

2024 CIVIL WAR PHILATELIC SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 22-24, ST. LOUIS, MO.

By Dennis King

St. Louis Stamp Expo

The Civil War Philatelic Society annual meeting was held March 22-24, 2024, in St Louis, Mo., in conjunction with the St. Louis Stamp Expo.

Thursday Evening - Social Dinner and Collectibles Presentation

Society activities began on Thursday evening with a gathering hosted by local St Louis resident Alex Haimann. Alex invited members of the CWPS, as well as members of the American Revenue Association (ARA) to his home for dinner and socializing. The evening included an inside look at some of Alex's collectibles. Alex described his collection of mostly military collectibles covering a wide range of wars from all over the world. Alex made a special effort to include a number of Civil War-related items that he received on loan from other local collectors.



Checking out the material at the show is Rodney Kelley (left) and Labron Harris at Harris' booth.

The presentation at the frames of Daniel Ryterband's *Coping with Adversity: How Southerners Adapted to Wartime Paper Shortages*. Left to Right: Alex Haimann and Daniel Ryterband.

Note: Alex is one of the five new members who joined during the St. Louis Stamp Expo.



An extra-special presentation was conducted on Friday afternoon as Alex hosted a viewing of collectibles from a local collector at the nearby airport hanger. This was a unique experience that included the viewing of among other items "Queen Elizabeth's Car." Needless to say, those who attended were awestruck by the magnitude and depth of this collection.

Our thanks go out to Alex for his hospitality and for sharing both his outstanding collection and that of his friend.



CWPS dinner. Front table left to right: James Curtis, Wayne Farley, Daniel Telep. Background table - left to right around the table: Daniel Knowles, Patricia Kaufmann, John Kimbrough, Chip Compton, Robert Ross.



Above CWPS President Daniel Knowles presiding over the Friday dinner and awards presentations.



Right: Generals who attended the CWPS dinner (left to right): Patricia Kaufmann, John Kimbrough, Jerry Palazolo.

Friday Evening: Society Dinner

The Society Dinner was held on Friday night at Kreis Steakhouse with 22 CWPS members and guests in attendance. This was joint dinner that included 10 ARA members. Generals in attendance at the dinner included Patricia A. Kaufmann, John L. Kimbrough and Jerry S. Palazolo. CWPS President Dan Knowles presided. Thanks go to the convention host, Jerry Palazolo, who was responsible for coordinating the event.



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Following dinner, the CWPS exhibit awards were presented. At the annual meeting, member exhibits are judged by a separate team of CWPS judges (not the show judges) for Society-sponsored awards. Patricia A. Kaufmann led the judging team this year, which included Dennis King and Tim McRee. The following awards were presented:

Society Trophy for best and most comprehensive collection of Civil War stamps and/or covers at the exhibition:

- **Randolph Smith**, *Coping with Adversity: How Southerners Adapted to Wartime Paper Shortages*.

Research Trophy for best exhibit illustrating new knowledge/understanding of Civil War stamps, covers or postal history, or an extension to existing knowledge:

- **Wayne Farley**, *Western Virginia: A Period of Turmoil and Unrest*.

Generals Award

Daniel Telep, *The Refederalization of Confederate Post Offices 1862-1869*

Rodney Kelley, *Arkansas Postal Operations: 1861-1865*

Robert A. Siegel Memorial Award

Daniel Ryterband, *The American Civil War: Adversity Uses*

Daniel Knowles, *"United States Demonetization and Transition to the 1861 Design Stamps"*



Shown receiving awards from Patricia Kaufmann are (left to right, top to bottom): Daniel Telep, Rodney Kelley, Daniel Ryterband and Daniel Knowles. In addition to other awards, Telep and Kelley each received the CWPS Generals Award, and Ryterband and Knowles each received the Robert A. Siegel Memorial Award.

Conrad L. Bush Award for best One-Frame Exhibit of Civil War material

Daniel Knowles – “*Trans-Mississippi Express Mail Services by the Confederate States of America Post Office Department and Private Individuals During the American Civil War*”

CWPS Awards

Additional awards included the CWPS Trophy, which was presented to Randy Smith.

