

THE UNION VOLUNTEER

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"Seeing the Old Year Out" Wood engraving by Winslow Homer Homer, (1836-1910) Published in *Harper's Weekly*, Volume V, January 5, 1861, pp. 8-9; Boston Public Library.



Our first Club Meeting of the new year will be on:

Sun. January 20, 2019 1:00pm

Robbins United Methodist Church - 6419 Bunker Rd., Eaton Rapids

MILITARY REPORT

Sorry I've been MIA the past couple of months. I've got a stalker. No joke and was forced to put out a PPO after being in practice for 33 years. So one court appearance, home and office security cameras, a couple of safes and new owner of a 38 airweight. CPL class in January.



Well, that's under control so on to better things.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families. I hope that you enjoy the holidays and we will jump into our prep for the upcoming season this winter. I anticipate a busy schedule for the upcoming season capped off with our Mill Springs, KY national in November with Rob Van being in overall command. I'd love to have a good size company. I know for many return to school and so on will be an issue but hope you can plan on joining us.

We will be having "topics" at our military meetings. If you have an idea or are interested in presenting something for 15-20 minutes contact me with your ideas.

I know many of you don't come to winter meetings but I am encouraging you to do so whenever possible. It increases comraderie, makes us more cohesive as a unit and we are better prepared for drill and living history.

Don't forget your dues, or you will be shut out of Greenfield Village.

The 7th is a family. Reach out to your pards and say hi, help and instruct and just let them know you care about them. Sometimes that makes all the difference.

We will be picking max events soon. I hope to "broaden our horizons" with some new events to us this year.

I look forward to being back in the field with you very soon.

In your service,

Captain McComas



Mine Are:

1. Buy a snowblower (my sister and I are getting too old & achy to shovel). Actually, this one is accomplished- ordered it today!
2. Buy an inversion table (to help my back pain that I got from shoveling snow!)
3. Lose 10-20 pounds. (Yeah, right. Harder now that I'll no longer be shoveling.)
4. Finish writing my next novel. (This one is actually easier than # 3, but won't assist #3 since I'll be sitting on my butt, not getting any exercise.)

The Editor



2019 Club Leadership

New Member Chairs:
Daniel Malick (military)
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Nicole Mai (civilian)
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President: Dave Downing
Vice President: Steve Church
Secretary: Bill Jarrett
Treasurer: Don Everett
Military: Doug McComas, Captain
Civilian Coordinator: Sue Colegrove
Board Members-at-Large:
Chris Sodman, Anson Roland, Joy
Henderson
Quartermaster: Don Everett
Club Historian: Doug McComas
Webmaster: David Finch

Website: www.7thmichigan.us

Annual Membership Dues:
\$16.00 – single
\$19.20 – family
\$6.00 – to receive newsletter as
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Newsletter Submission Guidelines:

Thanks to all who submitted information for this month's issue. Deadline date for submissions is the 25th of each month. Please have all reports, articles, notices, etc. in print-ready form. I am able to accept documents in most of the usual word processing programs or formats. If accompanying maps or images are needed, **please** include them (in jpg format), if possible. Be sure to ascertain that any items coming from another source are properly credited, or have obtained reprint permission. Personal news items are welcomed and encouraged, or photos of special events. Original articles (800-1000 word limit) pertaining to the Civil War or reenacting are also desired.

Email submissions to me at:
7thminewsletter@gmail.com
Or mail to:
736 Gettysburg Ave.
Jackson, MI 49203

Thank-you.

Ellyn
Ellyn Painter, Editor



Our Christmas Activities....

In their travels during the holiday season, Joan and Tom Emerick visited the site where the 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry trained before going off to war. The historical marker is located within the Monroe city limits one block west of N. Monroe Street (M-125) on the southwest corner of the intersection of W. Lorain Street and St. Mary's Avenue.

Most Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
Tom

A Report from the Club Christmas Party (Dec. 1)

At the recent Christmas festivities Tom Emerick organized a Civil War trivia contest for the attendees. Five teams of 4+ members battled for the honor of claiming first prize accompanied by some very tasty candy treats. The no-holds barred contest was participated in by five teams. The competition was extremely intense with Jim MacKinnon (historian extraordinaire) detecting two incorrect answers during the proceedings. The winning team was the one with the Raccoon mascot. Looking forward to an even bigger and better competition next year!

Most Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
Tom

7th Michigan Group photo from 2017 Club Christmas Party





Happy New Year to you all!

Dues are due! See Don Everett's report for details.

Also - Please note and remember that all queries regarding the club roster, or the payment of dues should be directed to Don Everett, our treasurer. Members should acquaint themselves with the club roster, and keep a copy!

In addition, please note also the information included in each newsletter issue on the sidebar (always on page one or two). Listed here are the current club officers and their specific areas of responsibility. Also to be found here is the club website address, info on dues amounts and the address for sending checks, and instructions on how to submit to me, the newsletter editor, any items you may wish me to include in the next issue.

Remember also that when I send out the monthly newsletter, or any additional information from another club member, I AM JUST THE MESSENGER. PLEASE direct your questions or comments to the person designated as the contact person in the body of the message. For one thing, I only check the newsletter email site two or three times a month, so may not see your question to me until it is too late, or, if I do happen to see it in a timely manner I will only redirect your message to the person who knows the answers, thus wasting even more of your time. My personal email address is in the club roster for anyone in the club who wishes to contact me that way to submit an article or news item, for any other matters I can help with, or just to chat! I check that email site much more often (though, alas, not every day!).

Lastly, to stay informed, PLEASE READ YOUR NEWSLETTERS! ! I try hard to provide accurate and complete information on events and news items involving the 7th Michigan, albeit I am only able to publish what others submit to me. It takes me on average 10-12 hours to lay out and design, and edit each issue of the newsletter (not including the time required to research and write articles I might submit on my own); consequently, I don't have time to research the content of YOUR submissions. I appreciate every one of you who takes the time to contribute information for our newsletter, and I love the creative outlet being the editor offers me. So I'm not looking for sympathy, or trying to make anyone feel guilty. I am aware, however, that we always have some new members who don't yet know how things work, or who to contact when they have questions, as well as older members who aren't often able to come to meetings, so I am the available "face." I get that. But by learning who your club leaders are and how to reach them for assistance, you will help not only me, but yourselves! Hence, my long harangue, which is now over. Thank you all for your patience.

Ellyn

QUARTERMASTER REPORT

Powder is \$19 per pound, caps are \$7 per hundred. We will have powder, caps and paper at the upcoming meetings and at events that I will attend this summer. Let me know if you hear of anyone wanting to sell their kit. We are always looking for "new" stock for the Quartermaster.

EDUCATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Nicole Mai has requested that we provide a school program for her home school group. She is checking available dates.

TREASURER'S REPORT



Dues for 2019 are due. Family: \$19.20, individual: \$16. To make the roster cut off for Greenfield Village **Dues need to be received by Feb 20, 2019 for you to be included in the roster for admission to the Village.** The following people **HAVE NOT** paid their dues as of Dec 21st. If you have paid your dues and are on the list contact me to correct any errors.

Don Everett,

Quartermaster/ Education Director/ Treasurer

People that owe 2019 dues:
Eric/Michelle Behnke
Donald/Nancy Buck
Rev. Robert/Sandra Chapman
Daniel/Lana Clore
Dan Conklin
George Conklin
Chris Cook
Kevin/Gina Courter
Drayson/Dorothy Doyle
Oren Duda
Thomas Edwards
David Finch
Diane Geck
Mark Heath
Joy Henderson
Lynn/Jackie Holton
Marilyn/Ned Hughes
Jim MacKinnon
Dean Mielke
Mark Parks
Jay Pearson
Jeff/Lin Sanborn
Craig Searles
ElliotSearles
Ian Searles
Marie/Audrey Searles
Wyatt Strauss
Richard/Carol VanDyke
Kennedy Wilson





Civilian Report

The Saturday, January 19, ladies' sewing party will be at Sue Colegrove's home, NOT at Lorrie Roland's house as previously advertised. Lorrie has been dealing with some health issues. We will do a brunch type of day, and begin at 10AM. Please bring either a breakfast or lunch passing dish, and whatever project you wish to work on.

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Attention Ladies:
I will be bringing in 3 tubs of ladies' clothing etc. that has been donated or was in the Ladies Closet. The items are for anyone to take FREE and I do not want to take them back home.

Thank you, Julie Everett

THE "GETTYSBURG BUFF" NEWSLETTER

Steve Church alerted us to this newsletter via Harold Holcomb of the Curtenius Guard Camp #17, who got it originally from Randy Drais of battleofgettysburgbuff.com. I have attached (in a separate PDF) the latest edition of the E-newsletter Randy included in his message (see below) for your perusal. For any of our club members who may wish to subscribe to the E-newsletter, the website address for Gettysburg Buff has been included at the end of Randy's message. ----The Editor

From: Randy Drais <randydrais@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Nov 30, 2018 at 10:35 PM

Subject: Battle of Gettysburg Buff Quarterly E-Newsletter --- Winter 2018

Thank you for subscribing to the Battle of Gettysburg Buff quarterly e-newsletter.

