

MEDINA BUGLE

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Spring 2013

President's Message

Hope you had a great Holiday season and Santa was good to you.

We have an exciting year planned and below are some of the highlights.

- Doll show and sale June 01
- Members Tea TBD
- Ghost Walk – West Ridgeway Cementery
- Trash to Treasure Antique Roadshow type event a joint venture with Lee-Whedon Library.
- Christmas Party for members Nov 25th

I would like to thanks Renee Lama and Laura Fields for the great job they did on the 2013 Historical calendar. It was well received and the donation to the Museum is much appreciated.

Next Monthly Meeting

Monday March 25th 7:00pm
Lee-Whedon Memorial Library
620 West Ave
Medina NY 14103

Officers 2013

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GCC Civil War Encampment

The lives and times of the boys in blue and gray will be portrayed on the Medina Campus of Genesee Community College during the last weekend in April, from Friday night through Sunday. The family-friendly event is free and open to the public. This encampment, made possible by the participation of scores of dedicated reenactors, will offer many highlights, including: Union and Confederate tent camps, staged battles, artillery demonstrations, sutlers, music, games, programs, food, exhibits, a Saturday night Victorian cotillion featuring City Fiddle, and more.

Also, a nineteenth century parade will wind through downtown Medina on Saturday morning featuring soldiers, camp followers, a fife and drum band, and other entrants. It will be something to see this ensemble march past all the storefronts adorned with red, white, and blue drapery and bunting—don't miss it!

This year marks the 150th anniversary of that critical year when the Emancipation Proclamation took effect, Stonewall Jackson was mistakenly killed by his own men, and Lee's army was repulsed at Gettysburg. This was the so-called "high water mark of the Confederacy," and the defeat would mark a turning point in the war. Lincoln gave his famous address that November, which called upon the living to be dedicated to "the unfinished work" of the "honored dead."

History textbooks can educate readers about these events, but they can't impart the reality of the daily life of the soldier—the sights and the smells, the

hardship and the boredom. In fact, of the Civil War, Walt Whitman once observed, "the real war will never get in the books." However, at this kind of reenactment visitors will get the chance to witness the war up close and personal.

I am honored to serve as Honorary Chairman of the encampment weekend, and I invite you all to attend and enjoy yourselves. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge GCC administrator Jim Simon and history professor Derek Maxfield for bringing this event to our community. Thank you all for your support, and we look forward to seeing you there, April 26-28!

For more information, visit <http://civilwaratgcc.wordpress.com>.

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