

Old Baldy Civil War Round Table of Philadelphia



September 2004, The One Hundred and Forty-Third Year of the Civil War

September 9th Thursday Meeting

The September 9th Meeting of the Old Baldy Civil War Round Table will start at 7:30 pm on Thursday at the Civil War and Underground Railroad Museum at 1805 Pine Street in Philadelphia. The speaker will be **Herb Knaufman**. Herb's topic will be "Philadelphia's Civil War Monuments" Herb has delivered many interesting and supperd talks...this should be another fine one. Herb is a member of Old Baldy Civil War Round Table and an avid Civil War collector.

"A Boot Full of Memories"

The August 12th Program was **David Douglas**. David gave a fine presentation on his first book on the Civil War "A Boot Full of Memories: Capt. Leonard Williams, 2nd S. C. Cavalry". The book was about his great grandfather and was based on his letters...135. David gave a supperd talk on how he came up with doing the book and all the research that went into it. The people he met and befriended...and the stories they had to tell. He explained how he wove the letters and the factual events into an historical novel... a true window into history of a fine soldier's life, honor, duty and heroism. The book is a must for anyone's Civil War library...

If you missed this talk you missed one of the best of the year.

David G. Douglas



Photos - Pat Caldwell



"Petersburg... Southern City in the Crucible of War"

The Annual Fund Raising Dinner August 21, 2004 was held at the Raddison Hotel in Trevoise sponsored by both the Delaware Valley and Old Baldy Civil War Roundtables. The speaker was **A. Wilson Greene**

Wilson gave us another great talk on life in a southern city... Petersburg.

The demographics of the city before the war started and the changes that it



A. Wilson Green

went through as the war begun and progressed. How the city lost it's trade center status of which it has never fully recovered. He talked of the people's desire to stay in the Union and how that changed when Lincoln was elected. How all it's young men went off to fight and left a city alone. He also gave us an insight into todays Petersburg and how it's Civil War history is contributing to Petersburg's economic future... Pamplin Park... and how it is becoming one of the finest Civil War museum in the country... a leader in preservation and a window into history for our future generations. A fine evening was had by all...

Bring a friend, neighbor and another Civil War buff to enjoy a fascinating subject and to support our speakers at Old Baldy.



Annual Fund Raising Dinner
Sponsored by the Delaware Valley and
Old Baldy Round Tables of Philadelphia
Saturday August 21, 2004
Radisson Hotel



Hugh Boyle a great host





Prize Winners

1st Prize - Civil War Chess Set. Heroes of the North and South, Robert Carlson, Atlanta, GA

2nd Prize - Bronze Sculpture General J. E. B. Stuart, H. H. Marshall, Nantucket, MA

3rd Prize - Donegal Parian China Plate, The 69th TV. V. S. V. (Irish Brigade), Charlie Barrett, Glassboro, NJ

Proceeds from dinner for Pamplin Park will be in next issue.

The Civil War Institute

Just a reminder that courses for The Civil War Institute will begin again in September 2004 at Manor College in Jenkintown. We have five courses planned for the spring semester. All classes will run from 6:30 till 8:30 pm. All courses are Act 48 Approved. Manor College is located at 700 Fox Chase Road in Jenkintown, PA. It is also accessible by public transportation via SEPTA Bus Route #28.

Course Descriptions

The Irish in the Civil War —This course looks at the role the Irish played in the Civil War and why so many fought to unite a country that was new to them. It will look at where they came from, how they fought, and why they fought so bravely. The course will examine the Irish on both sides, both blue and gray. We will look at the important roles they played in the major battles of the war and why so many gave their lives. Hugh Boyle will be the instructor for this course. It will run for 3 Wednesdays, September 15, 22 & 29. \$40

The Civil War Overview —The Civil War Series was developed by the DVCWRT and is an overview of the events that led to the war, major battles and the after-effects that still impact our nation today. The war will be examined year by year. This is a 6-week program for all ages conducted by instructors who are experts on the subject. It is one you will not want to miss. This Core Course runs for 6 Thursdays September 23 through October 28. \$70

Civilians During the Civil War — What did civilians do during the Civil War? What occupations, services and other duties did they carry out? In this class you will explore the impact of war on the lives of the people. How did they cope with the destruction of war and its aftermath? You will hear about real accounts of day to day living from actual letters and diaries. Join Paula Gidjunis as she presents this course for 2 Mondays, October 18 & 25. \$30.

