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**“LETTERS OF JESSE DEWEY, CO. I,
2ND NH REGIMENT”
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2016
STEVE ALLEN
BUGBEE SENIOR CENTER
WHITE RIVER JCT., VT**

12 Noon – Social Hour

12:30 - Catered Buffet Lunch by Big Fatty's

1-1:15 – 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, depending on our head
count. For reservations please contact Gail Blake
by Friday noon, February 12, 2016.
802- 296-2919 or at auntis@comcast.net**

Meal will be: Soft Rolls w/whipped butter
Pulled Pork
Cole Slaw
Mixed Baby Greens w/Maple Balsamic Vinaigrette
Roasted Baby Bliss Potatoes
Homemade Macaroni & Cheese

Stephen Allen

Stephen Allen from Lebanon, NH, will be presenting the **Gettysburg** campaign with **Jesse E. Dewey, Co. I, 2nd New Hampshire Volunteers**. This will be a first person presentation of Jesse E. Dewey as he marched to Gettysburg with the 3rd Corps fighting on the 2nd Day at the Peach Orchard.

Stephen Allen is a long time Civil War amateur Historian who has been doing presentations of Lebanon's participation in the American Civil War for years. Stephen is a long time member of the 5th New Hampshire Volunteers living history group and is a member of the 3rd Vermont Regiment.

2016 List of Speakers

March 12– Christine Smith – “Womens' Relief Corps, the official women's auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, recognized in 1883.

April 12 – Tuesday – Patrick Falci – “A. P. Hill at Gettysburg”

May – Open

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

Also: Sometime in May or June a visit to St. Gauden's National Park in Cornish, NH, to visit their special new 12

foot sculpture of the standing Abraham Lincoln. Look for more information next year.

Other Round Table Meetings and Happenings

Sunday, Feb. 21 – 3 p.m. – Woodstock Historical Center, 26 Elm Street, Woodstock, VT - Norman MacLeod will present “The Corporal and the Brigadier: The Civil War Experience of a Vermont General and his Connecticut Orderly.”

Saturday, February 20 – 2 p.m. - New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH - Collection Highlights Talk “Honoring Presidents Day with George Washington and Abe Lincoln” -Celebrate Presidents Day with Library Director Sarah Galligan who will share some of the New Hampshire Historical Society’s more unusual collections related to George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Admission to collection highlights talks is free for New Hampshire Historical Society members and included in the price of paid [admission](#) (\$7 per person) for nonmembers. Reservations are not required or accepted.

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

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: \$2512.57

Expenses:

Big Fatty’s: \$272 (food, tax, and gratuity)

Misc: \$11 (plates, silverware, etc.)

Speaker expenses: \$250 (donation to CWT/Appomattox

Courthouse Campaign 8:1 matching)

\$24 (meal and maple syrup)

Deposit: \$492 (meals, raffle, donations)

Petty Cash: \$55

Balance: \$2502.57

SPRING 2016 RT TRIP

Gail Blake

“War in West Virginia: The First Campaign & Struggle for Statehood”

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. One of our guides, Hunter Lesser, told me that the weekend of April 28-May 2 is already booked, and the next weekend is Mother’s Day, and we would all prefer to avoid that. How does May 12th-May 16th sound? We never hear too much about WV, other than Harpers Ferry and Shepherdstown, thought it might be fun to visit someplace new and learn a bit more as well. Hunter 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!

Our primary guide will be Hunter Lesser, assisted by Rick Wolfe, on days 1 and 2, and Mike Smith on day 3 at Droop Mountain. Still working on the cost.

Please contact me if you would like a list of suggested reading.

Will keep you posted on details as they become available.

New Hampshire Civil War Monuments By Don Streeter

(Editor’s note: Don and his wife, Carolyn, have been traveling around the State of New Hampshire looking for Civil War monuments, plaques, statues, etc. on his motorcycle. If you’d like to see what they have found, check out Don’s Facebook page.)

Here is some data from my compilation of my travels so far:

Towns visited: 196 out of 234 or 84% , leaving 38 to go.

Towns with monuments to the CW: 122 or 62%

Towns with NO CW monuments: 74 or 38%

Towns with monuments STYLES:

Statues: 52

Monoliths: 32

Obelisks: 13

on/in Buildings: 8

Engraving on Stones: 7

Plaque on Rock: 7

Orb: 1

Others: 2 (Mortar; Bridge)

Of the towns with NO Civil War monuments, at least there were 38 of them who have a monument to ALL wars or all veterans with all kinds of styles but most do not measure up to the wonderful styles represented by the ones with Civil War monuments.

I am a little surprised by the score, especially the 52 statues. I thought there would be more. But at least there are

monuments to 62% (122) of the towns, considering the multitude are very small towns with limited budgets or resources to come up with the needed funds without a well-to-do sponsor as in the case of Sutton. They have a very nice all granite statue from funds donated in 1896 by the Pillsbury brothers of flour mill fame who originally came from Sutton and moved to Minnesota later to start their business.

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].

January RT Meeting

Terrific meeting to start the New Year off! We had approximately 40 people attend, most of them enjoying a very good meal from Big Fatty's. Thanks to Gail for putting that together, and for getting our January speaker, Patrick Schroeder, to come all the way from Virginia, plus, getting him a ticket to watch a special hockey game. We were very fortunate that the weather cooperated!

Patrick gave a good presentation on "Myths About Lee's Surrender." He also brought along many books to sell, including "Thirty Myths About Lee's Surrender," and "More Myths About Lee's Surrender." He's indicated that he would like to come back.

