# The Camp Olden Gazette

# News from the Camp Olden Civil War Round Table

Spring, 2012

#### President's Gavel

As spring is getting closer, you have to wonder if we even had a winter this year.

I would like to take the opportunity to again thank member Bob Silverman for pitch hitting as our speaker at our February meeting since our scheduled speaker cancelled due to illness. Bob's presentation on Myths of the Civil War was very interesting and, if you were unable to attend, you missed a good one.

Our upcoming speakers are:

March 1<sup>st</sup> - Bruce Tucker as Lt Commander James Edward Jouett, USN (first person impression). April 5<sup>th</sup> - Edward Bonekemper discussing the Grant - Lincoln relationship. May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Les Rolston speaking on his book *Long Time Gone*. I am confident you will enjoy all three.

I belong to various organizations and receive newsletters; some have interesting articles to past along. Here is one I saw in the *BRAVO Pastimes*. These kind of people give respectful metal detectors an undeserved black eye.

# Petersburg Man Pleads Guilty To Damaging Battlefield

by Michael Buettne

A Petersburg man whose house was searched earlier this year, revealing a potentially explosive Civil War-era artillery shell, has pleaded guilty to federal charges of unlawfully taking Civil War relics from the Petersburg National Battlefield.

In U.S. District Court in Richmond, John Jeffrey Santo pleaded guilty to two counts of damaging archaeological resources, each of which carries a maximum penalty of two years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000, and one count of depredation of government property, with a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000. He will remain in federal

custody while awaiting sentencing at a date to be determined.

According to court documents, Santo was accused of illegally excavating Civil War artifacts at the Petersburg Park on several occasions between September 2007 and December 2010. On Feb. 10, 2011, federal officials including park rangers searched Santo's home in the 1800 block of Oakland Street in Petersburg. There, according to a court filing, they found "in excess of 9,000 war relics and artifacts including bullets, buckles and assorted ordnance."

Park rangers estimate Santo caused loss and damage in that one area of the park amounting to \$17,699; including \$15,666 for the value of the relics he took. In another area, he caused damage amounting to \$14,133 and \$6,114 in another, according to rangers' calculations.

Motion-detection cameras the rangers installed in November 2010 that captured photos of Santo and his black dog helped lead to his arrest. In December 2010, he was caught in the act of metal-detecting by Ranger Josh Peterson.

The search of Santo's Walnut Hill home last February caused a minor emergency when law officers discovered a potentially explosive Civil War-era artillery shell. The ordnance, a Union Army Schenkl shell, was a hollow piece of steel in which gunpowder would have been packed.

It was unknown whether the shell was live, and "Due to the dangers involved, when the shell was discovered we called the Petersburg police for assistance." he said.

Looking forward to seeing you at our March 1<sup>st</sup> *Covered Dish Dinner and meeting!* (6:00 PM)

Your Obedient Servant,

Bruce

# Camp Olden Trip to Morristown's Macculloch Hall and Jockey Hollow

**When**: Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup> (Rain date Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup>)

Where: Morristown NJ

**Time**: Leave the *Camp Olden Civil War and Native American Museum* at 8:30-8:45 AM returning between 7:00 PM and 8:00 PM.

Itinerary: We will arrive at the Ford Mansion at 10:45 for a tour of the mansion and galleries. At 11:45 we will ride to Jockey Hallow around noon for a ranger tour of General Washington's winter headquarters (1779-1780) until 12:45pm. From there we will visit the historic Macculloch Hall which houses many Civil War artifacts, art, and other interesting treasures. The tour starts at 1:00 and the Hall closes at 4:00. We will conclude our day with a self tour of Fort Nonsense (weather permitting) till 4:45 PM. Costs are \$6.00 for Macculloch Hall, and \$4.00 for the Ford Mansion.



**Ford Mansion** 

- We are on our own (\$) for food for this trip. We will try to dine on our way home at a reasonable priced restaurant or diner. If anyone has a van please let me know so we can split the gas costs with the owner. Or, we can rent a passenger van (11-12 people) and split the costs (\$12.00-15.00 per person plus gas) Contact John Maleski 609-259-1428 or Bob Dumphy 609-577-4813.
- You may want to bring a drink and small snack/fruit for the ride back from the ranger tour.

