

CWPS ANNUAL CONVENTION NOTES

The 2025 Civil War Philatelic Society Annual Convention was held March 14-16 during the annual Garfield-Perry March Party in Cleveland, Ohio (actually Strongsville, near Cleveland). The show is sponsored by the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club. CWPS members convened from all over the country to enjoy the show, each other and the shared experience of an event celebrating our collecting area.

The show itself, which also hosted the annual convention of the United States Stamp Society, was lively and boasted strong attendance during the three-day event. Kudos to the show committee, which seemed to help all things run rather smoothly.

Throughout the convention there were lively discussions, enthusiastic greetings, meetings, formal and informal meals and, of course, the exhibits. We could probably fill the entire journal with stories from the show, but we won't; if you didn't attend, you'll have to be content with the few highlights featured here and hopefully we'll see you at next year's event, which will be held in conjunction with the annual Napex show near Washington, D.C., which will be held Aug. 28-30.

Over the next few pages you'll read highlights of the show, our annual meeting, awards presented and some snapshots. We do hope to see you next year!



Trish Kaufmann (left) visits with Thomas Richards a 72-year member of the Society.



Dennis King (back), Rick Calhoun (front left) and Trish Kaufmann (right) at the Society table during the show.

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CWPS ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

The 2025 CWPS Annual Meeting was held March 14-16 at the Garfield-Perry March Party in Cleveland, Ohio. Society members staffed a table at the show to provide visitors with information about the Society and encourage new memberships. The large bourse at the show was supported by seven CWPS member dealers offering a wide range of Civil War-related material.

Annual Membership Meeting

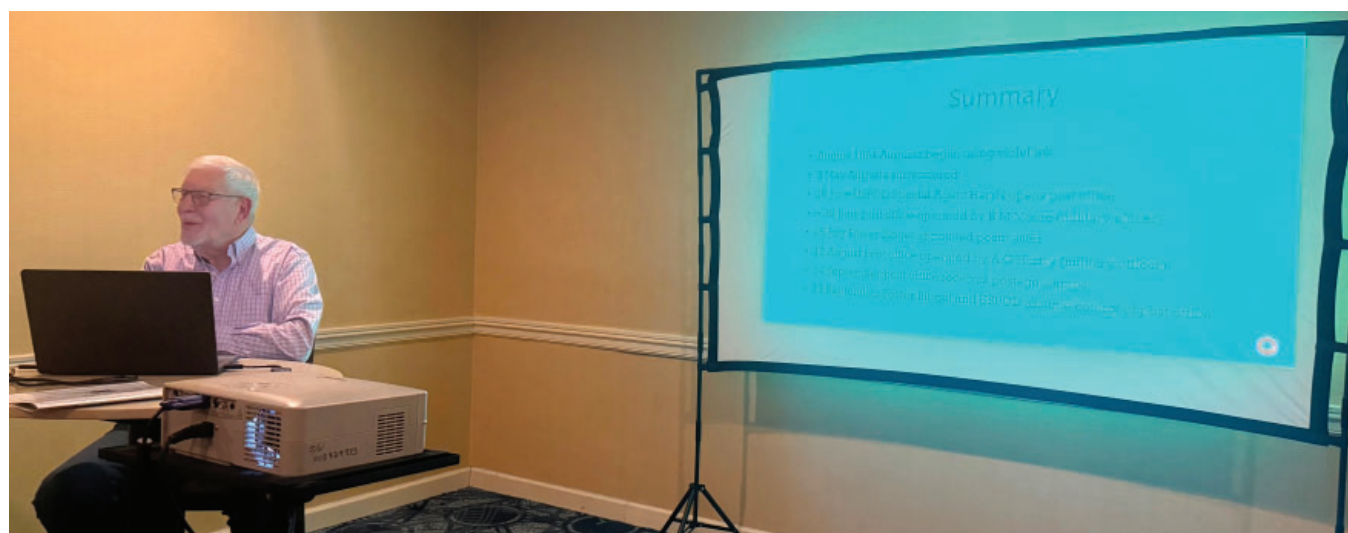
President Dan Knowles welcomed the approximately 25 annual meeting attendees. Next, a moment of silence remembered those CWPS members who we lost in the past year. This was followed by the following annual reports:

Treasurer Wayne Farley: We remain financially sound. For the calendar year 2024, we recorded a net gain of \$3,222 on income vs. expenses. The full financial report can be found on page 44 of this issue.

Secretary Dennis King: Membership levels remained consistent with 484 current members. This was down three members from our reporting in March of 2024. We added 29 members in this reporting period, an increase of five from the previous year. In 2025, Richard L. Calhoun, Tony L. Crumbley, Ronald D. McVay and Fields L. Parks III achieved 50 years of continuous membership. Richard Calhoun and Tony Crumbley were presented with Society medals recognizing the long membership.