The Winter 2018 edition contains info on: an October 6, 2018 photo reenactment of the October 3, 1889 dedication of monument to the 20th Maine Infantry Regiment on Little Round Top; the November 1, 2018 release of the Office of the Inspector General of the United States Department of Interior's report on alleged conflicts of interest at the Gettysburg National Military Park; the list of the Winter Lectures at the GNMP; an update on the ongoing commercial development threat to the former site of Camp Letterman; an interview with Jason Wilson, historian/curator of the Pennsylvania Civil War Flag Conservation and Storage Facility in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the "Mystery Photo"; and much more.

We hope you enjoy it and also visit our website:

<http://battleofgettysburgbuff.com>





MARCH 22-24, 2019
12TH ANNUAL

INFANTRY SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

CHARLEY COLEGROVE
MEMORIAL SHOOT



**Historic Fort Wayne
6325 West Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan**

Lessons will concentrate on the duties and positions of enlisted, musicians, NCOs and Company and Field-grade officers within formations most commonly employed at re-enactments. Other topics covered will include Dress Parade, Manual of Arms, firing positions/commands, military etiquette, Skirmish Drill, Color Guard, Roll Call, drum & bugle signals, etc. Instruction will be taken from *Casey's Infantry Tactics, U.S. Regulations (1861)*, and *Dom Dal Bello's Parade, Inspection and basic Evolutions of the Infantry Battalion (4th edition)*. Instruction is composed of classroom review and drilling outside (weather permitting) so dress accordingly. Military uniforms are to be worn. Modern footwear is optional. Riflemen need to bring rifles, bayonets, accoutrements, and ammunition, field musicians their instruments, and officers their kits to include sashes & swords. US and CS comrades from fellow mid-western units are welcome to attend. Friday check-in begins after 6:00 PM. Saturday school commences at 9:00 AM sharp and will conclude by 5:00 PM. Sunday sessions will conclude by 3:00 PM. Friday evening and Sunday morning classroom topics will be governed by the number of participants registered and present. Coffee and pastries will be provided free of charge on Saturday morning. Please bring your own eating utensils and cups. You are responsible for your own rations (modern or period) for all other meals. Amenities include modern restrooms, water, and firewood. Sleeping accommodations and classrooms are located within the heated 1848 limestone barracks. If spending the night, you will need to bring your own bedding, cots, chairs, etc. Period bunk beds are available but limited and on a first come, first serve basis. All attendees need to RSVP (to include rank they are serving as) so we have adequate handouts, food, and beverages for all. There is no fee to attend.

For additional information,
And to register, please contact:

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See maps next page...

Our annual Charley Colegrove Memorial Shoot will be Sat. April 27th at the Eaton Rapids Conservation Club 4100 Freeman Rd Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. The day begins with a breakfast at 9 am for a donation of \$2. The shoot will commence at 10, bring any firearm that you would like to shoot. There will be a \$5 fee for shooting to help defray the cost of the range rental. **Hearing protection is required** and eye protection is recommended. Lunch will be a potluck at 12:30 following lunch the April meeting will convene at 1:30. For more information contact me, Don Everett, at 517-393-3475 or djkeverett@comcast.net

KEY EFFORT EVENTS FOR 2019

February: None.

March 22-24: Military Training for Officers and NCO's AT HISTORIC FORT WAYNE (Tom Emerick)

April 27: Charlie Colgrove Memorial Shoot & Club Meeting. (Don Everett): Eaton Rapids Conservation Club,

May 24-26: Coldwater Civil War Days – (new coordinator needed)

May 25-27 Greenfield Village MI: (Dave Downing)

June 15-16: Turkeyville MI: (Bob Smith)

July 20-21: Charlton Park MI 20-21: (Don Everett) Setup after 7:00am on Thursday.

August 24-25: Jackson CW Muster MI (Kim Horning)

September 7-8: Meridian Village (Sue Colegrove)

October 12: 7th MI Harvest Ball (Gilbert & Cindi Carlson): First United Methodist Church, Lansing MI

October 18-19: Hartford City Ind. (Rob Stone)

November 1-3: Mill Spring KY (Doug McComas): This is our National Event

December (Pat Downing): Christmas Party

Other Events 2019

March 16-17: Living History (Kalamazoo Gun Show)

May _____: Williamston Event

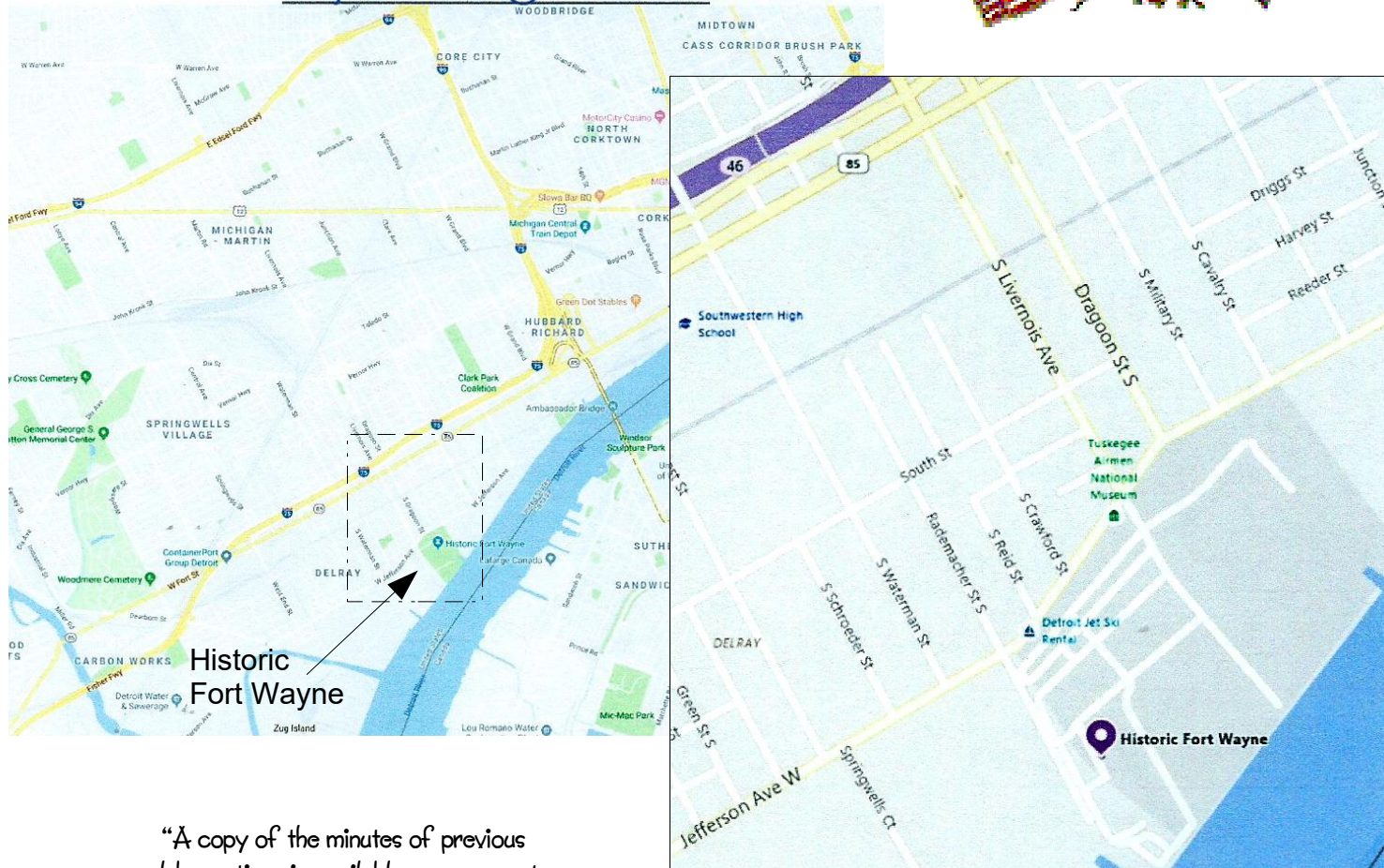
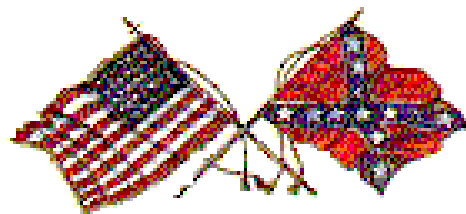
September 21-22: Van Raalte Farms CW Muster Holland MI: Put on by our good friends in the 3rd MI Co. F

September 28-29: Gowns & Guns, Greenmead Historic Village, Livonia MI, sponsored by the 17th MI

October 5-6: Mooresville CW Days, South Haven MI (Chris Sodman)



For additional information and to register please contact:
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"A copy of the minutes of previous club meetings is available upon request to all members in good standing."
Bill Jarrett, Club Secretary
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HIGHLIGHTS OF NOV. 18 CLUB MEETING

A motion by Bob Smith, seconded by Joy Henderson, passed to donate \$200.00 to Robbins Church in appreciation for the use of the building.

