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"Still, to use a coarse, but an expressive figure, broken eggs can not be mended. I have issued the emancipation proclamation, and I can not retract it."

- JANUARY 8, 1863 LINCOLN LETTER TO JOHN A. MCCLERNAND

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Impending Actions

Information and details about upcoming Gettysburg Roundtable presentations.

JANUARY 24TH

James Getty as Abraham Lincoln

A native of central Illinois, Mr. Getty now resides in historic Gettysburg, PA, where he portrays the 16th President in a one-man show during the tourist season. The program has received the Pennsylvania Travel Excellence Award.

Getty holds a Master of Music degree from Illinois Wesleyan University. He taught high school choral music in St. Charles and Naperville, Illinois, Sandusky, Ohio, and was director of Choral Activities at the University of Maine.

A member of National Speakers Association, Jim finds himself speaking in many schools and colleges, as well as conventions and business meetings.

Having spent years in research of Lincoln and his contemporaries, Getty has developed several first person presentations as the President. Participation in National and State Government festivities are a part of Jim's schedule each year.

Tigrett Corporation, The Loyola College Executive MBA Program, The Federal Executive Institute, and Johns Hopkins University utilize his commanding speaking talents in their leadership seminars.

Getty's voice is that of President Lincoln in two A&E programs: *Abraham Lincoln; A Biography* and *The Assassination of President Lincoln.* Jim is Mr. Lincoln in the Turner television film, *The Ironclads.*

The Delta Queen Steamboat Company employed Getty to portray President Lincoln on each of their several annual Civil War cruises from 1994 to 2006.

From September to May, we meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at the GAR Building, 53 East Middle Street. Light refreshments and conversation starting at 7:00 PM., and the featured program beginning at 7:30 PM.

Our June, July, and August summer meetings are in the field starting at 6:00 PM, with the meeting location announced in the bi-monthly newsletter and on the roundtable website: www.cwrtgettysburg.org.

Whenever treacherous weather is predicted, the CWRT President and Vice President shall determine by Noon on that day whether the program should be cancelled or not. Announcements will be made on television station WGAL and FOX Sports Radio 1320.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting begins at 6:30 PM on Thursday, January 10, 2013 at the Avenue Restaurant.

FEBRUARY 28TH

Union Casualties at Gettysburg: A Comprehensive Record

The Roundtable will be hosting John W. Busey and his son Travis W. Busey. We will be presenting them with the 2012 Civi War Roundtable Book Award for their work entitled *Union Casualties at Gettysburg: A Comprehensive Record.* The Busey's will also be our guest speakers for the meeting.

Their work is a three-volume study of Union casualties at the Battle of Gettysburg that chronicles and categorizes more than 23,000 Union men who were killed, wounded, or captured at the battle.

The authors describe the nature of the wounds the men suffered, the hospital that treated them, and if they died, where they were buried. Furthermore, since most of these men survived, the authors follow them for the remainder of their service using the Compiled Service Records at the National Archives as their guide. In all, this work greatly assists other scholars, researchers, and Civil War buffs in their attempts to memorialize and understand the service of the thousands of brave men who suffered and died to save the Union.

John has authored and co-authored other fine research works about the battle, including These Honored Dead: A Study of the Union Dead at Gettysburg, *and the standard work on battlefield casualties entitled* Regimental Strengths and Losses, *which he compiled along with David Martin.*

John and Travis are presently working on a companion to their award winner which will chronicle Confederate casualties here, which will be published in 2013.

Message from the President
by Cindy King

Happy New Year; what an exciting year this is going to be for our town! Joe has many great speakers lined up for us, starting off with our own James Getty portraying President Lincoln.

We suffered a great loss in December with the death of Cal Doucette. I was privileged to get to know Cal during the meetings of our Board. Cal is well known for his portrayals of Horace Greeley and Civil War Santa, but I'll remember him most for his desire to include the younger generation in the study of Civil War history. Both he and Sue would often go into schools and give programs to get these youngsters interested in what happened during this period. Our deepest sympathy and prayers go to Sue and her family; Cal will be greatly missed.

In May I will be turning over the gavel to a new president of our Roundtable. Anyone interested in this wonderful position can contact me by email, or a call. This is a great opportunity to meet people, and the Board is very supportive.