The Gettysburg Campaign —Two mighty armies engaged by chance in the greatest single battle ever fought in the Western Hemisphere. A detailed examination of events leading up to the battle and each day's activity will be covered. Did the mighty Army of the Potomac finally get the leadership it deserved? Did Robert E. Lee blunder in his strategy? Did his commanders let him down? Would he have prevailed if Jackson were alive? Was James Longstreet, Lee's "War-horse" right in his view of the battle? Find out the answers to these questions as Frank Avato guides you through this Core Course, which lasts for 6 Wednesdays — October 13, 20 & 27, and November 3, 10 & 17. \$70.

Bull Run — Manassas Twice — In July 1861, the newly-formed civilian armies of the North and South face their baptism of fire at Bull Run (Manassas) in the first major battle of the War, and Thomas J. Jackson earns his famous nickname. One year later, the veterans of these same armies meet again on the same battleground, where Jackson again comes to the fore. Learn what brought these armies here in the early days of the war, what brought them back to this place, and why survivors never forgot the name of Manassas. Pat Caldwell will lead this discussion for 3 Mondays, November 1, 8 and 15. \$40.

The President's Letter

Hi Folks!

Here we are at Labor Day already, where did the summer go? Our August dinner went off without a hitch even though our event coordinator, Mike Cavanaugh never made it back in time from his trip to Russia. We thought maybe the Russian authorities decided to keep him there but he finally made it back safe and sound. Thanks to all that helped make our dinner a success, putting their time and effort into it, especially Mike for putting it all together and Delval RT president, Hugh Boyle, who did a terrific job running the show in Mike's absence and to anyone else who took an active part in making it work. Thanks also to everyone who attended and supported us. Our speaker, Mr. A. Wilson Greene was excellent, we had a good crowd and everyone seemed to be having a good time.

Our August RT meeting was another good program presented by Mr. David Douglas who spoke on his recent book "A Boot Full of Memories" based on the letters of his great grandfather who was a member of the 2nd SC Cavalry. And this month we have our board member and one of our favorite local historians, Herb Kaufman who will speak to us on the Civil War Monuments in Philadelphia. Herb's presentations are always a pleasure to listen to so come out and join us for a night of Civil War and Philadelphia history.

Hope to see you there!!

Nancy Caldwell
President



General
Braxton Bragg



General
William Rosecrans

Today in Civil War History

September 9, 1863 Yankees enter Chattanooga, Tennessee

Union General William Rosecrans completes a brilliant campaign against the army of Confederate General Braxton Bragg when his forces capture Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The capture of Chattanooga followed a campaign in which there was little fighting but much maneuvering. On June 23, Rosecrans marched his troops out of

their camp in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, just south of Nashville. Bragg, who hoped his defensive line could keep Rosecrans out and protect the rich agricultural resources of south central Tennessee, had his army arrayed northwest of Tullahoma.

When Rosecrans moved his army to Bragg's right flank, the Confederates found themselves in a dangerous position and so Bragg pulled his forces further south to Tullahoma. But Rosecrans then feinted toward Chattanooga, forcing Bragg to give up Tullahoma and retreat into Chattanooga. At the cost of only 560 Yankee casualties, Rosecrans had taken south central Tennessee from Bragg.

Approaching Chattanooga from the west on September 8, Union forces began crossing Lookout Mountain above the city. Again, Bragg was outmaneuvered and was forced to leave Chattanooga with only minor skirmishing. On September 9, triumphant Union troops entered the city.