Motion: To donate \$105.00 to "Wreaths across America" as last year (7) wreaths to be placed at St Johns Cemetery in Jackson MI,. Bob Smith 2nd Joy Henderson – Passed.

The Harvest Ball this year will be on Oct. 12, 2019.

Nicole Mai will work with Don Everett to put a First Aid Kit together for the Club. Jim K, Bill, and Chris said they would help the QM to organize and categorize the equipment.

Since we now have a Facebook page, and new website address, Don Everett will be working on getting a new business card and brochure created for the club.

Military and Civilian, and general club meetings will be on the 3rd Sunday of the month from October to April and then will be announced.





Battle of Gettysburg Buff

E-Newsletter

Winter 2018

Thank you for signing up for our quarterly newsletter, which now goes out to people in 42 states (including California and Hawaii and the District of Columbia) as well as Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, England, Germany, and South Africa, to learn about upcoming products, stories, events, and interviews with authors and artists, guides and historians, military and civilian re-enactors, and much more. We hope you enjoy it and will tell your friends about it. We look forward to hearing from you regarding any questions or suggestions on future topics, including any stories and/or photographs which you would like to share regarding your Civil War ancestors and/or your visit(s) to the Gettysburg battlefield and/or surrounding area.

Here is a photo by Lynn Light Heller from Pennsylvania:



Here is a photo by Jim Lloyd from Maryland:



Here is a photo by Dick O'Connor from Georgia:



Here is a photo by Tom Burst from Pennsylvania:



Here is a photo by Jaci Manchor from Pennsylvania:

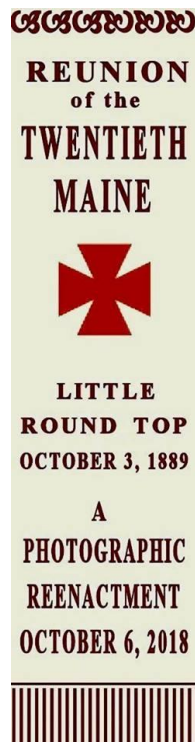


Thank you all for sharing your extremely beautiful photographs !!!

As a follow-up to our photo reenactments in 2016 and 2017 involving President Abraham Lincoln and his trip to Gettysburg for the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery, we switched to an entirely different theme for 2018. On October 6, 2018, we were successful in reenacting the October 3, 1889 dedication of monument to the 20th Maine Infantry Regiment on Little Round Top:



Professional Joshua Chamberlain reenactor/historian Bob Macfarlane was one of the participants, along with 28 other reenactors or other volunteers from Maine, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C.; the other participants were Licensed Battlefield Guide Tracy Baer, Chris Brenner, Mark Bruder, Jeff and Suzie Cheeks, Al Condit, Jeff Clinton, Pauline Cortez, Randy Drais, Codie Eash, Bob and Kim Fissel, Derek Fissel, Jackie Greer, John Hawkins, Dave Henderson, Tom Huntington (author of *“Maine Roads to Gettysburg: How Joshua Chamberlain, Oliver Howard, and 4,000 Men from the Pine Tree State Helped Win the Civil War's Bloodiest Battle”*), Barry Larkin, Alan Leeti, Alex Mattson, Nolan Mattson, Mike McAdams, Keith and Sheila McGill, Shawn Miller, Michael Mumper (a reenactor for Company E of the 20th Maine Infantry Regiment), Bill Vaupel, and Jon Willen. Each attendee received a commemorative ribbon shown below:



Photographer Tom Miller, who took the excellent series of reenactment photos in 2016 and 2017 (see our Winter 2016 newsletter and Fall 2017 newsletters), once again did a truly outstanding job, and provided a set of three photos (one in color, one in black and white, and one in sepia) for each attendee.



It was a truly special and humbling experience for all of us when Bob Macfarlane led us in reciting Joshua Chamberlain's famous words:

"In great deeds, something abides. On great fields, something stays. Forms change and pass; bodies disappear; but spirits linger, to consecrate ground for the vision-place of souls... generations that know us not and that we know not of, heart-drawn to see where and by whom great things were suffered and done for them, shall come to this deathless field, to ponder and dream; and lo! the shadow of a mighty presence shall wrap them in its bosom, and the power of the vision pass into their souls."

We would like to thank GNMP Ranger Maria Brady for her assistance in obtaining the Special Permit for doing the photo reenactment on that very hallowed ground. Thank you so much, Maria !!!

Special Battlefield Tours And Programs

Here is the list of our Special Tours and Programs that we held in 2018:

“The Battle of Gettysburg Anniversary Reunions of 1888, 1913 and 1938”

“Leaders of Men”: The Corps Commanders At Gettysburg”

“Major General Henry Heth And Colonel John Brockenbrough’s Brigade At Gettysburg”

“The Battle Of Hanover On June 30”

“Longstreet’s Countermarch”

“The Taverns Of Gettysburg And Vicinity”

“South Carolina At Gettysburg”

“The Florida Brigade At Gettysburg”

“The Shriver House Museum: “Behind The Scenes” Tour”

“The Fighting In Town”

“Colonel David Ireland And The 137th New York Infantry On Culp’s Hill”

“The Defense Of Cemetery Ridge On July 2”

“The Other “Uses” Of The Battlefield (Camp Colt, WWII POW Camp, Airports, Etc.)”

“General Robert E. Lee At Gettysburg”

“Lockwood’s Brigade At Gettysburg”

“ ‘No Fail Here’: Abraham Lincoln And The Real Story Behind The Gettysburg Address”

This was my eighth year of doing Special Tours and Programs, and at the “Meet & Greet” luncheon after the October 27 Special Tour on “Lockwood’s Brigade at Gettysburg”, we celebrated with a special cake honoring that tour as my 100th Special Tour or Program:



(photo by Alan Leeti)

Here is a list of all the other prior tours and programs (some of which were given more than once due to their popularity):

"The Battle for Culp's Hill" "Where Were They in 1862?"
"The 145 Gettysburg Battlefield Places Every Guide Should Know"
"Sickles at Gettysburg" "The Pennsylvania Reserves at Gettysburg"
"The Jacob Weikert Farm and Vicinity" "The Action at Wrightsville"
"Artillery at Gettysburg" "The Union 1st Corps at Gettysburg"
"The Taverns of Gettysburg and Vicinity" "Evergreen Cemetery"
"When the Rebels Came to Town: Soldiers, Civilians and the Battle"
"General Jubal Early's Occupation of York" "Sharpshooters at Gettysburg"
"Trolleys, Trains, and Parks within a Park" "Middlekauff Manor and Vicinity"
"Those Red-Legged Devils -- The 14th Brooklyn on July 1" "Women at Gettysburg"
"Evergreen Cemetery -- Part Two" "The Texas Brigade at Gettysburg"
"White's Comanches -- The Confederate Cavalry Raid in York County"
"The Shriver House Museum -- A 'Behind the Scenes' Look" "Farms at War"
"Medal of Honor Recipients of July 2" "Emmitsburg in the Gettysburg Campaign"
"The Town of Gettysburg You Don't Know" "Field Hospitals at Gettysburg"
"We Would Have Succeeded Had Pender Lived" "Neill Avenue -- The Lost Avenue"
"Gettysburg -- The Movie" "Ward's Brigade and the Defense of Houck's Ridge"
"The Confederate Approach on Harrisburg" "Barksdale's Attack on July 2"
"Caldwell's Division in the Wheatfield on July 2" "Children at Gettysburg"
"Diversity in the Ranks -- Foreign-Born Soldiers (and More) at Gettysburg"
"Civil War Photography: A Photographer's Perspective" "The Battle of Hanover"
"Breastworks, Big Rocks, and More" "The Cavalry Action at Hunterstown on July 2"
"The Cavalry Action at Fairfield on July 3" "Johnson's Attack on Culp's Hill on July 2"
"General Buford at Gettysburg" "Lee's Retreat and the Battle of Monterey Pass"
"Anderson's Division on July 2 and 3: Heroes or Scapegoats?" "Chasseurs and Zouaves"
"General Meade at Gettysburg" "Barlow's Division: July 1, July 2, and July 3"
"William H. Tipton: The Man Behind the Camera" "The Daniel Lady Farm and Vicinity"
"The 'Harvest of Death' Photographs -- A Military Historian's Perspective"
"Union Intelligence Operations During the Gettysburg Campaign"
"The 124th New York's 'Orange Blossoms' on Houck's Ridge on July 2"
"Gettysburg: The Nature of a Battlefield" "The Attack on East Cemetery Hill"
"The Union Repulse of Pickett's Charge" "Logistics and the Gettysburg Campaign"
"The Union Signal Corps at Gettysburg" "The Action on South Cavalry Field"
"Major General John Newton: 'Questions of Loyalty and Forgotten Leadership'"
"The Fight for Little Round Top" "The Action on East Cavalry Field on July 3"
"The Irish Brigade at Gettysburg" "The Iron Brigade at Gettysburg"
"The U.S. Regulars at Gettysburg" "Gettysburg: The Fighting Before the Battle"
"The Fighting for the Bliss Farm on July 2 and July 3" "Civil War Medicine"
"The Action at the THREE Railroad Cuts on July 1" "Lee and Pickett: Friends or Foes"

It has truly been a long and interesting eight years. As to 2019, stay tuned.

