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SIGN UP NOW!

CSA 2009 CONVENTION IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Col. Deane Briggs is hosting the CSA 2009 Convention at FLOREX, a World Series of Philately Show, at the famous vacation destination of Orlando, FL, December 4-6. The weather in Florida in early December is wonderful, so why not plan an extended visit and treat your spouse or significant friend to a sunny treat. The show site is the Orlando Fairgrounds on Colonial Drive (U.S. 50). The host hotel, the Orlando Marriott Downtown, has a special reduced room rate for the show at \$99 per night, inclusive of valet parking. Call 800-574-3160 **now** for reservations to be sure you have a room lined up. Please mention the special FLOREX show rate. The CSA Annual General Membership Meeting will be held Saturday at the show at 9 am before that day's opening of the show at 10am. The CSA Southern Supper will feature a traditional "southern menu" at \$65 per person, inclusive of wine and gratuity. It will be held in the Zinfandel's Restaurant conveniently located in the Orlando Marriott Downtown show hotel on Friday, December 4 with the social hour starting at 6:30 pm. Make your Southern Supper reservation **now** as reservations will be somewhat limited due to restaurant space constraints. Mail your check (payable to "CSA") to Col. Deane Briggs, M.D., 160 E. Lake Howard Drive, Winter Haven, FL 33881. Those coming by plane should make their airline reservations early to get the low prices offered to and from Orlando by most airlines. These inexpensive seats fill up quickly. Check out Allegiant Airline which services 30 or so cities. Please note that Sanford Airport is about the same distance from downtown Orlando as the Orlando Regional Airport (MCO). Col. Briggs can be contacted at 863-299-1251 for any questions regarding the convention, transportation or other particulars. As always, newer CSA members are strongly encouraged to join the fun and "get involved".

PHILATELIC FORGERY EXPERT PASSES AWAY

Carl Walske, father of Col. Steven Walske, has passed away. For over 50 years, Mr. Walske studied the forgeries of stamps

and their forgers. He was well known for his work in identifying new types of Sperati forgeries, and was perhaps the greatest student of Jean de Sperati, the most dangerous forger in philately. Our sincere condolences to the Walske family.

NEW CSA BOOK WINS NAPEX LITERATURE GRAND AWARD

The CSA has recently published a new, 282 page book entitled "Special Mail Routes of the American Civil War: A Guide to Across-the-Lines Postal History," by Cols. Steven C. Walske and Scott R. Trepel. In June, this outstanding new book garnered the NAPEX Literature Grand Award in Washington, DC. The book contains new and comprehensive information of the special mail routes of the Civil War and will serve as a necessary companion volume to the forthcoming new CSA Catalog scheduled for publication in 2010. The book provides the background information and a classification system that will form the basis for the across-the-lines postal history listings. Accordingly, the summary classification sections at the end of each chapter will be extended with prices in the 2010 CSA Catalog when it is published. The price of this exciting book is \$65 postpaid (check payable "CSA") and can be ordered from Gen. Tony Crumbley, P.O. Box 681447, Charlotte, NC 28216 for immediate shipment. It is still available and is a **must** for your philatelic library. **Order now!**

FUTURE CSA EVENTS

- 2009 Convention, FLOREX, Orlando, FL, Dec 4-6, hosted by Col. Deane Briggs
- 2010 Diamond Anniversary Convention, APS Stamp Show, Richmond, VA, Aug 12-15, hosted by Gen. Peter Powell and Col. William Shulleeta
- 2010 Mid-Year Meeting, None will be held
- 2011 Convention, WESTPEX, Burlingame, CA, Apr 29-May 1, hosted by Cols. Stanley Piller and Schuyler Rumsey
- 2011 Mid-Year Meeting, Savannah, GA, Oct/Nov, hosted by Gen. Jim Monroe and Cols. Richard Murphy and Larry Baum
- 2012 Convention, NAPEX, Washington, DC, Jun 1-3, hosted by Col. Tom Lera
- 2012 Mid-Year Meeting, TBD, Fall

