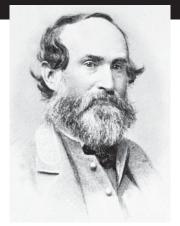
# Old Baldy Civil War Round Table

Civil War Round Table ' of Philadelphia



May 22, 2013, The One Hundred and Fiftieth Year of the Civil War

# "Jubal Early in the Advance to Gettysburg"



The meeting on
Wednesday, May 22, will
take place at Camden
County College at 7:15
PM in the Connector
Building – Room 101
Forum, Civic Hall,
Atrium.

In late June 1863, two powerful columns of Confederates troops approached the Susquehanna River, one marching through

Carlisle toward Harrisburg and the other heading through Gettysburg and York towards Wrightsville/Columbia. This talk will cover the latter command, that of Jubal Early, as it conquered Gettysburg and then accepted the surrender of York, the largest Northern town to fall during the entire war. State militia defending the river crossing then burned the world's longest covered bridge to prevent Rebel passage.



Scott L. Mingus, Sr. is an executive in the paper industry, and holds patents in self-adhesive postage stamps and bar code labels. He was part of the research team that developed the first commercially successful self-adhesive U.S. postage stamps. The York, Pa., resident has seven Civil War books listed on amazon.com. Mingus also has written several articles for The Gettysburg Magazine. He maintains a blog on the Civil War history of York County, Pa. (www.yorkblog.com/can-

nonball), and is a tour guide for the York County Heritage Trust. He also has written six scenario books on miniature wargaming.

A native of southeastern Ohio, he graduated from Miami University after majoring in Paper Science and Engineering.

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### Notes from the President...

The six week gap between meetings seems very long and much has happened. **Kerry** and I attended the 2013 Virginia Conference, the Neshaminy re-enactment occurred, I completed the comprehensive examination for my degree, OBCWRT was at the New Jersey History Fair and **Don Wiles** gave a great presentation to the Del-Val CWRT. We learned that New Jersey will be celebrating its 350th next year. Additional information will be forthcoming, stay tuned.

A note of gratitude to **Bill Hughes** for providing the New Jersey Civil War Monument and Cannon DVD for viewing at the April meeting. Governor Olden looks forward to visiting us in the near future and we will welcome him then. We will be moving forward on the discussions from that meeting and scheduling our trip to visit Old Baldy and have a round table discussion. We look forward to hearing about our updated By-Laws and our Fall program schedule next month. This month **Scott Mingus** will enlighten us on Jubal Early in the Advance to Gettysburg.

Thank you to everyone who worked to make our appearance at the New Jersey History Fair a success, especially **Bob Russo** for coordinating it. We are now prepared to represent Old Baldy at other events. If you are interested in staffing our table and sharing the Old Baldy mission, please let Bob know. Copies of our updated brochure will be available at the meeting. The trip to Virginia was fun, read about it in Kerry's travel log. The exam went well and I am preparing for graduation on June 15th. Bill Hughes continues to assemble the history of our Round Table if you have any nuggets of information, send them to him.

The wreath laying ceremony at General Hancock's grave at Montgomery Cemetery will be on May 25th at 11 am in Norristown. Our history with this event can be reviewed in the June 2012 newsletter on our website. The Round Table extends much appreciation to **Bill and Debbie Holdsworth** for their dedication to this event for the last 20 years. Those interested in carpooling to this event let us know at the meeting. Invite friends and family to attend the "New Jersey at Gettysburg" lecture presented by **Dr. David Martin** on June 5th at the College.

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Wednesday, May 22, 2013 7:15 PM Blackwood Campus Camden County College Mingus spent 23 years working for office products giant Avery Dennison in the Cleveland area before joining Glatfelter, a global manufacturer of specialty papers, in 2001. He and his family live near York, Pennsylvania.



Article from Civil War Times August 2008

Lewis T. Miller's self-portrait. A carpenter by trade and self-taught artist, Miller depicted life in York from 1814 to 1882.

# The Rebels Come Calling A folk artist portrays Jubal Early's unexpected 1863 summer visit to York, Pennsylvania

When General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia entered Pennsylvania in June 1863, Major General Jubal Early's Division swung to the northeast and captured York on June 28. Early held the town for two days before Lee recalled his division to Gettysburg.

