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CAPE MAY COUNTY CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

Upcoming May 16th Meeting

For our May 16th meeting we will enjoy the presentation, **“Cease Firing Life and Death at the Swope Manor - The Story of New Jersey Lt. William Pohlman”** by Kellie Gormly, an author and historian. Kellie received her Bachelors degree from the University of Texas at Arlington, and since then has had association with the Associated Press, and the Pittsburg Tribune-Review.

Past meeting - April 18th

Last month, we deeply enjoyed the presentation from Mark Grim about the Lincoln Conspirators, and their Imprisonment, Trial, and Execution. We had 14 people in attendance, and the presentation proved to be very entertaining and was enjoyed by everyone. This was our first meeting at the Stone Harbor American Legion Post 331. The facility was a great relocation, and everybody present at the meeting enjoyed the new location. We are greatly appreciative for the Post letting us use the building.



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Biography - Colonel Louis R. Francine

Colonel Louis R. Francine, a brave and dedicated leader, served as the commanding officer of the 7th New Jersey Regiment during the American Civil War. He led his troops with courage and distinction, exemplifying the highest ideals of military service. Tragically, Colonel Francine succumbed to wounds received at the Battle of Gettysburg, on July 2nd, 1863. His leadership and valor are remembered and honored by all who knew him. After the war, he was given posthumously, the rank of Brevet General. he was know as a valiant officer and was widely mourned in New Jersey after the spread of his death.



Colonel Francine

About Us

The Cape May County Civil War Roundtable was created in 1985, and since then has enjoyed strong membership and active participation. The Roundtable is active every year from April to November. Meetings are held on every third Thursday of each month at 7pm, at the American Legion Post 331, 11617 2nd Ave, Stone Harbor, NJ 08247. The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend meetings. Dues are \$30 every year, or \$40 for family.

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Civil War Question Answer for April: Brigadier General Nathaniel Lyon, Battle of Wilsons Creek

Civil War Question for May: "Of the various Confederate high ranking Officers of the American Civil War, and Confederacy, who was Confederate general that directly outranked General Robert E. Lee?"

The answer will be revealed in the next monthly issue of the Camp May County Civil War Roundtable!



Civil War History of May

Battle of Chancellorsville, May 1-6, 1863: General Robert E. Lee's Confederate forces defeated Union Major General Joseph Hooker's Army of the Potomac in Virginia, despite being outnumbered. This victory was marred by the accidental shooting of Confederate General Stonewall Jackson by his own men.

Siege of Vicksburg Begins, May 18, 1863: Union Major General Ulysses S. Grant's forces began their assault on the Confederate stronghold of Vicksburg, Mississippi, in a campaign to gain control of the Mississippi River. The siege would last until July 4, 1863, when the Confederate garrison surrendered, giving the Union control of the Mississippi River and splitting the Confederacy in two.

Stonewall Jackson's death, May 10, 1863: Confederate General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was accidentally shot by his own men during the Battle of Chancellorsville. He died from complications of his injuries on May 10, 1863, leading to a significant loss for the Confederate Army.

Battle of Raymond, May 12, 1863: Occurring during Grant's Vicksburg Campaign, this battle saw Union forces, led by General John A. Logan, defeat Confederate forces, delaying their attempts to reinforce Vicksburg. This victory was a precursor to the larger Battle of Champion Hill.



Upcoming Meetings for 2024

June 20th - “Civil War Medicines and Medical Practices” - Presented by Herb Kaufman, a historian, and educator.

July 18th - “Gettysburg: One Woman’s War” - Presented by Michelle LaRue. Michele presents the story of the Battle of Gettysburg and the aftermath through the eyes of local townfolk. She is a member of the Actors Equity Association and SAG-AFTRA. This story is compelling and Michelle presents it in first person.

August 15th - “The Abraham Lincoln Murder Case” - Presented by Rodger Arthur, a historian, lecturer, teacher, and frequent speaker.

September 19th - “The Grand Army of the Republic and the GAR Museum” - by Walt Lafty, a Civil War Historian, GAR Museum Curator, and Round Table Leadership.

October 17th - “Civil War Naval Ships - The Sultana, the Black Diamond and the Massachusetts Disasters” - Presented by Mike Jesberger, Historical Lecturer, and College Professor

November 21 - TBA

