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*We have shared
the incommuni-
cable experience
of war. We
felt, we still feel,
the passion of
life to its top.
In our youths,
our hearts were
touched by fire.*

— Oliver
Wendall Holmes

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Impending Actions

Information and details about upcoming Gettysburg Roundtable presentations.

MAY 28TH

Our May speaker will be **Jason Emerson**, who will make a presentation on his book, *The Madness Of Mary Lincoln*.

Mr Emerson presents a new examination of Mary Todd Lincoln's insanity case based on his discovery of Mary Lincoln's twenty "lost" insanity letters, for which historians had been looking for eighty years. This historical page turner is the first analysis of Mary Lincoln's mental illness based on those letters, and the first interpretation of the insanity case in twenty years. It is a masterpiece of investigative journalism—precise, documented, detailed, and scrupulously researched—a most original work by an outstanding writer that was awarded the 2007 Book Of The Year award by the Illinois State Historical Society and selected as a History Book Club and Military History Book Club selection.

Jason Emerson is an independent historian and freelance

writer. He has worked as a National Park Service park ranger at the Lincoln Home National Historic Site, Gettysburg National Military Park, and the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (the Arch) in St. Louis; a period attired interpreter at the Genesee County Museum in Mumford, NY; and as a professional journalist and newsletter publisher.

His second book, "Lincoln The Inventor", was released this past January. The book is the complete story of Lincoln's invention and patent, and an examination of his mechanical genius that influenced his entire life from his childhood to his presidency. 🐾

JUNE 25TH

Chuck Teague will present a battlefield walk entitled "Dire Straits at Spangler Hill." Meet at the 2nd Maryland (CSA) monument at the summit of Spangler Hill, at 6:00 P.M. Please park at Spangler's Spring, or along Slocum avenue but, if the latter, be sure to allow room for the passage of a bus. 🐾

From September to May, we meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at the GAR Building, 53 East Middle Street. Light refreshments and conversation starting at 7:00 PM., and the featured program beginning at 7:30 PM.

Our June, July, and August summer meetings are in the field starting at 6:00 PM, with the meeting location announced in the bi-monthly newsletter and on the roundtable website: www.cwrgettysburg.org.

Whenever treacherous weather is predicted, the CWRT President and Vice President shall determine by Noon on that day whether the program should be cancelled or not. Announcements will be made on television station WGAL and radio station WGET 1320.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting begins at 6:30 PM on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at the Avenue Restaurant.

THE GETTYSBURG CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE is the most important roundtable, in the most important small town, at the most important battlefield, in the most important country in the world.



I was very satisfied when I recently received an e-mail from a member who said he was "proud" to be involved with the GCWRT.

With the coming of warmer weather we are looking forward to spending more time outdoors on battlefields and at historical sites both near and distant.

Our successful field trip to Baltimore was a terrific way to begin the season. I want to thank the entire field trip committee for a great job. Our guide Tim Smith once again gave us a wonderful tour.

We recently held elections for new officers. Our new leaders will provide a fresh approach. I want to congratulate the new officers.

We can count on great programs in the future. Our new leaders take office in May.

I also want to thank the outgoing officers and board members for their service to our group these last two years.

In particular, I want to thank Chuck Teague for the knowledge and prestige he has brought to the roundtable. For the past six years he has served variously as Vice President, President and past President. We have all gained from Chuck's interest and involvement and look forward to his future contributions.

I am pleased to tell you that several additional merchants in town have jumped on the bandwagon and are extending discounts to roundtable members. The good management of both The Jewelers Daughter and The Regimental Quartermaster both at 49 Steinwehr Avenue are now

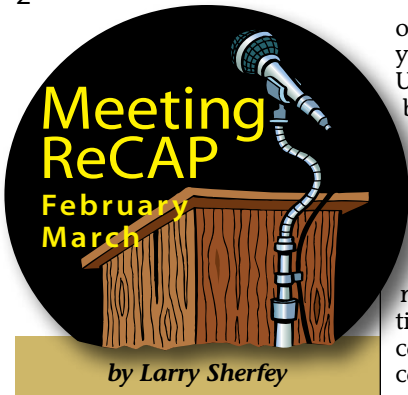
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New Officers and Board Members Selected

The April meeting saw the election of new officers and board members to serve for the next two years. The new officers are:

John Winkleman, *President*
Bill Hewitt, *Vice President*
Returning as *Secretary* and *Treasurer* respectively are:
Chris Mieczkowski and
JoyceAnn Deal

New board members have also been selected and they are: Dave Collins, Pat Fairbairn, Al Ferranto, Linda Joswick, Gerry O'Brien, Larry Sherfy, Joe Mieczkowski (*past President*)



Show and Tell

by Ivan Frantz, Jr.

