

2023 CIVIL WAR PHILATELIC SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING JAN. 20-22, SARASOTA, FLA. SARASOTA NATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION

The Civil War Philatelic Society annual meeting was held Jan. 20-22, 2023, in Sarasota Fla., in conjunction with the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition. As was the case in 2019, the Indigo Hotel hosted the Society activities. A special thanks to Deane Briggs and Tom Lera for planning and coordinating the event.

The society activities initiated with the trustees meeting on Thursday evening. In addition to voting on the annual service awards, the trustees received updates on the Society financials, which remain strong.

Right: Members enjoying the CWPS hospitality room. Left to right: Tim McRee, Charles Epting, Tony Crumbley, Daniel Knowles.

Below: An enjoyable time was had by those who attended the CWPS convention dinner. From left: Randy Smith (back to camera), Stefan Jaronski, Tom Lera (in background), Leonard Hartmann (tan jacket, with back to camera), Sarah Hartmann (to Leonard's right), Genevieve Jaronski (to Leonard's left) and Jerry Palazolo.





The CWPS convention featured a gathering of the Generals. From left: Stefan T. Jaronski, John L. Kimbrough, Richard Murphy, Tony L. Crumbley, John H. Walker, Francis J. Crown Jr. and Deane R. Briggs.

The Society dinner was held Friday night at the Indigo Hotel, with 30 members and guests present. Generals in attendance at the dinner included Deane R. Briggs, Francis J. Crown Jr., Tony L. Crumbley, Stefan T. Jaronski, John L. Kimbrough, Richard Murphy, Jerry S. Palazolo and John H. Walker. It was the first Society dinner for Richard Lomax, and John and Margaret Walker traveled from the United Kingdom to attend. The CWPS exhibit awards were presented after an excellent dinner, after which the attendees moved to the hospitality room for continued fellowship.

The annual general membership meeting was held on Saturday morning and the specific reports can be found on page 14.

Speakers

Following the CWPS General Meeting on Saturday, two presentations were given for those assembled.

Frank Crown and Mike O'Reilly provided a detailed tour of the Society website and provided information for most of the menu items in the black bar on the Society home page. They did a deep dive into the Home, The Society, CP/CWP, Basics, Authentication and Resources menu options, and showed attendees the large amount of rich content available to benefit the collector, student and researcher. Several attendees recommended that Frank and Mike do this presentation again as an online Zoom meeting available.

An informal moment at the member meeting. From left: Mike Vagnetti (seated), John Vagnetti, Deane Briggs, Frank Crown, Michael Perlman and Wayne Farley.



Randy Smith poses with his exhibit, *Coping With Adversity: Confederate covers in a Time of Paper Shortages*.

able to CWPS members and non-members alike. Planning for the repeat session as an online Zoom meeting is underway, and specific details will be sent out soon.

Deane Briggs, in conjunction with the Florida Postal History Society, gave an excellent presentation titled "Jacksonville During the Civil War," which provided an in-depth discussion of the strategic importance of Jacksonville, and how the city changed hands several times between Union and Confederate forces. Deane talked about the way mail was handled during a difficult period, and included information about mail carried on the railroads coming into Jacksonville.



CWPS Award Results

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.civilwarphilatelicsociety.org. These awards are presented at the annual Society dinner on Friday evening during the show. This year we had 30 attendees for the dinner.

The following Society-sponsored awards were presented.

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 winner was **Richard Lomax** for *Tuscaloosa during the Civil War*.

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 **Leonard H. Hartmann** for *The De La Rue Stamps of the Confederate States of America*.

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

Generals' Award is given at the discretion of the judges, and was awarded this year to **Daniel M. Telep** for *Re-Federalization of Confederate Post Offices 1862-1869*.

Robert A. Siegel Memorial Award, sponsored by Scott R. Trepel, given at the discretion of the judges, was given to two individuals this year: **Thomas Lera** for *Operation of the Ship Island and New Orleans Post Offices Under Postmaster John M. G. Parker – 1862 – 1865*; and **Kenneth Miller** for *CSA #1 from Embattled Confederate Capitals*.

