



"The art of war is simple enough. Find out where your enemy is. Get at him as soon as you can. Strike him as hard as you can, and keep moving on."
– Ulysses S. Grant

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MAY 24TH – Meeting begins at 7 PM

FOR BROTHERHOOD AND DUTY: The Civil War History of the West Point Class of 1862

During the tense months leading up to the American Civil War, the cadets at the United States Military Academy at West Point continued their education even as the nation threatened to dissolve around them. Cadets from both the north and south struggled to understand John Brown's Raid, the secession of eleven states from the Union, and the attack on Fort Sumter. By graduation day, half the Class of 1862 had resigned; only twenty-eight remained and their class motto—"Joined in a Common Cause"—was about to be severely tested.

Brian R. McEnany will present a fascinating story about West Point and the tumultuous months after Lincoln's election when cadets struggled to understand John Brown's Raid, the secession of eleven states from the Union, and the attack on Fort Sumter. Should they resign to defend their families and states or bear allegiance to the Union they had sworn to uphold? The decisions they reached ultimately caused half the Class of 1862 to resign – and one of those that left fired the first round at Fort Sumter! He will also present vivid accounts of several Union and Confederate ex-classmates, providing new perspectives on the struggles of junior officers in both armies.



BRIAN R. MCENANY, a graduate of West Point, is a historical writer and lecturer, focusing on West Point and the Class of 1862 during the Civil War. Military history has always intrigued him but it was not until he retired that he put his skills as an analyst of military operations to good use in writing his book, *For Brotherhood and Duty*, published in 2015.

He is a member of the Bull Run Civil War Roundtable, and frequently leads tours to various battlefields and sites in Northern Virginia. He has given presentations about West Point during the Civil War to various Civil War Round Tables, and many other agencies. He has authored articles on John Brown's Raid and West Point during the Civil War in notable magazines.

Brian and his wife, Lillian, live in Vienna, Virginia.

JUNE 28TH – Rain Date: JULY 12

GETTYSBURG'S FORGOTTEN FRONT

During the first four days of July 1863, the buildings at the southern edge of Gettysburg were caught in the heart of a harrowing struggle between armies and individuals. As combatants swept through the streets of town on July 1st, many of Gettysburg's civilians fled from their homes; however, some remained, sheltering in their basements as the world seemingly collapsed around them. For the residents who stayed the ordeal experienced over the next four days was terrifying. Caught between the lines of Federal infantry on Cemetery Hill and Confederate sharpshooters throughout the town, rifle balls chipped and splintered their homes, and strangers struggled to survive in their upstairs living spaces. Join us as we traverse the southern section of Gettysburg itself, examine the physical remains of the battle and piece together the stories of soldiers and citizens who experienced the unthinkable during the summer of 1863.

This program will get underway at 6 PM. Park in the Old Cyclorama parking lot and meet at the entrance gate to the Soldier's National Cemetery on Taneytown Road.



JARRAD FUOSS is the current Student Conservation Association intern for Gettysburg National Military Park and has worked as a Seasonal Park Ranger at Gettysburg since 2016. During the

summer of 2018 Jarrad will graduate from West Virginia University with a Masters Degree in 19th Century American History, a minor field in Public History and a certificate in Cultural Resource Management. As a graduate student, Jarrad's Masters thesis focused on the creation of historical memory by Gettysburg's citizens after the battle. An alumnus of the University of Pittsburgh, Jarrad's undergraduate coursework focused on History and Anthropology (Archaeology). His interest in serving with the National Park Service began after completing a semester of Civil War studies at Gettysburg College in 2014. During his time at Gettysburg College Jarrad wrote a fifty-five-page thesis about Confederate Sharpshooters who occupied Gettysburg during the battle. Aside from history, Jarrad enjoys playing the trumpet and previously participated as a member of The Cadets World Competitive Drum and Bugle Corps.

Hello, Friends!

Oh to be in Gettysburg, now that Spring is here! Aren't you glad it's not still snowing?

If you haven't looked at our Web Page lately, I recommend that you check it out: **cwrtgettysburg.org**. Linda Joswick has done an amazing job of compiling an incredible amount of information for all us Civil War enthusiasts to utilize and enjoy.

On the site you can find:

- A list of all the upcoming speakers and their topics.
- Membership information, and the ability to pay for dues with your credit card or Pay Pal.
- Phone numbers of all Officers and Board members.
- Links to many roundtables around the country.
- Many, many Civil War sites of interest.
- All of the most recent causes to which your Preservation donations have contributed.
- Archived newsletters as far back as 2008.