The Pennsylvania Railroad did not forget its Civil War history and connection to Civil War veterans in Philadelphia. In 1929 the PRR had PULLMAN build eight 8 section-buffet-sun lounge heavyweight sleeping cars for the PRR, one of which was named UNION LEAGUE CLUB after the famous Union League in Philadelphia. These cars ran in east-west service on trains such as The Admiral, The General, The Cincinnati Limited, and The Spirit of St. Louis. In the 1950s with the advent of newer streamlined passenger equipment these cars were then assigned to mid-train lounge service on intermediate trains such as The Duquense, The Juniata, The Washington Express and The Buffalo Day Express. UNION LEAGUE CLUB was a regular on the run through York, Pa. between Washington, D.C. and Buffalo. In the 1960s these old heavyweight cars were retired from revenue service and converted to bunk cars for maintenance-of-way work crew service at the shops in Renovo. CONRAIL finally retired the heavyweight PULLMAN cars from work train service in the 1980s. Because of this UNION LEAGUE CLUB still survives today in Altoona as part of the collection of the Railroaders Memorial Museum, but is in need of restoration.

I built this model because a friend of mine is a member

of the Union League, and as a young boy he knew some of the Union Veterans that were members of the Union League. His Grandfather was a member of the Union League and also a member of G.A.R. Post #2 in Philadelphia. The model that I built in HO scale of UNION LEAGUE CLUB is a heavily modified AHM brand 12 section-1 drawing room sleeping car. The window sections of the car were completely removed and rebuilt, the underbody equipment was completely removed and then replaced with equipment for an ice air conditioned car, and the roof was modified to conform to an updated air conditioned car. The car runs at home on my model railroad in my HO scale Buffalo Day Express train.

FEBRUARY MEETING

Our February 2009 our guest speaker was Dr. Allen Guelzo, Lincoln Scholar, Professor at Gettysburg College and author of *Lincoln and Douglas: The Debates that Defined America*.

Dr. Guelzo delighted and informed the Roundtable with quips, quotes, trivia, historical knowledge and profound insight regarding the 1858 Senatorial debates of Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas. Dr. Guelzo began his presentation by stating that the 1858 debates are ranked as Number 5 of the greatest events in American History and that the American Civil War was a result of those debates.

He noted that in 1858 U.S. Senators were elected by state legislatures. The debates would be held before the fall elections. Purposes of debates were to allow candidates to express their opinions, and publicly debate

their opponents before the citizens who then elected their local legislators to the state legislature.

Debates were looked forward to as great social events as well. Bar-b-ques, music by democratic bands and republican bands, and drunken brawls could be expected.

Dr. Guelzo said Lincoln's humor was natural and gained by years of tending his store in Salem, Illinois and later at a circuit riding lawyer. He stated that in those days both attorneys and judges frequently traveled together from one jurisdiction to the next often sleeping in the same beds.

Dr. Guelzo noted the normal agenda for the debates was for the 1st candidate to speak for 60 minutes, followed by 90 minutes by the 2nd candidate and then the 1st candidate was allowed a 30 minute rebuttal and closing.

The telegraph allowed the candidates speeches to be read 24 hours later and copies of speeches and their related events would be transmitted to papers across the U.S. and Canada. Dr. Guelzo noted that the newspapers of the day were highly political. Lincoln would be described as looking like a scarecrow escaping from a cornfield. Douglas would be chastised for drinking too much and having slurred speech. During a debate in Ottawa, Illinois the republican paper noted that after Lincoln's speech his supporters stormed the platform and carried him off. The Democratic papers painted a different picture noting that Lincoln's knees buckled resulting in his having to be carried off the platform.

