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BATTLE OF MOBILE BAY STAMP ISSUED



The United States Postal Service released the two Civil War sesquicentennial stamps for 1864 on July 30, 2014 in separate ceremonies in Mobile, AL and Petersburg, VA. The commemorative stamp depicts Admiral David G. Farragut's fleet at the Battle of Mobile Bay on August 5, 1864. It is a reproduction of a painting by artist Julian Oliver Davidson, published circa 1886 by Louis Prang and Co.

The Petersburg stamp depicts the 22nd U.S.C.T. in action at the beginning of the Petersburg Campaign on June 15-18, 1864. The stamp is a reproduction of an 1892 painting by J. Andre' Castaigne. Both stamps were released on the anniversary of the Battle of the Crater in Petersburg on July 30, 1864.

The CDCWRT will have First Day of Issue envelopes with black ink and color digital cancels in time for the November Conference.

**SEPTEMBER MEETING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2014**

**WATERVLIET SENIOR CENTER
1541 BROADWAY
WATERVLIET, NY**

**BLACK JACKS,
WHITE SAILS AND
SHIPMATES**

DAVID M. DZIEWULSKI

Social Hour	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Business Meeting	7:00 – 7:15 p.m.
Presentation	7:15 – 7:45 p.m.
Discussion	7:45 - -8:15 p.m.

CDCWRT MEETING

Welcome back after the summer break! This fall's meetings of the CDCWRT will be both educational and interesting. The September meeting of the Capital District Civil War Round Table will occur on Friday, September 12, 2014 at the Watervliet Senior Center. Our special guest speaker will be David M. Dziewulski who will talk about a topic that has never been discussed before our group. David will talk about "Black Jacks, White Sails and Shipmates."

David will present information on African American Sailors in the Civil War. Included will be brief primer on the antecedent mariner & naval history of African-Americans from the Continental Navy through the Barbary Pirate Wars, Quasi-War with France and the War of 1812. Emphasis will be on the black

sailors' numbers, roles, perceptions, attitudes and equality in the integrated Union Navy.

David is a member of a living history group known as the U.S. Naval Landing Party. They are a member unit of the Navy and Marine Living History Association. His role when interacting with the public is primarily as ship's cook and a musician; he is a member of the musical group known as the Iron Jacks. He has been successful in helping his organizations obtain grants for two educational posters: one on the Alligator, which is considered the first submarine in US naval service and one on the USS Monitor and the role of Hudson River Valley in the ship's manufacture and construction. He is also the current Senior Vice-Commander, and Past Camp Commander of the Col. George L. Willard Camp, #154, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He serves as the Treasurer on the Executive Committee of the New York Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee.

Professionally, David is a microbiologist and received his doctoral degree from the University of New Hampshire in Durham with a specialty in environmental virology. He came to the Capital District to take a position as a post-doctoral researcher in the Dept. of Chemical Engineering at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1979. Later, as a member of small consulting firm, he worked with the fossil and nuclear power industries and performed contract research in the natural gas production, storage and transmission industries. After eight years of consulting work he took a position with the New York State Department of Health and is involved in drinking water regulation and, currently, working with the CDC on new methods for disease surveillance related to water-related infrastructure and quality problems. He also served as an assistant professor in the SUNY school of Public Health for 13 years and is currently a Research Associate Professor at that school.

UP-COMING EVENTS

The following list of up-coming events is provided to help Round Table members plan their long term calendars. These are events that involve our Round Table, especially events that provide opportunities to raise funds for our preservation activities. Some events may change as the year progresses, so members should check the list monthly. Other events have a Civil War connection and are sponsored by other groups. Details of Sesquicentennial Civil War events can be found on the web-site: www.nycivilwar150.org.

The Greene County Historical Society trip to Manassas and Monocacy is scheduled for October 17-19. Final payment is due September 5th. You may call Dave Dorpfeld at 518-731-1033 to determine if seats are still available.

Saratoga Civil War Days which were scheduled for September 13-14, 2014, have been cancelled.

On Friday, October 10, 2014, the regular meeting of the CDCWRT will be held at the Senior Center in Watervliet. The guest speaker will be author and historian, E.A. Livingston who will talk about Brooklyn and the Civil War.

On Friday-Sunday, November 7-9, 2014, the 4th Sue Knost Memorial Conference will take place at the Mabee Farm Conference Center. See the updated flyer in this newsletter.

On Friday, December 12, 2014, the Holiday meeting of the CDCWRT will be held at the Senior Center in Watervliet. Our very special guest speaker will be Dan Curry, a former student member of the CDCWRT who will talk about his Civil War relative at Andersonville prison camp.

DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY

At the July meeting of the Board it was decided to raise general dues to \$30 per year. The last increase in dues was more than 10 years ago. Postage was 32-cents then, and our printing was free, thanks to CSEA. Since then, the economy collapsed, postage rose to 49-cents, Sue Knost and Joe Stracuzzi died and active membership has declined. Most importantly, it now costs \$150 each month to print our newsletter. Our mailing list has been trimmed by 1/3, and about 20% of members have opted for e-mail newsletters. We still place complementary newsletters in libraries and other places.

If you know someone who is considering joining the CDCWRT, **NEW MEMBERS** who pay for 2015 before January 1, 2015, can join at the OLD rate of \$25 for 2015.

NOTICE

A collector in New Jersey who follows our website, is interested in acquiring Ron Tunison sculptures. Anyone interested in selling their items may contact Barry Franzysen at (732) 356-6235 or writing to 305 Cedar Ave., Somerset, NJ 08873.

Ron was a member of our Round Table until his sudden death last year. Among his Civil War monuments are four at Gettysburg (Gen. Crawford, Delaware monument, Masonic Friend to Friend monument, and Elizabeth Thorne) and the Irish Brigade monument at the sunken lane at Antietam.

NOVEMBER CONFERENCE

Inside this newsletter is the final packet for the November Sue Knost Memorial Conference which deals with topics that occurred in 1864. This is the 150th anniversary of that year of the war. There will be no regular meeting of the Round Table in November, so make certain you try to attend at least a portion of the conference instead.

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Created in 1984, the Capital District Civil War Round Table is an incorporated non-profit educational organization. Meetings are held monthly in various locations in the Capital District. This newsletter is published eleven times per year. Annual dues are \$25. The purpose of the organization is to promote, educate, and further stimulate interest in, and discussion of, all aspects of the Civil War period.

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