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CAPE MAY COUNTY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE NEWSLETTER *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.

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 Sin & Suffering*.

20 September 2007: Mike Kochan will be making a power point presentatin 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!!!



Upcoming Civil War Events

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.friendsofgettysburg.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.

24 March: Winchester, VA: First Kernstown commemoration artillery demonstration with guided tour by author Gary Ecelbarger. Kernstown Battlefield Assoc., call 540-662-1824 or www.kernstown.org

28 March – Lecture: *Mr. Lincoln goes to War*; William Marvel talks about and signs his book at the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond, VA at noon. \$5 fee. www.vahistorical.org or 804-358-4901.

31 March: Civil War Seminars at HACC-Gettysburg Campus, 8 – 3:30. Subjects include Culp's Hill, the Slaughter Pen, the Gettysburg Electric Railway, and Lincoln & the Soldiers' Cemetery. Keynote speaker

Robert K. Krick. Choice of five classroom sessions, buffet lunch, 2 hour battlefield session, \$49. Registration deadline 23 March. (717) 338-1010; 800-222-4222 ext 3005 or email crgerkin@hacc.edu

31 March: Living history and ranger programs commemorate the anniversary of the Battle of Five Forks and Fort Gregg (Petersburg National Battlefield) west of Petersburg. Free. www.npx.gov/pete or 804-732-3531

31 March: *The Breakthrough Anniversary*; annual event at Pamplin Historical Park near Petersburg; commemorates the final Union attack against Petersburg. Highlight is a dawn lantern tour tracing the soldiers' steps; reservation required. www.pamplinpark.org or 877-PAMPLIN ext 605

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

6 – 8 April: Amelia, VA: 142nd Anniversary of the Battle of Little Sailor's Creek. 434-223-2053, or escrpc@kinex.net

7-8 April: Living history and other anniversary activities at the Sailor's Creek Battlefield State Historic Park near Farmville, VA. Demonstrations, speakers and tours of the Hillsman House. 10 am to 4pm. Fee charged. 434-392-3435 or www.dcr.virginiacgov/parks/sailorcr.htm

15 April: Delaware City, DE: Grand Opening and Open House at 3pm of Delaware's only Civil War dedicated museum and research facility. Sponsored by the Ft. Delaware Society. 1-888-9FORTDE or www.del.net/org/fort

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: 3rd 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 or www.scrantoncivilwarday.com/cw2007/index.htm

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

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 28th 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 or Karl Wiegand, karlmariewe@aol.com.

The Journals of Dr. Albert Dunlap Assistant Surgeon, 3rd Maryland Volunteer Infantry

Friday, 5 Sept 1862: Nothing occurred worth mentioning. The weather was warm and pleasant.

Saturday, 6 Sept: Sent two boys to P.O. and received a letter, the second since I left home, informing me that A. Creston was laying wounded at the Armory Sq. Hospital. I waited till dusk and then went down and found him severely wounded in the right arm, the ball having entered near the wrist and come out near the shoulder. Remained with him about ½ hour and then returned to camp.

Sunday, 7 Sept: Received orders to prepare to start away, hitched up and drove down to Gen. McClellan's HQ, where I remained till noon, then went back to camp and ate dinner. Fed & watered the horses, then drove down to the HQ Hospital. Hearing that Lewis was in town, I waited till he came in, and spent an hour or so with him. Drove up to HQ again and, finding no progress had been made, returned to the hospital and took Lewis down to the Depot in my 'carriage'. I pitied him, poor fellow, he could only afford one horse while I have 4 splendid roan greys. I hope he won't be envious. Returned to HQ and found the Steward waiting for me. He jumped in and we struck out to get to the head of the line. We drove till 12 midnight and camped, watered, fed and ate some sardines and soda crackers,

