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AND DON'T FORGET: WE'RE ON FACEBOOK!

**“LEE’S FORGOTTEN GENERAL:
A. P. HILL AT GETTYSBURG ”**

TUESDAY APRIL 12, 2016

PATRICK FALCI

BUGBEE SENIOR CENTER

WHITE RIVER JCT., VT

6 p.m. – Social Hour

6:15 - Catered Buffet Dinner by Big Fatty’s

6:45 – Business Meeting

**Program and question and answer period
to follow business meeting.**

Book raffle. Adjournment

**For members to attend the meeting, the cost is
\$2.00 per person, non-members, \$5.00 each.
If you would like to join us for the buffet, the price
will be \$12.00 per person. For reservations please
contact Gail Blake by Monday noon, April 11, 2016.
802- 296-2919 or at auntis@comcast.net**

Meal will be: Soft Rolls w/Whipped Butter
Pulled Pork w/BBQ Sauce
Pulled Chicken w/BBQ
Cole Slaw
Sesame Noodle Salad
Potato Salad with or without Egg
Mixed Baby Greens w/Maple Balsamic Vinaigrette

PLEASE NOTE WE ARE BACK TO OUR EVENING MEETINGS

Patrick Falci is an actor and performing historian who portrayed Confederate Lieutenant General A. P. Hill in the film *Gettysburg* and who served as a historical advisor to the film’s director and screenwriter, Ronald Maxwell. He has also appeared in, or provided research and advice for, many other films, documentaries, and books.

Mr. Falci’s return engagement at the Green Mountain Civil War Round Table is part of a series of presentations he is making during April to Round Tables in Vermont, Massachusetts, Maine, and New Hampshire.

Among his numerous accomplishments, Pat is a three-time former President of the Civil War Round Table of New York, a member of the Advisory Council of the National Civil War Museum, and a frequent speaker at Civil War Round Tables, historical organizations, and schools across the country. He is skilled in fencing/stage combat and horseback riding, and he is an “Honorary Texan” and a “Kentucky Colonel.”

2016 List of Speakers

May 10 – Norman Mcleod – “Brig. General Cadwell & orderly Uriah N. Parmelee, from Guilford, CT.

June 14– Brian Jordan – Gettysburg College. Will talk about his new book on Union veterans and the unending effects of the war.

Other Round Table Meetings and Happenings

April 4 - SUGAR RIVER CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE
7PM - 9:00PM - EARL M. BOURDON CENTER,
67 Maple Ave, Claremont, NH.

Take IMMEDIATE right at green historic marker.
Keeping building on your left, drive out back. Park in lot
near propane tanks. Meeting room entrance nearby.
MEETING AGENDA: Gathering & refreshments, updates
on preservation projects. Evening speaker: Mike Shklar,
Maj. McKinley Camp #9 SUVC - **Topic: Practicing Law
with Herndon & Lincoln.** Anyone with similar interests
is welcome. Contact Eric at 603-298-7776 or
a1yankeebarber@yahoo.com

**April 13 – NEKCWRT -Trivia Night with Tyler
Alexander** – For more information contact Joan
Huguenin at 802-754-6402 or PoohBahToo@hotmail.com

**April 15, 2016 ~ Pat Falci - "Lee's Forgotten
General: A.P. Hill at Gettysburg"** - CWRT of NH

**May 20 – CWRT of NH – 25th anniversary - FREE
performance by "The Hardtacks," a Civil War band
who play period music on period instruments.**

**Vermont History Expo – Tunbridge, Vermont –
June 18-19 – H2 O – The Power of Water in
Vermont History**

June 26 at 2 P.M. at Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site,
Cornish, NH - Newly cast bronze of Saint-Gaudens'
Standing Lincoln will be unveiled. Harold Holzer will be
guest speaker.

**Gail and I post events that we are aware of on our
Facebook page as well as interesting items from
time to time. Check it out some time! You don't
need to be a "member" of Facebook in order to view
these items, only to post comments to them.
FACEBOOK Page:** Just go to Facebook Page and
type in: Green Mountain Civil War Roundtable.

