

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CIVIL WAR PHILATELIC SOCIETY: NAPEX 2021

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(left to right) Sandy Fitzgerald Lera, Jonye and Deane Briggs, Tom Lera, Rod and Tonya Kelley; standing are Pat Zimmerman and Jerry Palazolo.

Although the name change to Civil War Philatelic Society (CWPS) from Confederate Stamp Alliance was voted on by the membership a year ago, Covid-19 restrictions prevented an in-person meeting until Napex 2021, which was understandably postponed from its usual annual June dates to Oct. 22-24, 2021.



President Larry Baum presiding at the annual general membership meeting.

Collector and dealer turnout for both Napex and CWPS was excellent. There was first-rate exhibitor turnout. Masks were encouraged and sanitizer stations were available in numerous locations throughout the venue. The Napex show committee did its usual outstanding job keeping things running smoothly and paying attention to detail.

Incoming CWPS trustee Randy Smith served as the local society host. Randy is also on the Napex board of directors and helped with exhibitor set-up and take-down. We are grateful to him for a job well done on both fronts.

CWPS member Richard Livingston is president of the Napex board and, along with show chairman and Napex Vice President Bill Fort and their fine team, did a stellar job.

Napex has long been considered one of the finest shows in the country and CWPS is always pleased to participate as a featured society. Collectors and dealers were surprised when the show closed on Sunday at 3 p.m. instead of 4 p.m., but most, if not all, were highly appreciative of being able to hit the road for home earlier than prior years.

Schuyler J. Rumsey Auctions generously sponsored the hospitality room in the top-floor Presidential Suite of the McLean Hilton. Members made use of it to reconnect with old friends and new.

It was great to see Authentication Recording Secretary Stefan Jaronski back on the East Coast from the wilds of Montana, along with his wife Genevieve Gwynne (Genny). Like me, they “paid their dues” with 17½ years as editors of the society journal, immediately following my tenure. It was also delightful to see members Paul Benson and his wife, Betty Jean, neither of whom we had seen for several years.

An even-longer hiatus was that of Dan and Kitty Telep. Dan joined the society in his teens. He served as treasurer from 1972-79. His Confederate collection was sold by John W. Kaufmann, Inc. in December 1987, and he went on to develop fine collections and exhibits in other fields. But he always stayed in touch with Civil War material and collectors and is excited to be on the incoming CWPS board of trustees for 2022-23.

The trustees bestowed honorary life membership on Bob and Connie Eldridge, although they were unable to attend Napex this year. Congratulations to them. Bob immediately followed Dan Telep as treasurer from 1980-87. He has been an active collector and exhibitor for many years. I count Bob and Connie among those special members I’ve known for more than 50 years.

It was also terrific to see new members, such as Les Barton from Texas, and Carol Bommarito from New York – both participating in their first CWPS events. The very newest member, who signed up at the society booth at Napex without even being asked, is Larry Haber, the current president of the Collectors’ Club (New York). Welcome, Larry! We are delighted to have you.

Civil War Philatelic Authentication Service (CWPAS) chairman John Kimbrough announced that Steven Roth has stepped down as an active member. He served from 2017-21. We are grateful for his service. He remains an on-call consultant in his areas of specialty. Daniel Knowles has joined the CWPAS as the newest member.



New Life Member Patrick Zimmerman at the CWPS Dinner.



Jim Milgram, incoming trustee Dan Telep.



Trustee Jim Montich with president-elect Mike O'Reilly.



President Baum and Vice President O'Reilly congratulate Dan Knowles on his award.



Jim Milgram's award for *Confederate Patriotic Lettersheets and Captured Union Stationery*.



Dan Ryterband's impressive one-frame large-gold exhibit, *The Confederate Ten-Cent Copper Plate Engraved Stamps*.



Secretary Rod Kelley receiving his medal for his *Arkansas Under Two Flags* exhibit.

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CWPS Trophy for best exhibit was a Royal Doulton Toby Mug showing Gen. Ulysses S. Grant on one side and Gen. Robert E. Lee on the other, flanked by their respective flags.



Another view of the Toby Mug showing their general officer uniform stars.



Vice President Mike O'Reilly shows the Robert E. Lee side of the CWPS Trophy.



Vice President O'Reilly explains that opposing generals Grant and Lee grace opposite sides of the CWPS Trophy.

CWPS Award Results

The CWPS Dinner is usually held in a separate venue than the show hotel, although holding it at the hotel is occasionally necessary due to logistics. This year, Randy Smith arranged for dinner at American Prime, a local high-end steak house about two miles from the McLean Hilton. Hotel shuttle buses helped provide transportation.

At our annual meetings, member exhibits are judged by a separate team of CWPS judges (not the show judges) for society-sponsored awards. The history and prior winners of these awards may be found on the society website at www.civilwarphilatelicociety.org. These treasured awards are presented at the annual society dinner on Friday evenings during the show.

