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"Order A.P. Hill to prepare for action! Pass infantry to the front! Tell Major Hawks..."

"Let us pass over the river and rest under the shade of the trees."

-LAST WORDS OF JONATHAN 'STONEWALL' JACKSON, GUINEA STATION, VIRGINIA, 3:15 PM SUNDAY, MAY 10, 1863

"Any victory would be dear at such a price."

-ROBERT E. LEE ON THE DEATH OF STONEWALL JACKSON

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Impending Actions

Information and details about upcoming Gettysburg Roundtable presentations.

MAY 24TH

Lincoln and the Emancipation Proclamation Decision, 150 Years Later

A presentation that shares new research about how and why Abraham Lincoln decided during the summer of 1862 that he had to change his policies and embrace a strategy of military emancipation to help end the Civil War and destroy slavery.



MATTHEW PINSKER holds the Brian Pohanka Chair of Civil War History at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He also serves as Co-Director of the House Divided Project at Dickinson, an innovative effort to build digital resources on the Civil War era. Matt graduated from Harvard College and received a D.Phil. degree in Modern History from the University of Oxford. He is the author of two books: *Abraham Lincoln – a volume in the American Presidents Reference Series from Congressional Quarterly Press (2002)* and *Lincoln's Sanctuary: Abraham Lincoln and the Soldiers' Home (Oxford University Press, 2003)*. Each year, he also leads numerous K-12 teacher training workshops for organizations such as the US Department of Education, National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and other organizations. He currently serves the Organization of American Historians (OAH) as a "Distinguished Lecturer." Finally, Matt sits on the Advisory Boards of several historic organizations, such as Abraham Lincoln Foundation of the Union League of Philadelphia, Ford's Theatre National Historic Site, National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, and President Lincoln's Cottage at the Soldiers' Home.

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 FOX Sports Radio 1320.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting begins at 6:30 PM on Thursday, May 10, 2012 at the Avenue Restaurant.

JUNE 28TH

Union Intelligence Operations During the Gettysburg Campaign



The program will focus on the AoP Bureau of Military Information, Commanded by Colonel George H. Sharpe, and will include information about both the military and civilian sources employed by Sharp. That would include names, ostensible occupations, contributions to the intelligence mission and evaluations of the various reports. Meade's reaction to and use of the intelligence reports provided by Sharp will be woven throughout, in relationship to the time-line of the campaign.

Participants will gather at Meade's Headquarters on the Battlefield at 6:00 PM.

Bob Alcorn is currently serving as President, Association of Licensed Town Guides of Gettysburg. He's a highly respected historian and resident of the Gettysburg area. Bob is a noted Gettysburg Town Guide. He is a retired intelligence officer.

As hard as it is to imagine, I've had the pleasure of being your President for a year already. It's been such a joy to meet our speakers and to represent you all at events I've attended during the year.



Message from the President
by Cindy King

This month is our field trip, and I'm sure after listening to Don Walters at our last meeting, we'll be ready to go!

In June we start our summer meetings in the field. Starting time is at 6:00, the places will be announced here in *The Angle*. I always look forward to these meetings as they put things into perspective from the viewpoint of the soldiers who were fighting here.

Don't forget, if there are bad storms threatening, listen to either WGTY 107.7 FM or FoxSports Radio at 1320 AM to see if we've cancelled or are holding the meeting at the GAR Hall.

See you all soon!

Cindy

MUST SEE'S AT THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MUSEUM

IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

2012 Spring/Summer Living History Schedule

The National Civil War Museum has announced their living history schedule for the 2012 spring/summer season. Encampments include Confederate dismounted cavalry, Confederate & Union infantry units, loading and firing demonstrations and much more!

May 5-6	31 st Virginia Infantry, Company C
May 19-20	Company E, 30 th PA Infantry (1 st PA Reserves)
June 2-3	149 th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Bucktails
June 16-17	42 nd Mississippi Infantry, Company F – also Community Free Day on 6/17
June 23-24	27 th New Jersey
June 30 - July 1	21 st Mississippi, Company D, Jefferson Davis Guard
July 7-8	148 th PA Regiment Field Hospital & Venture Crew
August 4-5	Federal Generals Corps
August 11-12	18 th Virginia Infantry & Dismounted Cavalry
August 18-19	31 st Virginia, Company C
August 25-26	42 nd Mississippi Infantry, Company I
September 1-2	42 nd Mississippi Infantry, Company F

Museum visitors will see the flash and smell the smoke of Civil War muskets and rifles. Visitors are encouraged to visit the camps and ask living historians questions about their attire, food rations and daily life. Most infantry groups perform loading and firing demonstrations each day. Saturday demonstrations are at 11am, 1pm & 3pm and Sunday demonstrations are at 1p.m. & 3p.m.