The Mud March of January 20-22, 1863

Submitted by Joe Mieczkowski

"The auspicious moment seems to have arrived to strike a great and mortal blow to the rebellion, and to gain that decisive victory which is due to the country." so announced Gen. Ambrose Burnside to his Union Army of the Potomac on the morning of January 20, 1863, as he started out on a great drive to beat Gen. Robert E. Lee's Confederate Army of Northern Virginia and capture Richmond, VA.

Burnside's soldiers had had but five weeks to recover from their defeat at the Battle of Fredricksburg, but the government demanded action. The Union and Confederate armies still faced each other across the Rappahannock River at Fredricksburg, and Burnside's plan was to quickly cross the river above Lee's left and assail that flank of the Confederate position.

The Union soldiers and their great wagon trains of pontoon boats, artillery, and supplies made a good start clearing their camp and moving up the river. Then the sky started clouding, and by mid-afternoon a slow drizzle had begun. By nightfall a steady, relentless rain was falling, not to stop for days. The next morning the great mule-drawn wagons carrying the pontoons churned the road into a quagmire. The wagons sank to their hubs; the artillery sank until only the muzzles were out of the mud. The exhausted horses floundered, as did the men, as each slippery step through the ooze sucked at their shoes and weighed them down. "The whole country was a river of mud," wrote one soldier. "The roads were rivers of deep mire, and the heavy rain had made the ground a vast mortar bed." James Coburn, of the 141st Pennsylvania, wrote in his diary, "Continued cold and rainy--mud growing deep, deep, deeper--have had enough of winter campaigning. My diarrhea is growing worse. . . . This storm and exposure will kill thousands of our brave boys."

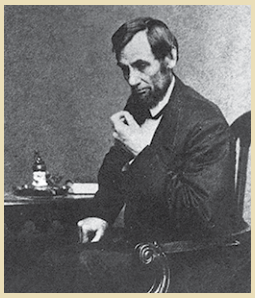
Whole regiments and triple teams of mules hitched to the wagons and guns failed to move them. Still the rain came down in torrents. By noon the next day, Burnside's plans to maneuver past Lee's Rebel army were hopelessly stalled, and his own army was exhausted, wet, and cold. Burnside had no choice but to abandon the movement and order his soldiers back to their camps across from Fredricksburg.

Across the river, the Confederate pickets watching the struggling Union army with amusement. Some put up a large sign on the riverbank that said "Burnside's Army Stuck in the Mud" and another that said "This way to Richmond."

150 years ago – 1863

January 1, 1863

Emanicpation Proclamation



In an effort to placate the slave-holding border states, Lincoln resisted the demands of radical Republicans for complete abolition. Yet some Union generals, such as General B. F. Butler, declared slaves escaping to their lines "contraband of war," not to be returned to their masters. Other generals decreed that the slaves of men rebelling against the Union were to be considered free. Congress, too, had been moving toward abolition. In 1861, Congress had passed an act stating that all slaves employed against the Union were to be considered free. In 1862, another act stated that all slaves of men who supported the Confederacy were to be considered free. Lincoln, aware of the public's growing support of abolition, issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, declaring that all slaves in areas still in rebellion were, in the eyes of the federal government, free.

February 5, 1863

General Joseph Hooker reorganizes the Army of the Potomac appointing J. F. Reynolds, Darius Couch, Dan Sickles, George Meade, John Sedgwick, W. F. Smith, Franz Sigel, and Henry Slocum in command of individual corps. George Stoneman is named his cavalry chief.

February 13, 1863

President Lincoln is visited by diminutive circus act General Tom Thumb and his wife.

February 28, 1863

Work begins on rebuilding Ford's Theater after a fire.