Stefan Jaronski, Civil War Philatelic Authentication Service (CWPAS): We had 36 total submissions in 2024 with 11 from members, four from non-members and two from auction houses. This was down from 46 total submissions in 2023, which had a large number of auction house submissions associated with major sales. The expenses and income recorded resulted in a small gain of \$365. Given this balance, we have no plans to change our pricing structure for this year.

Tim McRee Advertising Manager: Total Revenue for the CWP in 2024 was \$6,902. This was



Frank Crown wraps up his presentation during the show.

down \$623 from the previous year. We continue to look for new advertising partners, as well as potential ad-swaps with complimentary publications.

Michael C. O'Reilly Grievance Committee:

No grievance reports were filed during the last year.

Dan Knowles presented the following Service Awards:

Haydn Myer Award for distinguished service to the CWPS during the past 12 months:

Frank Crown. Provided in recognition of his support as the CWP Article Coordinator, as well as his substantial efforts related to the numerous provisional and stampless censuses on the CWPS website.

August Dietz Award for distinguished research and writing in the field of Civil War philately

Kevin Dudley, “*A Tale of Two Postmasters: The Winchester, VA., Post Office During the Civil War 1861-64*”

CWP Writers Award for the best article appearing in the *Civil War Philatelist* since the last annual meeting:

Frank Crown, for “The Memphis Due Markings” in the CWP 2024 Q1 issue



Stefan Jaronski gives his Civil War Philatelic Authentication Service report during the Annual Meeting.

2026 Annual Meeting

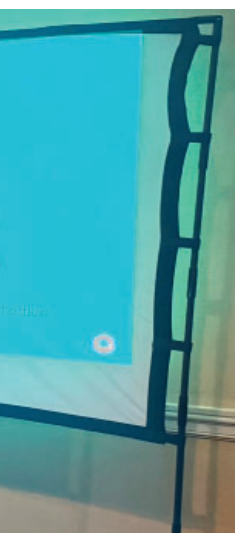
The CWPS is pleased to announce that we will hold our 2026 Annual Meeting in conjunction with Napex in McLean, Va. This show has been moved from its traditional date in early June to August 28-30, 2026. This was done to accommodate the Boston 2026 show. Napex has traditionally been a very strong World Series of Philately show with significant dealer support and we look forward to seeing our members at this show.

CWPS Presentations

The Annual Membership meeting was conducted on Saturday morning (see Annual Meeting Report on page 42). In addition, the following presentations were offered by our members on Saturday:

Trish Kaufmann presented “The Springfield Facsimiles of Confederate Postage Stamps, plus a brief Tasco History.”

Frank Crown presented “How the Augusta, Ga., post office reopened under federal control in 1864 and 1865.”



Randolph Smith presented “My Favorite Cover,” describing two covers originating from Australia on the same day (in March 1861), both addressed to Virginia, but taking divergent paths given the confusing state of mail processing at that stage in the war

Show Palmares

The Society was well represented with six exhibitors totaling 33 frames. Following is a listing of the awards presented to CWPS members at the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening.

Multi-Frame Exhibits (Large Gold)

John Lighthouse: *Using the Documents of Commerce to Fund the Civil War 1862-1872* (92 pts). Additionally: APS Medal of Excellence for Pre-1900 Material and United States Philatelic Classics Society Medal.

Leonard Hartmann: *Confederate States of America: The Lithographed General Issues* (92 pts). Additionally: APS Research Medal.

