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Col Ty Seidule presents the History of the United States Military Academy at West Point at the SK Nov Meeting.

History of West Point

by Lt/C Vingie Genco, S - Secretary and Cdr John Ledwith, IV, S

A good crowd of over 30 members and guests came out to the Wednesday, November 13th meeting at the Cornwall Yacht Club. They all enjoyed some hot food and some local history. SKPS Educational Officer, Bob Trenz, invited Colonel James T. (Ty) Seidule, Professor and Acting Head of the History Department at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

The Colonel presented his views on the American Civil War - being considered the most important shaper of West Point history and discussed the internal division that resulted from the conflict between West Point's required total allegiance to the Nation as a whole (ie, the Union in Civil War days) and any West Point officers who joined with the South/Confederacy (which was considered traitorous and against the West Point Officer's Oath of Allegiance.) His talk was exciting, educational, and very interesting. At West Point, Colonel Ty Seidule has written many texts and teaches several courses.

- History of the Military Art. I Ancient Times to the 20th C.
- History of the Military Art II: The 20th Century
- West Point in Peace and War
- American & European Military History
- American History, 1877-1945
- Early Modern European History
- History of Military Medicine

Commander's Message

Cdr John Ledwith, IV, S

Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanks to the great efforts and work of our Officers and Members, with special appreciation to Bob Trenz and an incredible support staff, headed by Helene Stagliano, Jeanette Sangervasio, Vingie Genco, and so many others, Storm King is healthy and moving ahead, looking forward to a great 2014-2015 year.



Our November Meeting on the History of West Point with Col Ty Seidule was nothing but sensational and enlightening.

Our Holiday Party, Dec 14th and dinner by Cathy (see back page) is coming quickly, so get your reservation in ASAP. Next comes our Annual Meeting, again with a special guest speaker, author Kevin Woyce.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Holiday Party.

Upcoming Events

- * Holiday Party, 14 Dec, 6 PM at CYC
- * SKPS X-Com Mtg, 2 Jan, 7 PM
- * Annual Meeting, 8 Jan, 7 PM

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Attendees both enjoyed the presentation and certainly learned much about America's First Military Academy. West Point's role in our nation's history dates back to the Revolutionary War, when both sides realized the strategic importance of the commanding plateau on the west bank of the Hudson River. General George Washington considered West Point to be the most important strategic position in America.



Washington personally selected Thaddeus Kosciuszko, one of the heroes of Saratoga, to design the fortifications for West Point in 1778, and Washington transferred his headquarters to West Point in 1779. Continental soldiers built forts, batteries and redoubts and extended a 150-ton iron chain across the Hudson to control river traffic. Fortress West Point was never captured by the British, despite Benedict Arnold's treason. West Point is the oldest continuously occupied military post in America.

Thank you, Colonel Ty Seidule for your service to our Country.

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Atlantic City Show Bus Trip 2014

by Lt/C Pete Skorewicz, Jr., P - Admin Officer

Saturday, 8 February 2014 will be the day for the SKPS annual bus trip to the Atlantic City Boat Show. I am still awaiting confirmation to the 2014 pricing from West Point Tours but the cost will be between \$35-\$40 per person. As always members, friends and family of SKPS are welcome. Please contact me ASAP if you would like to go as we are limited to the 50 passenger bus. As soon as I receive confirmation from West Point tours I will send a mass email to everyone. Usual departure time has been between 9-9:30 from Newburgh Mall and we return between 10-10:30pm. Thanks Pete Skorewicz, Admin Officer. videoventures65@optonline.net.

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Storm King Executive Meeting - 6 November 2013

by Lt/C Vingie Genco, S - Secretary

Lt/C John (Jack) Thomas, Jr., P sent an email noting that Member Merit Mark updates were completed to date and await final Board approval and any new additions that may be input at the 13 Nov General Mtg (from self-assessment forms). These were due turned in to D2 Executive Officer Denise Terry for the D2 records by 15 Nov. Commander John Ledwith reported that he had also completed his merit mark inputs to Denise Terry. When everything is completed it is noted that a notice needs to be sent to D/C Howard Sklar, AP.

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Annual Meeting - 8 January 2014

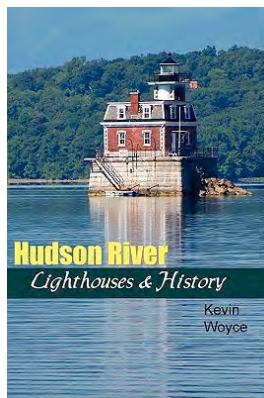
by Lt/C Bob Trenz, AP - SEO
and P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN - Editor

The Squadron's Annual Meeting is on 8 January 2014. At the meeting, the members will vote on the Officers and Committees of the Squadron for the year beginning, March 2014 through March 2015 (see the Nom-Com Report that follows in this newsletter. Also, each Officer and Committee Chairperson provides a report of their department's work during the past year.