Around the Park

(Please note: “Battle of Gettysburg Buff” does not represent the Gettysburg National Military Park in any capacity)

As reported in the Fall 2018 newsletter, on July 24 the GNMP announced that Lewis H. Rogers, Jr. arrived to serve as the latest current acting superintendent of the Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site until at least late November of 2018.



Lewis Rogers, Jr.
(photo courtesy of the GNMP)

As noted in prior newsletters, the Office of the Inspector General of the United States Department of Interior had been conducting an investigation involving the Gettysburg National Military Park and Superintendent Ed Clark, who was transferred on May 26, 2017 to the Park Planning and Special Studies Division of the Northeast Regional Office of the National Park Service.



Ed Clark
(photo courtesy of the GNMP)

Other acting superintendents of the GNMP and Eisenhower National Historic Site during the lengthy investigation included Chris Stein, Charles Hunt, and William Justice. On November 1, 2018, the Office of the Inspector General of the United States Department of Interior released their report of the investigation.

https://www.doioig.gov/reports/allegations-conflict-interest-gettysburg-national-military-park?fbclid=IwAR2Z3F15z3fQnxOA0aOX9DEasLdjaDIQSRa2agJQfIEt543Nz_9H_hPFOxI

**Allegations of Conflict of Interest at Gettysburg National Military Park
Thursday, November 1, 2018**

We investigated an anonymous complaint alleging that Superintendent Ed Clark of Gettysburg National Military Park (GETT) violated ethics rules by soliciting funds on behalf of the Gettysburg Foundation, a non-Government organization; accepting Foundation-funded travel to events sponsored by the Foundation and those sponsored by other non-Government entities; and hosting a Foundation-funded dinner for his employees.

We found that from February 2014 to October 2016, Clark traveled 27 times to attend events organized by the Foundation. We found that Clark committed criminal violations by submitting false travel vouchers and by accepting more than \$23,000 in meals, lodging, and other in-kind gifts from non-Government organizations as compensation for his official services. In addition, he violated laws and regulations by failing to obtain required supervisory and ethics approval prior to taking these trips and by failing to report expenses accurately following his trips.

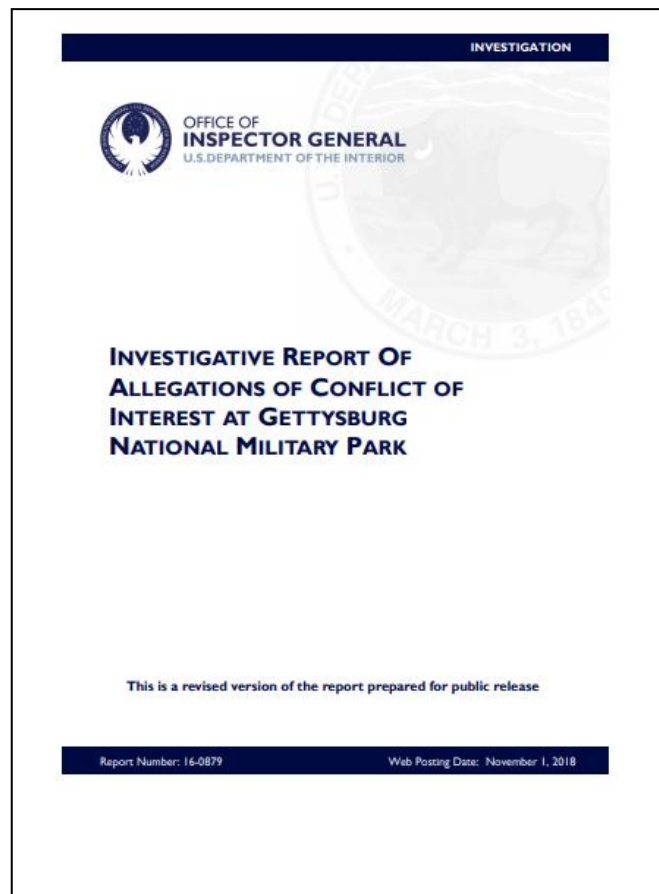
We also found that his subordinate staff approved his travel authorizations, that he sometimes traveled without first submitting a travel authorization request, and that he requested full per diem reimbursement even though the Foundation paid for some of his meals during those trips.

We found that Clark functioned as GETT's liaison to the Foundation without prior supervisory approval or consulting with ethics officials. We did not find evidence that Clark solicited funds on GETT's behalf, but we did find that Clark twice gave statements of support to the Foundation and the Civil War Trust that were included in solicitation letters addressed to members and potential donors.

We also found that in September 2015 Clark asked the Foundation to pay for a dinner costing more than \$6,000 that Clark and other National Park Service employees and Foundation guests attended, violating the ethics regulation that prohibits soliciting gifts from prohibited sources.

We coordinated this investigation with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania and on October 17, 2018, we were informed that office had declined prosecution.

As of this edition of the newsletter, Ed Clark is still officially listed as the Superintendent of the Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site. For the full 12-page report, go to https://www.doioig.gov/sites/doioig.gov/files/WebRedacted_GettysburgConflictofInterest.pdf.



From January 5 through March 31, the Gettysburg National Military Park will once again offer a series of winter lectures that will not only include topics pertaining to the Gettysburg Campaign but also lectures that will cover other topics pertaining to the Civil War. The lectures will be held on Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 1:30 P.M. in the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center located at 1195 Baltimore Pike and will feature some of the best National Park Service Rangers and historians from across the region:

Saturday, January 5 – Jared Frederick, Penn State
The Unfinished Work: The World Wars at Gettysburg

Sunday, January 6 – Karlton Smith
Roger B. Taney and his Changing Place in American History

Saturday, January 12 – Matt Atkinson
The Battle of Bristoe Station - Lee Renews the Offensive

Sunday, January 13 – John Heiser
“I have never seen so much damage” - The George Rose Farm at Gettysburg

Saturday, January 19 – Tom Holbrook
If These Things Could Talk: Artifacts in the Collection of Gettysburg National Military Park

Sunday, January 20 – Bert Barnett
Five Men on a Slow Boat Going Nowhere: The Hampton Roads Conference of February 3., 1865

Saturday, January 26 – Troy Harman
The Wills Family and Lincoln's Visit: Life in a Northern Town

Sunday, January 27 – Savannah Rose
Specimens of Morbid Anatomy: Gettysburg Anatomy in the Army Medical Museum

Saturday, February 2 – Dr. Peter Carmichael, Gettysburg College
The War for the Common Soldier

Sunday, February 3 – John Hoptak
On the Tenuous Edge of Freedom: Gettysburg's African-American Community Before, During, and After the Battle

Saturday, February 9 – Matt Atkinson
Scapegoat or Scandal?: J.E.B. Stuart during the Gettysburg Campaign

Sunday, February 10 – Christopher Gwinn
Twilight at Gettysburg: The 1938 Reunion of the Blue and the Gray

Saturday, February 16 – Daniel Vermilya
Eisenhower and the American Civil War

Sunday, February 17 – Karlton Smith
From Albuquerque to Richmond: Longstreet's Long Journey from New Mexico to the Seat of War

Saturday, February 23 – Brandon Bies, Manassas National Battlefield Park
Unprecedented Discovery at Manassas National Battlefield

Sunday, February 24 – Bert Barnett

Lincoln Mythed: Memorial Biographies and the Damage Done to History – A Discussion

Saturday, March 2 – Troy Harman

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(photo courtesy of the GNMP)

Other winter programs at the Gettysburg National Military Park will include:

The Gettysburg Battlefield Book Series:

Each Saturday from January 5 to March 2, Gettysburg park rangers lead informal, one-hour discussions of notable history books. Park staff will lead the meetings, provide a brief overview of the week's topic and guide the discussion. The meetings will be from 11:00 A.M. until noon in the Ford Education Center of the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center.