During the summer and fall of 1858 Douglas would announce his arrival in a town by firing off a Howitzer creating a lot of noise.

The Howitzer would be nicknamed Little Doug. Douglas once had a melon thrown at him when he called the citizens of Freeport Illinois 'black republicans'.

Dr. Guelzo summarized the 1858 debates by stating the question "what is at stake in this contest"? And that the real issue was "right and wrong" of one race of people and that Lincoln's platform stated that slavery is against the moral law of the universe. Douglas' platform was that popular sovereignty should determine the issue of slavery in the new states and that the "voice of the people is the voice of God". Lincoln will counter that democracy is not 2 wolves and a lamb deciding what to have for dinner. Lincoln chastises Douglas view on

popular sovereignty by asking are we a nation that embraces slavery or a nation that condemns it and that democracy is the means to an end, that natural freedom is the law of the universe.

Dr. Guelzo related that Lincoln will grow in popularity and notoriety during the debates. He noted that German newspaper reporter, Henry Velard, will viciously attack Lincoln during the debates. But a few years later will write a story, in English, about his great friend.

When the votes were counted the voting districts gave Lincoln 54% of the popular vote but apportionment would give the election to Douglas by a 54 to 46 vote on party lines. But now Lincoln was a national figure and would be nominated as the Republican candidate in 1860. During Lincoln's 1860 speech at the Cooper Institute he will distill the question of democracy of "what was true, what was right, not the injustice of the majority but the just of the majority".

Dr. Guelzo's spell binding presentation was enjoyed by all giving great insight to those debates and the ideologies that shaped the Illinois election in 1858 and the national election in 1860.



Dr. Allen Guelzo

Got e-mail?

Want to receive your newsletter ahead of traditional mail delivery, and enjoy it in full color? Then join the growing list of members who already receive their newsletter via e-mail. Simply send your e-mail address to Roundtable Treasurer JoyceAnn Deal: jdeal@gettysburg.k12.pa.us, and the next issue will be sent right to your computer on or around May 1, 2009.

MARCH MEETING



Garry Adelman

Our March 2009 speaker was Garry Adelman, noted historian, lecturer, author and Licensed Battlefield Guide.

Garry's presentation was titled "then and now" taking us on a pictorial journey of the war's conflicts using period photos and modern day photos giving us a perspective of how scenes have and have not changed since the 1860s.

Garry gave us a view of John Brown's Fort also known as the firehouse at Harpers Ferry, Virginia, later to be West Virginia. Garry noted that the 'Fort' has

been moved at least three times but remains rather well intact even today. His Virginia photos included views of Richmond (including the spot where Robert Lee stood for his famous photograph) Centerville, Manassas, Alexandria, Yorktown, Cornwallis Cave, and Cumberland Landing, owned by Martha Custis. Gary showed us a "then and now" of St. Peters Church where George Washington and Martha Custis were married.

Garry noted that photographs from the field at Cedar Mountain in August 1862 showed bodies of dead horses and was the first time that battlefield images included dead animals.

Garry narrated us through the Antietam photos noting that in October 1862 papers would publish the dead bodies, mostly confederates, taken on that field. This would shock the nation and world and would forever change the view from the battlefield.

Garry's journey at Antietam included an informative evolution of the Dunkard Church, badly damaged during the battle and would become ruins in 1923. The building foundation was used for worship services but the furniture and some building parts were bought by Elmer Boyer and sold to the National Park Service. The church site was developed into a lunch room known as "Poffenberger's Lunch Room". Garry titillated our imaginations by showing us "then and now" photos of the Burnside bridge focusing on specific boulders supporting the bridge and supposing we might discover for ourselves, if we want to get a little wet, just how deep the stream was in 1862. No general consensus was taken regarding volunteers ready to 'take the waters'. Gary did go on to say that the stream has been dredged and other factors would have to be considered but the point was well taken.

Our journey included great "then and now" photos of Corinth, Mississippi, the Innis House/Christian Commission Hospital at Fredericksburg, the Chancellor House at the Wilderness, the trolley stop at the Wheatfield in Gettysburg, Mason's Island (now Roosevelt Island) along the Potomac, Belle Grove Plantation, Appomattox Courthouse (which Garry said was rebuilt after the original one burnt down) and the McClean House.