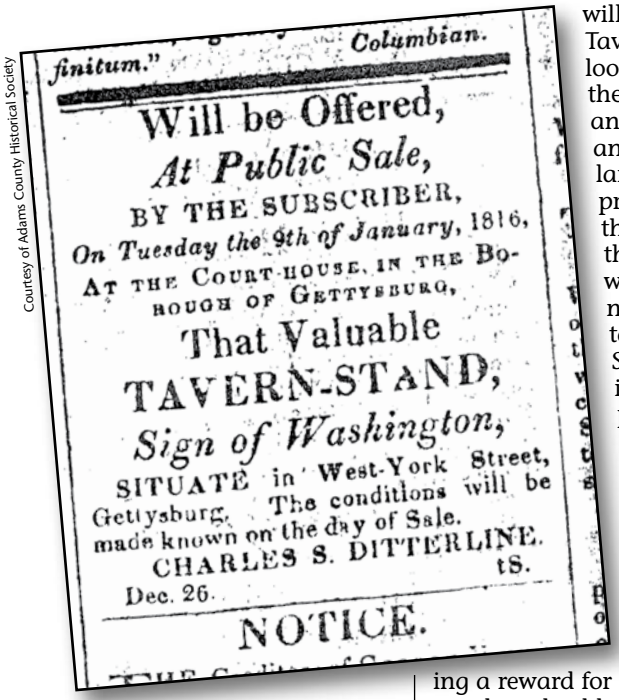
Submitted by Joe Mieczkowski

(ABOVE) Mud March

(LEFT) 141st PA monument at the Peach Orchard Gettysburg, participants in the Mud March.

Ditterline's Tavern – "The Sign of Washington"

This is an ongoing series of articles, contributed by past roundtable president, John Winkelman, on the inns, hotels, taverns, and stores that were in Gettysburg and the surrounding communities during the battle.



Courtesy of Adams County Historical Society

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Will be Offered,
At Public Sale,
BY THE SUBSCRIBER,
On Tuesday the 9th of January, 1816,
AT THE COURT-HOUSE, IN THE BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG,
That Valuable
TAVERN-STAND,
Sign of Washington,
SITUATE in West-York Street, Gettysburg. The conditions will be made known on the day of Sale.
CHARLES S. DITTERLINE.
Dec. 26. tS.

NOTICE.

In 1814 Charles Ditterline opened a new tavern on West York Street (Today's Chambersburg Street). This two story brick building had been built as early as 1805 but prior to Ditterline's ownership it had been used for other purposes including a cabinet maker's shop. Ditterline's will be a Wagon Tavern, he is looking to serve the waggoners and teamsters and there was a large yard on the property where they could park their freight wagons. He will name his new tavern "The Sign of Washington". Apparently some of these waggoners were not too honest because Ditterline posted an ad in the *Sentinel* on May 28, 1816 offering a reward for a silver French watch and gold chain that were stolen while the owner was exhibiting his watches at the bar. The reward was $10 for the watch and thief, $5 just for the watch.