Bragg finally gathered his troops and dug in his heels in northern Georgia, just south of Chattanooga. The two armies collided again at Chickamauga on September 19 and 20, when Bragg finally sent Rosecrans in the other direction. The Union force then retreated back into Chattanooga.

History Channel

1862:

- Skirmish at Williamsburg, Virginia
- Skirmishes at Barnesville, and Monocacy Church, Maryland
- Skirmish at Big Creek, Missouri

1863:

- Skirmish at Webber's falls, Indian Territory
- Skirmish at Lookout Mountain, Georgia

1864:

- Skirmish at Curituck Bridge, North Carolina
- Affair on the Warrenburg Road, Missouri

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Philadelphians who served in the Civil War to whom the Medal of Honor has been presented by Congress

*Philadelphia in the Civil War 1861 - 1865
Published 1913*

Privates

CLARK, JAMES G.

Rank and organization: Private, Company F, 88th Pennsylvania Infantry. Place and date: At Petersburg, Va., 18 June 1864. Entered service at: —. Birth: Germantown, Pa. Date of issue: 30 April 1892. Citation: Distinguished bravery in action; was severely wounded.

CONNER, RICHARD

Rank and organization: Private, Company F, 6th New Jersey Infantry. Place and date: At Bull Run, Va., 30 August 1862. Entered service at: —. Birth: Philadelphia, Pa. Date of issue: 17 September 1897. Citation: The flag of his regiment having been abandoned during retreat, he voluntarily returned with a single companion under a heavy fire and secured and brought off the flag, his companion being killed.

Schedule of Old Baldy CWRT Speakers for Summer/Fall/Winter 2004

September 9 - Thursday
Herb Kaufman

Board Member, Old Baldy and Del-Val CWRT, CW
Library and Museum guide
Topic: *Philadelphia's Civil War Monuments*

October 6 - Wednesday
Note Meeting Night Change
Dr. Richard McMurry

Professor of History, Author, Expert on the War in the
West
Topic: *Faults of the Atlanta Campaign*

November 11 - Thursday
The Civil War Preservation Trust

Topic: Battlefield Preservation. Very important night
for everyone concerned about the state and future of
our Civil War Battlefields. Speakers from the CWPT
will conduct the evening's program.

December 9 - Thursday
David A. Welker

Author
Topic: His book, *"Tempest at Ox Hill, The Battle
of Chantilly (September 1, 1862)"*

**All meetings, unless otherwise noted, begin
at 7:30 PM at the**

**Civil War Library and Underground Railroad Museum,
1805 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

**Questions to Mike Cavanaugh at 215.725.3602 or
chief96pbj@juno.com**

**Members go out to a local restaurant for dinner
between 5:30 & 6 P.M.**

You're Welcome to Join Us!

**Old Baldy
Civil War Round Table
of Philadelphia
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103
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Founded January 1977**

**President: Nancy Caldwell
Vice President: Pat Caldwell
Treasurer: William George
Secretary: Steve Lieberum**

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Families: \$35.00**

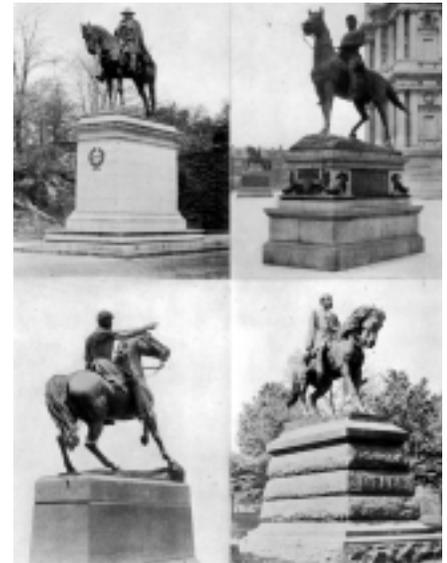
DOUGHERTY, MICHAEL

Rank and organization: Private, Company B, 13th
Pennsylvania Cavalry. Place and date: At Jefferson,
Va., 12 October 1863. Entered service at: Philadelphia,
Pa. Born: 10 May 1844, Ireland. Date of issue: 23
January 1897. Citation: At the head of a detachment
of his company dashed across an open field, exposed
to a deadly fire from the enemy, and succeeded in dis-