An interesting story was told about Libby Prison being moved to Chicago becoming a museum and Garry relayed an interesting note that shortly after Appomattox a spirit of Camaraderie existed between the warring parties but the death of Lincoln changed attitudes resulting in bad feelings.

Garry's presentation was fast moving, uplifting and inspiring in that many original scenes do still exist and motivates us to

maintain preservation efforts on these historic and hallowed sites.

TRAVEL & LEARN
Programs for Adults

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April 25, 2009

Dear Gettysburg Civil War Round Table,

The University of Virginia's Ninth Civil War Conference will explore the confrontation between Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee from the fall of Petersburg through the Confederate surrender at Appomattox. The Conference will be held May 27-31, 2009 at the University of Richmond.

Through lectures, walking tours, and plenty of discussion, U.Va.'s Gary Gallagher and a faculty of top Civil War scholars will place events in the broader perspective of the war, evaluate military leadership on both sides, study in detail the tactical ebb and flow, and examine the powerful ways in which Appomattox shaped subsequent understanding of the conflict.

Full program information can be found at <http://www.virginia.edu/travelandlearn/2009civilwar.html>.

A limited number of spots remain available in the program. Please forward this message to members of your Roundtable whom you think may be interest in attending.

Best,

Jim Baker

Jim Baker

Program Director

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Stuff to do

AT THE ANTIETAM BATTLEFIELD

Saturday, May 2

Pry House Field Hospital Museum, Keedysville, MD (Antietam National Battlefield) – The Pry House Field Hospital Museum (PHFHM) at Antietam National Battlefield opens its 2009 season. 11a.m.-5p.m. In addition, from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Join the staff at the Pry House for a garden party to prepare the 19th century style kitchen, medicinal and parlor gardens. Bring your gardening tools and prepare to dig in! Learn about gardening techniques, heirloom vegetables and recipes of the Civil War era, and enjoy refreshments. For more information call 301-695-1864 or visit our website at www.civilwarmed.org.

Sunday, May 3

Pry House Field Hospital Museum, Keedysville, MD (Antietam National Battlefield) – The Pry House is one of many stops on a driving tour showcasing the Museums and Historic Sites of Washington County, MD. Tourists will receive a map and listing of the sites that are participating in this event which is based in Hagerstown, MD. For more information, call 301-416-2395 or visit us online at www.civilwarmed.org.

Final Attack Hike – This battlefield hike will begin near Tour Stop #9, Burnside Bridge, at 1:15 p.m. The most rugged section of the battlefield will be explored on this hike including Snavelly's Ford area, Lower Cornfield, Narrow Cornfield, and the Hawkin's Zouave Monument.

Sunday, May 10

Afternoon of the Battle Overview Hike – This hike will begin at the gravel parking lot across the street from the National Cemetery at 1:15 p.m. The program is going to focus on the Middle Bridge and the Union IX Corps and their involvement during the afternoon of the battle.

Saturday & Sunday, May 16 & 17

Recruit Weekend – Pry House Field Hospital Museum, Keedysville, MD (Antietam National Battlefield) The Union and Confederate Armies are recruiting at the Pry House this weekend. Come down to receive a surgeon's certificate of eligibility and report to the 20th Maine's or 17th Virginia's station to find out what they have to offer a private soldier. Receive enlistment papers from the unit of your choice. Enlistees will be invited to drill with their new unit, 11a.m. to 5p.m. For more information, call 301-416-2395 or visit us online at www.civilwarmed.org.

Saturday, May 23

Memorial Day Commemoration – Join the parade in the Town of Sharpsburg followed by a commemoration held in the National Cemetery.

Saturday & Sunday, June 13 & 14

Artillery Weekend – Living history volunteers portraying Colonel Stephen D. Lee's Battalion will discuss the role of artillery at Antietam. Located near the center of the Confederate line, the hill that the visitor center is built on was a key Confederate artillery position. Firing demonstrations will be held throughout the weekend.

Saturday & Sunday, June 20 & 21

Fire on the Mountain: The struggle for Fox's Gap – Please join us for living history demonstrations and recreated battle sequences depicting the opening phases of the Battle of South Mountain on Fox's Gap. All are welcome and events are free to the public. Demonstrations will be held throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call South Mountain State Battlefield at (301) 432-8065.