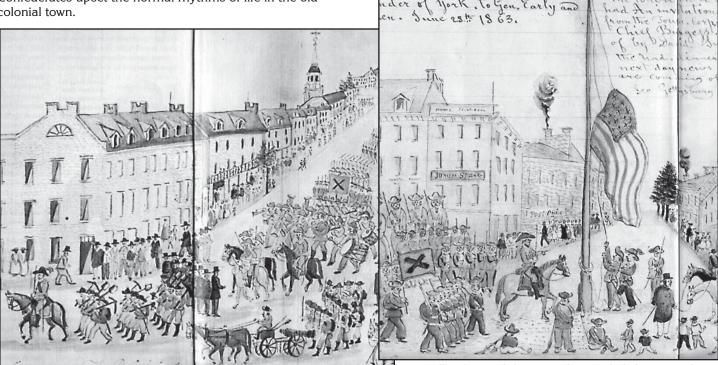
Lewis T. Miller's watercolors chronicle the day that Confederates upset the normal rhythms of life in the old colonial town. Events in the weeks between the next two meetings include the School of the Soldier at Allaire State Park on June 1-2, and the Commemorative Day for the 23rd NJ Volunteers in Beverly on June 8th. Other events to put on your calendar is the encampment at the Roebling Museum on June 22-23 honoring Gettysburg and Washington Roebling and New Jersey Day at Gettysburg sponsored by the NJ 150th Committee on July 20th. Information about these and other events is accessible on our website. Please view it often.

Be sure to bring a friend or two to the meeting on the 22nd.

Rich Jankowski, President



Libation for the Liberators "Come to my house and take some wine" offers a civilian Miller called "Old Mr. Rudyseal" to Union Brigadier General Judson Kilpatrick. The Federal troopers were skirmishing with their Confederate counterparts near Hunterstown on July 2 while a more ferocious battle was occurring to the west, at Gettysburg. Considering Kilpatrick's roustabout, hard-living reputation, he just may have accepted the good man's offer.



Major General Jubal Early's Division, led by a pioneer detachment, marches into York. The delegation of town fathers in the center of the painting Is surrendering the city to Early. Some residents later jeered those townsmen as "Rebels" for that controversial move.

Miller depicted the triumphant Rebels lowering the U.S. flag in the town square. A staunch Unionist, Miller gave Old Glory a large profile and nice detail, but tendered the Confederate battle flags as poorly articulated, undistinguished small rectangles.

## **Today in Civil War History**

# Wednesday May 22, 1861 Confederate Credit Commodities Crimped

The financing of a new nation is a complicated matter. The Confederate States of America was certainly no exception to this rule, and was endeavoring to secure such financing in the capital markets of Europe. As a primarily agrarian society most of what they had to sell for export was food and fiber products, most of which would not be ready for harvest for some months. They were therefore trying to sell securities—Confederate bonds. The market was reported weak today.

#### Thursday May 22, 1862 Military Makes Massanutten Mountain Maneuvers

U.S. Gen. Nathaniel Banks had to be tearing his hair today. He knew Stonewall Jackson was in the Shenandoah Valley somewhere, but every time he got to the right place, Jackson wasn't there any more. Today the Confederate "foot cavalry" slid neatly through the Luray Gap of Massanutten Mountain, putting them in a side valley of the Blue Ridge. Turner Ashby's cavalry (the regular horse kind) screened the maneuver. Banks was still looking for rebels in the wrong place.

#### Friday May 22, 1863 Vicksburg Victory Voided

U. S. Grant launched his second attack on fortified Vicksburg, Miss., today, and the results were, if anything, worse than the first. Again Sherman made the most progress, advancing to the top of one of the defender's trenches, but he was driven off. Grant lost 3200 men out of his army of 45,000; Confederate losses were fewer than 500. Jefferson Davis was trying to find any available forces to help Gen. Joe Johnston lift the siege, but not having much luck.

### Sunday May 22, 1864 Southern Seizure Surprises Stingaree

If inanimate objects such as ships were capable of feeling emotional reactions, the USS Stingaree would have been in a state of severe confusion today. First she was set upon by a party of Confederates while minding her own business in the vicinity of Brazos, Tex. She was just getting used to being the CSS Stingaree when her original owners succeeded in reclaiming her. It was enough to make her head spin.

