

# 2019 CSA CONVENTION

FEB. 1-3, SARASOTA, FLA.

*John L. Kimbrough, MD*

The 2019 Confederate Stamp Alliance convention was held Feb. 1-3, 2019, in Sarasota, Fla., in conjunction with the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition. The 74th Southern Supper was held Friday, Feb. 2, at the Indigo Hotel, with 25 members and guests in attendance and with President Deane R. Briggs MD presiding. Thanks go to the convention hosts, Tom and Sandy Lera, for planning and coordinating the convention.

The following awards were presented during our convention:

The CSA Trophy was presented to Daniel Knowles.

The Haydn-Myer Award for Service was presented to Robert Rufenacht, for his continued service on the CSA website ([www.csalliance.org](http://www.csalliance.org)).

The August Dietz Award was presented to Deane R. Briggs MD for his book, *Florida Postal History During the Civil War*.

The CP Writers Award was presented to Steven M. Roth and John L. Kimbrough MD for their article, "Stampless Provisional Covers Having Charge Box or Similar Notations" in the Second Quarter 2018 *Confederate Philatelist*.



Floor of the show with Exhibit Frames.



Above and right: Attendees enjoy this year's Southern Supper.



CSA Members exhibiting at the convention received the following awards:

*The Development of the Confederate States of America (CSA) Postal Services*, **Daniel M. Knowles**, CSA Trophy, APS Large Gold Medal.

*A Twofold Study of West Virginia Postal History: The Civil War and Statehood*, **Wayne Farley**, CSA General's Award, APS Gold Medal.



John Walker, Larry Baum and Wayne Farley, enjoying the Hospitality Room.

*Confederate Advertising Covers*, **Larry Baum**, CSA Trustee's Research Trophy, APS Vermeil Medal.

*Arkansas 1861-1865: A Divided Postal System*, **Bruce Roberts**, CSA General's Award, APS Gold Medal.

*1861 United States Post Office Operating in the Seceded States* (one frame), **Jerry Wells**, CSA William G. Bogg Memorial Award, APS Vermeil Medal.

*New Orleans in the Confederate Mail System* (one frame), **Doug Weisz**, CSA President's Trophy, APS Large Gold Medal.



Deane Briggs presents a special appreciation award to Sandy Lera for everything she has done in support of the Alliance, including acting as a host for this event, although she is not a member. The silver tray is the Balpex 1962 Reserve Grand Award, presented to legendary CSA collector and past president of the CSA, David Kohn (1963-65).

*Confederate States 2¢ Rates and Fees* (one frame), **Clifford Alexander**, CSA Conrad L. Bush Memorial Award, APS Gold Medal.

*Edged in Black - Mourning Covers in the Confederacy*, **Paul Bearer** (David Savadge Evil Twin), CSA Robert A. Siegel Memorial Award, APS Large Vermeil Medal.

Our thanks to **Tom Lera**, **John Walker** and **Rodney Kelley** for judging the Confederate exhibits for the CSA awards.

A special appreciation award was presented to Sandy Lera by President Deane Briggs for her support of the Alliance and for acting as a co-host for the convention.

Patricia A. Kaufmann was awarded the literature Reserve Grand Award for her article, "Civil War Prize Court Mail: Profit and Bounty on the High Seas Led to Philatelic Treasures" in the April 2018 issue of *The American Philatelist*.

The following presentation was given by a CSA member during the convention:



“Florida Civil War Railroads,” **Deane R. Briggs MD.**

CSA Generals in Attendance included Gen. John Kimbrough MD, Gen. Rich Murphy, Gen. Larry Baum and newly promoted Gen. Harvey Teal.

The annual General Membership Business Meeting was held Saturday Feb. 3, with President Deane R. Briggs MD presiding. The Alliance is strong financially. Sites of future meetings and conventions were announced with details to follow as they become available. Harvey Teal was promoted to the honorary rank of General. It was announced that Wayne Youngblood will assume the editorship of *The Confederate Philatelist* beginning with the first issue of 2019. In the Authentication Service report, it was announced that there will be a modest raise in the fee schedule in response to the recent increases in postal charges. The full report of the General Membership Meeting will appear in the next issue of *The Confederate Philatelist* in accordance with the by-laws.



Harvey Teal - New CSA General, relaxing at the Hospitality Room.

## An important note to all CSA members—

As per a decision made by the Trustees of the Confederate Stamp Alliance at our annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio, in August, we have enacted new privacy rules governing where and when the CSA may publish members' personal information in its roster, official publication(s), and other occasional publications.

You will find an insert with Third Quarter 2018 *Confederate Philatelist*. I urge you to read it over, check the appropriate box(es), sign the form, and return it to the CSA Secretary, **Larry Baum, 316 W Calhoun St, Sumter SC 29150-4512.** Alternatively, you may send your completed form via email to Larry at [csaadcovers@frontier.com](mailto:csaadcovers@frontier.com), or request a new one.

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