CWPS judges for Napex 2021 included Tom Lera, who served as Chief Judge. Tom is a retired APS-accredited judge with national show-judging experience. He was joined by Deane Briggs and Mike O'Reilly, who served as judges with Tom to round out the jury.

The first three awards following are society-sponsored awards.

Civil War Philatelic Society Trophy: This is awarded to the member exhibiting the best and most comprehensive collection of Civil War stamps and/or covers at the exhibition. No member may be awarded this trophy more often than once in five years. This year's winner was **Ronald E. Majors**, for *Canada/British North America: Union & Confederate Postal Correspondence in the Civil War Era (1859-1867)*.

President's Trophy: This is awarded for the best exhibit of Civil War stamps and/or covers, in any classification, exhibited by a member who has never previously been awarded any trophy at a Civil War Philatelic Society exhibition. This year's was **Daniel Ryterband**, for *The 10-cent Copper Plate Engraved Stamps of the Rebel States*.

CWPS Trustees' Research Trophy: This is awarded for the best exhibit, single frame, or multi-frame, which illustrates new knowledge/understanding of Civil War stamps, covers or postal history, or an extension of existing knowledge. This year's winner was **Randolph Smith**, for *Rally 'Round the Flag*.



Napex Reserve Grand winner Wayne Farley, Chief Judge John Hotchner and Randy Smith, winner of the Napex Stephen Luster Award for Excellence.

Donor Awards are also presented annually, usually for many years, courtesy of private individuals or organizations, .

John H. Reagan Confederate Postmaster General Award for the best exhibit of Postmaster's Provisionals. Winner: **Daniel M. Knowles**, for *Confederate Postmaster Uses of Provisional Hand Stamps, Adhesives and Press-Printed Stationery to Pay the Postage*.

Generals' Award is given at the discretion of the judges, and was awarded this year to two exhibits: **Stefan Jaronski**, for *Tudor Hall, VA: Post Office for the Confederate Army*, as well as **Rodney Kelley** for *Arkansas Under Two Flags: A Postal History of Conflict, Union and Confederate, 1861-1865*.

Jack E. Molesworth Award for the best exhibit of off-cover Confederate stamps (exhibit need not exclusively consist of stamps) was awarded to **Daniel Ryterband** for *The 10-cent Copper Plate Engraved Stamps of the Rebel States*.

Robert A. Siegel Memorial Award, sponsored by Scott R. Trepel, is given at the discretion of the judges, also to co-winners. This year's winners were **Larry Baum**, for *Antebellum Richmond, Va.: An Ad Cover Study of its Commerce*; and to **Wayne Farley**, for *West Virginia Stampless Postal History*.

William G. Bogg Memorial Award for the best exhibit on the Evolution of Civil War Postal History was awarded to **Jerry Wells**, for *1861 U.S. Postal Service in the Southern States*.

Conrad L. Bush Memorial Award for the best one-frame exhibit of Civil War material was given to **Daniel M. Knowles** for *U.S. Demonetization and Transition to the 1861 Issue Stamps*.

John W. Kaufmann Memorial Award for the best exhibit of Civil War patriotic covers, sponsored by Patricia A. Kaufmann, was awarded to **James Milgram** for *Confederate Patriotic Letter-sheets and Captured Union Stationery*.

Research, writing and service awards were presented on Saturday morning at the annual general membership meeting, which is generally held before the hosting show opens, enabling all to attend. Society reports are given and special society recognitions are made.

The Haydn Myer Award for service to the society was given to **Dwayne Littauer** for his counsel and support during the transition to the Civil War Philatelic Society.

The August Dietz Award was earned by **Richard F. Winter** for his extensive research on North Carolina Confederate postal history and post office data, as published on the North Carolina Postal History Society website.

The Civil War Philatelist Writers' Award was given to co-winners Kevin P. Andersen, for "Confederate Postal Markings of Petersburg, Virginia" (*Confederate Philatelist*, Third Quarter 2020), and Steve Feller for "Thomas de la Rue: Confederate Stamp Printer" (*Confederate Philatelist*, Fourth Quarter 2020). The Writers' Award comes with a monetary prize.



Napex Gold medal.

Also announced by President Larry Baum was John H. Walker's well-deserved promotion to general. John is an outgoing trustee who has served the society for many years. He well represents the society in his native England. Those who attended fondly remember Europhilex in 2015, where we celebrated our society's 80th anniversary. John and his wife Margaret were consummate hosts, arranging splendid philatelic tours and memorable events for members who traveled across the pond to participate in that extraordinary experience. It was an experience none of us who attended will ever forget.