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Bob Russo, Vice President

# State History Fair Notes

On May 11, the threatening weather forecast slightly overshadowed the 2013 Spirit of the Jerseys State History Fair at Washington Crossing State Park. However, it didn't spoil the Fair's opening and the hundreds of people who came out despite the weather concerns had a great day. The weather held off until about 3:30 PM when police shut down the event about 90 minutes early when severe weather moved toward the area. Previous to that the weather turned out to be only a minor inconvenience with a half-hour of sprinkles at about noon.



Bob Russo and Joe Jankowski

About 170 exhibitors were scheduled to appear at the Fair with approximately 800 volunteers working the displays. Although it was obvious that some exhibitors did not show up, it appeared that most did. The Old Baldy Civil War Round Table proudly expressed our Civil War passion through handouts and spoken words from location number 62. Rich Jankowski, Joe Jankowski, Harry Jenkins

#### **Editor's Note**

In the words of Harry... our thanks go to Bob for "Grabbing hold and making this happen"

and I spoke to about one hundred visitors throughout the day. Many people were captivated by the story of our namesake and his service to the Nation. That opened the door for us to continue conversations and extend invitations to come out and meet us at a future meeting or to check out our website.

Our eye-catching foam board display that was created by Don Wiles attracted much attention along with his beautifully designed brochures, which were superbly edited by



Harry Jenkins

Kerry Bryan. Those brochures and Old Baldy business cards found their way into many hands. At different moments during the day the sound of Harry Jenkins playing his drum resonated across the fields. Harry also put a reproduction Enfield musket, a cartridge box, belt, and bayonet on display, which helped kick off numerous good conversations with visitors. Unfortunate-

ly, many of the people we met were from north Jersey and unlikely to visit us but we did make some south Jersey connections that could bring us a new member or two.







I have to say that while I greatly enjoyed the company of Rich and Harry throughout the day, and I'm extremely thankful for their help, I absolutely enjoyed the energy and demeanor of Rich's son, Joe Jankowski. It's always extra special when you have a teenager involved in such events and Joe didn't disappoint. He helped with setting up, handing out literature, talking with visitors, and breaking down our location under the threat of lightening around us. Fortunately, we got done before the heavy weather hit. Joe gained my admiration and made a loyal friend!

During the day visitors were also able to meet, Walt Whitman, Abraham Lincoln, Sojourner Truth, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Molly Pitcher, General William Howe, along with others. There was also a 19th Century baseball game between the Hoboken Nine and the Elizabeth Resolutes. Despite the fact that I love baseball, I don't know who won that game. I have to admit that I was unaware that this History Fair occurred every year in our State

and realize now that in past years I missed out on some great history and family experiences. We saw individuals and groups portraying people from the American Revolution to World War II. They were even plowing fields with horses. There is no doubt that the Spirit of the Jerseys State History Fair is a great family event!

One of the things I observed at the Fair is that in the hectic society in which we live it seems that a good story about a horse or dog will cause most people to stop and talk for at least a few minutes. Smarty Jones, Lassie, Old Yeller, most people know them! Many people who started their Saturday at the Fair never heard of Old Baldy but they surely awoke Sunday morning knowing something about Old Baldy the horse and his distinguished service and Old Baldy the round table that proudly carries his name! That's a triumph for the horse, our organization, and our American heritage!

# On the road with Rich... To Richmond and Beyond

Article and photos by Kerry Bryan

It is always an adventure to travel with our Old Baldy Civil War Round Table president Rich Jankowski. In the past I had done so in "armchair" fashion, i.e. as a reader of his

frequent articles in our newsletter telling us about his visits to Civil War sites around the country. Recently, on April 19-20, 2013, I had the opportunity to experience a "Rich Trip" first-hand, and I can attest that he is an amazing "Tour Meister." Through careful planning, he can pack a lot of high-quality sightseeing into a day,

plus he is a "road warrior," that is, he has the stamina of a veteran of Sherman's army. I was very happy to tag along on his March through Virginia.

About a year ago Rich had told me



Battlefield marker by the Sunken Road at Fredericksburg



Statue of President Lincoln and Tad

Tredegar Iron Works, Richmond



Rich poses with cupola from the now demolished Virginia State Penitentiary

about the Virginia Sesauicentennial Sianature Conference series. I have learned since that starting back in 2006 some forward-thinking Virginians began planning a series of seven annual conferences to be held in that state between 2009 and 2015 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. The first conference was held in 2009 at the University of Richmond, and its theme was "America on the Eve of the Civil War." The next three included the following: 2010. Norfolk State University, "Race, Slavery and the Civil War"; 2011, Virginia Tech, "Military Strategy in the Civil War"; and 2012, Virginia Military Institute, "Leadership and Generalship in the Civil War. Rich had just returned from the

VMI conference when we had that seminal conversation last year. I immediately told him that I should be very interested in attending the 2013 conference.