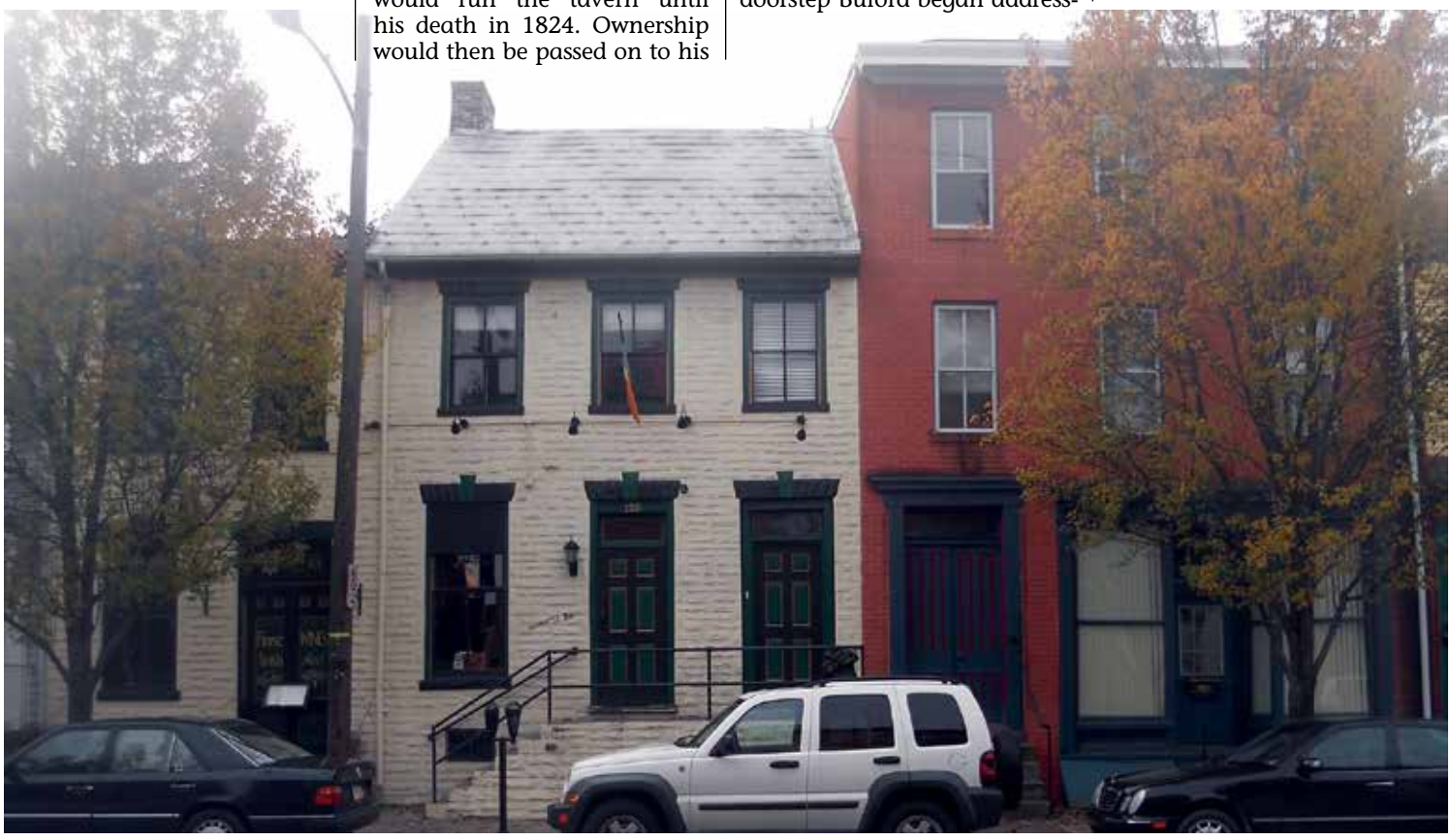
Ditterline tried to sell his tavern in 1816 but apparently there were no buyers and he would run the tavern until his death in 1824. Ownership would then be passed on to his wife Jane but rather than run it herself she leased it out to other proprietors. James Gorley, John Troxell and Michael Newman would run it in turn until 1837 when Jane herself will take over. Unfortunetly Jane will lose the tavern in a sheriff's sale in 1841 and although the building will change ownership several times over the next two decades it apparently was never opened as a tavern again. In 1865 Dr. Nicholas Weaver will acquire the building and in 1869 he will add a third story. The building still stands today serving as a private residence.

Although Jane Ditterline lost the tavern in 1841 she continued to live at her residence next door, a two story brick building possibly built as early as 1810. Jane was still living there in 1863. In 1909 Robert McClean, who as a young boy lived in Gettysburg, wrote about an incident he witnessed on June 30, 1863. On that day he was standing on the west side of Washington Street by the Eagle Hotel and watched as General John Buford dismounted in front of the Ditterline residence. Seated on the Ditterline doorstep Buford began addressing a dispatch to General John Reynolds conveying information which David McConaughy was communicating verbally to him. With boyish curiosity and regardless of good manners McClean looked over the general's shoulder as he wrote. Jane Ditterline will live here until her death and the building will continue to serve as a residence for many years. However in 1925 Andrew Remer would open the West End Lunch Tavern here and there are rumors that it served as a Speakeasy in the 1920's. After Remer's death in 1939 the tavern would have various owners and names. It would be "Ned's Tavern", "Cheryl's Tavern" and then "Hamilton's Tavern". In 2007 Kevin McCready will acquire it and convert it into the "Garryowen" a traditional Irish Pub.

And so, in a sense, the legacy that began with Ditterline's Tavern continues on Chambersburg Street today.

The original tavern is the three story brick building to the right of Garryowen Irish Pub (center).

The present day Garryowens was the residence where Jane Ditterline was living in 1863.



