DELWARE IN THE CIVIL WAR AREA G  
FALL 2020

Instructor: Thomas J. Reed  
Course Prerequisite(s) if any: None  
Required Material: Reed, McKay & Wade, Untying the Political Knot: Delaware During the War Between the States (2001) Price $20.00 from Instructor  
Preparation Time outside of class: 1-2 hours  
Type of Instructional Materials to be used: videos, dvd’s, slides  

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| Sep 8 | Prelude: Delaware Just Before the Outbreak of Hostilities  
Discussion and analysis of Delaware’s political structure in 1860, demography, slavery and the Underground R.R.  
Video: Whispers of Angels  
Optional Reading: Untying the Political Knot 1-15 |
| Sep 15 | The Home Front 1861-65  
A review of Delaware’s industrial contribution to the Union war effort, including the DuPont Co, Harlan & Hollingsworth and other local industries. Discussion of morale and civilian experiences during 1861-65.  
Optional Reading: Untying the Political Knot 15-39 |
| Sep 22 | The First Delaware  
A discussion of the officers & men of the 1st Delaware, formation of the original 90 day unit and the three year volunteer unit, the regiment’s role in major battles.  
Video: VHS 125th Anniversary re-enactment Battle of Antietam  
Optional Reading: Untying the Political Knot 51,64-82 |
| Sep 29 | The “Crazy Delawares”The Second Delaware  
A discussion of the officers & men of the 2nd Delaware, formation of the original 90 day unit and the three year volunteer unit, the regiment’s role in major battles. Special attention to the ethnic units in the 2nd Delaware  
Video: DVD Excerpts from Gods and Generals Battle of Fredericksburg  
Optional Reading: Untying the Political Knot 83-90 |
| Oct 6 | Delaware at Gettysburg  
The 1st and 2nd Delaware were involved in the thick of the fighting at Gettysburg and the location of both units during July 2 and 3, 1863 are marked on the Gettysburg battlefield. There’s more to the story of Delaware at Gettysburg, since other prominent players in this great battle, Union and Confederate, were Delawareans.  
Video: DVD Excerpts from Gettysburg  
Optional Reading: Handout, Delaware at Gettsyburg. |
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| Oct 13  | The Third and Fourth Delaware  
The wartime record of the 3rd and 4th Delaware regiments, specifically on these regiments during the 1864 Overland Campaign, the Siege of Petersburg and the Appomattox Campaigns  
Video: DVD *The Last Days of the Civil War*  
Optional Reading: *Untying the Political Knot* 90-103 |
| Oct 20  | U.S. Colored Troops & U.S. Navy’s African-American sailors  
The untold story of Delaware’s African-Americans and their service during the Civil War  
Optional Reading: *Untying the Political Knot* 112-20.  
African Americans in the 54th Massachusetts and 55th Massachusetts  
The story of the first regiments raised from African-Americans and the Delaware men who served in these units.  
Video: DVD Extracts from *Glory*  
Optional Reading: *Untying the Political Knot*, 207-14 |
| Oct 27  | Delaware’s Heroes: The Army  
A review of Delaware’s 6 Medal of Honor winners and those men who deserved recognition as heroes.  
Optional Reading: *Untying the Political Knot*, 174-92  
Delaware’s Heroes: The Navy  
Video: VHS *Echoes of the Civil War*  
Optional Reading: *Untying the Political Knot* 203-207 |
| Nov 10  | Delaware’s Army and Navy Commanders  
Portraits of Delaware’s 8 generals and 3 Navy leaders.  
Optional Reading: *Untying the Political Knot* 139-69,192-203 |
| Nov 17  | The Fifth Column: Delaware’s Confederates  
Hundreds of Delaware men served in the Confederate Army and Navy. Most are not identified. A discussion of some of the known men who served in Confederate Army and Navy units and of the anti-war Democrats known as “copperheads.”  
Optional Reading: *Untying the Political Knot* 225-34, 234-44, 248-54 |
| Nov 24  | Fort Delaware  
A history of the post from 1794 to 1944 focusing on Ft. Delaware’s role as a principal Prisoner of War Camp during the Civil War.  
Video: *Waterbound, The Story of Ft. Delaware*  
Optional Reading: *Untying the Political Knot* 259-97 |
Course text book [optional for Fall 2020]:

NOTE:
All proceeds of sale of Untying the Political Knot: Delaware During the War Between the States go to the Civil War Round Table of Wilmington, Delaware, Inc., a non-profit charitable and educational corporation exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.