NOTE: Programs are weather contingent. Visitors should check the Museum's website for more information and updates to this schedule, as they are subject to change.

**Take Note:
Coming to
Gettysburg
College**

For more information, visit www.gettysburg.edu/cwi/events/

NEWS FROM THE PLAQUE COMMITTEE



Kendra Debany has taken over Chairmanship of the Gettysburg Civil War Roundtable Plaque Committee from Gerry O'Brien.

The Gettysburg Civil War Roundtable has been committed to assisting Adams County property owners identify and place plaques on existing buildings that were standing during the Battle of Gettysburg (July 1, 2, 3, 1863). The Plaque Committee is charged with reviewing submitted applications from home and building owners looking to qualify for the much coveted "Civil War Building – July 1863" plaque. They are also responsible for inspecting the property to verify that it is a Civil War structure.

If you know of anyone interested in obtaining a "Civil War Building – July 1863" plaque (or having historical property research done) you can contact Debany at 717-334-6375 or GettysburgHouse@aol.com. You can also reach her at "Gettysburg House Histories" on Facebook.

Evening Walks Through History Series Begins

This year will see the launch of a series of Licensed Battlefield Guide-led *Walks Through History*. Each Tuesday evening, Guides will lead an evening walk dedicated to a specific topic. For more information, go to gettysburgtourguides.org/HistoryWalks.htm.

June 22-26	Civil War Institute Summer Conference
September 20-24	PA Civil War Road Show, tentative
September 21	An Evening with Dr. James McPherson and Dr. Allen Guelzo on the Emancipation Proclamation
November 19	Dedication Day Ceremonies 10:30 a.m. Wreath Laying Ceremony 10:45 a.m. Dedication Day Ceremony 7:00 p.m. Fortenbaugh Lecture - Steven Hahn, University of Pennsylvania

150
years ago

May 8 1862



Stonewall Jackson's Shenandoah Valley campaign begins successfully with a victory at the Battle of McDowell in Virginia.

May 31 – June 1 1862

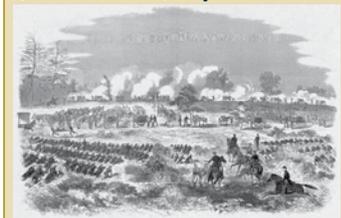


During the Battle of Seven Pines in Virginia, Robert E. Lee takes over command of the Confederate army from the wounded Joseph E. Johnston.

June 12, 1862

"Gentlemen, in ten minutes every man must be in his saddle!" Thus spoke Brig. Gen. J.E.B. Stuart at 2AM as he prepared to lead his 1,200 cavalrymen and some artillery on an expedition that developed into a famous ride around the entire Federal army on the Peninsula.

June 25 – July 1, 1862



Lee forces McClellan's army to retreat, ending the threat to Richmond in the Seven Days' Campaign.

Submitted by Joe Mieczkowski

The Washington House and Franklin House

This is the fifteenth in a series of articles, contributed by past roundtable president, John Winkelman, on the inns, hotels, taverns, and stores that were in Gettysburg and the surrounding communities during the battle.

On June 27, 1863 General John Gordon's Georgia Brigade was marching east from Gettysburg on the York Pike. About ten miles east of Gettysburg they would enter the town of New Oxford. Prominent on the square would be two buildings, a two story stone hotel, the Washington House and a two story brick hotel, the Franklin House.

Sampson Archer built the stone building on this site and ran it as a tavern in 1763 but in 1767 he would be fined for operating a tavern without a license and would sell it to Frederick Kuhn. Kuhn, who had been operating a tavern in York, would move his family here in 1769 and begin running his new tavern. Because Kuhn was also a butcher his tavern would be known as "Butcher Frederick's Stand". After Kuhn's death in 1778 his heirs would operate the tavern and in 1792 his son Henry would lay out 200 lots around the tavern which would become Oxford. The town got its name for two reasons: 1) The sign in front of the tavern at that time displayed an ox head and 2) There was a ford over Conewago Creek west of town. Hence Ox + Ford = Oxford. When the post office was established in 1822 it was found that there was already a town named Oxford in Chester County and so Kuhn's town became New Oxford.