For information:

http://www.maccullochhall.org/exhibits-and-collections/exhibits/.

<u>http://www.nps.gov/morr/historyculture/fortnons</u> ense.htm.

http://www.nps.gov/morr/index.htm.

#### Visit to the Texas Civil War Museum

Contributed by Jane Peters Estes

While on a recent business trip to Texas, I had the opportunity to visit the Texas Civil War Museum which is located just west of Fort Worth.



This museum has been open since 2006 and is a real gem! Visitors are greeted at the ticket counter and then escorted into a theatre to view "Our Homes, Our Rights: Texas in the Civil War." This introductory film was very interesting, well-documented, and entertaining. The museum's brochure states it is the "largest Civil War museum west of the Mississippi River." After spending a couple of hours in the three galleries, I have to agree with this assertion. The wonderful collection is the result of a partnership between private collectors (Ray and Judy Richey) and the Texas Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.



Dress Uniform and Riding Boots worn by Maj. Gen. Benjamin Butler of Mass.

Two galleries contain collections of military artifacts from the Infantry, Cavalry, Artillery, Navy and Medical branches of both the Union and the Confederacy. I was impressed not only by the size of the collection, but by the rare and unusual items displayed. For example, the

museum has an original of General Robert E. Lee's General Order No. 9 (his farewell to the troops) signed April 10, 1865.

For me personally, the best part of the visit was the opportunity to view the amazing collection of Victorian ladies' clothing and accessories. They are arranged chronologically and include both women's and children's garments. The exhibit is complimented by accompanying period photographs and text (ladies' clothing of this era needs explanation!).



Davis Guards Medal for valor - Battle of Sabine Pass.

Of course, no museum is complete without a gift shop. The Magnolia Mercantile carries the usual assortment of post cards, etc. but also offers specialty reproduction items from the Victorian era as well as a very nice selection of books.

Over the years, I have had the opportunity to visit many Civil War museums. I would definitely rate the Texas Civil War Museum as one of the best. If you are in the area, please make an effort to pay a visit. I guarantee you will be impressed!

For more information: <a href="https://www.texascivilwarmuseum.com">www.texascivilwarmuseum.com</a>.

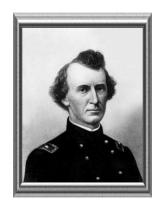
Jane is a member of Camp Olden CWRT and is affiliated with Starr Tours which has scheduled Two Civil War Getaways for 2012.

*The Civil War Capitols* - Washington DC & Richmond - 4 days/3 nights - June 7-10, August 2-5 and October 18-21, 2012

*Gettysburg Remembrance Days* - 2 days/1 night - November 17-18, 2012.

For information contact Jane Peters Estes - 609 526-4299 - jcpetersestes@yahoo.com. ◆

Please note these tours are sponsored by Starr Tours and are not affiliated with Camp Olden CWRT.



### Who Am I?

I was born in Urbana, Ohio, in 1821 and was educated at Rock River Seminary in Mount Morris, Illinois. Although I planned to study law with Abraham Lincoln in Springfield, Illinois, I joined Theophilus Lyle Dickey's practice in Ottawa, Illinois, instead. (Dickey was a friend of Lincoln's and would eventually be a justice on the Illinois Supreme Court.) In 1851 I married Dickey's daughter, Martha Ann. I became licensed in law in 1846 and that same year I joined the 1st Illinois Infantry as a private. I rose to the rank of second lieutenant and adjutant. My experience in the Mexican-American War included participation in the Battle of Buena Vista and a few other minor engagements. After this brief experience in I became a district attorney in 1853.

At the start of the Civil War, I volunteered as a private with the 11th Illinois, which was assembled in Springfield. I was then elected the unit's colonel. I rose up the ranks and commanded a brigade of Brig. Gen. John A. McClernand's division of Grant's Army of the Tennessee. At the Battle of Fort Donelson in 1862, much of McClernand's division had been driven back with heavy losses and my coolness under fire was especially noted. Brig. Gen. Lew Wallace described me as looking like a "farmer coming from a hard day's plowing".

