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TOM LEDOUX

**“THE VERMONT DIASPORA FROM A
CIVIL WAR PERSPECTIVE”**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015

BUGBEE SENIOR CENTER

WHITE RIVER JCT., VT

**PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR OCTOBER
MEETING WILL BE LIKE OUR SEPTEMBER
MEETING. THERE WILL BE NO MEAL
UNLESS YOU BRING YOUR OWN.
COFFEE/TEA/PUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE.
THERE SHOULD BE A CONTAINER THERE
FOR FOLKS TO PUT DONATIONS INTO FOR
THESE DRINKS. DOOR WILL OPEN AT 6
P.M., MEETING AT 7 P.M., AND
SPEAKER AT 7:15 P.M.**

**The Vermont Diaspora From a
Civil War Perspective**

Tom Ledoux is a 7th Generation Vermonter, a descendant of a Revolutionary War veteran who served on 'the other side,' and who eventually settled in Vermont.

He is a 40 year Federal employee, 26 of which were in the U.S. Navy, and he is a veteran of Vietnam, the Cold War and the First Gulf War.

He is the creator and webmaster of Vermont in the Civil

War, a grassroots project dedicated to documenting Vermont and Vermonters' contributions to the War of the Rebellion.

During the last 19 1/2 years, he has discovered a number of things that go against the grain of common belief about Vermonters participation in the war, some of which are where these soldiers came from, where they served, and where they went after the war.

The Vermont Diaspora From a Civil War Perspective will discuss these and other interesting facts and fallacies about the war.

2015-2016 Program Schedule

Nov. 10 – Remembrance Meeting – Members and letters.

2016

Jan. 9 – Saturday – Patrick Schroeder – Historian at Appomattox National Park – “Signing of cease-fire between Generals Grant and Lee.

Feb. 13– Steve Allen – “Letters of Jesse Dewey, Co. I, 2nd New Hampshire Regiment.

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

Through Oct. 12 – “Soldiers & Citizens” – Free museum at New England Via Vermont in Alburgh village. Focus on soldiers & families back home. Displays include Lincoln, St. Albans Raid, medicine, ladies, children, soldier life, Underground Railroad, battles, veterans. Call 802-796-3665 or: www.newenglandviavermont.net

Strafford, VT, Historical Society “Strafford’s Civil War Years, 1861-1865: Service and Sacrifice” now through October 2015 – Sunday afternoons 2:00 - 4:00 PM and Wednesday mornings 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon at the Brick Store in Strafford's Upper Village. Or, call Stefanie Johnston, Curator, for questions or appointments (802) 765-4057.

October 12 - “THE MEDAL OF HONOR AND AN UPDATE TO THE GETTYSBURG STORY”
Gary Ward will address the annual membership meeting with a power point presentation about the United States’ highest military award known as the Medal of Honor. Included is information about some Union soldiers who received the award for their actions at the Battle of Gettysburg in July 1863. This meeting will be held upstairs at the Town office, 488 Town house Road in Cornish at 7 P.M.

Oct. 12 - "The Fighting Breed" of the 1st Vermont Cavalry in the Civil War is a movie by Doug Lazarus of Middlebury. There will be a celebration showing of this at the Marquis Theatre in Middlebury on Monday Oct. 12th from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. Film is 1/2 hour, with discussion for another 1/2 hour. There are also other dates of Tues. 13th and Wed. 14th, with Monday the main showing. There's info from Howard Coffin, Joseph Collea and others, including Tim Short of the 1st VT - CVHR re-enactors.

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

Treasurers Report:

Starting Balance: \$2573.57

Deposits: \$40 (dues)

Expenses: \$50 (travel expenses for speaker)

Balance: \$2563.57

SPRING 2016 RT TRIP

Gail Blake

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

Hope you are all well and have had an enjoyable summer! 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 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.

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].

HONORING OUR ANCESTORS

As we have in the past, we will be honoring our Civil War ancestors in the November issue of the Camp Griffin Gazette. If the editor already has your information from previous years, there is no need to contact me. If I don't have the information, and you're a member of the GMCWRT, please send me your ancestor(s) name, Regiment, Company, rank, and how he/they are related to you as soon as possible.

Please feel free to send more information if you have it.

Remembrances: November 10, 2015

Honor an ancestor or "acquaintance" at the November Round Table meeting. Everyone is invited to think about ONE person who fought in the Civil War and make a few brief comments at the meeting. This might be an ancestor, a person from your town you would like to remember, or perhaps a soldier that you have studied and read about. To help you, you may want to consider writing out your comments and reading them. Comments might include: Name of ancestor/person, relationship to you, where born, occupation before the war, where he fought, occupation after the war, when died and where buried. *Comments should be brief and not a complete biography. For example:*

"Theodore Dummerston was born in 1840 in Putney, Vermont, and was working on a farm in Westminster, New Hampshire, at the outbreak of the war. He served in the 17th Vermont and was wounded at Gettysburg. After the war he returned to Putney where he ran the general store and raised a family of six children. He died in 1910 and is buried in Putney. His photograph, diary, and some of his war letters are on the table. Theodore Dummerston was my great-great-grandfather."

