm Sat, 10 am to 3 pm Sun), with special demonstrations and concert at 7pm. Sunday concert at 2pm at the Hampton NHS. Free with park fees. [www.nps.gov/fomc](http://www.nps.gov/fomc) or 410-962-4290 ext 224.

**21 – 22 April:** Living history, infantry and artillery encampment and programs at the Pennsylvania Memorial on the Gettysburg National Military Park (717-334-1124 ext 431).

**22 April:** Preservation march at Gettysburg sponsored by the Gettysburg Foundation; to register call 717-338-1243.

**22 April:** Battlefield hike, *Attack on Lee's Right*; two hour walk meets at Tour Stop #9 on the Antietam National Battlefield, 1:15 pm, free with park admission.

**23 April:** Lecture, *Rockingham County Confederate Soldiers and their Stories*, at the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society Museum in Dayton, VA at 7pm. Free. 540-289-9866.

**26 April:** *The Battle of Bristoe Station*, lecture at the Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Ave. in Manassas, VA. 7pm, free. 800-792-5632 for reservations.

**27 – 29 April:** *Civil War Weekend* in downtown Buchanan, VA with living history, military and civilian demonstrations, movies, music, cannon battle on Saturday and church service on Sunday. 540-254-1212 or email [buchananva@verizon.net](mailto:buchananva@verizon.net)

**28 April:** *Voices of the Confederacy*; on Robert E. Lee's Gettysburg HQ grounds in PA. 717-334-3141 or [www.civilwarheadquarters.com](http://www.civilwarheadquarters.com)

**28 April:** Battlefield hikes, three areas of Monocacy National Battlefield (south of Frederick, MD) highlighted in two hour walks. 8:30 am, 11 am and 1:30 pm. Free, reservations required: 301-662-3515 or [www.nps.gov/mono](http://www.nps.gov/mono)

**28 April:** Bus tour, *John Wilkes Booth Escape Route Tour*, popular 12-hour tour sponsored by the Surratt

House Museum in Clinton, MD. \$60. 301-868-1121 or [www.surratt.org](http://www.surratt.org)

**28 April:** *Artist Mort Kunsler* introduces his new painting, *Tender is the Heart*, at the Museum of Culpepper History (VA). Talk, signings from 10am to 2pm, free, 540-825-7515.

**28 April:** *Civil War Book Sale* at Fort Ward in Alexandria, VA. Proceeds benefit the museum. 10 am to 2pm. [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org) or 703-838-4848

**28 April:** *Civil War Days at Historic Tredegar Iron Works*, living history event in Richmond, VA. Civilian and military demonstrations, talks, tours and more. Programs and NPS visitor center are free. Onsite parking fee charged. Admission charge for *In the Cause of Liberty* exhibit. [www.nps.gov/rich](http://www.nps.gov/rich) or 804-226-1981 ext 30.

**28 April:** *Soldiers Without Guns*, living history presentation demonstrates military medicine from the Revolutionary War on, at Endview Plantation in Newport News, VA. \$7 carload. [www.endview.org](http://www.endview.org) or 757-887-182

**28 April:** *Battlefield Hike, Preservation at the Antietam Battlefield*; two hour walk meets at the New York Monument on the Antietam Battlefield. 1:15 pm, free with park admission. [www.nps.gov/anti](http://www.nps.gov/anti) or 301-432-5124

**27 – 29 April:** Bensalem, PA: Annual Living History and Reenactment at Neshaminy State Park in Historic Bensalem. Battles, reenactor tacticals, picket lines, civilian programs, speakers, music, large and diverse number of sutlers, Saturday evening entertainment. Bounty paid to pre-registered horses. Artillery participation by invitation only. Sponsored by the 28<sup>th</sup> Regiment, PA. Vol. Inf., Historical Society of Bensalem Township, Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum and Library; Delaware Valley Civil War Round Table and Neshaminy State Park. Proceeds go to Civil War preservation and interpretation. For information and registration, [www.28thpvi.org](http://www.28thpvi.org) or Karl Wiegand, [karlmariew@aol.com](mailto:karlmariew@aol.com).