For my service at Fort Donelson I was appointed a brigadier general of volunteers. During the expedition to Savannah, Tennessee, Maj. Gen. Charles Ferguson Smith injured his leg and was forced to turn over command of his division to me. At the Battle of Shiloh, I was a new division commander, yet I managed to withstand six *Continued on page 6* 

### Historic Picture:

Stu and Julia Foulks have submitted this group picture from an early Camp Olden reenactment day. Who in the group can you name?

What year was it taken?

Send your thoughts to the newsletter and we'll publish them in the next issue.



# Ongoing Exhibits:

The Monmouth County Historical Association is presenting the exhibition, *Marching Away: Monmouth County in the Civil War*, which focuses on Monmouth County soldiers who fought for the Union Army. The exhibition will run through July 2012 in the Washington Gallery at the historical society's museum and library building. The museum is located at 70 Court St. in Freehold and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about the exhibition and related programming, call 732-462-1466 or log on to monmouthhistory.org. ◆

"Gone for a Soldier:" Jerseymen in the Civil War exhibit featuring rare and never before seen NJ Civil War items at Macculloch Hall Historical Museum, 45 Macculloch Ave., Morristown, NJ, until July 1, 2012. This exhibit brings together nearly 200 objects from the Civil War from nearly thirty museums, historical societies, and private collections. The museum is open Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday from 1pm − 4pm. For information, call the Museum weekdays at (973) 538-2404 ext. 10, or log on to www.maccullochhall.org. ◆

See Camp Olden Trip to Morristown's Macculloch Hall and Jockey Hollow on page 2.

# Civil War Sesquicentennial -

Below are some of the major events which occurred 150 years ago from March of 1862 to May of 1862:

March 8-9, Battle of Hampton Roads.

The "Monitor" and the "Merrimack."

March 14, New Berne

March 23, Kernstown

March 23-April 26, Fort Macon

March 26-28, Glorieta Pass

April 5-May 4, Yorktown

April 6-7, Shiloh / Pittsburg Landing

April 10-11, Fort Pulaski

April 15, Picacho Pass

April 16-28, Fort Jackson / Fort St. Philip

April 19, South Mills / Camden

April 25-May 1, New Orleans

April 29-June 10, Corinth

May - "Stonewall" Jackson Defeats Union Forces in the Shenandoah Valley.

May 5, Williamsburg / Fort Magruder

May 7, Eltham's Landing / West Point

May 7, Pea Ridge / Elkhorn Tavern

May 8, McDowell / Sitlington's Hill

May 15, Drewry's Bluff

May 15-17, Princeton Courthouse / Wolf Creek

May 23, Front Royal / Guard Hill / Cedarville

May 25, Winchester / Bowers Hill

May 27,, Hanover Court House / Slash Church ◆



# Notes from the Reenacting Community

Hello everyone my name is Stuart Buncher. I have been a Civil War re-enactor for some years now doing a Cavalry Impression. Early last year I changed to a Marine impression because I noticed there was a scarcity of Marines in any of the re-enactment events. I started a search on line and found much information on Union Marines. I also found that the Marines and Navy were combined and that there are organizations of Navy and Marine re-enactors. The Marines, numbering about 3000 men during the War, served as guards and sharpshooters on the ships.

I belong to the USS Lehigh group which was a Monitor Class Ship. My wife Judi, who is a fantastic seamstress, made me an exact copy of the Marine uniform from pictures. I found out what accoutrements and weapons I needed on different Marine websites. I took it one step further by finding that two Marines from NJ were awarded the Medal of Honor. I chose Andrew Tomlin (born in Goshen NJ, Cape May County, 1845) On the Medal of Honor website I found his commendation (awarded the Medal during the Second Battle of Fort Fisher - January 15<sup>th</sup>, 1865). He died in 1906 and is buried in the Goshen Methodist Cemetery. If you go to Wikipedia and look up the USS Wabash, the ship he was stationed on, you will find his name mentioned as a Medal of Honor Recipient.