Saturday, June 27

Artillery Firing Demonstration – Antietam National Battlefield's very own volunteer artillery detachment takes to the field for a demonstration of loading and firing.



The Association of
Licensed Battlefield Guides

The Nation's Oldest Professional Guide Service

Brigades at Gettysburg Profiles of the Famous and the Forgotten

September 11-13, 2009

The oldest professional guide service in America proudly announces its annual autumn seminar. This year we will be presenting the stories of several hard fighting but often-neglected Gettysburg brigades. The weekend includes special in-depth walking tours with experienced battlefield guides, Friday night reception, two breakfasts and two lunches, Saturday night banquet, maps and materials, and more.

Friday, Sept. 11th

Reception at Gettysburg's historic G.A.R. Hall.

The Pennsylvania Reserves: Into the Valley of Death
(Power Point presentation by Guillermo Bosch)

Saturday, Sept. 12th

Breakfast

The Bogus Bucktails: Stone's Brigade on July 1st
(Rich Kohr)

"We stood there to be shot at, and that was about all we did": Brockenbrough's Brigade at Gettysburg
(George Newton)

Lunch on the battlefield.

"Many fell along this line": Semmes' Brigade at the Rose Farm
(Dave Richards).

Saturday night banquet followed by Q & A with the guides.

Sunday, Sept. 13th

"The heaviest skirmishing I ever witnessed": Orland Smith's Brigade and the Defense of Cemetery Hill
(Stuart Jempsey)

In the eye of the storm: The Philadelphia Brigade at Gettysburg & Beyond
(Charlie Fennell).

Price for the weekend: \$310

Discount for early registration (before June 1): \$280

For additional information or to register online,
visit: www.gettysburgtourguides.org/seminars.html

or write:

ALBG Seminar • P. O. Box 4152 • Gettysburg PA 17325

Lecture descriptions and a mail in registration form are posted on the Gettysburg Roundtable website: www.cwrtgettysburg.org.



Stuff to do in the area

MAY 15-17 Reenactment, annual anniversary event in New Market, VA Living history and programs all weekend. Tactical battles Friday (time TBA) and Saturday (2 pm), Battle of New Market Sunday (1:30 pm). Camps open 10 am- 5 pm during the weekend. \$10/adult. www.vmi.edu/newmarket or 866-515-1864.

May 23 Luminaria, annual event with more than 15,000 candles at the Fredericksburg, VA National Cemetery. 8-11 pm. Free shuttle from the University of Mary Washington parking lot, William Street and Sunken Road. Rain date is May 24. www.nps.gov/frsp or 540-373-6122.

May 23-24 Living History Programs Annual Memorial Day Weekend Living History Events. Syke's U.S. Regulars. Programs at Meade's Headquarters. 10th Virginia Infantry. Programs at Spangler Spring. 119th New York Infantry. Programs at the Pennsylvania Memorial. Gettysburg National Park.

May 23-24 Harpers Ferry NHP Harpers Ferry WV Special exhibits, historic weapons firing demonstration, and programs highlight the Harpers Ferry Armory, technology, invention and how soldiers used these weapons for national defense and exploration. This program investigates how a young republic grew with industrialization, technology, innovation, national expansion, while wrestling with the challenges of mass immigration, free labor versus slavery, and religious prejudice. Visitors are invited to experience the skills necessary to be a musket lock plate armory worker and munitions workers. <http://www.nps.gov/hafe/planyourvisit/events.htm?om=4&oy=2009&prk=hafe>.

May 25 Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies 141st Annual Memorial Day observances. Parade at 2 p.m. followed by a ceremony in the Soldiers' National Cemetery, Gettysburg.

June 6: Friends of Gettysburg Annual Volunteer Workday Registration is now available for Friends members! Download print, complete and mail the Workday registration form. The registration deadline is May 15, 2009. Go to <http://www.gettysburgfoundation.org/visit/documents/FriendsofGettysburgVolunteerWorkday2009RegistrationForm.pdf>.