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in association with the Smithsonian Institution

1863 at the Museum

Conspiracy...the Draft Riots and Gettysburg

The National Civil War Museum will host a wine & cheese reception to preview the new *1863* exhibit on Wednesday, January 16 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Special Lecture with Barnet Schecter, *The Draft Riots and the Gettysburg Campaign: Conspiracy or Coincidence?* Join independent historian Barnet Schecter, author of *The Devil's Own Work: The Civil War Draft Riots and the Fight to Reconstruct America,* as he weighs the evidence and provides an in-depth look at the festering racial and class conflicts that produced the deadliest riots in American history.

Admission to the reception is $10 per person with complimentary admission for Museum members. Reservations must be made by contacting Brian Guerrisi at 717-260-1861 ext. 1130 orbguerrissi@nationalcivilwarmuseum.org by January 14.

1863 is the third exhibit in a series of commemorative exhibits for the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War. It is scheduled to open on January 17 and will be open through December 31. Exhibit content will include a timeline of key events and battles that occurred each month, as well as graphics and a variety of artifacts and documents. Special thanks to our sponsor Amtrak.

Free Admission

Celebrate Black History Month & President's Day

The National Civil War Museum welcomes visitors with FREE admission to the Museum on Saturday, February 16, coinciding with President's Day weekend. Much of the focus of the day's educational presentations will be on Black History Month and President's Day.

The Museum will have a full line-up of educational programming for children and adults to include music, lectures, and games, in addition to a Book launch with author Tom Huntington's new book *Searching for George Gordon Meade: Forgotten Victor of Gettysburg.*

"United Concordia is proud to partner once again with the Civil War Museum to promote our Commonwealth's rich history," said Chip Merkel, president and chief operating officer, United Concordia Dental. "This event pays tribute to the men and women who have made – and are making sacrifices – to ensure our nation's continued health and well-being.

For a complete listing of activities and times scheduled for the event, please visit the Museum website: nationalcivilwarmuseum.org or call 717-260-1861.

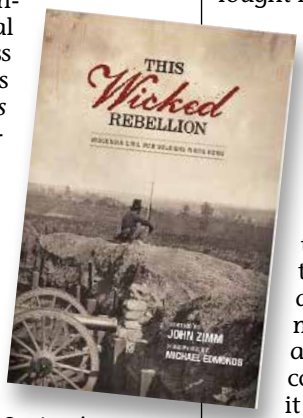
Book Chat

This Wicked Rebellion

Edited by John Zimm

Reviewed by James M. Gallen

Members of the Civil War/War Between The States community are always looking for new insights into the struggle and the Wisconsin Historical Society Press has brought us a gem. *This Wicked Rebellion* consists of a collection of letters written to families and local newspapers by Wisconsin soldiers. Editor John Zimm has searched the Society's massive collection for representative samplings that bring the war to life in the words of the men who fought it. From farewells to family, camp life and reports from battlefields, hospitals and prisons we are treated to life as the warriors lived it. We readers are privy to accounts from where Wisconsin's banners faced the foe: Bull Run, Shiloh, Winchester, Shiloh, Vicksburg, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Spotsylvania and Atlanta. Some letters provide real time impressions of the issues of the day: slavery, emancipation, the purposes of the war and the wounds it left on the hearts of those who fought it.



Whether or not you have a particular interest in Wisconsin, regardless of whether you favor Blue or Grey, these observations, emotions and letters are certainly typical of those written to other states for they, and we, all share a common humanity. This is a fairly short book that could be read quickly but it should not be. It is a book to be savored, letter by letter and word by word, as we try to understand those men who closed our great national schism.

Inns of the Gettysburg Area sponsor CW ball

Once a year, the Inns of the Gettysburg Area (IGA) sponsors a Civil War ball for their guests and the Gettysburg community. This year, the ball will be held on January 26, 2013 at the Grand Ball Room of the Gettysburg Hotel. Briant and Karin Bohleke will preside as dance masters. Music will be provided by Smash the Windows.

The day begins with dance lessons from 10 AM to noon. During the lessons, dancers will learn the steps for the evening dances. The afternoon is free to allow dancers time to prepare their ball attire and shop for last minute details that they might need for the evening affair. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. The Grand March will begin at 8 PM. Since dancers have already learned the steps, the evening ball focuses on dancing and having fun.