**2 May:** *Blue and Grey of Yesterday in Winchester-Frederick County*, tour includes visits to the Kernstown battlefield, Stonewall Jackson HQ, the Old Court House Museum and more. Tour departs 1:30 pm at the Loudoun Street Autopark in downtown Winchester, VA \$35. Part of the Apple Blossom Festival. Reservations available at [www.thebloom.com](http://www.thebloom.com) or 540-662-3863

**2 May:** *Beyond Appomattox: Lee and his Legacy*, at the Porter Library, 2001 Parkway Blvd, Stafford, VA. 7:30pm, free. [www.nps.gov/frsp](http://www.nps.gov/frsp) or 540-373-6122

**5 May:** *Doors Open Gettysburg*: tour of rarely opened historic buildings in town and on the battlefield in PA, free; 717-334-4723

**5 May:** *Confederate Memorial Day Commemoration* at Ft. Fisher near Wilmington, NC. 4pm, free.

**5 May:** Bus tour to Civil War sites in Fredericksburg, sponsored by the Friends of Ft. War in Alexandria, VA. Details and registration [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org) or 703-838-4848

**5 – 6 May:** Living history, cavalry encampment and programs at Pitzer Woods, infantry at the PA memorial at Gettysburg National Military Park. 717-334-1124 ext 431 or [www.nps.gov/gett](http://www.nps.gov/gett)

**5 – 6 May:** Anniversary programs commemorating the Battle of the Wilderness west of Fredericksburg. Living history and tours. Hospital set up at Ellwood, VA. Free. [www.nps.gov/frsp](http://www.nps.gov/frsp) or 540-373-6122

**5 – 6 May:** Living history programs commemorating the Battle of Williamsburg (VA) at Endview Plantation in Newport News. Free with admission.

**6 May:** *The West Woods*, two hour walking tour meets at the New York Monument on the Antietam National Battlefield in MD at 1:15 pm; free with park admission.

**10 May:** *Reading the Man: A Portrait of Robert E. Lee*, lecture at the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond at noon. Free with admission to the Society. 804-342-9665 or [www.vahistorical.org](http://www.vahistorical.org)

**11 May:** Special event, *A Haunted Evening*; candlelight guided tour of the Attmore-Oliver House in New Bern, NC. Includes 19<sup>th</sup> century mourning rituals and more. 6, 7, and 8pm, \$10, advance tickets at 252-638- 8558

**12 April:** Lecture, *Serving Robert E. Lee: Young Virginians in the Army of Northern Virginia*, at Stratford Hall, Lee's birthplace off Rte 3 (northern neck) in VA. 2pm, free. [www.stratfordhall.org](http://www.stratfordhall.org)

**12 – 13 May:** Living history, infantry encampments at the PA Memorial and Spangler's Spring and sharpshooters at Little Round Top, all on the Gettysburg National Military Park. [www.nps.gov/gett](http://www.nps.gov/gett)

**12 – 13 May:** Living history encampment with frequent demonstrations and drills at the White Oak Museum, 985 White Oak Road in Falmouth (near Fredericksburg, VA) from 9am to 5pm on Sat and 9am to 2pm on Sun. Free for encampment, small fee for museum. 434-981-9428 or [mywebpage.netscape.com/whiteoakmuseum/](http://mywebpage.netscape.com/whiteoakmuseum/)

**12 – 13 April:** Living history and displays at the annual Ft. Clifton Arts Music & Crafts Festival at the park/fort overlooking the Appomattox River in Colonial Heights, VA.

## *The Meaning of a Flag Draped Coffin*

To understand what the flag draped coffin really means – here is how to understand the flag that is laid upon it and surrendered to so many widows, widowers, or children:

Do you know that at military funerals, the 21 gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers 1776?

Have you ever noticed that the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the US flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but it's not.

The 1<sup>st</sup> fold of the flag is a symbol of life.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives to the defense of the country in order to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4<sup>th</sup> fold represents the weaker nature of man, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.

The 5<sup>th</sup> fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, *Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.*

The 6<sup>th</sup> fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that they pledge allegiance to the flag of the USA, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7<sup>th</sup> fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic.

The 8<sup>th</sup> fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9<sup>th</sup> fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

The 10<sup>th</sup> fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.

The 11<sup>th</sup> fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies, in Hebrew eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12<sup>th</sup> fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in Christian eyes, God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

The 13<sup>th</sup> fold, when the flag is completely folded, with the stars uppermost, is to remind us of the nation's motto, *In God We Trust*.

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today.