June 13 Gettysburg Summer Interpretive Season Begins The summer interpretive season at Gettysburg National Military Park includes a full range of FREE Ranger conducted programs, walks, tours, campfire programs, living history programs, children's programs and Battle Walks offered every day through August 16. These dates are subject to change.

June 13-14 Harpers Ferry NHS Interprets the Battle of Harpers Ferry and the surrender of the Union garrisoned town to southern forces under General Stonewall Jackson. Harpers Ferry National Historical Park will present an artillery demonstration and program on General Stonewall Jackson's capture of the 12,500-man Union garrison. Saturday & Sunday Programs are at 12 noon, 2pm & 3pm.

June 20 Greater Gettysburg Brass Band Festival The 8th Regimental Band of the Georgia Volunteer Infantry from Rome, Georgia will perform at 11 a.m. and again at sunset. The Wildcat Regimental Band of Indiana, Pennsylvania, will present a concert on the history of the American Brass Band Movement, at 3 p.m. Daytime events take place at the Museum and Visitor Center. The sunset concert is at the Pennsylvania Memorial. 🎺

President's Message

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offering 5% discounts on most merchandise just by showing your membership card. Our hat is off to them.

The good folks at the Artillery Ridge Campground are very generously offering Gettysburg Roundtable members and their families a complementary admission to the Battlefield Diorama, the largest display of this type anywhere in the country featuring over 20,000 handpainted soldiers.

Artillery Ridge is located at 610 Taneytown Road Gettysburg, PA We can't thank the management and staff there enough.

You can find a complete list of participating businesses on our web site.

See you on the battlefield,



The Civil War Round Table of the District of Columbia

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

Submitted by Kenneth R. Rice, Newsletter Editor and Membership Chairman

Our meeting will be held at the Ft. McNair Officer's Club in Washington, DC (map available on the website). The dinner costs \$29.00. Please see the newsletter: <http://users.erols.com/kennrice/cwrtdc.htm> for a dinner reservation form, call 703-578-1942, or email John Restall at restall@joimail.com. Guests are always welcome. Those who wish to hear the speaker, but not have the dinner, may do so for a cover charge of \$5.00. The meeting starts at 6:00 pm with a social hour, the dinner is served at 6:45 and the presentation starts at 8:00. Please note the entrance to Ft. McNair has been moved to a new gate and search facility on 2nd St.

Here is the meeting and program schedule for March thru June 2009.

On May 12, 2009 – Elizabeth Pyror will speak about Clara Barton. The reservation deadline is May 11.

On June 9, 2009 – Ed Bonekemper will speak about Grant and Lee. The reservation deadline is June 8.

On June 27-28 – will be the Annual Field Trip with Ed Bearss. The location will announced later.

For further information on any of the events listed above, you are encouraged to contact Ken Rice at: <http://users.erols.com/kennrice/cwrtdc.htm>. 🎺

A NIGHT AT LINCOLN'S BALL

Spend an Evening Learning Dances
from the Civil War Era



Gettysburg Museum & Visitor Center Lobby
Saturday, May 9, 2009, 7-9 PM

Step back in time with President Abraham Lincoln, the Susquehanna Travellers, and the Victorian Dance Ensemble, the performing troupe of the Civil War Dance Foundation, for an evening of period entertainment.

Learn the etiquette of the day and steps of many popular Civil War-era dances. Enjoy period refreshments with the evening's interactive dance.

Wear your dancing shoes (flat shoes are recommended) and period clothing, or come dressed for an evening out (gentlemen in suits and ties and dresses for ladies).

Single ticket....\$30 Members Single.....\$27
Couple\$55 Members Couple\$50

Tickets go on sale in April.

For additional information, visit our website
www.gettysburgfoundation.org
or call 717-334-3460 x.227

Friends of Gettysburg members receive a discount on the tickets, as noted above.

A NEW FAMILY MUSICAL IS COMING TO GETTYSBURG

BATTLECRY is a heart-warming story of the real meaning of Lincoln's "last full measure of devotion." Focused on the lives of several citizens against the backdrop of the Battle of Gettysburg, the story will cheer you and move you, reminding us that even in the midst of terrible agony, there can be joy, love, and healing.

BATTLECRY is produced by Quill Entertainment Company, a nonprofit educational company whose mission is "Teaching America's Heritage Through Story and Song." The award-winning creative team includes composer Paul Bogaev, writer Granville Burgess, and director Gabriel Barre.