From January 5 to February 2 the park will examine "*The War for the Common Soldier*" by Dr. Peter Carmichael. Carmichael, director of the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College, scrutinizes how soldiers endured the brutal and unpredictable existence of army life during the Civil War. Based on close examination of the letters and records left behind by individual soldiers from both the North and the South, Carmichael explores the totality of the Civil War experience--the marching, the fighting, the boredom, the idealism, the exhaustion, the punishments, and the frustrations of being away from families who often faced their own dire circumstances.

From February 9 through March 2, the book series will study "*This Republic of Suffering: Death and the American Civil War*" by Dr. Drew Gilpin Faust. Faust chronicles the ways that death on such a scale changed not only individual lives but the life of the nation, describing how the survivors managed on a practical level and how a deeply religious culture struggled to reconcile the unprecedented carnage with its belief in a benevolent God.

Winter Reading Adventures:

For children who love to read, parents who want their children to love to read, and for budding history buffs everywhere. Our 2019 Winter Reading Adventures theme is: One Great Historical Adventure - Two Unique Stories. Every Saturday morning at 11:00 A.M. from January 5 through February 23 join a park educator who will read aloud two different children's books about the same person, place, or event.

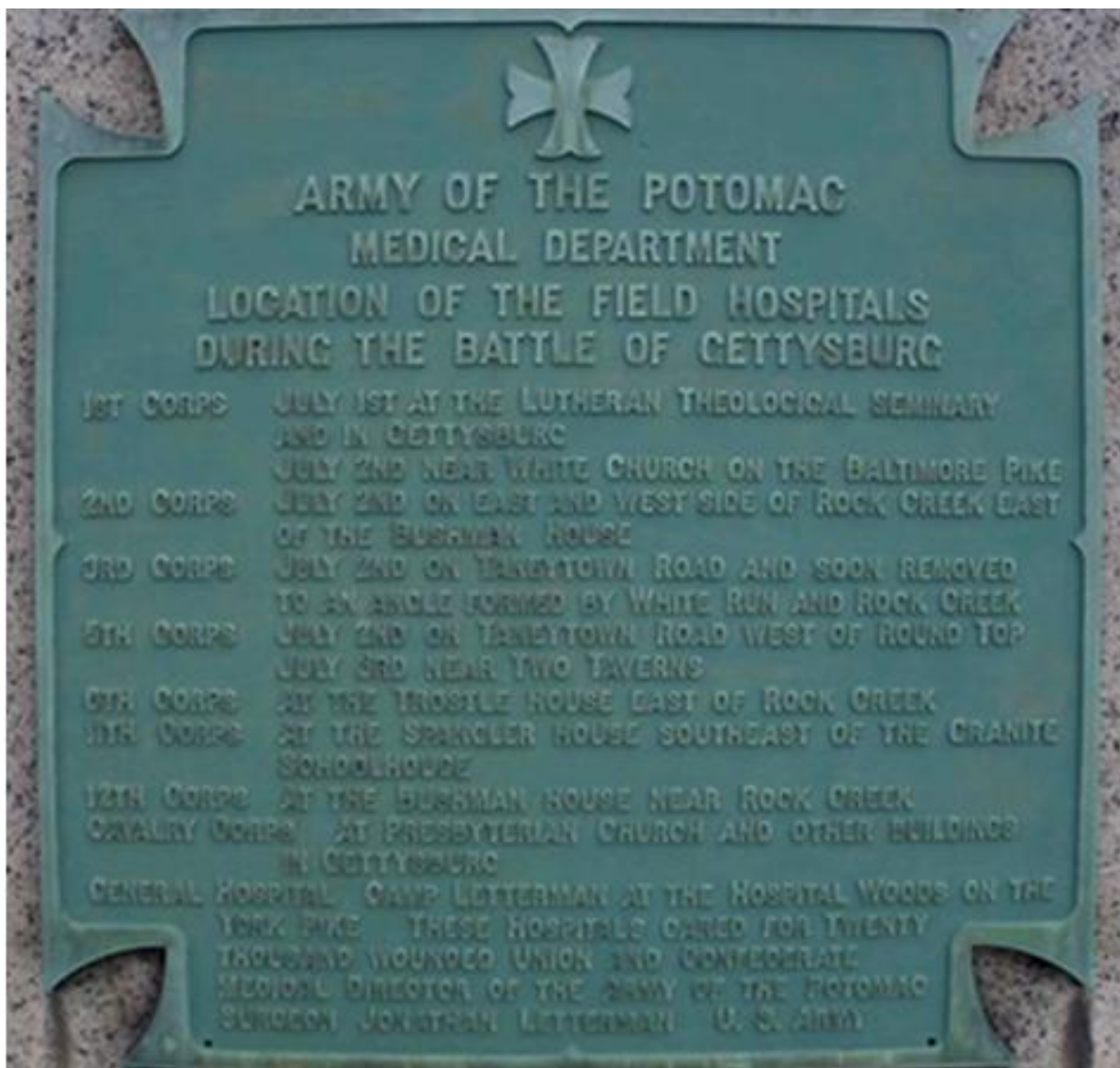
Time Travelers' Reading Club:

Young readers, writers and adventurers (ages 8-12) are encouraged to attend this new club where we will read and discuss "*My Brother's Keeper: Virginia's Diary, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, 1863*" by Mary Pope Osborne. Participating Time Travelers will then have the chance to go see many of the places talked about in the book. This free program meets at noon on January 5, 12, 19, and 26.

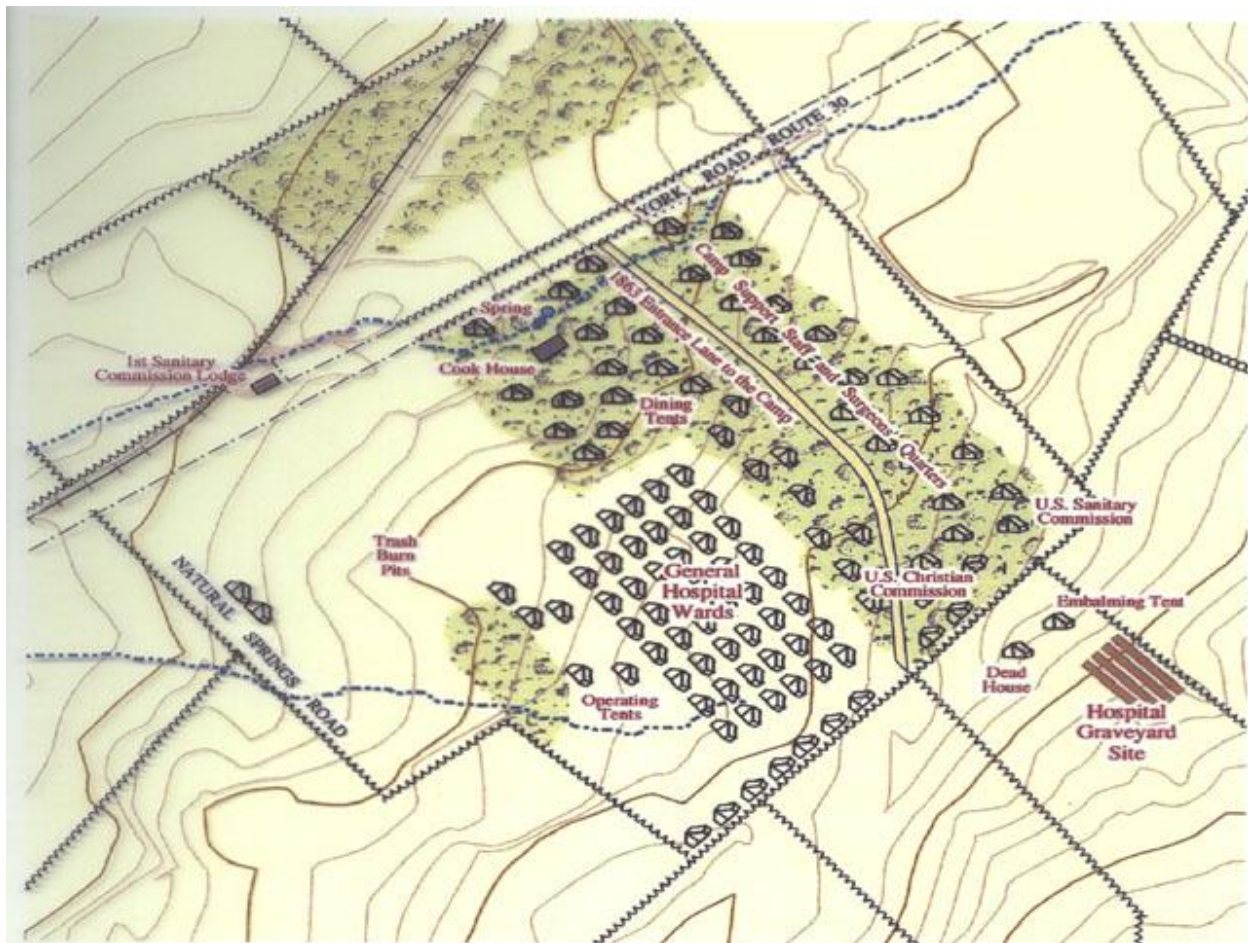
All of these programs are free and open to the public. For more information and a complete schedule, visit <https://www.nps.gov/gett/planyourvisit/interpretation.htm>. In addition to the Gettysburg National Military Park website <http://www.nps.gov/gett>, Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/GettysburgNMP>, and blog <http://npsgnmp.wordpress.com>, the Gettysburg National Military Park also posts videos on Youtube at <http://www.youtube.com/user/GettysburgNPS>. There are many interesting and educational videos as well as a selection of the lectures from the Winter Lecture Series.