Judi also has taken a persona and has made a nun's habit. During the War there was a Union hospital ship called the USS Red Rover. The Sisters of the Holy Cross, a Catholic Order, were nurses on the Red Rover. Judi contacted the order which still exists today and was given the directions to make an 1860s habit.



Judi and Stuart Buncher

Here are a couple of Civil War questions:

- 1. There are 8 active duty US Navy ships named for Civil War battles and 5 active duty US Navy ships named for Civil War veterans. What are the names of these ships?
- 2. Prior to the Civil War one brother was Superintendent of the U. S. Military Academy and the other was Commandant of the U. S. Naval Academy. Who were they?

(Answers on page 6.)

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hours of assaults by the Confederates, directly next to the famous Hornet's Nest, or Sunken Road. When my division was finally surrounded, I ordered a withdrawal and many escaped, but I was mortally wounded and only later found barely alive on the battlefield by my troops. They carried me to my wife, who helped tend to me on the way back to General Grant's headquarters in the Cherry Mansion in Savannah, Tennessee. I died three days later in my wife's arms; my last words were "We meet in heaven." I am buried in Ottawa, Illinois. My war horse, Prince, is buried next to the General he carried into battle at Shiloh. (Answer below) •



Battle of Pittsburg Landing - Shiloh

# Special Event -

**JUNIOR CAMP OLDEN DAY XVIII** will be held at the *Civil War and Native American Museum*, 2202 Kuser Road Hamilton, NJ on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012, from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

Young persons 8 to 13 years of age can once again enlist as a Civil War soldier or participate as a lady of the Civil War period. Soldiers and ladies will join in military drills, camp life activities, music, games, songs, crafts and FUN! The fee is \$30 per participant. For information or reservations contact John Maleski − (609) 259-1428 or Bob Dumphy at 577-4813 or www.campolden.org and email webmaster. ◆

Answer to "*Who Am I?*" William Hervey Lamme Wallace (July 8, 1821 – April 10, 1862), more commonly known as W.H.L. Wallace, ♦

# Next Meeting -

Remember our next meeting will be **March 1**<sup>st</sup> at 6 PM at the Hamilton Public Library located at **1 Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. Drive; Hamilton, NJ.** It will feature Bruce Tucker in a first person impression as Lt Commander James Edward Jouett, USN.

# Bring a Dish!

Remember hospitality for the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be a covered dish. Bring your favorite last taste of winter or first taste of spring food to share. Remember the event will be held in a new room. Enter the library from the lower entrance (as usual) and go straight and to the right to Room 3. **Special start time is 6:00 PM.** 

Answers to Questions on page 5.

**Question #1** Contributed by Gary DeSiver:

**Cruisers:** USS Antietam, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Mobile Bay, Port Royal, Shiloh and Vicksburg.

**Dock Landing Ships:** USS Harpers Ferry. **Destroyers:** USS Dewey, Farragut, Gridley, Porter, Sampson.

Not included is the USS Abraham Lincoln because Lincoln was not a civil war veteran (although you could argue that he qualifies as commander in chief during the war). Included is the USS Harpers Ferry because, although it was technically named for the town, there was a Battle of Harpers Ferry (September 12–15, 1862) in addition to John Brown's raid.. •

Question #2 Contributed by Mike Mazzocchi:
Robert E. Lee (Superintendent) and Sydney
Smith Lee (Commandant). ◆

## Be a Gazette Contributor!

Explore a battlefield? See an interesting museum exhibit? Read a new Civil War book or reread a favorite one? Share your experiences with round table members. Don't forget our new feature – *Camp Olden Member Biographies*.

Jot down a couple of lines and send your photos and your thoughts to the Gazette email address: *oldennewsletter@optonline.net*. The mailing address is C&M Mazzocchi, 1430 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. Wall, NJ 07719.

For meeting and other information visit us on the Web: *www.campolden.org*. ◆