## The Journals of Dr. Albert Dunlap Assistant Surgeon, 3<sup>rd</sup> Maryland Volunteer Infantry

**Tuesday, 16 Sept:** Was up early [this] morning, fed, harnessed, and watered [the horses] and proceeded forward with the train through Boonsborough and on to Petersville. Here I received orders to drive on rapidly to the front. Was stopped at a hospital on the road, and had to remain all day near the hospital with my shop open, distributing bandages to the wounded. About dark the train came along and I joined it. We drove forward about a mile or two, and camped on a ridge near a battery, but the Rebs, seeing our white wagon covers, commenced shelling us and we had to skedaddle back double quick down a steep hill, through fields and any way to get out of the way. I had a doctor and steward with me. The former jumped out of the wagon and lay down on the ground, thinking his valuable body too precious to be placed in the range of shot and shell. So we drove back on the road about two miles and camped. <This all took place near Antietum, Maryland. PAMS>

**Wednesday, 17 Sept:** [This morning] received orders to proceed to the front, was halted and we were ordered by a brigade surgeon to establish a hospital in Petersville in a large unfinished brick building. We went to work, and by night had about 150 wounded taken care of. I acted as steward, doctor, nurse and teamster, had everything to do. Went over to a barn about ½ mile to get some hay for my horses, and found about 100 men laying wounded without attention. Reported them to the surgeon and worked around till 9 pm.

The wounded are numerous but we have gained the victory. Prisoners are very numerous, dirty, lousy, ragged fellows. I am disgusted with the surgeons. They show such ignorance of surgery. About 10 pm I received orders and returned to camp, leaving over 300 wounded men with only 2 doctors to attend them. Drove into camp, got mixed up among the wagons and unhitched.

**Thursday, 18 Sept:** Have written this sitting in my wagon awaiting orders every moment to proceed to the front. I have had neither regular food or sleep since I left Rockville. The cannonading was continuous all day yesterday (Wednesday) and still continues. Our wounded

will amount to 2000 at least. Several high officers are among the wounded and killed. Our men have done nobly; they have driven the enemy at every point, in great haste.

Just after writing the above, I received orders to go to the front and started at once, having several wagons along to carry provisions out. We established a medical HQ near the advance, and remained all day issuing provisions, bandages, lint, medicines, etc. We rec'd two wagon loads from the Boston Sanitary Commission, which were very much needed, consisting of corn starch, prepared beef, milk, shirts, lint bandages, tapioca, old linen, etc. I had the issuing of these things, which kept me very busy. The fight continued far in the advance all day with usual good fortune. In a barn near our HQ were 500 wounded men and every shed, outhouse, stable and empty porch is full of wounded. The rebel killed are so numerous that it takes an immense force to bury them. I judge from what I have seen they will amount to at least 8,000. The wounded it is impossible to attend to, they cover the ground for miles. In one hollow, the dead were in piles, having been raked by artillery as they descended and ascended a hill. The artillery often have to drive directly over them to get a position. About 9 I returned to camp, but could get nothing to eat, all being asleep. Opened a box of beef soup and made a supper out of that and crackers. Gen McClellan seems to be every place. He is up nearly all night. He will wrap up in a blanket on the field and sleep an hour or two, and then ride the rest of the night. Not one of the staff have been able to stand the fatigue and take turns resting in camp.

**Friday, 19 Sept:** Am in camp at HQ [and] have been promised a day's rest. Think it doubtful whether I shall get it. Friday morn was ordered to hitch up, did so and stood till noon, then [was] told that I should no move today. After noon was busy distributing the sanitary committee things to the different hospitals; they consisted of lint bandages, shirts, old linen, beef soup, condensed milk, liquors, etc.

**Saturday, 20 Sept:** So far nothing to write about. Prisoners are still arriving in droves. Our wounded have all been taken care of, but thousands still remain in barns, houses, sheds, etc. in the vicinity of the battle. Several regiments have been engaged in burying the dead, but have not finished. About 50 wagons have been employed since the battle, hauling away arms and accouterments. Saturday remained in camp all day issuing sanitary goods. The HQ were removed beyond Sharpsburg, but not having transportation, we were obligated to remain in camp until Sunday.

**Sunday afternoon, 21 Sept:** Changed camp to the HQ, about a mile beyond Sharpsburg. Pleasant day.

**Monday, 22 Sept:** We have to go nearly two miles for water for horses and cooking. Are camped in a corn field. Have had the diarrhea for week, and begin to feel weak. Fear I am about to have a bilious attack.