Around Town --- Gettysburg/Adams County Events of Interest

Located on the south side of Route 30 (the York Road) approximately 1.5 miles east of Gettysburg is the easily overlooked Army of the Potomac Medical Department monument to all the field hospitals of each Union Army Corps as well as honoring and marking the location of Camp Letterman, a general hospital on the George Wolf farm of more than 500 tents where approximately 3,500 sick and wounded soldiers, both Union and Confederate, received medical treatment and convalesced from July 22 until November 20 of 1863, when the camp closed.



(Photo courtesy of the National Archives)



(Map courtesy of Licensed Battlefield Guide Phil Lechak and the GNMP)

Unfortunately, the area is once again threatened by development: Mark Gettysburg Associates has officially proposed a 189,500 square-foot Walmart store and 17 satellite stores. The Straban Township Planning Commission had been presented with the plan and set blueprints, but the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association, which owns 150 acres of historical land adjacent to the proposed Walmart, has been leading the opposition for over two years. On September 5, 2018, the Straban Township Board of Supervisors extended the deadline on making a final decision until January 15, 2019.

Of Camp Letterman's original 80 acres, 15 were lost to the Giant Foods Shopping Center at the corner of York Pike and Natural Springs Road. The Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association (GBPA) has preserved 8 acres and had also successfully protested a Target store proposed for a major portion of the remaining hospital site. Today, S&A Homes (a major home builder with headquarters in State College, Penn.) owns much of the remaining Camp Letterman acreage, and the GBPA would like to acquire 17 acres from S&A Homes to preserve an additional part of Camp Letterman. Discussions have been going on since 2007 but were on hold for a long time until a meeting was held on November 20, 2018 between representatives of S&A Homes and the GBPA regarding the 17 acres.

It should be noted that in addition to a massive letter writing campaign involving people from at least 38 states, 4 foreign countries, Civil War organizations and living history groups, historians and authors, the Pennsylvania General Assembly formally adopted resolutions this year in both the House (H.R. 998) and Senate (S.R. 456) supporting the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association's effort to preserve what remains of the Camp Letterman hospital site. In addition, the State of Vermont (Camp Letterman had been administered by Dr. Henry Janes, a Waterbury, Vermont, physician and U.S. Army surgeon) had also made its support of the GBPA effort official; in May of 2018, the Vermont Senate and House of Representatives adopted a resolution (J.R.S. 59) that states:

“the General Assembly supports the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association’s effort to preserve the Camp Letterman hospital site and requests that S&A Homes set aside these 17 acres of historic ground.”

We will have an update in the Spring 2019 newsletter regarding the final decision by the Straban Township Board of Supervisors scheduled for January 15, 2019 as mentioned earlier.

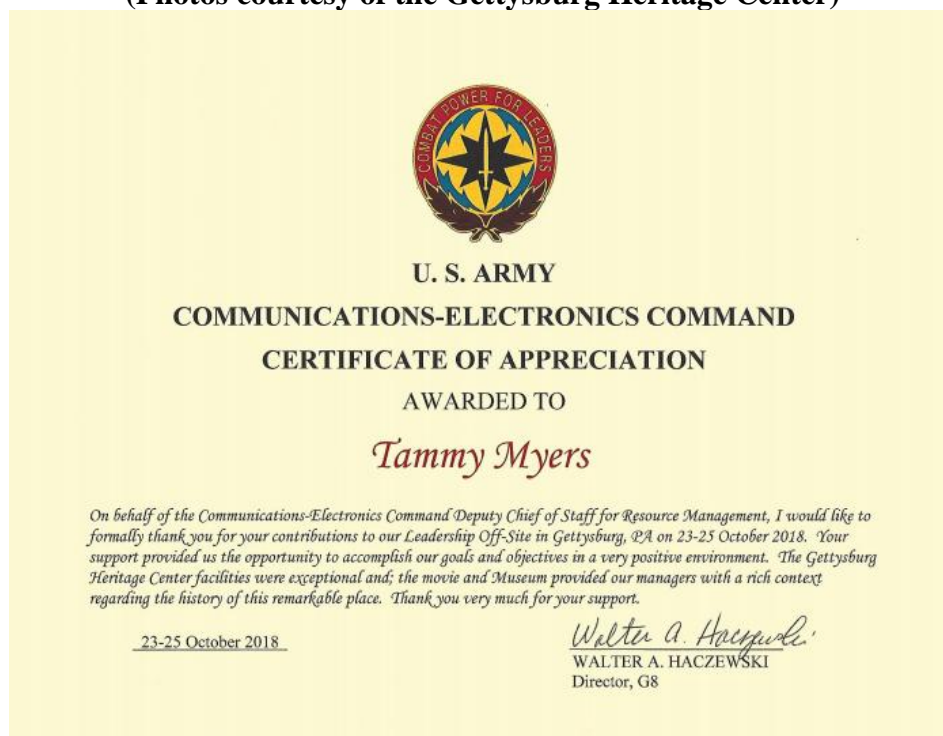
We are pleased to report that Tammy Myers, President of the Gettysburg Heritage Center located at 297 Steinwehr Avenue, recently received a Certificate of Appreciation from the U. S. Army Communications-Electronic Command. The Gettysburg Heritage Center hosted approximately 20 managers as part of their leadership-training program in Gettysburg on October 23-25. Beyond the classroom time at the Gettysburg Heritage Center, the group spent a considerable amount of time on the battlefield with individuals from the U. S. Army War College in nearby Carlisle. A portion of the Certificate of Appreciation reads:

“The Gettysburg Heritage Center facilities were exceptional; and the movie and the Museum provided our managers with a rich context regarding the history of this remarkable place.”

Hearty congratulations to Tammy Myers and the staff of the Gettysburg Heritage Center for another job well done !!!



(Photos courtesy of the Gettysburg Heritage Center)



On December 8, the Baladerry Inn Bed & Breakfast will be hosting a “Holiday House Tour and Tasting” in the Gettysburg area. Attendees will be able to tour many homes and/or businesses that are charming and unique and learn the history of each location and get a sample of food and drink at each place. For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/2266258950070746/> or call the Baladerry Inn Bed & Breakfast at (717) 337-1342.

Step back in time to discover how Christmas was celebrated during the Civil War. Take a candlelight tour of the Shriver House Museum decorated for an 1860’s Christmas while hearing the story of the Shriver family and how Christmas was celebrated in the mid-19th Century. Located in downtown Gettysburg at 309 Baltimore Street, during this special tour, see and learn the Shriver family’s story over the five Christmases they spent in the house. They moved in just before Christmas in 1860, just months before the Civil War began.

“Five Christmases at the Shriver House” tours began on Thanksgiving evening, November 22 and continue on Friday and Saturday evenings through December 15. Private tours for groups of ten or more are welcome anytime (day or evening) throughout the holiday season. For more information or to make reservations, call (717) 337-2800 or visit <http://www.shriverhouse.org>.



(photos courtesy of the Shriver House Museum)

Battlefield Buff Update

Our companion website, www.battleofgettysburgbuff.com, focuses on the lesser known or visited areas and topics for those of you (and your family) who are interested in learning or doing more than the average visitor to the battlefield. We are pleased to report that it has had **over 211,000 visitors thus far** since its inception on March of 2008, and have received emails from many, many descendants of Civil War veterans including those of Union General Gouverneur K. Warren and Confederate Generals William Barksdale and James Kemper. Emails have been received from all over the world, and we are grateful for each and every one of them --- many have provided ideas for new topics and stories that are ultimately incorporated into the website.

We are also very proud to announce that we now have **over 5,100 followers of our Facebook page** (<https://www.facebook.com/battleofgettysburgbuff>). Thank you all so very much for your support !!!

A great research tool for Civil War buffs is the National Park Service’s Soldiers and Sailors database, which can be found at <https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm>. It is my typical starting point when I am attempting to find out if a particular individual actually served in the Civil War, and if so, what military unit he served in. The database is a publicly available website and every soldier who participated, from either the Union or the Confederacy, should have a record on this website. Other information includes: sailors’ records, unit histories for both the Union and Confederacy, descriptions of


384 significant battles, prisoner of war records, burial records, Medal of Honor recipients, and other vital information. The database currently contains over 6.3 million soldier records from 44 states and territories.