William G. Bogg Memorial Award for the best exhibit on the Evolution of Civil War Postal History was awarded to **Randolph Smith** for *Coping with Adversity: Confederate Covers in a Time of Paper Shortages*.



Richard Lomax (right) receives the President's Trophy from CWPS President Mike O'Reilly.

Conrad L. Bush Memorial Award for the best one-frame exhibit of Civil War material was given to **Wayne Farley** for *Civil War Postal History of Martinsburg, (West) Virginia*.

John W. Kaufmann Memorial Award for the best exhibit of Civil War patriotic covers, sponsored by Patricia A. Kaufmann, was awarded to **Randolph Smith** for *Flag Covers Rallied Southern Pride in a New Nation*.

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. Society reports are given and special Society recognitions are made.

The Haydn Myer Award for service to the society was posthumously award-

ed to **Larry Baum** for his outstanding service to the Society.

The August Dietz Award was awarded to **Frank Crown** for his work on "Edward H. Cushing: His Express and the Mail" in the *2022 American Philatelic Congress Book*.

The Civil War Philatelist Writers' Award was given to **Patricia A. Kaufmann** for her article "A Cammann Imprint Discovery that Changed a Catalog Listing Plus Insights on Dr. James T. Patterson," in *CWP*, Volume 67, No 3, Q3 2022.

CWPS judges for the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition 2023 included Dan Knowles, who served as chief judge. Dan is an APS-accredited judge with national show judging experience. He was joined by Deane Briggs and Mike O'Reilly, who served as judges with Dan to round out the jury.

Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition 2023 Palmarès

Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition 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.

The CWPS was well represented at this show and The Palmarès (list of award winners) for relevant CWPS exhibits/winners are as follows:

The Sarasota Single Frame Reserve Grand Award was given to Thomas Lera, *Operation of the Ship Island and New Orleans Post Offices Under Postmaster John M. G. Parker – 1862 – 1865*.

In the Multi-Frame Category for CWPS-Related Exhibits, winners included:

Large Gold

Randolph Smith, *Flag Covers Rallied Southern Pride in a New Nation* (93 pts.)

Leonard Hartman, *The De La Rue Stamps for the Confederate States of America* (94 pts).

Large Vermeil

Randolph Smith, *Coping with Adversity: Confederate Covers in a Time of Paper Shortages* (83 pts).

Vermeil

Daniel M. Telep, *Re-Federalization of Confederate Post Offices 1862-1869* (77 pts).

In the Single-Frame Category for CWPS-Related Exhibits, winners included:

Large Vermeil

Thomas Lera, *Operation of the Ship Island and New Orleans Post Offices Under Postmaster John M. G. Parker – 1862 – 1865* (83 pts).

Wayne Farley, *Civil War Postal History of Martinsburg, (West) Virginia* (81 pts).

Large Silver

Kenneth Miller, *CSA#1 From Embattled Confederate Capitals* (73 pts).

Literature Awards Included:

Large Gold

Trish Kaufman, *A Cammann Imprint Discovery that Changed a Catalog Listing Plus Insights on Dr. James T. Patterson, CWP, Volume 67, No. 3, Q3 2022.*

Special Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition award winners included:

AAPE Benninghoff Award, Kenneth Miller, *CSA#1 From Embattled Confederate Capitals.*

APS Pre-1900 Medal of Excellence, Randolph Smith, *Flag Covers Rallied Southern Pride in a New Nation.*

APS Research Award, Leonard Hartmann, *The De La Rue Stamps for the Confederate States of America.*

The Society hosted a table at the show to greet visitors and encourage membership. Thanks to Wayne Farley, Tim McGee, Frank Crown and John Walker for assisting at the table. We signed up three new members during the show.

The 2024 convention is planned for the St. Louis Stamp Expo, March 22-24, 2024. One of the key benefits of membership is the camaraderie gained by attending these events. If you have not attended an annual meeting recently, you are encouraged to consider joining us for what will be another exciting event. Hope to see you there.



Leonard Hartmann and Frank Crown share a moment in the CWPS hospitality room.