We voted to continue to have Big Fatty's cater our February meeting, and Gail has offered to take care of that again for us. Thank you, Gail.

Our book raffle was won by Alice Evans, Nancy Miville, John Mudge, Whitney Maxfield, and Brian Smith.

On February 9, 1861 Jefferson Davis was elected presidential president of the Confederate States of America.

On February 18, 1861, he was inaugurated as president at Montgomery, Alabama.

JAMES HOPE PAINTING DONATED

James Hope's "The Second Vermont Regiment at Bull Run" painting was recently donated to the Vermont State House by Howard Coffin. This painting is an eyewitness depiction of the bloody battle of July 21, 1861, along Bull Run Creek Near Manassas, Virginia. Hope commanded the Second Vermont's Company B, in that battle. This painting had been on loan to the Manassas National Battlefield Park in 2011, where it had been displayed in the Visitors Center during the battle's 150th anniversary.

This painting will hang in the Cedar Creek Room where also hangs Julian Scott's "Vermonters at Cedar Creek" painting.

Don Streeter's great-great grandfather, Philander Streeter, served in this regiment.

WHAT WAS HAPPENING WITH OUR CWRT BACK IN FEBRUARY 1994 through 2000?

February 1994 had Steven Hill of Boston speak on "Federal Flags of the Civil War." Meeting was held at Than Wheeler's Restaurant. This was a buffet for \$11.00 per person.

Our February 1995 meeting had Steve Soper speak on the "Third Michigan Infantry." Meeting was held at Than Wheeler's Restaurant. This was a buffet for \$11.00. David Merrill was the newsletter editor.

Our February 1996 meeting was a "Members Forum." This was at the Hotel Coolidge, and dinner was \$11.00 per person.

Our February 1997 meeting had Jack Anderson presenting a program on "Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain and the 20th Maine." Dinner was \$12.95 per person. Full Duty Banquet was scheduled to be held on April 12. Cathy Hoyt was the newsletter editor. RT member Lois Eagan for many years had a "Tidbits, Anecdotes, Poetry, and Incidents" column every month.

In February 1998 our guest speaker was Howard Coffin who spoke on "Stannard's Brigade." We were at the Hotel Coolidge, and dinner was \$13.95 each. The Vermont Civil War Council's SECOND ANNUAL PRESERVATION BANQUET was scheduled for April 11, 1998 at The Capitol Plaza Hotel. Tom McKenna announced that the date for the Civil War Forum would be February 28 in Montpelier. Gail Blake arranged a trip to Joshua Chamberlain's Maine home, grave site, and museum for May 23. Dues were \$20.00 for a single membership, \$35.00 for two people, \$50.00 for a family, and student was \$10.00.

In February of 1999 our guest speaker was Roger D. Cary from Suffern, New York. He spoke on "Port Hudson: the Forgotten Battle of the Civil War. Cathy Hoyt was the newsletter editor.

Approximately 55 people attended the February, 2000 meeting. Our guest speaker was Gary Moore who gave a program entitled "Abe Lincoln: The Storyteller Who Became a Story," dinner for members was \$13.95, non-members \$15.95 (we were at the Hotel Coolidge), tickets were being sold for the Full Duty Banquet, restoration of the 1st VT U.S.S.S. monument in Gettysburg was progressing, and book reports were being presented from time to time by members. David McCullough gave a report on "Fighting for the Confederacy," an autobiography of General Porter Alexander, and the RT trip was sold out (Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville). Our book raffle was won by Paul Keene and Bill Wilson, and a Civil War puzzle by our speaker, Gary Moore. RT Member Don Streeter contributed an article to the newsletter on The Peninsula Campaign, The Brigade's (Vermont) First Battle.

Alice Evans had recently joined our RT.

Back then Jack Anderson was our President, Gail

Blake, Treasurer, David Cross, Program Chair, and Ginny Gage, Newsletter editor.

From Dan Lindner

Peter and I have recently been contacted by Dan Lindner, a Vermont-based musician and songwriter known as “Bango Dan,” who is trying to put together a campaign to raise funds for a new CD titled The Sleeping Sentinel. I am not familiar with his music, but he evidently has albums out that spread stories of the State of Vermont nationwide.

The new CD he is hoping to do will be the story of Groton, Vermont’s Private William Scott. Not totally Civil War music, some songs on the album will deal with the huge explosion that shook Berlin in 1932, the tragic fate of the man who resisted the building of Interstate 89 in 1964, the idyllic nature of growing up in St. Albans in the 1950’s and much more.

I’m attaching his “campaign” information for this fundraising project in this newsletter. Perhaps interested members can respond directly to Dan, or we can possibly bring this up at our February RT meeting. Dan’s e-mail address is: - banjodan@pshift.com

Happy Birthday to member Elaine Coburn!

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From the New Hampshire Patriot and State Gazette, February 20, 1861:

PREPARING FOR WAR.—Despatches from Montgomery, the seat of Government of the Southern Confederacy, indicate that the Congress of the seceding States is making vigorous preparations to place the new nation in a state of defence. It is stated that arrangements have been made by which the sum of fourteen millions of dollars will be at their disposal the 1st of March. By that time it is contemplated they will have ready for the field fifty drilled regiments of troops. The object of this extensive preparation is to resist Federal coercion.

Bennington Banner, Bennington, VT, February 14, 1861:

It is stated that Major Anderson has written to Senator Crittenden denying the charge that his movement in retiring from Fort Moultrie to Fort Sumter, he took the act initiative of a declaration of war. Major Anderson declares that if he had been, or is attacked under his present instructions, he will defend the fort to the last; and, before he will surrender, he will blow up the works.