"We hope that BATTLECRY will become a vital part of the Gettysburg community for years to come," said Mr. Burgess, who is



also the producer. "Our desire is to employ as many local actors and artists in the company as possible. We are partnering with area businesses to sell tickets on commission. We are renting from the School District, putting real money into local education. Our ultimate goal is for everyone to feel like BATTLECRY is their musical, too."

To purchase tickets, listen to songs, and learn more visit www.battlecrymusical.com.

April RT field trip BIG success

Here are a few photos from the recent roundtable field trip.

At right, Tim Smith at the grave of CSA General Isaac Trimble. In the shots below, Tim describes what happened at the various Civil War locations around Baltimore.

As you can see, the weather was perfect and everyone had a good time.



THE BATTLE OF MALVERN HILL, also known as the Battle of Poindexter's Farm, took place on July 1, 1862, in Henrico County, Virginia, was the sixth and last of the Seven Days Battles (Peninsula Campaign) of the American Civil War. Gen. Robert E. Lee launched a series of disjointed assaults on the nearly impregnable Union position on Malvern Hill. The Confederates suffered more than 5,300 casualties without gaining an inch of ground. Despite his victory, Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan withdrew to entrench at Harrison's Landing on the James River, where his army was protected by gunboats, ending the Peninsula Campaign.



Here are some pictures of Joe & Chris Mieczkowski's trip to the Malvern Hill Battlefield in Virginia. While visiting colonial Williamsburg early this year, they made a side trip to some of the battle sites of the Seven Days Campaign.



At the March meeting GNMP Superintendent Dr. John Latschar (below left) was presented with a certificate of recognition from the Gettysburg Roundtable "for his vision and diligence at the Gettysburg National Military Park in battlefield rehabilitation, artifact preservation, Cyclorama conservation, Visitor Center construction, Wills House restoration, and public visitation."



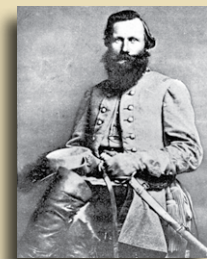
145 Years Ago

4-8 May 1864: Battle of the Wilderness, Virginia

Grant's first major offensive in the east (Overland Campaign). The Union suffers more losses than the Confederates, but unlike previous Union commanders, Grant did not retreat, instead moving on to Spotsylvania.

11 May 1864: Battle of Yellow Tavern, Virginia

Grant dispatched 10,000 cavalry under General Sheridan south. J.E.B. Stuart gave ineffective chase with half of his cavalry, before standing and fighting at Yellow Tavern, six miles north of Richmond, where his cavalry was crushed. Stuart was mortally wounded during the fighting.



J.E.B. Stuart

10-12 May 1864: Battle of Spotsylvania, Virginia

The first sign of the sort of attritional warfare that was about to take over on the eastern front of the civil war. Lee was forced to withdraw to another defensive line, but Grant did not achieve his aim of a breakthrough.



Battle of New Market

13 May 1864: Battle of New Market, Virginia

Defeat of a Union army that had been sent into the Shenandoah Valley as part of Grant's plan for 1864.

14 May 1864: Battle of Resaca, Georgia

Confederate victory during Sherman's advance towards Atlanta. Sherman's maneuvers forced the Confederates to retreat anyway.

16 May 1864: Battle of Drewry's Bluff, Virginia

Battle that ended any chance of General Butler achieving the major breakthrough he had gained a chance to achieve after getting between Petersburg and Richmond.

20-26 May 1864: Battle of North Anna River, Virginia

Something of a drawn battle in the Grant's Richmond campaign. Neither Lee nor Grant performed well in this battle.

25-28 May 1864: Battle of New Hope Church, Georgia

A period of unproductive fighting during Sherman's advance towards Atlanta.

31 May-3 June 1864: Battle of Cold Harbor, Virginia

The main assault comes on 3 June, when Grant fails to break Lee's line yet again.



Grant at Cold Harbor

5 June 1864: Battle of Piedmont, Virginia

Union victory over a Confederate force that had moved out of their defenses to launch their own attack.