TREASURER'S REPORT Gail Blake

Beginning Balance: \$2506.68
Expenses:
Donation to Banjo Dan's Kickstarter Fund: \$300.00
Stamps: \$9.80
Speaker expenses: \$67 (meal, gift, mileage)
Big Fatty's: \$295.65 (food, tax, and gratuity)
Deposit: \$980.20 (meals, raffle, donations, and dues)
Petty Cash: \$55
Balance: \$2889.43

SPRING 2016 RT TRIP

Gail Blake

**"War in West Virginia: The First Campaign &
Struggle for Statehood"**

May 12 – 16, 2015

I am working with the folks from the Rich Mountain
Battlefield in West Virginia on a tour The "First Campaign"
of the Civil War which will also include political context on
the creation of WV. Hunter Lesser, who will be our primary
guide, did suggest that we rent a couple of vans on day two
so that we can easily access Camp Allegheny and Cheat
Mountain, seldom visited sites and well worth seeing. He
said the roads to these places are not really motorcoach
worthy and because we love Bob and Premier so much, I
think we should definitely take his suggestion under
advisement!

Lesser will be assisted by Rick Wolfe, on days 1 and 2, and
Mike Smith on day 3 at Droop Mountain. The cost will be
pricing for our 2016 adventure will be \$652 (single room
supplement of \$215), includes RT motorcoach
transportation from WRJct, 4 nights hotel accommodations,
3 lunches, 3 dinners, breakfast daily, all guide fees,
admission fees, van rental (for our trip up into the
Allegheny Mountains), donations, driver gratuities, on
boards refreshments and information packets. Total cost is
based on 30 people, so it may fluctuate somewhat
depending upon how many folks join us, and of course, any
math errors on my part. Deposits of \$75 per person are
required, fully refundable if the trip is cancelled, 50%
refundable if you cancel. Deadline to sign up is April 14th,
as head counts for the rooms and meals are due by that
date. I will be in touch soon with more specific details
concerning our itinerary. As always our trip is open to all
those interested, so please feel free to share this
information. The folks in West Virginia are very excited to
host us and want us to leave with "new knowledge, great
memories, and smiles on our faces!"

Checks for deposits should be made payable to the
GMCWRT and sent to me, Gail Blake, 55 Orizzonto Road,
WRJct VT 05001.
Please contact me if you would like a list of suggested
reading.

TRIP UPDATE!

We have 25 people on board for this year's journey to West
Virginia, still have room for a few more, and the deadline to
sign up is **April 14th**, so don't delay! The folks in West
Virginia are very excited to host us and have planned quite
an adventure! Everyone is welcome!

FROM DAN LINDNER

“Support from the Round Table certainly helped a lot. I did a similar presentation for the RT in Newport a week or so ago. I’m getting more and more into this Civil War stuff and when things settle down a bit I hope to get to some of the RT meetings. If I can work efficiently in the studio and actually have a bit of funding left I plan to put it into the packaging, as I have photocopies of some amazing Civil War documents, photos and other materials to make a really good presentation in the CD packaging. Thanks again for your marvelous support.”

WORLD WAR I GROUP

Four people have started to meet monthly since this year is the centenary of the start of the war. We will cover topics in chronological order. At the moment, we are meeting on the 4th Monday at 1 pm in the Cafe next to the Coolidge, but this may change. If you want to come or want more information, contact Peter Sinclair [802-584-3280] or David Curtin [802-633-2536].

MARCH RT Meeting

Once again we had another great meeting with 36 people in attendance, most of them joining us for lunch.

Dan Lindner gave a brief talk on his “Sleeping Sentinel” project and played a short song for us. (BTW, he has reached his goal!) After our meeting your editor contacted our RT members asking them if they thought we should donate to his project, and if so, how much. It was decided to donate \$300.

