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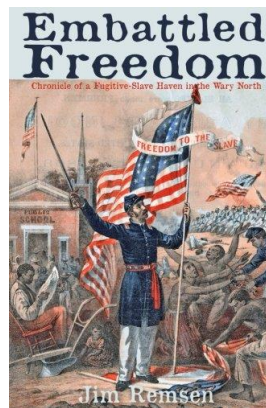
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THIS NEWSLETTER IS AN OPEN FORUM FOR MEMBERS —Please contact Kim Kamaris directly with inquiries or areas of concern.

Our speaker for May is
 Author Jim Remsen who
 will be presenting his
 Book:
 "Embattled Freedom"



Jim Remsen is a writer and editor who spent most of his career as a journalist at the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. Since retiring fifteen years ago, he has written three history books, all published by Sunbury Press. Indian-settler relations along the Susquehanna River was the subject of his first book, *Visions of Teagoa*, which came out in 2014. *Embattled Freedom*, about the Underground Railroad, was published in 2017. And two years ago came *Back From Battle*, about a long-forgotten Union Army discharge facility that existed briefly in his current town of Lower Merion, outside Philly.

Jim will talk about *Embattled Freedom*, which focuses on a fugitive slave settlement that sprang up in his boyhood hometown, near Scranton, Pa., the black Civil War soldiers who enlisted from that settlement, and the continuing impact Jim's book has had on the town.

Copies of *Embattled Freedom* and *Back From Battle* are both available for purchase tonight. The price is \$20 per copy, by cash, check or venmo.

Our own John Chaballa offers this Book Review of

Meade at Gettysburg: A Study in Command by Kent Masterson Brown

On June 27, 1863, Major General George Meade was ordered by President Lincoln to assume command of the Army of the Potomac. He did so reluctantly out of a profound sense of duty. For the next three weeks, under the most difficult of circumstances. Meade rapidly pushed the army, short of food, fodder, shoes, and most everything else needed while suffering from disrupted communications with Washington (thanks in large part to Stuart's raid) toward his planned confrontation with Robert E. Lee.

Brown's analysis sheds a clear light on the trials and intentions of Meade as the antagonists approached the field of battle. When Meade faced a monumental trial that would confound any new commander, he more than rose to the occasion and gave the Country, and the army, the most significant victory of the war to date.

Meade has been largely overlooked due to the self-serving machination of a few enemies, Dan Sickles chief among them, and the purposeful marginalization of his character by the press of the day. Nor was he supported for his achievement as he should have been by Lincoln, Stanton, and the Washington establishment. Meade himself wrote to his wife in December of 1863 "I suppose after a while it will be discovered I was not at Gettysburg at all."

Following in the footsteps of recent scholarship, Kent Brown takes a great leap in addressing the slights given to a great man.

John Chaballa

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Webpage

<http://www.jscwrt.org>

MONTHLY TRIVIA QUESTION!

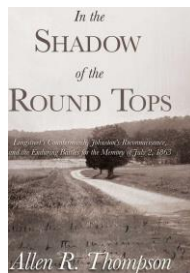
May Trivia Question: What refugee, the leader of a division of Germans, was relieved of command after defeat at Cross Keys by Stonewall Jackson?

Answer to April Trivia Question: Who was the former ambassador to Russia who was a major general without a command and took credit for the Emancipation Proclamation? (Hint: a famous prize fighter was named after him) ANSWER: Cassius Marcellus Clay (Kentucky)

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

All meetings are 7 pm on the OCC Campus, 214 Bartlett Hall and simultaneously on WebEx (details on last page of this newsletter) unless otherwise noted. (we are no longer using Zoom)

- May 10 Jim Remsen will present his book "Embattled Freedom"
- June 14 Larry Korczyk on: "The Railroad Cut at Gettysburg and Bigelow's 9th Mass. Battery"
- **JSCWRT Member Allen R. Thompson has published a book; it will be released for sale on June 27th 2023. It can be purchased on Allen's website at : www.AllenRThompson.com**



- We will also have other books for sale at our monthly meetings as a fundraising effort.
- If you have not already done so, you can still pay your dues JSCWRT2014@gmail.com \$25.00 per person, \$30.00 per family. OCC and Kean/Ocean students are free!
- Message from the President: "Special Thanks go out to our Newsletter administrator, Debbie Mandio for the beautiful Tribute to Rick Trimble in our April Newsletter! Also, Thanks to all members for indulging me and participating in all of our reminiscing about Rick at our April meeting"

Kim Kamaris

(side note from Debbie: It was an honor)

Rick's Rules of Life

**Show up
Pay attention
Do your best
Tell the truth**

Note to all who join us on WebEx:
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE MUTED WHEN SPEAKER IS PRESENTING!!

Constantine Kamaris is inviting you to a scheduled Webex meeting.

Meeting link:

<https://ocean.webex.com/ocean/j.php?MTID=m1924b1cc2d29b9d897b3eb2affec6d25>

Meeting number:

2633 929 7583

Meeting password:

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Join from a video or application

Dial [26339297583@ocean.webex.com](tel:26339297583)

You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number.

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