



Herbert L. Hornsby Jr., Cape Savings Bank president & CEO, presents Suzanne Gibson and Andrew Lolli, members of the Cape May County Civil War Round Table, with a check for sponsoring the Round Table's free series of lectures. Gibson is dressed in traditional Civil War era clothing, including a handmade "Sunday best" day dress and accessories.

Civil War Round Table series continues free lectures

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE – Cape Savings Bank is once again sponsoring the Cape May County Civil War Round Tables monthly series of lectures. The event consists of free presentations open to the public throughout the year at the Samuel De Vico Seniors Building on Magnolia Avenue and Romney Place in Cape May Court House. Each event begins at 7 p.m.

The next lecture will be held on Thursday, Aug. 17. Dr. Andy Waski, from Temple University, will be in uniform to give a first-person presentation on General Meade, Union commander at the Battle of Gettysburg. Anyone interested in Civil War history, please join us for this interesting and fun evening...

This event is offered as a public service as part of the Civil War Round Table's outreach project in concert with its mission to promote the historical study of the American Civil War. Call 889-0061 for more information.

Cape Savings Bank's donation is an extension of its Community Involvement Program. Each year the Bank donates a portion of its revenues to events, groups and non-profit organizations that benefit the local community. To date, the bank has donated more than \$2.5 million back to the community.

Cape May County Civil War Round Table

Newsletter

September 2008

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.

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

21 Sept – Hugh Boyle of the Delaware Valley Civil War Round Table will be making a presentation on General Sickles, *The Incredible Dan Sickles*. Refreshments: Bruce Phillips & Carol Ruhl.

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

CIVIL WAR TRAILS



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 this web site, so I don't have much information on New Jersey events!

23 Sept: *Tour of Beverly Ford and St. James Church at the Brandy Station Battlefield in VA.* 10 am to noon, \$5 each. Begins at the Graffiti House visitor center south of Culpepper. 540-547-4106

22 – 24 Sept: Symposium and tour: *From the Cornfield to the Dunker Church: The Morning Phase at Antietam.*; in MD, sponsored by the Chambersberg PA Civil War Seminars. Details at 717-264-7101 or www.chambersburg.org

23 – 24 Sept: In VA, living history at Leesylvania State Park, Woodbridge, commemorating the Freestone Battery, the Confederacy's northernmost artillery battery that helped blockage the Potomac River in 1861. Tours, demonstrations and more. 10am – 4pm; parking fee. 703-670-0372.

23 – 23 Sept: *The Civil War Remembered on the Middletown & Hummelstown Railroad.* Ride the train from Middletown (near Hershey PA) witnessing Civil War encampment, skirmish and raid on the train. Trains depart 11:30 am and 2:30 pm Saturday and 1pm Sunday. \$17. Lantern tours of the camp at Hoffer Park being at 7:30pm. \$8 for adults. For train ride reservations, call 717-944-4435 extension 0.

28 Sept: *Confederate Emancipation;* lecture that will examine the little-known proposal to arm Confederate slaves, at the University of Richmond, VA's Keller Hall. Sponsored by the Museum of the Confederacy. 7:30 pm. Free, but reservations are necessary. 804-649-1861, ext. 28

29 Sept – 1 Oct: *Annual Conference on Civil War Medicine* in Lynchburg, VA. Includes lectures, bus tour and more. Details: 301-695-1864.

30 Sept – 1 Oct: *4th Texas Weekend,* Living history at the Antietam National Battlefield. Programs and encampments throughout the weekend. Special children's program at the visitor center at noon both days. Free with park admission. 301-432-7672

1 Oct: *Ship's Company;* living history demonstrations of life aboard a Civil War era ship, at the Fort Wsrđ Museum in Alexandria, VA. Noon to 4pm. Free, www.fortward.org or 703-838-4848.

6 – 8 Oct: Living history, live fire competition using period weapons during the North-South Skirmish Association national event near Winchester, VA. Free. www.n-ssa.org or 248-258-9007.

6 – 8 Oct: *The Civil War in the Mosby Heritage Area;* conference with tours and speakers covering the battles of Aldie, Middleburg and Upperville as well as post Antietam action at the Middleburg, VA Community Center. www.mosbyheritage.org or 540-687-6681.

6 – 9 Oct: *Antietam;* tour includes the battlefield and related campaign sites, three nights lodging, transportation and most meals. A Civil War Weekend Tour. \$595 per person double occupancy. www.civilwartours.com or 866-CWW-TOUR

14 – 15 Oct: *U.S. Sanitary Commission;* Living history at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick, MD. On the hour, 11 am to 3pm, free with admission to the museum. www.civilwarmed.org or 301-695-1864

14 – 15 Oct: Living history encampment and programs at Pitzer Woods at the Gettysburg national park; free. 717-334-1124 ext. 431 or www.nps.gov/gett

20 - 22 Oct: *Civil War in the Borderlands;* Symposium to explore the conflict in border states and lower Northern states, at Pamplin Historical Park near Petersburg, VA. Reservations required. www.pamplinpark.org or 804-861-2408

28 – 29 Oct: *The Battlefield Embalmer: Preserving the Civil War Dead;* living history demonstration at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick, MD. 11am – 3pm; free with admission.