If you have suggestions about items you would like to see added to our web page, please contact Lynn at lynnheller7577@gmail.com, or Linda Joswick at linda_joswick@yahoo.com.

May 24 will be our last indoor meeting until our meeting on Sept. 27.

Our outdoor summer programs were so popular last year, and this year is gearing up to be just as well received. The tour leaders, dates, & rain dates can be found...you guessed it...on the **Web Page!**

Looking forward to seeing you all at the May meeting with speaker, Scott Mingus, Sr.

Cheers,
Lynn



Paul Bretzger's March meeting presentation centered largely on how matters developed during the afternoon of July 1, and how Hancock handled them, setting the stage for the largest battle ever in the Western Hemisphere.



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 6:30 PM, and the featured program beginning at 7:00 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.cwrtgettysburg.org.

Whenever severe weather is predicted, program information can be found on the roundtable website and Facebook page after 3 PM or you can call Lynn at 717-398-2072.

The next scheduled board meeting begins at 6:30 PM on Thursday, May 10, at the Perkins Restaurant on York Street, Gettysburg.

NEWS from...round the TABLE



- Thanks to all of you who have switched your newsletter delivery from regular mail to email.
- In the spirit of us all getting to know each other better, Lynn would like to receive a short biography—three sentences!—from each person, so that she can briefly introduce one member, who is in attendance, at each meeting. She will read them in the order received, so if you would like to participate, please email Lynn: lynnheller7577@gmail.com, or hand her your bio at a meeting. Include whatever you would like the group to know about you. Thank you!
- Anyone willing to help set up and clean up the Refreshment Table for the May meeting, please contact Lynn by email or call 717-398-2072.
- A great deal of thanks to **Ron Rock**, who has served the Roundtable for many years...as a board member, chair of the Nominating Committee, and chair of the Cal Doucette Achievement Award Committee. He has stepped down from these leadership roles, having done an outstanding job in all these capacities. We truly appreciate his care and devotion to the roundtable, and will continue to enjoy seeing him at our monthly meetings. 🙏



New Members Are Joining
Mark and Chrystal Luongo



Mess Duties

May 22..... Gayle Underwood

Songs and Stories of a Civil War Hospital is back

Live Civil War music features local musicians and sing-alongs at Christ Lutheran Church, 30 Chambersburg Street. Poetry and readings from hospital diaries bring alive the stories of men and women who served and were treated in this Civil War church that became a hos

Come join us every Saturday evening beginning June 23 and running through August 11. Music begins at 7:30 PM with the program underway at 8 PM. For more information call 717 334-5212 or log on to: www.songsandstoriesofacivilwarhospital.org.

Here's the schedule: June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21 28, August 4, 11. 📅



Heads up for the July and August *In the Field* programs



Please take note of our Roundtable's upcoming programs over the summer. Make your plans now to attend:

JULY 26: Benjamin Neely – *The Battle for the Seminary*. Meet in front of the Seminary Ridge Museum, park in their lot. **RAIN DATE: AUGUST 2.**

AUGUST 23: Paul Shevchuk – *Camp Colt*. We will meet in the old visitor center parking lot across from the National Cemetery parking lot. **RAIN DATE: Thursday August 30.**

All programs begin at 6 PM. Details will be in the July/August newsletter. 📅



Chris Stein Arrives as Acting Superintendent at Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site

Chris Stein has arrived as the acting superintendent of Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site. He will serve in this position until mid-July 2018.

Stein currently serves as Chief of Heritage Areas and Partnerships in the National Park Service Midwest Region and previously served as Superintendent at St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, National Park of Samoa, Nez Perce National Historical Park (acting) and held a number of other key leadership roles within the NPS.

"I'm honored to have the opportunity to serve as acting superintendent for Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site for the next few months," said Stein. "My goals during my time here include nurturing and building relationships of mutual benefit with partners, and continuing to provide opportunities for residents, visitors, and volunteers to help care for, protect and interpret park resources."