If you have pictures of or letters from your ancestor, please display them on a table at the meeting. If you want to prepare a hand-out that people can take, that's fine. If you have period clothes / re-enactment clothing, you are encouraged to wear that.

We will have a screen if you want to have some slides or power-point pictures, but you should plan on bringing your own computer and projector.

If you have questions, please contact me:

DurandPress@aol.com.

Tel: 603-795-4350 -- Thanks -- John Mudge.

HONORING CIVIL WAR VETERANS IN LEBANON, NH

The Ceremony for the Civil War Veterans adopted this past year in Lebanon, NH, has been set for October 24th @1:30

P.M. in the Glenwood Cemetery.

Any one who would like to participate, please contact Fran Hanchett at: fran.dupuis@comcast.net If possible, they would appreciate coming in period dress. There will be a reception in the Soldiers Memorial Building after the Ceremony.

The soldiers being remembered this year are:

George Perkins, 5th VT Band – 2nd Brig Band 10th Army Corps. – Adopted by the Mason's Org. & Sons of the American Legion, Lebanon.

Lt. Alpheus Baker – 23rd Wis. – Adopted by the Mason's Org. & Sons of the American Legion, Lebanon.

Hebard A. Gates – 4th MASS CAV – Adopted by Georgia Tuttle

Arthur Johnson – 2nd MASS INF – Adopted by his great-grandson, Harry Johnson III

Thomas Manchester – 16th NH – Adopted by his descendent, William Walker

Lt. Asa Richardson – 14th NH – Adopted by the Mason's Org., Cornish, NH

William S. Carter – 11th NH – Adopted by the Mascoma Savings Bank

Sgt. William Coffee – 3rd NH – Adopted by the Mascoma Savings Bank

Charles Comings – 14th NH – Adopted by the Mason's Org. Cornish, NH

Notes from our September Meeting

We had 31-32 people attend our RT meeting at the Bugbee Senior Center in White River Junction. Very nice location. It's easy to get to, lots of parking, clean, and has all the amenities our speakers need. There was no charge to ANYONE for this meeting and there was NO raffle.

Tony O'Connor gave his usual wonderful slide presentation on John Wilkes Booth. Tony brought some of his books with him, and he was able to sell quite a few.

We had our "meeting" after Tony finished up. Jack will be in charge of the key for the Center and will be there by 6 p.m. in the evenings and will lock up when we're finished. Since there is no food available, some of our members brought cookies and coffeecake. Tea, coffee, and punch was available. There was a container for drink donations of 25 cents. Some members brought meals to eat.

We decided that since we have a guest speaker for our October meeting, that we will discuss what the membership would like to do for future meetings at the Center at the November meeting. Jack will come up with a list of things

we will need to discuss, and it will be posted in the November newsletter.
PLEASE, if there is something you would like brought up at the November meeting, let me know so I can add it to the list.

Unfortunately, Gail and I did not get to this meeting until many of the membership were already there. We are hoping to do better for the October meeting and have a table set up as we had at the Coolidge for people to “sign in,” have books for raffle, videos to borrow, “free” items, etc.

Cedar Creek Battlefield

Lew and I had the opportunity in September to visit the Cedar Creek Battlefield. We know the head Park Ranger there, Eric Campbell, who was kind enough to drive us, for 2 ½ hrs., all over the battlefield! We got to see the 8th Vermont monument while in its restoration process. We had stopped there on our way to Appomattox, and the fence around the monument wasn't there. It was out for restoration. On the way back north we decided to stop and see if the fence was back and up, but it was not. However, there were two workers there digging holes for the fence and the fencing itself was there. I have posted photos of this restoration on our Facebook page. The project is now complete.

Also, thanks to member Dewey Jones, we were treated to a hike to the location of where the 14th NH “monument” was.

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Notice that “monument” is in quotation marks? Evidently some of the veterans of this regiment came down in the 1880's and marked with a stone pyramid where they had fought and wanted a future monument to be put up. For whatever reason, the monument was never installed. The only thing left are the stones. At the present time, this particular area is fenced off and is part of the Belle Grove National Park. It is the Park's hope that in the near future this area will be open to the public.

We visited the Visitor's Center as well. They have a wonderful “electric” map. Great way to get an overall of the battle and the battlefield.

We would certainly highly recommend anyone to visit this battlefield. Eric will be so happy if you do!

Appomattox Court House National Historic Park

The Appomattox Court House is looking for photos of soldiers who had fought at Appomattox to put on their wall. If you have a photo of an ancestor who fought there, you can send a War time photograph in uniform, 5” x 7”, black and white, with his name, rank, and unit affiliation. You need to show proof of presence: listing on parole records or copy of military service record.

Send above to: Appomattox Court House National Historic Park, Attention: Curator, Highway 24, P.O. Box 218, Appomattox, VA 24522.