In addition, January's General Member Meeting will feature speaker, author Kevin Woyce. Mr. Woyce has written several nautical themed books, one of them being *Lighthouses of the Hudson River*. He will be doing a 45-60 minute multi-media presentation for us. The Executive Committee

authorized an honorarium of \$95.00 to help cover his expenses. Mr. Woyce will also be bringing some signed copies of his book for interested members to purchase. And as always, we will have a planned dinner for this meeting. CYC and other local yacht club members are being invited to join us at CYC for this presentation.



Education Report

by Lt/C Bob Trenz, AP - SEO

The proposed ABC3 class that we were going to present to the Vails Gate Fire Dept. has been postponed as per their request. Perhaps they will be interested in joining us for our March ABC3 offering.

The next public ABC3 class will be given in March of 2014. A specific date/ time/ cost was established at the Bridge meeting and will be 29 March 2014 at the Route 84 Diner from 0800 to 1600 (8 hrs.). The fee was set to be \$75.00 although there may be final changes based on actual planned attendance. This allowed for a \$5 increase over what we did last year based since we had forgotten to include monies for the tip on the food portion last year and this had to be paid separately. Bob Trenz will start the advertisement actions to notify the public (local newspapers, etc.). Our goal for this class is 40 students. The NYS Governor signed a bill (27 Sep) requiring all boaters under 18 years old and all new boat owners to have mandatory boater education. (Note: under jurisdiction of Parks & Recreation). It is believed that the effective date for the new law will be 1 Jan. 2014. Bob has already been contacted by two families (5 and 2 attendees each). It is also expected that a drive encompassing new CYC members may add good numbers to the expected attendance (as well as possible Vails Gate Fire Dept. personnel).

Fall course offerings for SKPS are *Sail* and *Advanced Piloting*. Tony DiStefano has completed *Sail* and the tests have been administered. The results will follow. As for *Advanced Piloting*,

SKPS – 2014 Calendar (tentative / event dates to be added)

Note: Dates subject to change. Watch for Meeting Announcements and Email Bulletins.

04 Dec, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS Exec Com Meeting (CYC)	12 Feb, Wed	President Lincoln's Birthday
14 Dec, Sat	6:00 PM - SKPS Holiday Party (CYC)	12 Feb, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS Member Meeting (CYC)
25 Dec, Wed	Christmas	14 Feb, Fri	Valentine's Day
31 Dec, Tue	New Year's Eve	17 Feb, Mon	President's Day - National Holiday
		22 Feb, Sat	Pres Washington's Birthday
2014...Year of the Horse (31 Jan 2014)			
01 Jan, Wed	New Year's Day 2014	05 Mar, Wed	SKPS Exec Com Meeting (CYC)
02 Jan, Thur	7:00 PM - SKPS Exec Com Meeting (CYC)	09 Mar, Sun	Daylight Savings Time begins
08 Jan, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS Annual Meeting (CYC)	12 Mar, Wed	SKPS Change of Watch (CYC)
20 Jan, Mon	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	17 Mar, Mon	St. Patrick's Day
		20 Mar, Thur	First Day of Spring (vernal equinox)
02 Feb, Sun	Groundhog Day		
05 Feb, Wed	7:00 PM - SKPS Exec Com Meeting (CYC)	01 Apr, Tue	April Fool's Day



President Abraham Lincoln's Proclamation of Thanksgiving Issued October 3, 1863

THE year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of almighty God.

In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign states to invite and provoke their aggressions, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere, except in the theater of military conflict; while that theater has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union.

Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense have not arrested the plow, the shuttle, or the ship; the ax has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege, and the battlefield; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom.

No human counsel hath devised, nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the

Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people. I do, therefore, invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens. And I recommend to them that, while offering up the ascriptions justly due to him for singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners, or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the almighty hand to heal the wounds of the nation, and to restore it, as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility, and union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the independence of the United States the eighty-eighth.

Abraham Lincoln

By the President: WILLIAM H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.

**"DAY OF
THANKSGIVING
AND PRAISE
TO OUR
BENEFICENT
FATHER"**



instructor Dick Winchell has been ill and will need some time for recovery. The start date of this class will thus not be 14 Nov, but will be determined based on the speed of Dick's recovery. Bob will keep everyone informed.

