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# The Battlefield

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*New*  
*Meeting Site*  
**The Warehouse**  
**Syracuse University**  
**School of Architecture**

**350 West Fayette St**  
**Syracuse, NY**  
**1st Floor Auditorium**  
**September 21, 2006**  
**7 PM**

Meetings are held at 7 PM on the third Thursday of the month from September through June and are free and open to the public.

## ★ Forward to Gettysburg ★ Major General Winfield Scott Hancock

A Living History Program  
by John Deppen

"I closed my eyes and felt that I was actually in the presence of the great hero, General Hancock, so convincing, so well informed, and passionate the performance was. John Deppen really does make history come alive when he portrays Hancock the Superb!"

- Dr. Anthony Wasieleski

**September Meeting**  
**September 21, 2006**



The noted John Deppen will bring history to life through his first-person dramatic program of Major General Winfield Scott Hancock (1824-86) at the first Onondaga County Civil War Round Table meeting of the 2006-2007 season. John, as Hancock, will recount Hancock's participation at the Battle of Gettysburg. Hancock's Second Army Corps received and repulsed Pickett's direct assault on the third day of the battle during which Hancock was seriously wounded.

During the second part of the program, John returns as himself to fill in the details of Hancock's momentous life and military career, including his participation in the Mexican War, his relationships with other prominent officers, his 1990 presidential campaign, and his legacy in the 21st century. Gen. George McClellan recognized Hancock's talents early in the war calling him *Hancock, the Superb*, a title still ascribed to Hancock.

John Deppen received a BA in Peace and Conflict Studies from Juniata College in 1990 and a MA in Military Studies with honors in Civil War Studies from American Military University in 2000. He served as a summer volunteer at Gettysburg National Military Park from 1996-1998 and is the current president of the Susquehanna Civil War Round Table. His columns on military history and veterans' affairs are featured regularly in *The Daily Item*, a newspaper serving central PA. John's book reviews are featured frequently in *The Civil War News* and *Civil War Book Review*. Recently, John assessed the relationship between Generals Armistead and Hancock in an article for *The Gettysburg Magazine*-January 2006.

Join us for an exciting evening of history presented by a "superb" living historian.

## What is *The Warehouse*?

Join us for the first meeting of the 2006-07 season at the Warehouse, the former warehouse of the Syracuse-based Dunk and Bright Furniture Company on West Fayette St in downtown Syracuse. The site was purchased by Syracuse University in 2006, and after a \$9 million dollar renovation it now houses the university's School of Architecture while its main campus building, Slocum Hall, is being renovated. Once the School of Architecture returns to campus, the facility will house other SU departments and programs. The Goldring Arts Journalism Program and the College of Visual and Performing Arts communications and advertising design programs are also headquartered in the building. We are pleased to have one of the rooms available for community use in this spacious classroom/studio/gallery setting.

Street and lot parking are available. The Warehouse parking lot due west of the building may also be available to us.

### President's Message

Welcome to the 2006-2007 meeting year of the OCCWRT. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer and that you were able to do something related to the Civil War, whether it was reading a book or visiting a battlefield.

Darothy DeAngelo has planned an exciting schedule of programs this year and there will also be a new location where our meetings will be held.

I would like to introduce myself for those of you who don't know me very well. My name is Jim Dromgoole and I've been a member of the OCCWRT for the past three years. I joined the Round Table to increase my knowledge of the Civil War and to enhance my understanding of it. Listening to speakers and living historians as well as having discussions with them has given me a different perspective on events that you can't have by reading a book. I have been married to my wife Karin for over thirty years and we live in Liverpool with our daughter Kerry who is presently in her junior year of college at the Crane School of Music in Potsdam, NY majoring in Piano and Music Education. I am originally from Rome, NY and graduated from SUNY Oneonta with a major in Economics and a minor in History. I was a six year member of the New York Army National Guard and I retired from UPS in

2002 after thirty years of service. In addition to my pursuit of knowledge in the Civil War, I also volunteer for the Red Cross and do other charitable work with our UPS retirement group, "The Silver Club".