And so it came to pass that on the morning of Friday, April 19, Rich kindly drove across the river to pick me up in

Philadelphia and the adventure began. Or perhaps it really began when we crossed the Delaware state line and Rich hit the CD player button-suddenly, Willie Nelson was belting out, "On the Road Again!" I was delighted to sing along.

With Rich navigating I-95 with the coolness of a NASCAR driver, we slipped through Delaware and Maryland, passed by D.C., and entered Virginia. Lunch was a picnic at a roadside rest stop, then what was to be a pit stop for fuel turned into our first Civil War site-since we were only 4 miles

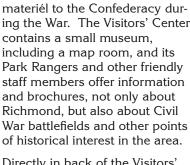


The CSA President's Mansion

away, how could we not stop at Fredericksburg? And so we made a brief pilgrimage to Marye's Heights and the Sunken Road, scene of so much carnage during the battle there on December 13, 1862.

Then it was "On to Richmond"! We arrived in that city at about 2 pm and immediately went to the Richmond Na-

tional Battlefield Park Civil War Visitors' Center, which is operated by the National Park Service at the site of the Tredegar Iron Works. Located near the James River, the Tredegar Iron Works was a vital source of ordnance materiél to the Confederacy during the War. The Visitors' Center contains a small museum, including a map room, and its Park Rangers and other friendly staff members offer information and brochures, not only about Richmond, but also about Civil War battlefields and other points



Directly in back of the Visitors' Center there is a life-sized, cast-



The grave of Jefferson Davis

bronze statue of President Lincoln and his 12-year-old son Tad sitting on a bench. Dedicated on April 3, 2003, this monument commemorates the Lincolns' historic visit to Richmond on April 4 and 5, 1865, to tour the newly conquered, burned-out Confederate Capitol.

We headed across downtown Richmond to view in "driveby" fashion the Virginia State House and the nearby Confederate "White House" (it's not white), the home of President Jefferson Davis and his family when Richmond was capital of the Confederacy. The Davis mansion and the next-door Museum of the Confederacy are now completely surrounded by the ever-expanding Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Medical Center. An odd scene, at least to my eyes-- the stately, historic house completely encircled at close quarters by the modern medical facility. Tourists practically rub elbows with personnel in scrubs!

Speaking of hospitals, we then headed east past Church Hill to the heights above the town where Chimborazo, the largest and most famous of all Confederate military hospitals, once provided care to thousands of sick and wounded soldiers. Some 76,000 patients were housed in Chimborazo's clean, well-ventilated wooden pavilions between



The Chimbarazo visitors' center



The atrium of the Jefferson Hotel



1869 Monument to the Confederate dead

1861 and 1865, but those structures were all torn down soon after the War. However, there is a 19thcentury stucco house that has been converted into a visitors' center/museum. which offers information and displays artifacts relating to Chimborazo and Civil War medicine. Behind the museum is the verdant plain where the hospital complex once stood, now a peaceful park to be enjoyed by modern Richmond residents.

Returning back downtown, we became a bit ensnarled by Friday afternoon rushhour traffic, complicated by one-way streets, but eventually made our way to the grounds of the Virginia State Capital Building. Since it was almost closing time, we did not take a tour, but we could certainly appreciate the exterior. Set amidst manicured lawns and flower beds, the Capital Building is gleaming white, with classical

columns and porticos. President Davis would only have had a fiveminute walk to work. And across the street we could see St. Paul's. the church where Davis was attending services on the morning of April 2, 1865, when aides rushed in to tell him that the Lee's defensive lines around Petersburg had been breached, and that the CSA President needed to flee immediately, as Union troops were headed for the capital.