**Tuesday, 23 Sept:** Arose with a severe headache after having passed a very restless night. Feel

very gloomy and, unless I am better, shall try to go home. During the past two weeks I have been exposed to unusual fatigue, have had very little sleep, my diet has been low and irregular. As a result, I have used a large quantity of stimulants to keep me invigorated, and now having a few days leisure, to reaction has come and I am receiving my punishment. Remained in bed all day except when feeding and watering.

**Wednesday, 24 Sept:** Passed another restless night. Was up several times. Feel better this morning, but my head and eyes are very painful. Asked permission of the Quartermaster to leave, but was told that my time had never been transferred to him, and that he therefore did not have my name on his books. So I will have to remain until I can see Capt. Dandy or leave without my pay. During the day I gradually have improved in health and spirits. All is very quiet here, and little can be seen that betokens a battlefield. Near me are about 20 pieces of artillery taken from the enemy in the last battles. By looking through the fields, old muskets can be picked up in every direction, but as I have little room I can only carry small mementoes. We had a slight shower during the afternoon.

**Thursday, 25 Sept:** Passed another restless night. Was up several times but still I feel greatly improved this morning. We shall probably start toward Washington tomorrow.

**Friday, 26 Sept:** Passed a very poor night. Was troubled with severe pain in rectum with passages of blood every few minutes. It is now 10 am and after 5 hours of intense agony, I feel some less pain. I took a dose of Acetate of lead ipecac and opium this morn, and shall follow it at noon and night.

The last two nights have been very cold, and I have required all my blankets to keep me warm. I have 3 woolen and 1 India rubber blanket. I need drawers and shirts very bad indeed. I have now a ten dollar confederate note and two copper cents in cash. I shall try and buy from the Quartermaster depot if I can. My medicine worked like a charm; by night I was as well as ever. Slept sound and got up Saturday as well as ever. Was requested by Dr. Thompson and Rodgers to act as Steward for a few days, until the return of the regular one, so I am now installed at the other end of the wagon.

**Saturday, 27 Sept:** We moved camp about 4 miles from our former location and now are near the banks of a bubbling brook.

**Sunday, 28 Sept:** A beautiful day. I am sitting in my office thinking where I was last, where I will be next Sunday. Two weeks more, and I want to be home. I hope I shall be able to commence college duties the first day. I have plenty of books now and can study all day if I choose. I think we shall remain here several days. We moved yesterday in order to be nearer water. The day was pleasant throughout.

**Monday, 29 Sept 1862:** Spent the day studying surgery. Have a fine opportunity to read now.

**Tuesday, 30 Sept:** It is now about 7 o'clock, have been up two hours, have fed, cleaned off and watered [the horses] and am waiting for sick call. It is the last day of September and I shall try and leave if I can get my pay.

**Wednesday, 1 Oct:** This morning I have \$50 due me, and if I could get it, would leave in double quick time for home. If I only had plenty of clothes I would not mind staying another month. Firing can be plainly heard on the front. Paid a visit to the Quartermaster, and learned that I could receive my pay from the 14<sup>th</sup> of August, about \$40, but that my time previous to that had not been transferred. If I can obtain a substitute, shall leave at once.

**Tuesday, 7 Oct:** Old Abe is expected today. Preparations are being made to receive him. Have just settled up with the Quartermaster, and expect to receive my money in an hour, and by Thursday eve shall be home. Weather still pleasant and warm, an unusually pleasant fall we have had so far, and as I shall be home in a few days I shall not feel as much interest as I have in the state of the atmosphere. I have procured a substitute

and expect to start for home tomorrow. Evening, substitute was arrested, and I am forced to remain until relieved.

**Wednesday, 8 Oct:** Received my pay last night, but as it amounted to but \$40 I do not think it best to return home until the end of the month, when I expect to have money enough to keep me during the winter. We moved camp today to Knoxville, on the B&O RR. We have a pleasant camp, and I think we shall remain here a month or so.

**Thursday, 9 Oct:** Weather still pleasant.

**Friday, 10 Oct:** It has been cloudy all day with a few drops of rain. I have been kept very busy putting up prescriptions. Undertook to pull an aching tooth for a German, but he was so nervous that I got hold of the wrong one, but made it come. I then pulled the decayed one, which satisfied him. My practice is becoming more extensive every day; wounds, bruises, etc. come under my care every hour.

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