Henry Kuhn would sell his first lot in 1794 and he would also sell the tavern to John Hersh. The tavern would go through various owners but in 1863 it would be owned by three sisters, Leah, Elizabeth, and Catherine Miley. George Shane would operate the business for them and it would be Shane who watched Gordon's Confederates march through the square. Luckily for Shane and the Miley sisters, Gordon would not linger in New Oxford, he was hurrying to reach York and rejoin his commander Jubal Early. Hence the Washington and the Franklin suffered little if any loss from the visiting Confederates.

The old building changed hands several times after the war but in 1887 J. McClain Gilbert would purchase it. Gilbert had no intention of running a hotel or tavern, he would use it as a hardware store. Gilbert would also change the appearance of the building by converting it into a Victorian home but in doing this most of the old stone building would be demolished. Today there are only a few remnants left from the old building but it is still maintained and preserved on the square because of its historic significance. The tavern in the old building had been in operation for 124 years (1763 - 1887).

On the northeast side of the square stood the Franklin House. Although built in 1856 the site had been occupied by a tavern years before. In 1794 Frederick Boyer bought Lot 49 from Henry Kuhn and he would erect a log building here. From 1801 to 1809 Boyer would run both a tavern and store in the building. Daniel Dunkel would buy it in 1810 and he too would run it as a tavern and store. In the early 1800's there were five taverns in operation around the square and of course some would not last. In 1817 the building was sold again but the new owner would only use it as a store. Jacob Martin would acquire it in 1830 and he would run it as a store until 1856 when he decides to get into the hotel business. He demolishes the old log structure and builds a new two story brick hotel which he names the Franklin House. J.H. Weist would purchase the Franklin in 1867 and it would be



Photo courtesy Tim Smith.

The Washington in the 1859. The oldest photo we have of a tavern in Adams County.



Photo courtesy of the ACHS.

The Washington in the 1870s.



Photo courtesy of the ACHS.

The Franklin/Eagle Hotel.

Weist who would add a third story and rename it the Eagle Hotel. The old hotel, now known as the Park Hotel, is still in operation on the square having served the community for 156 years, the last of the old taverns on the square in New Oxford. 🇺🇸



MAY LONG Stuff to do in the area

May 4-6. 3rd Annual Sparks in the Park Civil War living history & reenactment at Derry Township Community Park, Lewistown. Civil War Ball Saturday night. Sponsored by 148th Pennsylvania Regt. Field Hospital & Venture Crew. For information, Richard Lamar, pal148surg@yahoo.com.

May 5. Start of season's Saturday Underground Railroad Tours of McAllister's Mill in Gettysburg through August, 11 a.m. from MacDuffer's Adventure Golf parking lot. Donations accepted. Sponsored by Historic Preservation Society of Gettysburg Adams County. For information, 717-334-5185; HGACOnline.org. For special arrangements or group tours at other times, 717-659-8827.

May 5-6. 149th Anniversary of Battle of Fairfield Registration \$10 by April 15, \$15 after, includes Saturday evening dinner. For information, registration forms, ALHES1776@yahoo.com and Home Front General Store, Gettysburg.

May 5-6. Season opening of Pry House Field Hospital and General McClellan's Headquarters at Antietam National Battlefield, Sharpsburg. Exhibits on development of field hospital system & civilians, barn field hospital, period herb garden. For information, National Museum of Civil War Medicine, 301-416-2395; civilwarmed.org.

May 8. 150 Years Ago ... On This Day Battle of McDowell tour from Highland County Museum & Civil War Orientation Center, 4 p.m. Car caravan tour of key sites led by Ranger Eric Campbell. Free. Sponsored by Cedar Creek & Belle Grove National Historical Park & Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation. For information, 540-740-4545; theder@svbf.org; ShenandoahAtWar.org.

May 18. North-South Skirmish Association 125th National Competition near Winchester. Uniformed competitors in 200 units. Live-fire musket, carbine, revolver, mortar & cannon matches plus special sesquicentennial events. Free, food, sutlers. For information, n-ssa.org.

May 19. John Scott Adams Seminar Series 1862: All Hell Breaks Loose lecture & field program conducted by guide Joe Mieczkowski at Gettysburg National Military Park. Sponsored by Gettysburg Foundation. For information, registration, 717-339-2161, dwarden@gettysburgfoundation.org; gettysburgfoundation.org.

May 26. Stonewall Stopped: Jackson's 1862 Valley Campaign at Lower Town, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, 10-4. Living history, ranger-led programs, activities. For information, nps.gov/hafe.

June 2. Bank's Fort and the Valley Campaign program at the intersection of North Street and Bank's Fort Road, Strasburg, 11 a.m. About the earthwork fortification and its role in Valley Campaign. Free. Presented by Strasburg Heritage Association & Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation. For information, 540-740-4545, theder@svbf.org; ShenandoahAtWar.org.

