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Cape May County Civil War Round Table

February 2007 Newsletter

Important Notice:

The February 2007 Meeting has been cancelled. Our next meeting will be on 15 March 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: Dues for 2007 need to be paid before the end of March!

Dues are \$20 for individuals and \$30 for a Family membership. Make checks payable to Cape May County Civil War Round Table. If you do not pay by the end of March you will not receive the April newsletter.

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

18 Jan 2007: Refreshments: Jack McDonough. DVD presentation, in commemoration of the birthdays of both Jackson and Lee this month: *Warriors of Honor: The Faith and Legacies of Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson*. At 6pm there will be an executive board meeting prior to the general business meeting.

15 Feb 2007: CANCELLED.

15 March 2007: Our own Dave Giacomoni will be making a presentation on the subject *Rifles, Pistols & Weapons of the Civil War*. Refreshments by Pam Eaves.

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.

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.

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 Suffering*.

20 September 2007: Mike Kochan will be making a power point presentation on *The Monitor*.

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: Our own Suzanne Gibson will be making a presentation on *Colonel John Singleton Mosby – The Grey Ghost of the Confederacy*.

6 December 2007: Date for the 2007 Christmas Party!

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

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

Minutes of the January 2007 Business Meeting of the Civil War Round Table

Executive Board Meeting

President Lolli appointed the following members of the Round Table to the indicated positions:

Audit: Chairperson, George Brewer; members, Bobbie Babbit and Andy Lolli

Finance: None; Audit Committee will take up the duties of the Finance Committee.

Christmas: Not yet appointed; **looking for volunteers**

History: Chairman: Hank Heacock

Programs: Sue Gibson and John Burke

Refreshments: Cindy Giacomoni & Sue Gibson

Registered Agent: Bobbie Babbit

Web Site: Jim Marshall

Required reports to state, etc. have been finished, are being copied and will be mailed out before deadlines.

The audit of financial books for calendar year 2006 will be completed by no later than 30 April 2007 by the Audit Committee.

Discussion of if meetings in January and February should be cancelled in the future due to weather problems; etc. The last few years we normally get no more than 10 members and several times only 6 or 7 people. To be brought up in general meeting following executive board meeting. We would only have an executive board meeting in January in the future, at which future plans for meetings, etc. would be laid out and committee chairmen and members appointed.

Discussion of ideas to help promote the Round Table. One idea presented was to develop business cards that would have our logo, place & time of meetings, etc. on front and directions to Senior Center on the back, to be handed out to those interested, set out at libraries, etc.; business card sized material tends to be kept in a wallet rather than thrown out like pamphlets.

General Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Lolli. We saluted the flag and held a moment of silence for those in harm's way while in service to our country.

Treasurer's report was given (copy appended to permanent file of minutes); motion made, seconded and approved to accept the report and file for audit. End of the calendar year 2006 financial report given. Approval motion made, seconded; vote made to accept report and file for audit passed.

The following members had paid their 2007 dues as of the January 2007 meeting: Bob Heinly, Helen O'lean, Mike Houdart, Clark, the Burkes, Baxters, Underwood, McDounohg, Elliot, Thomas, the Giacominis, Pam Eaves

Motion made to pay the Senior Center \$300.00 for rent of the facilities to be used for our meetings for the year. Seconded, vote approved the motion. Treasurer directed to make payment to Senior Center.

Idea of canceling meeting in February 2007 as well as January and February meetings in 2008 brought up to those members present. Discussion of lack of participation of many members during winter months. Motion made, seconded and passed to cancel February meeting as well as meetings in 2008. Idea of business cards (mentioned in Executive Board meeting) brought up to membership. Motion made to explore designs, etc. seconded and passed. Request for membership to submit more ideas for promotion of group to President Lolli.

Cedar Creek is the site of a re-enactment on 17 – 18 June.

Jim Marshall was asked if we can get information as to number of "hits" our web site gets per month. Suggested a visitor or guest book be added to site, with information from it forwarded to Suzanne Gibson. Jim will see what he can do.

Thanks to Mr. McDoug... for the goodies he brought in for refreshments. Those of you who didn't come to this meeting missed quite a nice spread!!

Meeting adjourned for the presentation of the documentary on Stonewall Jackson and Robert E. Lee.

Respectfully submitted:

Pat Munson-Siter

As a reminder Officers for 2007:

President: Andy Lolli

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Vice President: Suzanne Gibson

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Upcoming Civil War Events

Most of this information is from the website <http://civilwartraveler.com>. Unfortunately, New Jersey does not participate in this web site, so I don't have much information on New Jersey events! Hopefully this will change as I start getting more information from the AMART website.

17 Feb: *Abolition and Slavery*; special program on the involvement of African-Americans with the ironclad *USS Monitor* at the Mariner's Museum in Newport News, VA. www.mariner.org.