I have two main goals for our association this year. First is to increase membership and attendance at our meetings. Second is to secure funding for the General Sumner tomb restoration in Oakwood Cemetery. I attended a seminar early in the summer regarding obtaining grants for this project and have met with the Gifford Foundation in August. I will be attending another meeting scheduled with the Community Foundation on September 7th. Hopefully this will lead to some grant funds for us in the near future.

Once again "welcome" and if you have any ideas or suggestions regarding the above project, feel free to contact me any time.

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### Kudos for Darothy

The Pompey Historical Society has bestowed upon our very own Darothy DeAngelo the honor of being the first to be recognized as one of the *Scholars Among US*. On Sunday, September 17th from 3 to 5 at the Pompey Town Hall, Route 20 and Pompey Center Road, Darothy will receive this prestigious honor at a program and reception. She is being honored for her contributions and achievements as a noted local historian, actor/playwright and advocate for cherishing our early history. Though others will be admitted to this select group over the coming years, Darothy will always be remembered as the inaugural inductee. Let's support her on the 17th. Maybe she'll even autograph our programs!

### Fiscal Year and Dues

Our September meeting begins our fiscal year. That means dues will be accepted at each meeting or they may be sent to Dave Osborn. Please fill out the membership form on the third page of the newsletter and include it with your dues. At the August board meeting, officers and trustees voted to increase O.H.A. members' dues from **\$5.00** to **\$10.00** per year. All other membership levels remain the same as last year. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## H.O.C.P.A. Anniversary



The OCCWRT was well represented this past summer as members Nancy Graham, Dick Crozier, Darothy DeAngelo and Sue Greenhagen portrayed famous Syracusans buried in Oakwood Cemetery during the Historic Oakwood Cemetery Preservation Association's anniversary picnic held on July 15th. Here we see Sue Greenhagen as Margaret Olivia Slocum Sage (Mrs. Russell Sage), one of American's greatest philanthropists. Our member/actors had researched their characters thoroughly and were prepared with answers to the many questions from four tour groups that stopped to hear what these living "ghosts" had to say. Darothy and Dick portrayed General Sumner and his daughter. Nancy was the elegant Mrs. Witherill. Other members manned our Round Table information table. Though the day was very hot and steamy, all survived the day with the help of plenty of water and a picnic lunch.

## More Kudos Better Late Than Never

The Academy of New England Journalists has chosen the crusading anti-slavery editor William Lloyd Garrison (1805-1879) as one of five New England journalists to receive the 2006 Yankee Quill Award for their contributions to improving journalism in the region. All but Garrison are current journalists. This award is considered the highest individual honor awarded by fellow journalists in the region.

Garrison, a native of Newburyport, MA, and the editor of the *Liberator*, a weekly abolitionist newspaper in Boston, was considered the most impassioned voice in America for ending slavery and was invited by President Lincoln to help raise the nation's flag again at Fort Sumter at the close of the War. In the first issue of his newspaper Garrison stated, "I do not wish to think, or speak, or write with moderation...I am in earnest...I will not equivocate...I will not excuse...I will not retreat a single inch... AND I WILL BE HEARD." And he was heard. For more than three decades, from the first issue of his paper in 1831 until after the end of the Civil War in 1865 (1,820 issues), Garrison spoke out eloquently and passionately against slavery and for the rights of American's black inhabitants.

## Onondaga County Civil War Round Table New Membership/Renewal Form

Membership dues of the OCCWRT are:

Please Check one of the Following

- \_\_\_ \$20.00 a year  
\_\_\_ O.H.A. members \$10.00  
\_\_\_ Seniors and Students \$15.00  
\_\_\_ Family rate (2 or more) \$30.00

Dues may be paid at meetings or sent to:

Onondaga County Civil War Round Table  
ATTN: Dave Osborn, Treasurer  
2 Thistlewood Lane  
Fayetteville, NY 13066

Please find \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed in form of  
Circle One:

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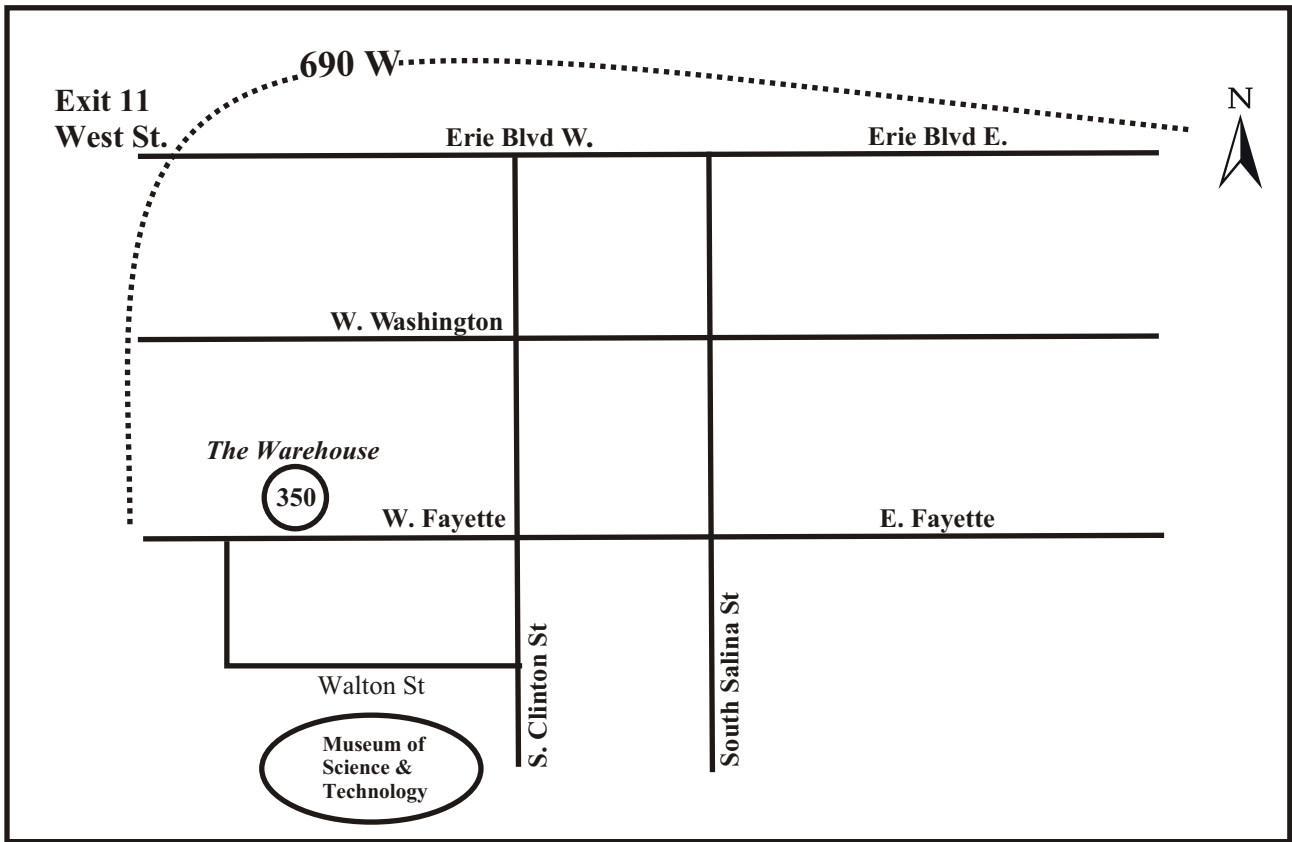
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The Onondaga County Civil War Round Table was organized in 1994 and is now an incorporated non-profit educational organization. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month from September through June. The purpose of the OCCWRT is to stimulate and encourage interest in the American Civil War, to assist in community service in order to enhance the study and understanding of the Civil War, to provide educational and historical research of the period, and to promote historic preservation.

Directions to the *Warehouse* - 350 W. Fayette St.



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