The tickets for the complete ball package are $75 per guest or $140 per couple and include the morning dance lessons, dinner at the ball room, and the Civil War ball. Dancers who wish to go to the ball only may purchase dance tickets for $35.

Dancers from out of the area are encouraged to stay with sponsoring bed and breakfasts listed on the Inns of the Gettysburg Area website at http://www.gettysburgbedandbreakfast.com/. A limited number of tickets will also be made available to local dancers from the Gettysburg area.

For more information about ball tickets with overnight accommodations, please call your favorite Gettysburg bed and breakfast from the IGA website. For local tickets, call the James Gettys Hotel at 717-337-1334.

Got e-mail?

Want to receive your newsletter ahead of traditional mail delivery, *and* enjoy it in full color? Then join the growing list of members who already receive their newsletter via e-mail. Simply send your e-mail address to Roundtable Treasurer JoyceAnn Deal: *jdeal@gettysburg.k12.pa.us,* and the next issue will be sent right to your computer on or around March 1, 2013.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL

Lincoln Ball

Saturday, February 9 • 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM

Historic Gettysburg Hotel • 1 Lincoln Square, Gettysburg

SPONSORED BY Civilians of Gettysburg 1861-1865

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Please reserve_____tickets at $25 each.

Enclosed is my check for $_____, payable to:

Civilians of Gettysburg,
P O Box 3954, Gettysburg, PA 17325

DANCE MASTERS
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MUSIC BY
SMASH THE WINDOWS
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TICKETS
$25.00 per person

19th Century or other formal attire requested

For more information, call Norma at (717) 337-0748 or... send e-mail to civilwar dance@earthlink.net (preferred method of contact), or... visit the website at: civiliansofgettysburg.com.

Remembering African-American soldiers who fought to save the Union

Black troops who fought to end slavery in the Confederate states, and offered their lives up every day received lesser pay than white soldiers. In fact, black troops received ten dollars a week minus clothing allowance, while white soldiers received thirteen dollars a week plus clothing allowance. In 1864, the United States Congress passed a bill that authorized the military to distribute equal pay for black and white soldiers. At the end of the war in 1865, roughly 180,000 black men enlisted into the United States Army. In addition, roughly 90,000 former and fugitive slaves from the Confederate states served in the war. Half of these men came from the border states, and the remainder were freed men from the North. An estimated 40,000 black men died during the four-year war. Ten thousand died in battle. Thirty thousand died of illness or serious infection. Of all these numbers, sixteen black soldiers were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for their service.

Check out these links to learn more about the role of African-Americans in the American Civil War:

Emancipation Proclamation:
www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smtID=2&psid=3074

African-Americans in World War II and the Civil Rights Movement:
http://learn.uakron.edu/beyond/ww2_civilRights.htm

Freedmen as Soldiers:
http://faculty.assumption.edu/aas/Intros/soldiers.html

Blacks in the Civil War:
http://www2.coloradocollege.edu/Dept/HY/Hy243Ruiz/Research/civilwar.html

Article copied from:
www.justmilitaryloans.com/black-soldiers-in-the-civil-war-a-civil-rights-movement

The Civil War Round Table of the District of Columbia

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

Submitted by Kenneth R. Rice, Newsletter Editor and Membership Chairman

Our meetings are held at the Ft. McNair Officer's Club in Washington, DC (map available on the website). The dinner costs $30.00. Please see the newsletter: **http://users.erols.com/kennrice/cwrtdc.htm** for a dinner reservation form, call 703-578-1942, or email John Restall at restall@joimail.com. Guests are always welcome. Those who wish to hear the speaker, but not have the dinner, may do so for a cover charge of $5.00. The meeting starts at 6:00 pm with a social hour, the dinner is served at 6:45 and the presentation starts at 8:00. Please note the entrance to Ft. McNair has been moved to a new gate and search facility on 2nd St.

Here is the meeting and program schedule for January thru June 2013.

January 8 – James Robertson, Jr.: *The Untold Civil War.*

February 12 – Burrus Carnahan: Lincoln on Trial: T*he Legal Basis of His Actions.*

March 12 – Edna Greene Medford: *The Emancipation Proclamation.*

April 9 – Fergus Bordewich: *The Compromise of 1850.*

April 24-28 – Annual Weekend Field Trip with Ed Bearss
Ed Bearss and The Vicksburg Campaign - Visiting Vicksburg with Edwin Cole Bearss is second only to revisiting it with Grant himself. Nobody now living knows that pivotal campaign of the Civil War better than Bearss, who for a decade was the historian at the Vicksburg National Military Park and wrote the standard three-volume account of it.