- The Haydn Myer Award for Service was presented posthumously to Randy Neil.
- The August Dietz Award was presented to Patricia A. Kaufmann for her article “Ogden Handcrafted Confederate Provisional Forgeries,” with an extensive census of these forgeries, requiring a significant amount of research. Published in Vol. 68 No. 2 of *Civil War Philatelist* (Second Quarter 2023.)
- The CWP Writers Award was presented to two authors for separate articles:
 - Tom Lera for his article “Rebel Archives New Discoveries: Jefferson Davis Covers and Dupree’s Old Store” (CWP 4th Quarter 2023).
 - John Miller for his article, “Delisting of Camp Shenandoah as an Army Field Cancel - A Dissenting Opinion” (CWP 3rd Quarter 2023).

Saturday: Annual Membership Meeting

The General Membership Meeting was held on Saturday morning prior to the opening of the show. Our new president, Daniel Knowles, presided at the meeting, which was attended by 18 CWPS members and guests. The meeting minutes, including the Society Service Awards, are provided under separate cover within this journal.

Saturday: CWPS Presentations

Directly following the General Membership Meeting, Randy Smith presented *The Civil War: A Postal System Divided*. This is the presentation that we are making available to our members for use as an educational and recruiting tool at local shows and club meetings. Members are encouraged to review the details regarding this presentation on our website.

Later in the day, Dan Telep hosted his presentation, *Refederalization of Confederate Post Offices 1862-1869*. This was an interesting presentation that covered a wide range of issues initiated while the war was still raging and did not complete until four years after its end.

Both of these presentations were well attended and our thanks go out to Randy and Dan for their work on these items.



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Randolph Smith presenting *The Civil War: A Postal System Divided*. Seated left to right: Jan Kesselring, Larry Kesselring and James Montich.



Tim McRee giving the Advertising Report. Back Row: Daniel Telep and Paul Benson, second row: Richard Calhoun and Larry Kesselring. Front Row: James Montich.

St Louis Stamp Expo 2023 Palmarès

The St. Louis Stamp Expo 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.

The CWPS was well represented at this show. The list of award winners for relevant CWPS exhibits follows:

One Frame Exhibit Grand Award

- **Daniel Knowles**, *United States Demonetization and Transition to the 1861 Design Stamps*

Multi-Frame Exhibits

Gold

- **Randolph Smith**, *Coping with Adversity: How Southerners Adapted to Wartime Paper Shortages* (86)

Large Vermeil

- **Daniel Ryterband**, *Day of Infamy: Pearl Harbor and the U.S Pacific Fleet* (83)
- **Daniel M. Telep**, *The Refederalization of Confederate Post Offices 1862- 1869* (81)

Single-Frame Exhibits

Large Gold

- **Daniel Knowles**, *Trans-Mississippi Express Mail Services by the Confederate States of America Post Office Department and Private Individuals During the American Civil War* (94)
- **Daniel Knowles**, *United States Demonetization and Transition to the 1861 Design Stamps* (94)

Gold

- **Wayne Farley**, *Western Virginia: A Period of Turmoil and Unrest* (85)

Large Vermeil

- **Rodney Kelley**, *Arkansas Postal Operations: 1861–1865* (83)
- **Daniel Ryterband**, *The American Civil War: Adversity Uses* (83)



John Kimbrough staffs his table during the St. Louis Stamp Expo. Kimbrough provided several of the images that accompany this report.

Society Awards
American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors
Gold Award of Honor No. 2

- **Daniel Ryterband**, *The American Civil War: Adversity Uses*, Creativity Award
- **Randolph Smith**, *Coping with Adversity: How Southerners Adapted to Wartime Paper Shortages*

Postal History Society

- **Daniel M. Telep**, *The Refederalization of Confederate Post Offices 1862-1869*

U. S. Stamp Society – Statue of Freedom

- **Daniel Ryterband**, *The U.S. 1847 Issue: America's First Stamps*

Society Table

The Society hosted a table at the show to greet visitors and encourage membership. Thanks to the entire group of Trustees who helped man the table at various times throughout the show. Thanks as well to Larry Kesselring and Richard Calhoun for their help. We signed up five new members during the show.

A special thanks to Jerry Palazolo, who served as the local host and stocked, along with Wayne Farley, the hospitality suite.

Next Up!

The 2025 Annual Convention is being planned for Garfield Perry (just outside of Cleveland). The show is scheduled for March 21-23, 2025. The local hosts are Wayne Farley and Daniel Telep. They are already making plans for our society dinner. Details about this and the other activities will be posted on our website as they are formalized.

It is not too early to consider participating in this show by preparing exhibits and volunteering to provide presentations. These are important components that help make the show a success. We look forward to seeing you in Cleveland.

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