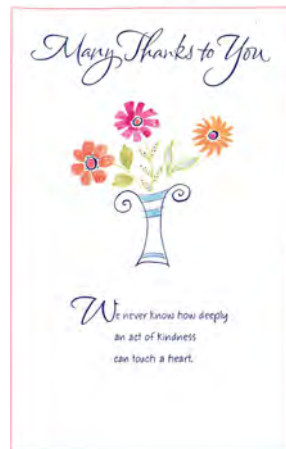
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Happy Holidays

From: P/C Rose Moskowitz email

"Hi, Hope you are well!!!! Want to wish you a happy healthy Thanksgiving and holiday season!!! Miss everyone up North and especially Storm King members. Very different here.... My daughter Amy just had a baby boy --- he is soooo delicious! We are enjoying him. Stay well and give everyone a hello from us and wish them a wonderful, healthy New Year, Merry Christmas, and Happy Chanukah." Rose and Bryan Moskowitz

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10/13/20
Just wanted to let you know how very much your thoughtfulness was appreciated.
To: The Storm King Power Squadron
The flowers are beautiful. Thanks so much for your thoughtfulness.
Kindness Love,
St. Anna Juras

Nominations For Officers & Committees for the 2014-2015 Year

Vote is 8 January 2014 and the COW is 12 March 2014

by P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN - Chairman, SKPS Committee on Nominations

In accordance with provisions of the Squadron Bylaws, Article 6 Section 6.8, the Nominating Committee unanimously submits the following report of nominees to be voted on at the Storm King Power Squadron Annual Meeting, 8 January 2014. Form Ed-80 was submitted for the nominees for SEO and Asst. SEO. Approval from the District Educational Officer and the National Education Officer for the positions of SEO and Asst. SEO has been received by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

SKPS 2014-15 Slate of Officers and Chairs

Bridge (1 year term)

Commander: Cdr Vincent Evans, P (blue 3 tridents)
 Executive Officer: Lt/C John (Jack) Thomas, Jr., P (red 2 tridents)
 Administrative Officer: Lt/C Pete Skorewicz, Jr., P (red 2 tridents)
 Squadron Educational Officer: Lt/C Bob Trenz, AP (red 2 tridents)
 Assistant Squadron Educational Officer: 1st/Lt (P/C) Philip Cameron, Jr., AP (white 1 red tridents)
 Secretary: Lt/C Vingie Genco, P (red 2 tridents)
 Treasurer: Lt/C Anthony DiStefano, AP (red 2 tridents)

Executive Committee at Large (1 year term)

P/C Anthony Tucci, Jr., P	P/Lt/C Manny Sangervasio, AP
William Burbage, AP	Lt Florence Thomas, P
P/D/C Martin Feldberg, AP	P/C Thomas O'Connor, AP
Lt Richard Huff, P	P/C John Ledwith, IV, S: "Most Recent P/C willing to serve"

Rules Committee

P/Lt/C Manny Sangervasio, AP, Chairman (3rd of 3 years)
 P/R/C Richard (Dick) Winchell, SN (2nd of 3 years)
 Lt/C John (Jack) Thomas, Jr., P (1st of 3 years)

Audit Committee

Lt Nick Stagliano, P Chairman (3rd of 3 years)
 P/Lt/C Manny Sangervasio, AP (2nd of 3 years)
 Lt/C Vingie Genco, P (1st of 3 years)

Nominating Committee

P/D/C Martin Feldberg, AP, Chair (3rd of 3 years)
 P/C Thomas O'Connor, AP (2nd of 3 years)
 P/C John Ledwith, IV, S (1st of 3 years)

Scholarship Fund Trustees

Florence Thomas, P, Chairperson (1 year term)
 Lt/C Vingie Genco, P (1 year term)
 Lt/C Anthony DiStefano, AP (Treasurer: permanent)

Respectfully Submitted for the Committee:

P/D/C Wayne Garnsey, SN, Chairman
 P/C Thomas O'Connor, AP
 P/D/C Martin Feldberg, AP

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Storm King's Holiday Dinner Party & Chinese Gift Exchange

Saturday, December 14th 2013 (starting at 6:00 P.M.)

Cost: Members & Guests - \$25.00 (per person)

Bring a fun or serious gift up to \$10.00 for the "real" Chinese Gift Auction

Seating is Limited - Must Sign Up by Thursday, December 5th

Questions & Information - contact Cdr John Ledwith at 845-913-8821 or jledwith@hvc.rr.com

Mail Checks ("SKPS") to: SKPS Treasurer, Vincent Evans, 15 Milburn Road, Goshen, NY 12524
If any problem reaching these, call or e-mail Vingie Genco @ vingieyvonne@yahoo.com or 914-204-4330.



Cathy Pattison's Holiday Festival Dinner

"Pigs in a Blanket" & Vegetable Platter
Bread & Green Salad & Dressings

Beef Stroganoff

Lasagna

Shrimp Scampi

Green Beans Almondine

Dessert, Coffee & Tea, & Soda

BYOB - or - Bring Your Own Beverage



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