May 14 – Greg Mertz: *Stuart at Chancellorsville.*

June 11 – Earl Hess: *The Western Front.*

For further information on any of the events listed above, you are encouraged to contact Ken Rice at: http://users.erols.com/kennrice/cwrtdc.htm or visit our new website: cwrtdv.org.

JANUARY FEBRUARY Stuff to do in the area

January, February, March. A winter lecture series on the War in 1863 presented by Gettysburg National Military Park Rangers

January 1. Special display of the original Emancipation Proclamation at the National Archives (East Rotunda Gallery) 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m.-noon Monday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday. Free. For information go to archives.gov.

January 25 – March 08. Kara Walker Art Exhibit Gettysburg College Conference Department. For information go to gettysburg.travel/index.asp

Now – April 28. *The Civil War and American Art.* Smithsonian American Art Museum. The exhibition examines how America's artists represented the impact of the Civil War and its aftermath. Winslow Homer, Eastman Johnson, Frederic Church and Sanford Gifford—four of America's finest artists of the era—anchor the exhibition. *The Civil War and American Art* will include approximately 60 paintings, vintage photographs and battlefield photography.

January 26. Book Talk. 10 a.m. Civil War in Northern Virginia 1861 by William Connery. Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax. For information call 703-591-0560.

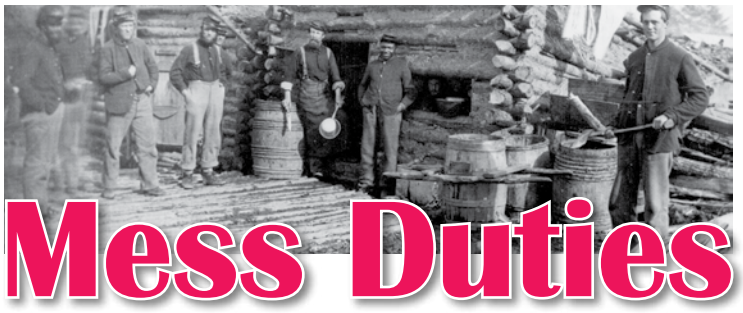
February 2 Movie: *The General.* 1 p.m., Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, 401 Museum Drive, Hagerstown. For information go to wcmfa.org.

February 20. *A Walk Through the Civil War;* Part III - *Tipping the Scales.* Gettysburg College Conference Department.

Show & Tell

For our monthly meetings we are looking to continue our "Show & Tell" session of about 5-10 minutes where you can show our members your items, tell how you acquired them and what they mean to you.

We'd like to see and hear about them so if you are interested please contact John Winkelman on 717-337-0979 or email gburg1863@comcast.net.



Mess Duties

January 24 ..... **Dale Molina**
February 28 ..... **Lynn Light Heller**

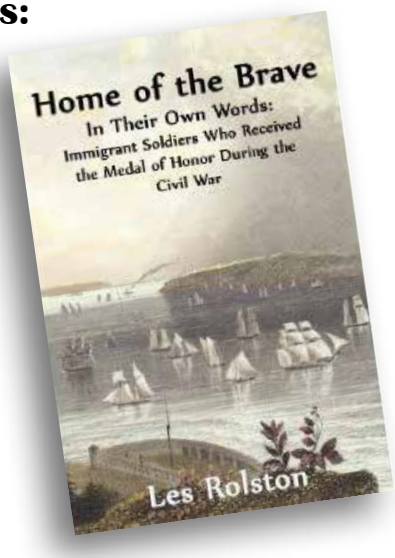
NEW & Noteworthy

Home of the Brave

In Their Own Words:

Immigrants Who Received The Medal Of Honor In The Civil War

by Les Ralston



The book is a collection of stories about some of the hundreds of immigrant soldiers who fought in the American Civil War.

Available at amazon.com for $12.95, paperback, or contact the author at 401-714-0364, or by e-mail: Lesrol2@gmail.com

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