then rolled up in my blankets on the hay and went to sleep. In about two hours the camp was roused, we watered and fed, ate a piece of bread and cup of coffee and drove out. Got started before day had fairly broke, drove on to Rockville {Brockville?}, near which place we are at present camped. Arrived here about noon and unharnessed, may remain some days. During the night I ate the pear from Mr. Jeromes and feel very grateful to them for remembering me in my absence. My best respects are due to Miss Maggie and the rest. Also I should like to see Miss Emma Ridgeway and should like to be remembered to her. After writing this and eating my supper of spiced oysters, bread and tea, I received orders to return to Washington to exchange my wagon and obtain stock of medicines. The Steward went with me to assist. As we struck the turnpike, I picked up two Captains who wanted to go in, and we had a jolly time, keeping the horses at a hard trot. Started about 8:30, arrived in Washington 11:30pm, 3 hours [for] 24 miles. Had a big plate of fried oysters at the Metropolitan, the officers standing treat. I had to wait an hour for my horses to cool off, then fed and watered. By this time it was half past two, lay down on a pile of hay, and slept till 5:30, fed, watered, harnessed and hitched up, drove to the office, took the Steward aboard, then drove down town. Had raw oysters and Lager beer for dinner. About 5 pm we finished our load. Having every corner full and being unable to change the wagon, started for camp. Had one upset on the road and found myself covered with boxes, blankets, sacks, etc. and with my right arm pretty well skinned. Crawled out, unloaded, set up the wagon and having loaded struck for camp. Reached home about 1 pm, tired, hungry and sleepy. Unharnessed, fed and turned in. My hands are so sore I can scarcely hold a pen.

Wednesday, 10 Sept: It rained slightly and I found shelter in a wagon. Today I changed my wagon and obtained a new one with all the modern improvements.

Thursday, 11 Sept: Received orders to prepare to start, harnessed and hitched up

before 7 am, yet we did not get started till nearly sundown. It rained nearly all day in short showers. Now I shall give every town we pass through, I want Harry to hunt them on the map. The *NY Herald* of Thursday contains an accurate map, let him get a copy of that. We left Rockford about sundown and passing through Seneca Mills, camped in a bottom near Middle Brook. These are small towns containing only three houses apiece counting barns. It was raining and pitch dark when we camped and we had a sweet time hunting water, feed and etc. I got to bed about 11 pm, soaking wet below the knees and it seems to have done me good. I feel better today than I have since I left home.

Friday, 12 Sept: Routed out, fed, watered, cleaned off and harnessed before daybreak. We got started about 7. We traveled all day making frequent halts on account of breakage. Passed through Clarksburg and Hyattstown, both towns of 500 inhabitants. Camped about an hour by sun, three miles from the last named place and on the road to Frederick. It has rained slightly this evening. Written by candle light sitting in front of my wagon. We shall probably start early in the morning again, and cross the B&O RR before noon.

Saturday, 13 Sept: Fredrick, MD. We started early this morning and arrived in Frederick about noon. We halted in the main street of the town about three hours waiting for troops to pass us. Sumner's whole corps is here, besides other troops, amounting to about 60,000. Besides these there must be heavy bodies of troops on our right and left as we have heard heavy cannon all morning. Jackson's forces left last night and our troops took possession immediately. McClellan was received with open arms, ladies hugged him and so great was the press to shake hands that we halted at least an hour to let them have their full. Burnside is also here and was cheered by soldiers and citizens as he passed down the line. It was an affecting sight to see: 10,000 men, tired, worn and dusty, forget all in welcoming their leaders. This place is largely

Union, nearly every house displayed the Union flag, and fair ladies waved white handkerchiefs from every window. And now it is Saturday evening. At home it will be baked beans. I would give a week's pay to be home and get some. Here it will be crackers and bacon and coffee. I am awful hungry, and must hunt the cook tent. We are camped about a mile north of Frederick in a clover field. The day has been very warm and the roads are very hilly or rather mountainous, in many places dangerously so. The 5th NY Zouaves are camped near us, within 100 yards of me. I am too happy to write more, having eaten breakfast before day and had nothing since, 12 hours worth.

Sunday, 14 Sept: Started early in the morning for the advance today, I was not stuck back with the baggage train but was ordered to keep in the rear of the staff. We went through from Frederick to Middletown as fast as our horses could travel, and then lay by till night, while McClellan went around to visit the advance line. About dark we started forward, and drove 2 miles over an awful road, then camped for the night. It was pitch dark and I had to hunt water, oats and feed. Was ordered to be ready to move forward at any time during the night. Lay down on a stretcher but have been through so much I could not sleep soundly. I got up about 3 am and cleaned off, then lay down and slept till morning.

Monday, 15 Sept: Received orders to go forward to the advance and was till noon making 4 miles on account the road being blocked up with artillery, infantry and cavalry. Prisoners are numerous. I have seen about 1500 today, mostly dressed in rags and hard looking subjects. Large numbers of our wounded have been passing to the rear also. Our route is towards Hagerstown. I arrived where I now am about noon and, the HQ having been changed, I drew off the road and am awaiting orders. About dark our train came up and I joined it, drove over the next ridge of mountains and camped about 11 pm.