Soldiers and Sailors Database

The Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System (CWSS) is a database containing information about the men and women who served in the Union and Confederate armies during the Civil War. Other information on the site includes histories of Union and Confederate regiments, lists of decorations, regimental orders, and service lists of prisoners-of-war, medals and cemetery records. Users will be amazed to learn that the CWSS is a collaboration effort between the National Park Service and several public and private partners whose goal is to increase Americans' understanding of the sacrifices in American history by making information about it easily accessible.


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Soldiers

Search the service records of over 4 million men, boys and girls, who served in the Civil War.




Sailors

See a list of 15,000 African American sailors that served in the Civil War.




Regiments

Search unit histories of over 4,000 Union and Confederate regiments.




Cemeteries

The National Park Service manages 14 National Cemeteries, all but one of which is located in a Civil War battlefield park.




Battles

Of the 15,000 armed conflicts that occurred during the Civil War, nearly 400 were classified as the principal battles.




Prisoners

Check the lists of the Confederate prisoners held at Fort Mifflin and the Union troops held at Andersonville prison camp.



Medals of Honor

Over 1,000 Medals of Honor were awarded to soldiers and sailors who distinguished themselves to their country.



Monuments

Larger-than-life casters made of granite and bronze are hard to ignore, which is, of course, what their makers intended.

Which brings us to our Fall 2018 E-Newsletter's "Mystery Photo":



This plaque is located on the back of the memorial to President Abraham Lincoln’s “Gettysburg Address” and is located in the Soldiers’ National Cemetery:



(photos by Alan Leeti)



And now, HERE IS THE “MYSTERY PHOTO” for the Winter 2018 Quarterly E-Newsletter:



The location of this extremely small ground marker will be announced in the Spring 2019 newsletter along with a new “Mystery Photo”. Feel free to post your answer on the Battle of Gettysburg Buff Facebook page located at <https://www.facebook.com/battleofgettysburgbuff> or email us at randydrails@gmail.com.

In the Spotlight



We recently had the opportunity to chat with Jason Wilson, historian of the Pennsylvania Capitol Preservation Committee and historian/curator of the Pennsylvania Civil War Flag Conservation and Storage Facility in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

BOGB: Hello, Jason. It's nice to see you again. Please tell our readers a little bit about yourself. When and how did you become involved with the Pennsylvania Civil War Flag Conservation and Storage Facility and what are your duties there?

JW: I started with the Capitol Preservation Committee in 1999 and served both as historian and clerk for approximately two years before taking over the curatorial role for the flags in 2002. I give public tours of the collection, as scheduled, and we also hold several open houses to showcase the flags as well. I also have other tasks in my role as historian for Capitol Preservation, but research and writing about the flags is definitely the best part of my job, as I've always been an aficionado of the Civil War since I was about nine years old.

BOGB: Can you tell us about the flags as to how they came to be housed here?

JW: The Commonwealth's collection of state-issued Civil War and Spanish-American War flags serves as an invaluable window into the nature of Civil War battle. These colors are significant artifacts that demonstrate the heroism displayed by all Civil War soldiers on the battlefield. As custodian of these state treasures, the Capitol Preservation Committee offers free public tours of the collection via appointment. As you know, the flag conservation and storage facility is conveniently located just a few blocks from the Main Capitol building.

Additionally, the Committee has recently installed a new exhibit on the Commonwealth's collection of Civil War flags, which will add increased interpretation of the collection. This exhibit also showcases a loan of Civil War artifacts, firearms, and accoutrements, which will help visitors to the flag facility understand the horrendous nature of Civil War combat and the perilous job of bearing the colors. Upon mustering out

or after receiving a replacement, no specific provisions were established for the receipt and care of the battle flags. As such, some flags were left in Harrisburg, Philadelphia, or Pittsburgh within GAR posts while others were taken into private collections. On June 13, 1865, the War Department ordered the chief mustering officers to turn over all colors in their possession to the governors of the individual states. However, Pennsylvania's Civil War flags were already scattered across the state. The few flags that were already in the state's collection were not properly cared for, and many of the veterans in possession of flags were not yet willing to return the colors. By the end of 1865, it was realized that proper care for the flags was necessary and the government-issued colors were to be formally returned to state care in a ceremony on Independence Day 1866 at Philadelphia's Independence Hall.

Adjutant-General A.L. Russell compiled a list of absent flags, researched the possible location of the colors, and wrote letters requesting them to be officially returned to state care. In the meantime, the city of Philadelphia and state of Pennsylvania worked hard to organize a grand parade and memorable ceremony. Major General Winfield S. Hancock was appointed as grand marshal of the parade. Pennsylvania children Commonwealth who were attending special schools established for war orphans were also invited to participate and won the hearts of the public. General George Meade also participated, and received the loudest applause as the "Hero of Gettysburg." At the parade's end, General Meade stood in front of Independence Hall and officially returned the colors to Governor Curtin with these words:

"Sir, of all the honors that have been showered upon me for the humble services which it has been in my power to render to my country, none have been so grateful to me, and of none am I so proud, as being on this occasion the representative of these hardy and noble men who stand before you. This war is over; peace has returned to bless our happy land. By the concurrent action of the Legislature it has been determined that you should receive on this day, sacred to the memory of liberty, these battle-stained banners, that have passed through their fiery ordeals. In the name of the soldiers of Pennsylvania, I present to you these banners, which were received from the State, and which were borne through the war with honor and credit, and of which we, as soldiers, are justly proud. Receive them, sir, as mementos of the prowess and deeds of valor of the noble sons of Pennsylvania."

Governor Curtin responded by honoring the bravery and heroism of Pennsylvania's veterans, stating:

"A Commonwealth may exist without cherishing her material wealth, but no Commonwealth can worthily, or should exist, which does not cherish, as the joy of life, the heroic valor of its children."

Speeches and fireworks thus concluded the official transfer of possession of the state's colors. At the time, the flag collection totaled 270 colors. Initially, the collected flags were stored in the old State Armory in Capitol Park. It was not until six years later when action was taken to place the flags on proper display within the Capitol building. One year later, the "Battle Flag Room" was completed on the second floor of the South Executive Building, opposite the Adjutant-General's Office. The flags were installed unfurled, and placed in an upright position.

From 1873 to 1893, more colors and other civil war artifacts were given to the state, and additional room was needed to house the collection. Therefore, the collection was moved to the newly constructed Executive, Library, and Museum Building (renamed the Speaker Matthew J. Ryan Legislative Office Building in 1999), and displayed in a new flag room directly at the head of the main stairs. The banners were placed in four long glass cases. Fortunately, they were already at this location when the Hills Capitol burned on February 2, 1897.

On February 28, 1905, Congress approved a joint resolution to return all captured battle flags to their respective states. Pennsylvania received eleven more colors, which led to further crowding in the old cases located in the Executive, Library, and Museum Building. In 1906, the new Capitol building was completed and included niches on the main floor of the rotunda designed to contain decorative statuary. Adjutant-General Thomas J. Steward suggested those niches be used to display the state's battle flags of the Civil and Spanish-American War. In 1913, Governor John K. Tener authorized the establishment of a commission to arrange for the transfer of the flags to the Capitol rotunda.



(photos courtesy of the Capitol Preservation Committee)

The ceremony occurred on Flag Day 1914. Each flag was encased in a silk chiffon sleeve because as early as 1914 the flags had begun to crumble with age. The aged Civil War veterans marched from the steps of the Museum Building down Fourth Street, to Market, up Front Street, and then up State Street into the Capitol rotunda. Many of the flag-bearers in the 1914 parade were the same flag-bearers in the 1866 parade, as well as during the war. The parade was late getting started because many of the veterans wept openly upon seeing their colors again. Thinking it unbecoming of a soldier to cry in public, the parade did not begin until the aged war heroes had regained their composure. Following the parade, the bearers placed the flags in the six rotunda display cases where they would reside for nearly three-quarters of a century.

Today, though the conserved flags remain protected from light, dust, fluctuating temperature and humidity, and also excessive handling, a recent survey of the collection shows 43 flags that are in need of further conservation to ensure they are preserved for the future. The storage/study facility is designed to maintain a stable environment, while accommodating visitors who request to view the public collection. The storage facility serves as a unique resource, both preserving and prolonging the life of the colors, while allowing researchers, family members, genealogists, descendants, reenactors, and any other individuals to have a supervised viewing of the flags and flag staffs.

BOGB: During the last visit of a small group of my newsletter subscribers to your facility last March, you mentioned to us that a brand new facility is in the works. Can you please give us an update?