Heading west, we made a stop at the Jefferson Hotel, per the recommendation of several locals. Thus we left our Civil War track for a brief interlude to wander around the resplendent lobbies of this grand hotel, which was founded in 1895. A marble statue of Thomas Jefferson stands some 20 feet high in a central atrium under a stained glass skylight; the lobby beyond has the dimensions and magnificence of a cathedral. One of only 27 five-star hotels in the U.S., the Jefferson's lobby areas once featured live alligators in its pools, now represented by grimacing, green statues in the fountains, and its patrons have included U.S. presidents and many famous celebrities. (Yes, it costs beaucoup \$\$\$ to stay there, and no, we did not!)

What had been a warm, cloudy afternoon was rapidly becoming a gusty one as well, as a storm front was approaching. But we lucked out, and the weather stayed dry for us as we finished touring Richmond. We drove to the northwest quadrant of the city to visit Hollywood Cemetery, one

of the nation's oldest and finest rural cemeteries, founded in 1849. Its original landscape was designed by John Notman, who also was the architect for Philadelphia's famous Laurel Hill Cemetery. Its southern sister cemetery is now the final resting place of two U.S. presidents (James Monroe and John Tyler) and the Confederacy's only president, Jefferson Davis, whose wife Varina lies beside him. Fifteen CSA generals, including George Pickett and J.E.B. Stuart,

are also buried there. In 1869 a 90-foot pyramid of granite boulders was erected to honor the some 18,000 enlisted Confederate soldiers who are also interred at Hollywood.

Would that we could have spent more time at Hollywood, and indeed at other places in Richmond, but the afternoon was rapidly waning. After a quick pass along Monument Avenue to take a look at the enormous granite memorials to Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee, and J.E.B. Stuart, these three being grandest of the



Kerry and a new friend

many monuments that line this famous boulevard, we left Richmond to head down the Peninsula to Williamsburg.

After a tasty Italian dinner, a comfortable sojourn at our motel (Rich studying for his final exam in his room, my conking out early in mine), we were off to the 2013 Sesquicentennial Conference, held this year at the College of William and Mary. Colonial Williamsburg, including the campus, is indeed quaint and picturesque, and all was shown to advantage on a spring day. I should love to return to Williamsburg for a longer visit sometime, but our purpose on this day was the Civil War symposium.

The Signature Conference more than lived up to my expectations. We were greeted warmly by a host of volunteers, registration was smooth, and soon the program

began. The keynote speaker was renowned Lincoln scholar Eric Foner, after which there were two panels of speakers, one presenting in the morning and the other in the afternoon, all of whom addressed from various perspectives this year's central theme, "The Civil War at Home." The presenters were noted historians from around the country, including Stephen Ash, Edward Ayers, Thavolia Glymph, Stephan Kantrowitz, Stephanie McCurry, and J. Matthew Gallman. I was

pleased to have a chance to introduce myself to Dr. Gallman, whose classic work Mastering Wartime: A Social History of Philadelphia During the Civil War is one of my go-to reference books.

The Virginia House of

Burgesses (recreated),

On campus of William

and Mary

After the conference ended at 4:00 p.m., the Tour-Meister surprised me with a drive down to the entrance to Jamestown Island on the river and back across the Peninsula on scenic Colonial Drive, which connects Jamestown to Yorktown, some 23 miles away. We turned off at Williamsburg at Mile 14 to start for home. Rich suggested a stop to see City Point, but thinking of the long drive ahead, I declined the opportunity, which in retrospect I regret. So after a quick stop for Mexican fare at a restaurant called "Carlos O'Kelly's" (which turned out to be much more "Carlos" than "O'Kelly'-not a single shamrock in sight, much less a Guinness!), we were back in Philly by 10:30 pm.

Someday I hope to return to spend more time on the Virginia Peninsula, to see more of its pristine scenery and especially to visit such Civil War sites as those of the Seven Days' Battles, the Cold Harbor battlefield, and yes, City Point.

Thanks again, Rich, for a most memorable road trip! You're the best.

# Words and Photos from Jim Heenehan

Hope Old Baldy is doing well. It was great seeing Rich and Harry at the Doris Kerns Goodwin talk. With some furlough days to use, I'm hoping to make the May roundtable.

Enclosed are a couple of pictures from my Chancellorsville diorama. The opening moments of the battle.

I was out in Gettysburg for the ALBG Picketts Charge weekend. Wayne Motts led an energized charge that followed Garnett's Brigade. The Cyclorama is down and the the hill looks great. 5 monuments will get moved back to where they had been before the sturcture went up.