Stein is known for his skill in building public and private partnerships to assist the Park Service in its work. Among his recent initiatives is the Monarch Corridor project, designed to reverse a steep decline of monarch butterflies in the 8000-square-mile St. Croix riverway. The initiative includes potentially hundreds of partnerships with major companies such as Andersen Corporation and with cities, counties, service clubs and individuals. 📅

THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MUSEUM

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Before Gettysburg, Lee Headed for Harrisburg

The National Civil War Museum is proud to announce Civil War Days in the Harrisburg Area, Invasion of South Central Pennsylvania on June 22 – 24, 2018. This history packed weekend is a community-wide series of events aimed to present and preserve Harrisburg's rich Civil War heritage and history.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22 – Events include a bus tour of the invasion of Cumberland County, June 1863 and The Pride of the Susquehanna Riverboat Cruise with Music provided by Steve Ball and Spirits from Tattered Flag Brewery. Seats are limited and tickets are required for both these events and may be purchased online at www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23 – 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM – The NCWM will present a FREE fun filled day of events including Presentations, Artillery Cannon Firing, Victorian Dance Performance and lessons, and Music throughout the day with Steve Ball.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24 – Events include Free admission to the State Museum of Pennsylvania, US Army & Heritage Center, Capital Preservation Committee Flag Conservation Lab, Historical Society of Dauphin County (John Harris-Simon Cameron Mansion), Cumberland County Historical Society - Victorian Dance Ensemble Presentations, and a presentation at the Camp Curtin Church with Jim Schmick.

Civil War Days in Harrisburg is hosted and sponsored by The National Civil War Museum in conjunction with: Camp Curtin Historical Society and CWRT, Civil War Dance Foundation, Cumberland County Historical Society, Dauphin County Commissioners, Hershey Civil War Roundtable, Historic Harrisburg Association, Historical Society of Dauphin County, and the Pennsylvania Capitol Preservation Committee. 📅



Free Battle Walks and Talks to Celebrate 50 years of Women as Licensed Battlefield Guides May 12 & 13

Women Licensed Battlefield Guides at Gettysburg National Military Park are inviting the public to special, free programs on Mother's Day weekend, May 12 and 13. The programs are a community service presented to commemorate 50 years of women in guiding at Gettysburg, and are being offered exclusively by female Licensed Battlefield Guides.

Programs take place throughout the Gettysburg battlefield and the town, highlighting topics such as the home-front, Evergreen cemetery, fighting at the Peach Orchard, the Wheatfield, and Culp's Hill, Generals Lee and Meade, and the myths and legends of the 20th Maine at Little Round Top.

Programs on Saturday, May 12

10AM – noon: *Wounded Houses, Shattered Lives* by Linda Clark, Licensed Battlefield Guide. Meet at intersection of North Stratton and East Stevens Streets (at the Coster Avenue sign, beside 245 Stratton Street). Free parking along Stratton, Water, Stevens and Barlow Streets. Note: This tour involves about a one mile walk through the town of Gettysburg.

10 – 11AM: *July 2: Lee and Meade Prepare for Battle* by Mary Turk-Meena, Licensed Battlefield Guide. Meet along West Confederate Ave. near the Louisiana and Mississippi State Memorials.

Noon – 2PM: *Defending the Salient: The Fight at the Peach Orchard* by Therese Orr, Licensed Battlefield Guide. Meet at the Peach Orchard. Park on Sickles Avenue just east of Emmitsburg Road.



Barbara Schutt, the first woman Licensed Battlefield Guide at GNMP, in 1968

1 – 3PM: *Notable Gettysburg Citizens in Evergreen Cemetery* by Deb Novotny, Licensed Battlefield Guide. Meet at Civil War Women's Memorial just behind Evergreen Cemetery Gatehouse. Park along Baltimore Pike.

Programs on Sunday, May 13

9 – 10AM and 10 – 11AM: (two one-hour talks), *Revenge for Reynolds! and The Charge of the Pennsylvania Reserves* by Kim Hostetter, Licensed Battlefield Guide. Park along Ayres Avenue. Meet near Pennsylvania Reserves' monument in the Wheatfield.

11AM – 1PM: *Culp's Hill: A Forgotten Key* by Ellen Gonsalves, Licensed Battlefield Guide. Meet at Spangler's Spring, Culp's Hill. Note: Visitors should be prepared for uphill walking on uneven terrain, from base of Culp's Hill to Summit

2 – 3PM: *The 20th Maine: Myths, Legends, and a Bayonet Charge to Preserve the Left Flank* by Christina Moon, Licensed Battlefield Guide. Meet at the pathway leading to the 20th Maine Infantry monument on southern slope of Little Round Top. Park along Sedgwick Avenue.

To read more about the first woman Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg go to: <https://npsgnmp.wordpress.com/2018/03/26/women-in-guiding-a-50th-anniversary-celebration/>

The guides invite the public to celebrate this anniversary by attending special battlefield talks, a seminar and activities throughout the year – check the Park's website for details www.nps.gov/gett, as well as the Gettysburg Association of Licensed Battlefield Guides' Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/GettysburgALBG>.