JW: Sure. The space where we are moving is within another existing state building. It has been prepared and is ready as soon as we issue the contract, which we hope will occur very soon. From there it's just a matter of time until the facility is completed and the collection can be moved. We're hoping it will be in the Fall of 2019, but as we go further along it may have to be pushed back to the Spring of 2020. We're really excited about the new facility which will provide an appropriate state-of-the-art museum storage setting for the colors which will prolong their lifespan and include increased exhibition space, interpretation as well as upgraded HVAC and fire suppression. So we really can't wait!

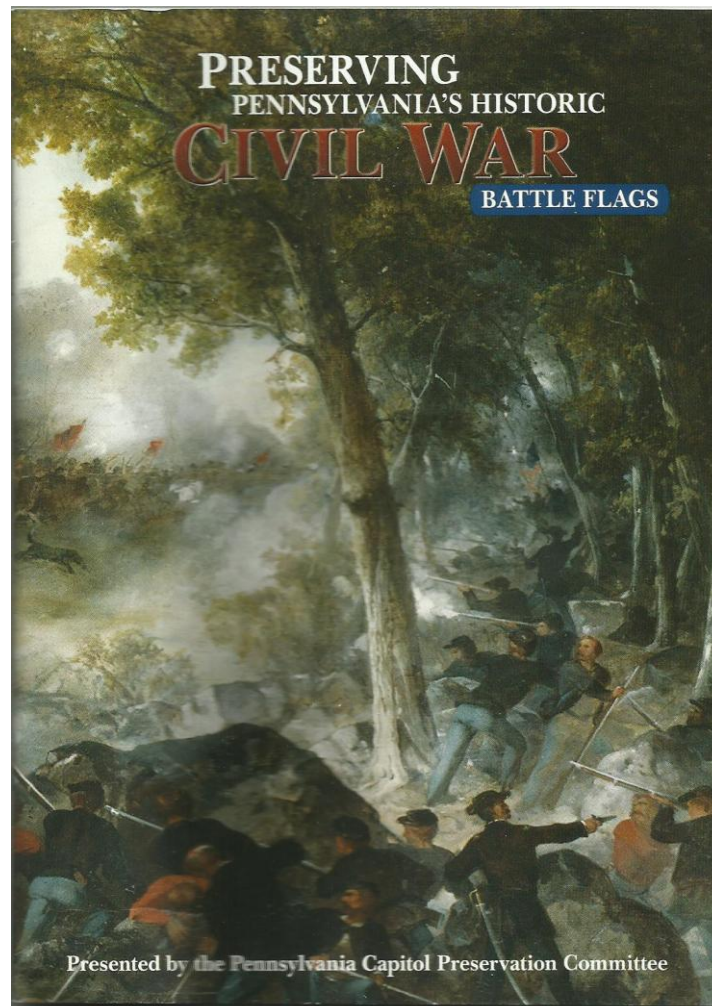
BOGB: How many other states have a Civil War flag preservation/storage facility? How many are open to the public? How many have you been to?

JW: I have been in contact with the states of Maryland, Iowa, New York, Michigan, Virginia and several others regarding their specific collections and how they handle specific issues. Most states, both North and South, that fielded troops have a collection of Civil War flags, though there is no standard for what agency is responsible for them. We, (Capitol Preservation) have them, because they were in the Main Capitol for 72 years and the State Museum never had the funding to do a complete restoration project. So as a committee under the General Assembly, we were able to assure their preservation. I am not sure that most other states' collections are as accessible as ours is. I think that's what makes our collection really different and very significant, especially considering the flag was really the "lifeblood" of any regiment, that you can stand right beside an original color . . . obviously you cannot touch the color, but neither is it encased behind glass. So artifactually . . . it is getting as close to something that went through everything that that specific regiment went through, and that's often very moving to our visitors.

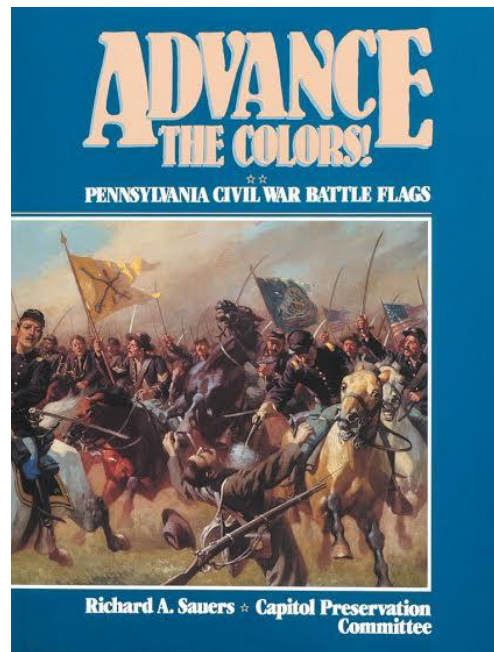
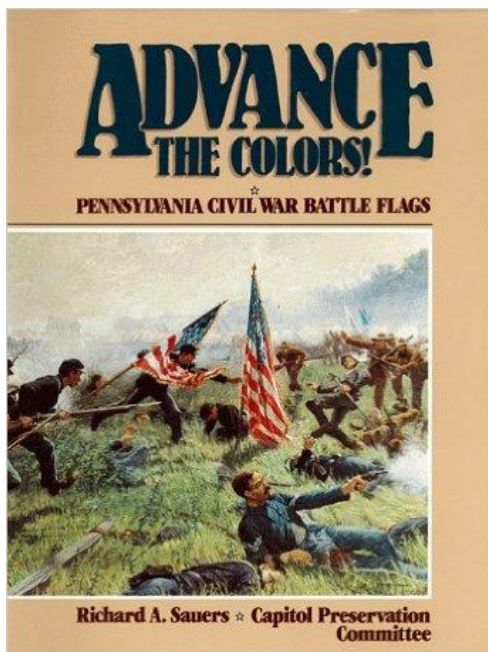
BOGB: Is the Pennsylvania Civil War Flag Conservation and Storage Facility open all year? Do you have many special events or programs?

JW: Yes, we are open year round Monday through Friday but via appointment only. We hold several open houses each year and occasionally will do a special advertised open house in June or July, usually as we approach the anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg.

Visitors can request an appointment to view specific flags Monday through Friday from 8:00 A. M. to 3:30 P. M., and as you know, individual and group tours are welcome and special tours can also be arranged. To schedule a tour to see these amazing state treasures, receive additional information about the collection, or obtain a free copy of the Committee's booklet, "*Preserving Pennsylvania's Historic Civil War Battle Flags*", have your readers contact me at (717) 783-6484.



In addition, two other excellent reference books (in two volumes) are available for purchase directly from the Pennsylvania Capitol Preservation Committee:



Your readers can also contact me at about them as well.

BOGB: You also wear a few other “hats”, don’t you?

JW: Yes, I am Historian for the Capitol Preservation Committee with the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and am also the current Vice President of the Historical Society of Perry County. The Historical Society owns nine properties in Perry County which we are responsible for maintaining, so that definitely is a large but rewarding job for all the members.

BOGB: You are a busy man indeed !!! What do you do for relaxation when you are not working?

JW: Well, I have an eight-year-old son, so I help coach local baseball in the Spring and he keeps me pretty busy in the Spring and Summer months. I also do a lot of work around my old farmhouse, which is not quite as old as the Civil War era, but dates to 1885. So I work on restoring that in my free time, and like to read, write, hike, and fish. Vacation too . . . have to get in the occasional vacation to either the mountains or the beach.

BOGB: Do you have any ancestors who fought in the Civil War, and in particular, at the Battle of Gettysburg?

JW: I have relatives that fought in several regiments during the war and interestingly enough on both sides, but I have only found one so far that was at Gettysburg. His name was Corporal David Hawn with the First Virginia Cavalry. Apparently he was wounded and captured during the action on July 3rd and imprisoned until February of 1865 when he was exchanged. I have other relatives that fought with the 49th Pennsylvania Volunteers and the 201st Pennsylvania Volunteers, but suspect that there are more distant relatives in the 92nd and 133rd Pennsylvania Volunteers, which were both comprised of companies from Perry County.

BOGB: Thank you very much, Jason, for taking the time to chat with us today. It is always a pleasure to see you and the Pennsylvania Civil War Flag Conservation and Storage Facility. I am looking forward to bringing another group of my newsletter subscribers on our annual March trip to see the Civil War flags, and especially looking forward to seeing the brand new facility in the future !!!

JW: It was my pleasure. Good to see you again as well !!! As I mentioned above, if your readers would like to contact me, they can call (717) 783-6484 or send me an email at jwilson@cpc.state.pa.us. Your readers can also go to our website at <http://www.pacivilwarflags.org>. See you again in March !!!



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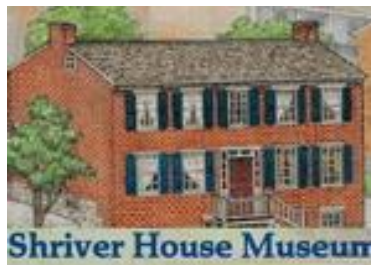


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