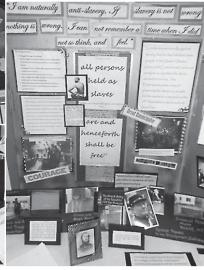
# Grace Easterday Wins National History Award

Grace Easterday, the grand daughter of the Throns, received An award from The Delaware Civil Round

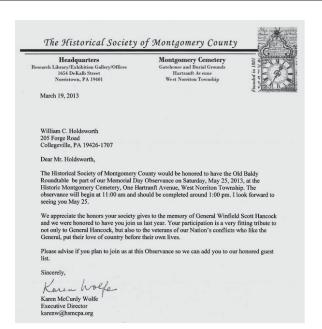
Table for the best Civil War Project at the State of Delaware National History Awards. Two certificates and a monetary award. Her display was on the Battle of Antietam, I think we all congratulate young people who have such an interest in the history of this country. We can see how proud Blair and Carol Thron , the Grand parents, are of Grace and her achievement.







## **Events**



Hello, Rich and Bill and fellow Old Baldy Members, Memorial Day is right around the corner and I wanted to let you and the members know that this year The Historical Society of Montgomery County has officially invited our organization to participate in their annual Memorial Day Ceremony. As in the past, Steve Wright and I would consider it an honor to represent our Round Table at the ceremony. Traditionally, we lay a wreath at the tomb of Maj. General Winfield Scott Hancock.

I've enclosed their invitation for you to pass along to all of our members to invite one and all to join us. With your approval, I will respond to Karen McCurdy Wolfe to let her know that Old Baldy Round Table will be honored to participate.

Thank you. Kindest regards, Bill Holdsworth

#### Historic Montgomery Cemetery Memorial Day Observation Saturday, May 25, 2013, 11:00 am 1 Hartranft Ave, Norristown, PA FREE

Join Society trustees, staff and members at the Memorial Day Observance honoring our patriotic sons and daughters, some of whom made the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation. Over 400 veterans are laid to rest at this special place, including five Civil War generals. Wreath laying, military re-enactors and more will be part of this day of remembrance. The public is invited to take part in the observance. Visitors meet at the gatehouse at 11:00 a.m. to begin the day's observance. Activities are held outdoor and require walking to the gravesites. Artifacts will be on exhibit at the Aderman Gatehouse. See more photos on Historical Society of Montgomery County Facebook page.



The Riverfront Historical Society in Beverly, Delanco and Edgewater Park is planning a Commemorative Day

on Saturday, June 8, 2013 for the NJ Volunteers 23rd

Regiment (the Yahoos) at the American Legion in Beverly from 1 to 3 PM.

We will display some artifacts from the 23rd Regiment. Our collection contains Re-union ribbons held at General E. Burd Grubb's residence in Edgewater Park, a mustering out paper

of a 23rd soldier and items from the GAR Post 21 in Beverly.

The Riverfront Historical Society will have a hospital discharge from the Federal Hospital in Beverly, in addition to envelopes from the hospital and a parts of a letter from a patient there.

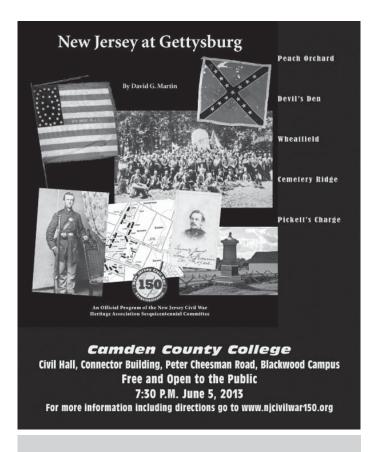
We are looking for a few re-enactors to form an honor guard to help us with our tribute to these brave farmboys.

Anyone wanting a table to display their Civil War items is welcome, tables free of charge.

If you can help us or have suggestions, please call Dennis Rogers @ 609-835-4438.







# Schedule of Old Baldy CWRT Speakers and Activities for 2013

May 22 - Wednesday
"Jubal Early in the Advance to Gettysburg"
Scott Mingus, Sr.

June 19 – Wednesday
"Suprise Facts of the Civil War"
Paul Lader

July 17 – Wednesday
Major General John Reynolds: "Duty, Honor, Sacrifice"

Alene Harris

Questions to Kerry Bryan at 215-564-4654 or kerrylll@verizon.net

You're Welcome to Join Us!

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