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

The Jersey Shore Civil War Round Table was founded in 2014. We are a non-profit organization

Webpage <a href="http://www.jscwrt.org">http://www.jscwrt.org</a>

## Many thanks to our October speaker

Tom McMillan pictured here in the center, for his excellent talk on the topic of his book

ARMISTEAD AND HANCOCK



L To R- Bill Trealease, Kim Kamaris, Tom McMillan, Rick DiMarco, and Bob Meany

## Our November 8<sup>th</sup> Speaker Drew Gruber

Drew returns to speak once again. This time around Drew will be talking to us about the battle at Eltham's landing with a focus on the 1st NJ Brigade.

Drew was born in NJ. He holds an A.A. from OCC; a B.A. from Mary Washington College, and an M.S. from Virginia Commonwealth University. He was a member of the Commonwealth's Board of Historic Resources and was the 2013 Lawrence T. Jones III Research fellow in Civil War history. He is the Executive Director of Civil War Trails; 'world's largest open air museum' offering over 1,400 sites across six states. He lives in Williamsburg, Virginia with his wife Kate. He enjoys reading, oysters, local beer or spirits, and some peace & quiet.

### November is Thanksgiving month and did you know....

"Thanksgiving has its roots in the Civil War. The first official proclamation declaring Thanksgiving as a national day of remembrance was issued by Abraham Lincoln in 1863, partly in honor of Northern successes in the war that year. Lincoln designated the last Thursday in November "as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise."...That year, Thanksgiving fell on the day after a crucial Union victory at the battle of Chattanooga. The previous year in late November, armies were on the march during the Fredericksburg and Vicksburg campaigns. Around Thanksgiving 1864, some Union forces were on the cusp of the bloody battle of Franklin, while others were marching to the sea with William T. Sherman."

(source: Tom Emery The Monroe News Published Nov 23, 2021)



A depiction of Civil war soldiers Thanksgiving 1864

#### **MONTHLY TRIVIA QUESTION!**

November Trivia Question: What nickname was given to the 13<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Reserves when men began wearing the tails of deer on their bats?

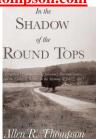
Answer to October Trivia Question: Which unit was responsible for digging the 500 foot long Petersburg tunnel that permitted blowing up confederate trenches, which formed The Crater? A: The 48<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania; mostly coal miners from Schuylkill County.

### **NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

The JSCWRT meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7PM on the campus of Ocean County College

- This month we will be meeting November 8th in Bartlett Hall, Room 203 and simultaneously on WebEx unless otherwise noted.

  (details on last page of this newsletter)
- Annual Membership Dues are due now for the 23/24 year \$25.00 per member, \$35.00 for Family, and Students are Free
- JSCWRT Member Allen R. Thompson has published a book. 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
- Did you know you can access previous JSCWRT newsletter in our archives? Just go to our website: <a href="http://jscwrt.org/">http://jscwrt.org/</a>

#### **UPCOMING SPEAKERS**

- ❖ November 8- Drew Gruber *Eltham's Landing with a focus on the 1st NJ Brigade*.
- ❖ December 13- John Chiaballa George Thomas and Clara Barton
- ❖ January 10, 2024-Colin Zimmerman General Winfield Scott

## 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: <a href="https://ocean.webex.com/meet/kkamaris">https://ocean.webex.com/meet/kkamaris</a>













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