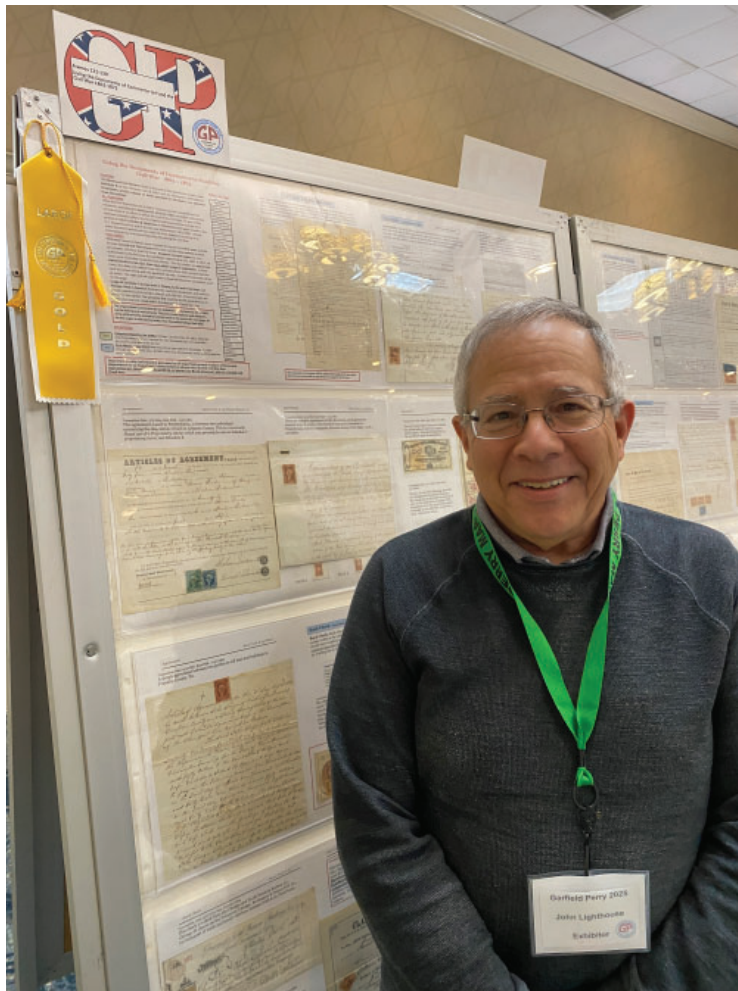


Above:
President Dan Knowles presents Tony Crumbley with his 50-year award during the Annual Meeting.

Far right: Rick Calhoun accepts his 50-year award.

Left: John Lighthouse at his Large Gold Exhibit.

Below right: Frank Crown, Mike O'Reilly and Jerry Palazolo relax a moment.





Multi-Frame Exhibits (Gold)

Richard Calhoun: *Civil War Postal History of the Virginia Peninsula* (88 pts).

Wayne Farley: *West Virginia in the Confederacy* (88 pts).

Randolph Smith: *Civil War Washington as Seen Through the Drawings of Charles Magnus, Lithographer* (86 pts).

Additionally: AAPE Creativity Award



Single-Frame Exhibits (Gold)

Leonard Hartmann: *Jean de Sperati: Fake Stamps and Cancellations of the Confederate States of America Stamps* (88 pts).

James Montich: *Mississippi 1861: Post-Secession Use of U.S. Postage* (89 pts).
Additionally: AAPE Novice Award.



President Dan Knowles presenting exhibit awards during the CWPS Annual Dinner.

SOCIETY DINNER

The Society activities began on Friday evening with the annual CWPS dinner. Our thanks to Wayne Farley, who organized the event. A total of 30 members and guests were in attendance. We were pleased to be joined by our longest-standing member, Thomas Richards (No. 707), who joined the Society in 1953, making him a 72-year member.

Following an excellent meal and many shared stories, Dan Knowles welcomed the guests and stressed the importance of these events as unique opportunities to share our common passion for this hobby. Yes, the objects we collect are meaningful to us all, but it is the people and relationships that make this hobby so enjoyable.

Dan Knowles presented the following Society Exhibit Awards.

Civil War Philatelic Society Trophy awarded to the member exhibiting the best and most comprehensive collection of Civil War stamps and/or covers at the exhibition.

John Lighthouse, *Using the Documents of Commerce to Fund the Civil War 1862-1872*

President's Trophy 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.

James Montich, *Mississippi 1861: Post Secession Use of US Postage*

CWPS Trustees' Research Trophy awarded for the best exhibit, single frame, or multi-frame, that illustrates new knowledge/understanding of Civil War stamps, covers or postal history, or an extension to existing knowledge.

Leonard Hartmann, *Confederate States of America – The Lithographed General Issue*



Leonard Hartmann received Trustees research trophy during dinner.



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The Generals Award presented at discretion of the judges.

Richard Calhoun, *Civil War Postal History of the Virginia Peninsula*

Robert A. Siegel Memorial Award at discretion of the judges.

Leonard Hartmann, *Jean de Sperati Fake Stamps and Cancellations of the Confederate States of America Stamps*

William G. Bogg Memorial Award for best exhibit on the Evolution of Civil War Postal History

Wayne Farley, *West Virginia In the Confederacy*

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

James Montich, *Mississippi 1861: Post Secession Use of US Postage*

John W. Kaufmann Memorial Award for best exhibit of Civil War Patriotic Covers

Randolph Smith, *Civil War Washington as Seen Through the Drawings of Charles Magnus Lithographer*

Congratulations to all members for their awards, and a thank-you to Dan Knowles, Mike O'Reilly and Daniel Telep for serving as judges.

Seven CWPS Generals attended the dinner and are shown below. Standing, left to right, John Kimbrough, Tony Crumbley, Stefan Jaronski, Trish Kaufmann, Jerry Palazolo and Rick Calhoun. Seated in front is Rex Felton.



The seven CWPS Generals who were able to attend this year's Society Dinner during Garfield-Perry Stamp Show.