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*Tablet presented by
Pennsylvania Reserve
Post 191, G.A.R., to
General George A.
McCall School, at
Seventh and Delancey
Streets*



*Leaders of the Union Army in Bronze
Grant, McClellan, Reynolds, Meade*



*Bronze tablet in honor of
the "Union League
Regiments", at Union
League club house*

Memorials of the Civil War in Philadelphia

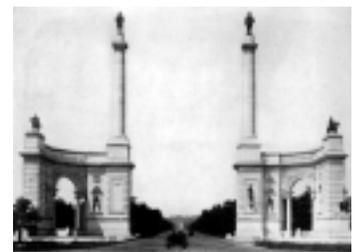
*Philadelphia in the Civil War
1861 - 1865
Published 1913*



*Tablet on site of camp, 88th
Regiment, Fairmount Park*



*Abraham Lincoln, at Lemon
Hill, Fairmount Park*



*Civil War Memorial
Fairmount Park*

lodging them from an unoccupied house, which he and his comrades defended for several hours against repeated attacks, thus preventing the enemy from flanking the position of the Union forces.

HUNTERSON, JOHN C.

Rank and organization: Private, Company B, 3d Pennsylvania Cavalry. Place and date: On the Peninsula, Va., 5 June 1862. Entered service at: Philadelphia, Pa. Birth: Philadelphia, Pa. Date of issue: 2 August 1897. Citation: While under fire, between the lines of the 2 armies, voluntarily gave up his own horse to an engineer officer whom he was accompanying on a reconnaissance and whose horse had been killed, thus enabling the officer to escape with valuable papers in his possession.

PLATT, GEORGE C.

Rank and organization: Private, Troop H, 6th U.S. Cavalry. Place and date: At Fairfield, Pa., 3 July 63. Entered service at: —. Birth: Ireland. Date of issue: 12 July 1895. Citation: Seized the regimental flag upon the death of the standard bearer in a hand_to_hand fight and prevented it from falling into the hands of the enemy.

SCHEIBNER, MARTIN E.

Rank and organization: Private, Company G, 90th Pennsylvania Infantry. Place and date: At Mine Run, Va., 27 November 1863. Entered service at: Berks County, Pa. Born: 13 October 1840, Russia. Date of issue: 23 June 1896. Citation: Voluntarily extinguished

the burning fuse of a shell which had been thrown into the lines of the regiment by the enemy.

SIDMAN, GEORGE E.

Rank and organization: Private, Company C, 16th Michigan Infantry. Place and date: At Gaines Mill, Va., 27 June 1862. Entered service at: Owosso, Mich. Born: 25 November 1844, Rochester, N.Y. Date of issue: 6 April 1892. Citation: Distinguished bravery in battle. Rallied his comrades to charge vastly superior force until wounded in the hip. He was a 16_year_old drummer.

VANDERSLICE, JOHN M.

Rank and organization: Private, Company D, 8th Pennsylvania Cavalry. Place and date: At Hatchers Run, Va., 6 February 1865. Entered service at: —. Birth: Philadelphia, Pa. Date of issue: 1 September 1893. Citation: Was the first man to reach the enemy's rifle pits, which were taken in the charge.

WHITE, J. HENRY

Rank and organization: Private, Company A, 90th Pennsylvania Infantry. Place and date: At Rappanhannock Station, Va., 23 August 1862. Entered service at: —. Birth: Philadelphia, Pa. Date of issue: 5 May 1900. Citation: At the imminent risk of his life, crawled to a nearby spring within the enemy's range and exposed to constant fire filled a large number of canteens, and returned in safety to the relief of his comrades who were suffering from want of water.

Other ranks to be in next issues

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