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2013 Convention, Garfield Perry March Party, Cleveland, OH, Mar 15-17, hosted by Col. Rex Felton
2013 Mid-Year Meeting, TBD, Fall
2014 Mid-Year Meeting, TBD, Spring
2014 Convention, Atlanta, GA, Fall, hosted by Col. Bruce Roberts

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY ENDOWMENT UPDATE

We broke the \$110,000 mark (\$110,305) toward our goal of \$150,000 by our CSA Diamond Anniversary Convention at Richmond, VA, August 12-15, 2010. We truly need **everyone's support** to reach our goal. Remember, you get a Deluxe Edition of the new CSA Catalog with a donation of \$500 or more. Also, if you desire, you can stretch your donation so that you make equal yearly payments over a 2, 3, 4 or 5 year period. Mail your **tax deductible** donation (payable to "CSA") to Col. Van Koppersmith, P.O. Box 81119, Mobile, AL 36689-1119. Keep the momentum going! Your donation, regardless of the amount, is very important and appreciated.

75TH DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY CSA CONVENTION

Mark your long-range calendar and plan to attend the 75th Diamond Anniversary CSA Convention at the APS Stamp Show, Richmond, VA, August 12-15, 2010. This is a "must attend" event! It will be a memorable gathering!

75TH ANNIVERSARY SOUVENIR BOOKLET

Col. Randy Neil is creating a special souvenir booklet for the Diamond Anniversary Southern Supper at Richmond, VA, next year. It will be devoted to telling things about the history of our Alliance. If you have any kind of memorabilia, past CSA souvenirs, personal anecdotes, pictures of past events, pictures of past luminaries, or stories about our past founders or early members (Dietz, Dabney, Kohn, Malpass, McBride, Antrim, etc.), please send them to Col. Neil at P.O. Box 6552, Leawood, KS 66206 or send scans to editor@csalliance.org. All pictures/memorabilia will be returned. Please take a hard look at what you may have that would be appropriate for the souvenir booklet and pass it on to Col. Neil. The 75th Anniversary Souvenir Booklet will be a terrific keepsake for those who attend this great event. He needs our help to do it right.

CONFEDERATE EXHIBIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following CSA members who won Confederate exhibit awards:
CHARPEX 2009 Grand Award, Col. Galen Harrison, "Civilian Flag of Truce Mail of the Civil War"
CHARPEX 2009 Vermeil Award, Col. Frank Northcutt, "Confederate Faces"

SAD NEWS

Word has been received that Col. Carl A. Hedin (#2993) has passed away. Our sincere condolences to his family.

CONFEDERATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP NOW OFFERED

The CSA is pleased to announce the availability of a new annual scholarship in conjunction with the Smithsonian National Postal Museum (NPM). The scholarship, up to \$2,000, is available for the research of Confederate postage stamps or postal history on any topic supported by the NMP collection or library. Program details and application information can be found at <http://postalmuseum.si.edu/scholarships>. The resulting research will be published in *The Confederate Philatelist*. The application deadline is September 30, 2009. Col. Tom Lera will head the selection committee comprised of all CSA members. Any questions can be sent to him at npmresearchchair@si.edu.

DONATION OF CONFEDERATE PHILATELIC NOTES

A big thank you to Col. Warren Sanders and his wife Marie for agreeing to donate to the Confederate Stamp Alliance Col. Sanders' extensive notes on Confederate covers that have appeared at auction over the last 50 to 60 years. In addition, the notes are augmented with reports on covers in private collections that have never been offered in public sales. These notes are on thousands of index cards filed by states and by subject matter. The notes are already proving to be most helpful to the editors of the new Confederate catalog. They will be preserved and archived to be made available to researchers after the catalog is released.

SUPPORT THE CSA DIAMOND

ANNIVERSARY ENDOWMENT

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"HELPING TO ENSURE ANOTHER

75 YEARS OF FRATERNITY,

RESEARCH AND COOPERATION"

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FLOREX IN ORLANDO, DEC 4-6!