Jack Anderson asked for folks who would like to donate dessert from time to time at our meetings to contact Gail or Ginny. Once again, Ruth Perrinez, Gail, and Ginny donated dessert.

Gail Blake gave a brief update on the RT Trip in May and also spoke about a copy of a letter she just discovered from an ancestor of hers who was killed at the Battle of Cold Harbor, Benjamin Strong.

We had three visitors, one of those from R.I.

Michelle Sherburne was our guest speaker. This was the third time she spoke to our RT, and fortunately for us, she was able to step in with very short notice. She spoke about her newest book, “Slavery and the Underground Railroad in New Hampshire.” She brought along her books to sell as well. It was particularly interesting for those of us who live in New Hampshire.

Our book raffle winners were Susan Cutting, Bob Coburn, Whitney Maxfield, Nancy Miville, Don Streeter, and one of our visitors.

Thanks so much to Ruth, Jack and Dee, Gail, and Nancy for

all their help the past few months organizing and helping at our RT meetings. It is sincerely appreciated.

THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT THE LINCOLN ASSASSINATION BY MICHAEL KANAZAWICH

Ward Hill Lamon’s Warning: “You are in danger...Tonight, as you have done on several previous occasions, you went unattended to the theater. When I say unattended, I mean that you went alone with Charles Sumner and a foreign minister, neither of whom could defend himself against an assault from any able-bodied woman in the city...And you know, or ought to know, that your life is sought after, and will be taken unless you and your friends are cautious; for you have many enemies within our lines.” This passage was written to Abraham Lincoln from his long-time friend, Ward Hill Lamon, on December 12, 1864, just five months before the assassination.

Mary Ann Booth’s Premonition: It is well documented that Lincoln had many strange dreams and premonitions that he would come to harm, and possibly be killed by an assassin. But what is less known is that Mary Ann Booth, the mother of John Wilkes Booth, also envisioned a tragic end for her son. Asia Booth, John Wilkes’ sister, remembered that her mother “had a vision, in answer to a fervent prayer, in which she imagined that the foreshadowing of his fate had been revealed to her.” Comments by Samuel Arnold, one of the conspirators involved in the plan to kidnap Lincoln, corroborates that Mrs. Booth was concerned about her son’s struggle with right versus wrong up until the final days of his life. During the planning stages of Lincoln’s abduction scheme (late January/early February 1865), Arnold claims Booth told him that “he had received a letter from his mother in which she stated she had fearful dreams about him. She sent his brother, Junius Brutus, to Washington to persuade him to come home.”

First Mourning Stamp

The first United States mourning stamp was issued approximately one year following President Lincoln’s death. It was a 15-cent stamp with the President’s image based on a 1861 photograph. A little more than two million were printed. If you have an original stamp in mint condition, it can be worth more than \$1,150.00.

Lincoln Autopsy

Dr. Edward Curtis was one of the physicians who assisted at Lincoln’s autopsy. He placed a lock of Lincoln’s hair, chips of his skull, the probe used to follow the track of the bullet, and the bloodstained cuffs of his autopsy gown in the Army Medical Museum.

Did you know that Confederate General Albert Sydney Johnston became the first commander of an army to die on the field of battle on April 6, 1862 (Battle of Shiloh) during the Civil War? He was the only Confederate commander of an army to die in battle.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR ROUNDTABLE MEMBERSHIP

It is time to renew your membership for the year. Membership runs from March through February. When completing the membership form, please remember to include your email address. We are striving to send as many newsletters as possible by email to save on printing and mailing expenses. Also, sending by email helps us to be able to get additional information that may come up between meetings to you quickly.

Thank you for supporting your Round Table.

(Note: A LARGE portion of our RT membership has paid their dues. Thanks so much to all those who have done so. If you haven't paid, you can mail your check to Gail or bring the money to our next meeting.)

**Green Mountain Civil War Round Table
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**Green Mountain Civil War Round Table
March 2016 - March 2017 Membership Rates**

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E-mail address: _____

Single \$20.00 (includes newsletter)

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Is this a new membership
renewal

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