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# Cape May County Civil War Round Table Newsletter

September 2006

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  
sometime in the next 3 months!**

Meetings will be at the Cape May Court House Senior Center, 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 Oct** – Patrick Falci will be presenting *Thunder and Lightning: The Stormy Relationship Between Stonewall Jackson and A.P. Hill*. Refreshments: Pat King & Nancy Baxter.

**23 Nov** – “Show and Tell” with members of the Civil War Round Table presenting artifacts from their own collections. Refreshments: Jim Marshall

**7 Dec** – *Note change of date, please!* Open. Please note this is **not** the third Thursday of the month, which would be too close to Christmas!

**Jan 2007:** Refreshments: Jack McDonough

Due to weather considerations, it has been decided that it is best to show DVDs/VHS tapes on the Civil War at the January and February meetings. That way we don't have to worry about presenters getting stuck in the snow, or having to cancel due to weather. The following are all items available for us to watch. Please contact Suzanne Gibson (927-9484) if you have any preference as to which movie/documentary you would like to watch. These include those we've watched before in case any of you missed the first time or would like to watch one of them again. If you want a movie or longer documentary, we can always watch the first half in January and the second half in February! Or you may want to simply watch the behind the scenes documentaries & commentaries on items like *Ken Burns: The Civil War*; such will be annotated if they have such extras.

The American Civil War: A Union Divided (2 disks, 96 minutes each)

Andersonville (167 minutes)

Blood & Honor: The Civil War (each episode about 50 minutes)

Rally Around the Flag

Rebels at the Gates

High Water Mark

General Grant's War

Jubilation

A Documentary

The Blue & The Gray (3 disks, 381 minutes total)

Ken Burns: The Civil War

Behind the Scenes, Interviews, Etc.

The Cause: 1861

A Very Bloody Affair

Forever Free  
 Simply Murder  
 The Universe of Battle  
 Valley of the Shadow of Death  
 Most Hallowed Ground  
 War is All Hell  
 The Better Angels of Our Nature  
 Civil War Journal: The Conflict Begins (each episode about 50 minutes)  
     John Brown's War  
     Destiny at Ft. Sumter  
     The Battle of First Bull Run  
     The 54<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts  
 Civil War Journal: The Commanders (each episode about 50 minutes)  
     West Point Associates – Civil War Enemies  
     Robert E. Lee  
     Stonewall Jackson  
     Sherman and the March to the Sea  
 The Civil War Tour (Walking Tour of 25 battlefields)  
 Cold Mountain (154 minutes) plus documentaries  
 Gettysburg (the movie) 254 min & documentaries  
 Gettysburg: The Boys in Blue & Grey (77 min) includes "Ghosts of Gettysburg"  
 Gettysburg & Stories of Valor (180 min total: about 30 short documentaries)  
 Glory (122 min) & documentaries  
 Gods & Generals (219 min) & documentaries  
 Gone With the Wind (238 min) & documentaries  
 Great Battles of the Civil War (170 min documentary: 40 min bonus material)  
 Great Commanders of the Civil War (40 min each)  
     Tactics of Gettysburg  
     Stonewall Jackson  
     Joshua Chamberlain  
     Robert E. Lee  
 The Last Days of the Civil War (70 min each)  
     April 1865: The Month that Saved America  
     Civil War Combat: The Tragedy at Cold Harbor  
     Abraham Lincoln  
     Jefferson Davis  
     Robert E. Lee  
 Left for Dead (50 min)  
 Lincoln's Secret Weapons: The Effort to Save the Monitor (60min)  
 North & South (Long miniseries plus documentary)  
 Shot to Pieces (80 min)

### **Nomination Committee For 2007**

Bobbie Babbitt (861-2413), Ed Clark (390-8642), and George Brewer (861-2520) are the nomination committee to choose officers for 2007. Please contact one of them if you are interested in holding an office with the Civil War Round Table.

## **Reminder For Veterans**

It's been about two years since I publicized this information, but an article about it in the Air Force newsletter *Afterburner* brings me to release it again for those who may have missed it the first time around. The article from *Afterburner* reads:

Cold War Certificate backlog improves to two months. Eligible individuals who have been holding off applying for the Cold War Recognition Certificate in order to avoid the initial rush may now find it a good time to apply. Officials report the program is still going strong and the turn around time has been cut from six months to the current 2 months. The certificate was authorized by the FY 1998 National Defense Authorization Act. The Secretary of Defense approved awarding Cold War Recognition Certificates to all members of the armed forces and qualified federal government civilian personnel who faithfully and honorably served the US anytime during the Cold War era – defined at Sept 2 1945 to Dec 26, 1991.