Speakers

Local host Randy Smith arranged for an impressive lineup of speakers, kicked off with an American Philatelic Society Town Hall meeting led by Executive Director Scott English on Saturday morning. Few fail to be impressed by Scott's enthusiasm and charismatic leadership. He is truly a transformative trailblazer. The APS is very fortunate to have him, especially during the difficult times of the pandemic.

Richard Livingston kicked off as the first of three notable CWPS speakers with his topic of *Chattanooga during the Civil War*, followed by the ever-prolific Jim Milgram, who shared his *Civil War Patriotic Stationery*, and Dan Knowles who showed *The American Civil War in 31 Covers* to wrap up the fine talks.

Napex 2021 Palmarès

Napex is a World Series of Philately (WSP) show judged by American Philatelic Society (APS) judges according to the APS Committee for National Exhibitions and Judges (CANEJ) criteria. Judges evaluate philatelic exhibits of every type, size and class using the same criteria of Treatment and Importance, Knowledge and Research, Condition and Rarity, and Presentation. These are the "Big 4" standards for philatelic exhibit evaluation.

John Hotchner was the Chief Judge for Napex 2021, joined by fellow jurors Mark Banchik, Ron Leshner, Bill Schultz, Dan Warren and apprentice judge, Tim Hodge.

The Palmarès (list of award winners) for relevant CWPS exhibits/winners are as follows:

The Napex Reserve Grand Award was presented to **Wayne Farley** for his *West Virginia Stampless Postal History*, from the earliest hand-carried letter (1788) to the end of the Civil War (95 points). This impressive exhibit narrowly missed receiving the Grand Award by the slim margin of only one point. The **Grand Award** went to **Alfredo Frolich**, for his exhibit of *Delaware Postal History 1772-1847* (96 points). The reserve grand award was a lovely crystal bowl depicting the U.S. Capitol. **Randy Smith** was presented the **Stephen Luster Award** for excellence in the form of a cobalt capitol vase.

In the multi-frame category, Civil War-themed exhibits won the following Napex medals:

Large Gold

Wayne Farley, *West Virginia Stampless Postal History* (95 pts)

Ronald Majors, *Canada/British No. America (BNA)-Union & Confederate Postal Correspondence in U.S. Civil War Era (1859-1867)* (92 pts)

James Milgram, *Confederate Patriotic Lettersheets and Captured Union Stationery* (92 pts)

Randy Smith, *Rally 'Round the Flag* (92 pts)

Gold

Larry Baum, *Antebellum Richmond, VA; an AD Cover Study of its Commerce* (89 pts)



One of eight frames of Wayne Farley's impressive West Virginia exhibit, which garnered the Napex Reserve Grand Award

Large Vermeil

Jerry Wells, *1861 U.S. Postal Service in the Southern States* (83 pts)

Stefan Jaronski, *Tudor Hall Va. - Post Office for the Confederate Army* (84 pts)

In the single-frame category, Civil War-themed exhibits won the following Napex medals:

Large Gold

Daniel Ryterband, *The Ten-cent Copper Plate Engraved Stamps of the Rebel States* (93 pts)

Daniel Knowles, *United States Demonetization and Transition to the 1861 Issue Stamps* (93 pts)

Large Vermeil

Rodney Kelley, *Arkansas Under Two Flags: A Postal History of Conflict Union and Confederate 1861-1865* (83 pts)

Vermeil

Daniel Knowles, *Confederate Postmaster Uses of Provisional Hand Stamps, Adhesives and Press-printed Stationery to Pay the Postage* (78 pts)

Special Napex- sponsored awards went to the following Civil War-themed exhibits:

American Philatelic Society Research Medal

James Milgram, *Confederate Patriotic Lettersheets and Captured Union Stationery* (92 pts)

Virginia Philatelic Award for Excellence

Larry Baum, *Antebellum Richmond, Va.; an Ad Cover Study of its Commerce* (89 pts)

Postal History Society

Ronald Majors, *Canada/British No. America (BNA)-Union & Confederate Postal Correspondence in U.S. Civil War Era (1859-1867)* (92 pts)

Our next annual meeting is at the well-known and popular “March Party,” sponsored by the Garfield Perry Stamp Club of Northeast Ohio, March 18-20, 2022. The club was formed in 1890 from collectors in the Cleveland area and included prominent businessman George H. Worthington, whose stamp collection was third largest in the world in 1909. Other major national collectors have also been members over the years.

It is unfortunate this show follows so quickly after Napex, but that was unavoidable with Covid-19 globally calling the shots in our lives these days. CWPS members are encouraged to attend and to exhibit. One of the most precious society assets we have is the camaraderie gained by attending these events. I hope to see you in Ohio in March.

The 2022 March Party will be held at the Strongsville Best Western Plus, 15471 Royalton Road, Strongsville, Ohio. Check the CWPS website at www.civilwarphilatelicsociety.org for updated show information as it becomes available. E-newsletters will also keep you abreast of deadlines and announcements.

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