17 Feb: *A Visit with Mr. Lincoln*; living history presentation with actor James Getty at Pamplin Historical Park near Petersburg, VA. www.pamplinpark.org or 877-PAMPLIN

17 Feb: *Lincoln Birthday Ball*: Pennsylvania: Annual Lincoln Birthday Ball at the Union League of PA, at 6pm. Period music by 28th PA Regimental Band, period dancing with dance master in Lincoln Ballroom at 1865 Union League House. Period attire encouraged, black tie with miniatures or formal attire welcome. Dinner and dancing \$75 per person. Accommodations available. For information contact Jim Mundy at (215) 587-5592 or via mundy@unionleague.org or www.unionleague.org

18 February: 9th annual Meade Society Symposium, *Meade & the Seven Days Campaign*, at West Laurel Hill Cemetery, Bala Cynwyd, PA, 12 – 5pm. Speakers on Pennsylvania Reserves in the 7 Days battles of June 1862. Registration is \$30 per person and includes luncheon & refreshments. For information contact Jerry McCormick, (215) 848-7753 or gedwinmc@msn.com

18 February: *Civil War Military Mass*, at Our Lady of the Valley Church, Orange, NJ, at noon. Celebrant is Father David Moreno, SDB, Chaplain, 7th NJ Volunteer Infantry. Current Catholic Mass with Civil War elements including vestments, hymns & Latin prayers to commemorate role of African American troops. Refreshments follow. All Federal and Confederate re-enactors in period garb, military and civilian, Catholic & non-Catholic, are welcome. Sponsored by the 2nd NJ Brigade. For information contact Fr. David Moreno, SDB, at (973) 674-2400, or ChaplinDM@aol.com

24 February: Annual *Octavius T. Catto Honor Ceremony* at 6th and Lombard Sts. in Philadelphia at 11am. Honoring the black civil rights & military leader with a wreath laying ceremony. All military units, period civilians, veterans, heritage groups invited to participate. Colors, wreaths, music encouraged. Sponsored by the Mead Society. For information contact Dr. Andy Waskie (215) 204-5452, or andy.waskie@temple.edu

24 – 25 February: Long Island Antique Historical Arms Society and Civil War Show at Freeport Recreation Center in Freeport, NY. Call Dave Gruner (631) 722-3248

1 – 4 March: *13th Annus Ladies & Gentlemen of the 1860s Conference*, Redisson Peen Harris, Camp Hill, PA. Pre-conference seminars, tours, hands on workshops plus presentations by BJ Pino, Indiana Brass Band, Ross Kelbaugh, Phillip Whiteman, Kay Cogswell, Carolann Schmitt, Susan Lyons Hughes, Janine Whiteman, Karin Bohleke, Michael Mescher, K. Krewer, Virginia Mescher. Displays, juried competitions, vendors. Hosted by Genteel Arts. Info & reservations: (717) 337-0283, fax (717) 337-0314, or info@genteelarts.com; www.genteelarts.com

3 March: *Union Surgeon*; living history presentatin at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, 11am – 3pm. Free with admission to the museum. www.civilwarmed.org

9 March: *Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & Grand Opening: USS Monitor Center* at Newport News, VA. Guest speaker Bob Ballard. (757) 591-5123 or info@marinersmuseum.org

9 – 10 March: *Gettysburg Commanders seminar & tour* based in Chambersburg with Ed Bearss, Richard Sommers and Wayne Motts. Sponsored by the Chambersburg Civil War Seminars (PA). For info (717) 246-7101 or www.chambersburgcivilwarseminars.org or www.civilwarseminars.org

1 – 11 March: *Battle of Hamptom Roads Symposium* the the Mariner's Museum in Newport News, VA. The annual symposium will feature a number of nationally known Civil War scholars, including keynote speaker Craig Symonds. (757) 591-5123 or info@marinersmuseum.org

17 March: *The Irish at Gettysburg*; one of the John Scott Adams Seminar Series at Gettysburg. Morning lecture, afternoon field program with Licensed Battlefield Guide John Fitzpatrick looking at Irish soldiers on both sides of the war. Registration is \$60 for members, \$70 non members. Sponsored by the Gettysburg Foundation. (866) 889-1243 or www.freindsofgettysburg.org

17 March: *Cavaliers, Courage & Coffee: Mosby Owned the Night*; living history presentation, part of a series presented by the Mosby Heritage Area, at the Rector House in Atoka, 4 miles west of Middleburg off Route 50. 7:30 pm, free. www.mosbyheritagearea.org or (540) 687-6681

17 March: Van tour, *The Battle of Williamsburg*, sponsored by the Newport News Museums. Leaves at 9am from Lee Hall Mansion in Newport News. Returns at 3pm. \$40: reservations needed, 757-888-3371.

31 March: Civil War Seminars at HACC-Gettysburg Campus, 8 – 3:30. Keynote speaker Robert K. Krick. Choice of five classroom sessions, buffet lunch, 2 hour battlefield session, \$49. Registration deadline 23 March. (717) 338-1010

31 March: Annual *Grand Army Museum Preservation Dinner* at Cannstatter Volksfest Verein, Philadelphia. 6pm with cocktails, dinner at 7pm. *Philadelphia's Irish 69th PA Volunteers in Story and Song*, featuring the 69th PA Irish Volunteers Band. Author Don Ernsberger, *Tales of the Irish Volunteers*, 8pm. Fundraiser raffle of prints, door prizes, books, sutlers, entertainment for \$35. Reservation deadline 24 March. (215) 289-6484 or garmuslib@verizon.net

2007 Civil War Commercial Tour Information

Travel with Dave is planning a trip to Annapolis, MD & the Naval Academy on Thursday, 3 May 2007. Cost will be \$69. The guided tour will include the Naval Chapel, some of the officers' homes and the Naval Museum. We will be present

while the band plays *Anchors Aweigh* as the Cadets prepare to march into lunch. Price includes escorted tour, free time in historic Annapolis and dinner. Reservations at (609) 646-1195.