Victory for Forrest

10 June 1864: Battle of Brice's Crossroad, Mississippi.

Confederate victory in Mississippi in which a force of 8,000 Union soldiers sent to defeat Forrest's cavalry force found them, and was defeated by a force half their size.

11-12 June 1864: Battle of Trevilian Junction, Virginia

Bloodiest cavalry battle of the war, between a raiding force under Sheridan and Wade Hampton's confederate cavalry. Something of a draw, but the raid soon withdrew.

15-18 June 1864: Battle of Petersburg, Virginia

Failed Union attack on Petersburg, one of the great missed chances of the war. After the battle, the Union settled down to a regular siege (to 3 April 1865)



Battle of Petersburg, VA

18 June 1864: Battle of Lynchburg, Virginia

Repulse of a Federal attack on Lynchburg.



Battle of Kennesaw Mt., GA

27 June 1864: Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, Georgia

Confederate victory where Sherman's union army attacked well built defenses on Kennesaw Mountain.

30 June 1864

Start of Siege of Petersburg (to 3 April 1865).

The Blue, The Gray, The Slain

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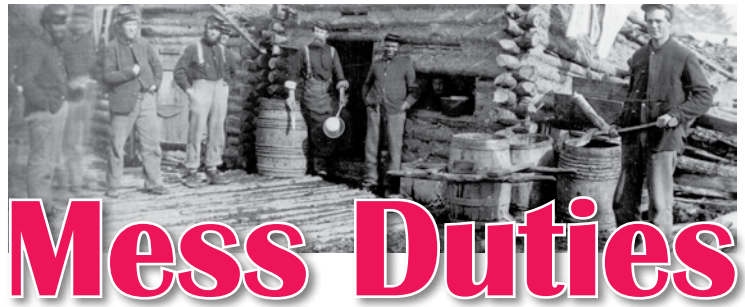
*A war which no man should have fought,
No lesson learned, no moral taught,
A nation divided on political thought,
The Blue, The Gray, The Slain.*

*Tens of thousands of men marched on,
Brothers, sons, fathers gone,
To fight a war 'til day was done,
The Blue, The Gray, The Slain.*

*Young men so far away from home,
On foot, over fields, the soldiers roamed,
From battle cries to dying moans,
The Blue, The Gray, The Slain.*

*Looking back it's all so clear,
What went wrong in battle there,
Forever to honor and revere,
The Blue, The Gray, The Slain.*

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Mess Duties

Dave Jones for the April 23rd meeting.

Thomas Weiant for the May 28th meeting.

We'll be back in September.

Notable Quotables from Pat Fairbairn

"To all human appearance the early life of Lincoln was as unpromising for becoming a great man as you could imagine. Indeed, I would say it was forbidding, and proves to me that nature bestowed upon him an irrepressible will and innate greatness of mind, to enable him to break through all those barriers & iron gates and reach the portion he did in life.... I was opposed to his election, but before his death I was convinced that he was the very man for the place, and look upon his assassination as wicked beyond description and one of the greatest calamities that could befall the nation and particularly the South. I always was a Union man, a proslavery man, and wanted all things restored as they were at the commencement of the war, but the South made the abolition of slavery a necessity and I am now willing for the constitutional amendment. It may be fanaticism in me but it looks to me as if the Lord raised up Lincoln for the special purpose of blotting out slavery; to christianize Africans and then let them go free."

Samuel Haycraft, a Lincoln contemporary,
June, 1865, in a letter to William Herndon.

DID YOU KNOW?

U.S. animals, wagons, tools, clothing, ordnance, and commissary stores surrendered to Confederates in Texas before the surrender of Fort Sumter were valued at \$1,209,500. U.S. Brig. Gen. David E. Twiggs, sometimes known as "Old Davey," surrendered all Federal property without firing a shot. An itemized evaluation shows that the lost matériel included 1,800 mules and 950 horses whose combined value was \$232,500.

Samuel Colt patented the first of many revolvers in 1836, but his manufacturing company floundered, then failed. Revived by the Mexican War in 1861 and 1862, his Patent Arms Manufacturing Company sold 107,000 .44-caliber weapons to the U.S. War Department. These sales alone netted \$1,375,000 for the inventor/manufacturer.