28 – 29 Oct: Living history encampment and programs at the Pennsylvania Memorial and Little Round Top at the Gettysburg National Park, free.

Did You Know... ???

As Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated on a raw March day in 1861, the scene was recorded by a twenty five year old youth who perched far out in the crowd, sketching away with his pencil. He was a magazine illustrator whose rendition of the historic moment would soon appear as a two page drawing in *Harper's Weekly*, and whose sketches of the war would lead him to watercolor and oil painting, and make him one of the country's great native artists: Winslow Homer.

--submitted by Hank Heacock

CAPE MAY COUNTY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday, December 7, 2006

6:30 pm

\$15 per person

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CMCCWRT:

**Send to: Sue Gibson, 214 Exton Rd. Somers Pt.
08244**

LAST DAY FOR TICKETS:

Thursday, November 16TH

**NO
EXCEPTIONS!!!**

**From the Journal of Dr. Albert Dunlap,
Civil War Doctor**

Thursday, 29 May 1862: Commenced to take down the wire and reeled up eleven miles during the day. Found a wagon load of government goods laying by the road, which I took possession of. Fitted

myself out with a new cot bed, stool, overcoat, 6 grey shirts, stockings, drawers, shoes, knapsacks, blankets, etc. so I am well provided for.

Friday, 30 May 1862: We reached Petersburg, raining as usual. During the trip I was obliged to turn 4 horses loose and expect the

quartermaster to furnish me the same number in return.

Saturday, 31 May 1862: Rained all yesterday, last night and today. I have had considerable riding to do to get forage and an extra teamster but am now idle at last: everything is done and I can rest. I have reported for orders and may lay here a month or leave tomorrow. Have a lot of washing to do which I shall do as soon as it comes a pleasant day. It does seem that I creep into a position without desiring it. Here I have had the responsibility of a train with a guard all under my orders to go through a country infested with bushwhackers and yet I do not desire such. I prefer to be where I shall have little mental labor, and can return fresh to my studies in the fall. I have now about \$65 due me, which I shall get as soon as possible. I forgot to mention that I received a letter from Mother and Lewis, both together, the morning I was getting my teams out of the mud. I read them in the rain with muddy hands. It was the first news from home, and it certainly refreshed me. Please write again and send me some postage stamps. I cannot buy any here. Address is as before: Care Barnes Via New Creek, Va.

Sunday, 1 Jun 1862: The first day of the week and the first day of summer. Arose early and, finding out that the men were out of provisions, I drew up a requisition and rode over to the post commissariat. I found them out of everything but sugar, coffee and bread, so I took a due bill for the balance and struck out for town. Received no orders, went back to camp and turned in to mending my clothes. Had intended to have a big washing down, but could draw no soap. As usual it rained during the afternoon and night.

Monday, 2 June 1862: Rode up to town before breakfast to find out if any orders had come, but received none, so after breakfast rode out with Barnes about 10 miles to bring in a horse I had turned loose but found him unable to travel. Returned by noon and ate a hearty dinner of beans, beef and coffee. As usual it is raining this afternoon.

Tuesday, 3 June 1862: Took a four mile ride before breakfast, which gave me a good appetite. As usual it rained from noon to night. Today I drew ½ bushel of potatoes, ½ peck of beans, pork, candles and soap; and the first dry day I am going to do a big

washing. I went to town after supper and remained till ten o'clock talking with the superintendent by telegraph. Returned to camp in a heavy rain storm, which continued all night. I had several sacks of oats on hand and the horses kept me awake all night trying to get at them. Was soaking wet when I got up Wednesday morning and had to change my clothes. After breakfast I bid Barnes good bye who starts for Pittsburgh to be gone a week and then road over to the camp of the 82 O.V. While looking at some men playing euchre I fell asleep and did not wake up till 12 o'clock. It has not ceased raining since yesterday noon. The streams are all impassible and the bottoms covered with water. I am getting very tired of laying idle and wish orders would come to move in some direction – am anxiously expecting a letter from home.

Thursday, 5 June: Started out to hunt pasture but found it difficult to find any not exempted from government use by protection papers of Gen. Fremont. As usual it rained during the night. During the afternoon I washed two shirts, 8 collars and two pairs of yarn socks, but was unable to dry them.

Friday, 6 June: Cloudy all day with slight showers of rain. Went down to the post office and watched them distribute a large mail but there was nothing for me!!

Saturday, 7 June: Today the sun has come out in all its power and it reminds me that I am unable to bear its heat for a long time. I fear I shall have to give up my place during the summer. Have succeeded in drying my clothes. Am going to move my camp this afternoon to a fenced pasture. Afternoon, hitched up and removed my wagons out on the New Creek road about two miles from Petersburg in a beautiful valley well supplied with springs and surrounded with good pasture. Now I thought I would spend a pleasant Sunday, but about 7 o'clock express was sent that the forces were ordered to surrender, and preparations were making to fight, and if necessary to retreat. Sent two wagons in to report at the office and bring out the baggage of the workmen and the apparatus of the office instructions. Received orders to load up material and prepare to retreat if necessary. Went back to camp, loaded all the wire on to 3 wagons and took two more to town and loaded up one with baggage and three with wire and sent them to camp, then went and reported.