Fax the application with supporting documentation to 1-800-723-9262 or mail to:

US Army Human Resources  
 Cold War Recognition Program  
 Room 3N45  
 ATTN: AHRC-CWRS  
 200 Stovall St.  
 Alexandria, VA 22332-0473

Acceptable supporting documentation includes any official government or military document that contains the recipient's name, Social Security, Military Service, or Foreign Service Number, and a date showing at least one day of service during the Cold War era. For more information, go to <https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/active/TAGD/coldwar/default/htm>

We have two new members:

Helen R. Olen & Bill Craft  
 Both reachable at 3120 Hickory Rd in N. Cape May, NJ 08204; 609-886-2365

## Minutes of the 21 September Business Meeting of the Civil War Round Table

I have been asked to include the minutes of each meeting in the newsletter from now on. Here are the current minutes:

President Lolli called the meeting to order, and we saluted the flag and held a moment of silence for our troops in harm's way. President Lolli read the Treasurer's Report. Motion made to accept it and file for audit: approved. A copy of the report is appended to the official copy of these minutes.

VP Gibson reported on her visit to a recent Association of MidAtlantic Round Tables. AMART includes other Civil War groups such as the GAR Museum & Library, General Meade Society, etc. They maintain a website with links to all the member societies, an event calendar, links to other Civil War related sites, etc. On 11 November they will be holding a symposium in Philadelphia on *The Common Soldier: Billy Yank and Johnny Reb*. It costs \$50 a year for groups to join AMART: the cost goes to help maintain the website, etc. Motion made to pay the membership fee for AMART: seconded and passed. (AMART web site: [www.amartcivilwar.org](http://www.amartcivilwar.org))

VP Gibson also reminded the members that the Christmas party is now on 7 December, and that the \$15 fee must be paid by 16 November, which is when the caterer *has* to be paid and the order for number of meals placed.

Bobbie Babbitt reported that the official copy of the receipt of our required reports to the state to maintain our non-profit status has come back: the original went to President Lolli for file in our bank deposit box; and a Xerox copy to the Secretary for filing. Bobbie has also lent to the group for the long term a portable screen for use by presenters for slide shows, etc.

Loretta Thomas mentioned that the Cape May County Genealogical and Historical Society is putting on a lecture on antique bottles at 7p-m on Sept 28<sup>th</sup>. It costs \$7 per person to go, with Ed Runyon being the guest lecturer.

Adding on to that, Bobbie Babbitt also mentioned that the Dennisville Historical Society has a museum, free to the public, with Civil War related items.

President Lolli had our guests at this meeting introduce themselves.

A nomination committee was chosen and approved by those present: Bobbie Babbitt, Ed Clark, and George Brewer.

President Lolli thanked the refreshment crew for a fine spread for this meeting. Reminder that we need to have people sign up for next year's meetings.

Two books were given away as part of our drawing this meeting: *They Called Him Stonewall* by Jackson; and *Glory in the Name: A Novel of the Confederate Navy* by Nelson. Jim Marshall won the drawing.

Howard Ruhl announced that Eddy O'Malley had donated 6 VHS tapes in the *Civil War Journal* series to be sold off to raise money for the group. Value of the tapes will be researched before we decide how we want to sell them.

David Check had an article on Civil War era firemen and how they served as units in the war in *The Herald's* special Fireman's Convention booklet. I will be printing that article in several installments over the next few issues of this newsletter.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned and our guest speaker, Hugh Boyles, introduced us to *The Incredible Dan Sickles*.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Munson-Siter  
Secretary  
Cape May County Civil War Round Table



### Upcoming Civil War Events

Most of this information is from the website <http://civilwartraveler.com>; June through September are busy months for Civil War related events; it would take up the entire newsletter and more to try and list them all. I also have a notebook full of other events – ask to look through it if you're interested in seeing what other events are coming up. Unfortunately, New Jersey does not participate in