June 2. Civil War Reunion at Pennypacker Mills, Schwenksville. Friday school day, battles, artillery & civilian demonstrations, speakers, music. Tours of mansion, home of Civil War veteran & Governor Samuel Pennypacker. Black powder allowance. Friday participants no fee, \$2 before May 1, \$10 after. Free admission. For information, registration, 610-287-9349; civilwarreunion.

June 9. The Medicine of Andersonville Prison talk by Joseph Ber- man, M.D. at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Frederick, 2-3. Free with admission. For information, 301-695-1864 Ext. 14, Education@CivilWarMed.org; CivilWarMed.org.

June 9. Civil War Ball at the Village Hall, Fairfield, 8-11. Music by Smash the Windows, Briant & Karin Bohleke dance instructors. \$15, reservations required. For information, civilwardance@earthlink.net.

June 22-24. Corset class at Genteel Arts, Gettysburg. For information, 717-337-0283; genteelarts.com.

June 22-24. 11th Annual March to Destiny in downtown historic Shippensburg. Events portray late June 1863 Confederate occupation. Living history, street skirmish, battle, firing drills, memorial service, community breakfast, music, Civil War ball, children's activities, speakers, artists, parade, church service, wagon rides. Bounty for horses & artillery. For information, Tammy Butler, 717-940-4986; sutlers: marylandsutler@pa.net; registration: marchtodestiny.org.

June 22-24. 3rd Annual Early American Banjo Conference at Pry House Field Hospital & General McClellan's Headquarters, Antietam Battlefield. Lectures, workshop, construction. \$40 limited to 40. Public concert Saturday 5 p.m. Admission \$5 over age 14, \$3 under. Concert proceeds benefit National Museum of Civil War Medicine. For information, 301-416-2395; civilwarmed.org.

June 23-24. 149th Anniversary Battle of Westminister & 9th Annual Corbit's Charge Commemorative Weekend at Multi-Service Center grounds, Westminister. Saturday 10-8, Sunday 10-4. Military, medical & civilian demonstrations, authors, displays, Saturday parade, baseball. Wreath layings at battle monument and grave. Sunday church service. Free. For information, Stan Ruchlewicz.

June 29 - July 138th Annual Gettysburg Civil War Collectors' Show, Allstar Complex at Eisenhower Inn, Gettysburg. Friday VIP passes \$100, 12-7 p.m. Saturday 10-5 & Sunday 9-2, \$7 age 12 and older. Sponsored by Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Assn. For information, Bill or Brendan Synnamon, 717-334-2350, bill@uniondb.com, City of Westminister, 410-876-6322; Ron Kuehne, Pipe Creek Civil War Round Table, 410-876-8249, ronk@pccwrt.org; pccwrt.org/Corbit'sCharge.

June 29-July 1. Sacred Trust Lecture Series and Book Signing Event with authors, historians, rangers and others on battle of Gettysburg. Free. Sponsored by Gettysburg Foundation. For information, (717) 339-2109, csmall@gettysburgfoundation.org; riverglen.com.

The Civil War Roundtable 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 \$30.00. 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.

Meeting and program schedule for May and June 2012.

On May 8, 2012 – Christopher Kolakowski on *Battling for the Bluegrass State*. The reservation deadline is May 7.

On June 12, 2012 – Marc Thompson on *Lee Takes Command: Seven Days Campaign*. The reservation deadline is June 11.

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>.



Saturday
May 12, 2012

Spring Field Trip
Second Manassas Battlefield

Our chartered Wolf's tour bus will leave the Gettysburg Wal-Mart parking lot promptly at 7:00 AM. Please make sure you arrive 15 minutes early and park in the southeast corner of the lot nearest Wendy's.

Our guide, Don Walters, will lead the tour of the Second Manassas battlefield. Be prepared for a busy day rain or shine. Lunch is a choice of an Italian or a turkey hoagie. Water, soda and snacks will be available on the bus. We expect to return to the Gettysburg Wal-Mart at 6:00 PM.

The cost for the trip including lunch, admission and gratuities is \$75.00 per person. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis. No refunds will be given after April 15, 2012.

Sign me up for a day of learning, camaraderie and fun:

Name _____

Your choice of hoagie: Italian Turkey

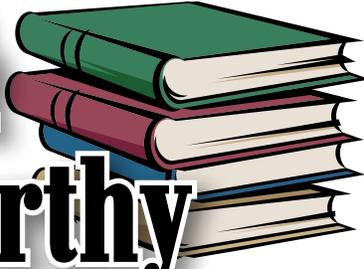
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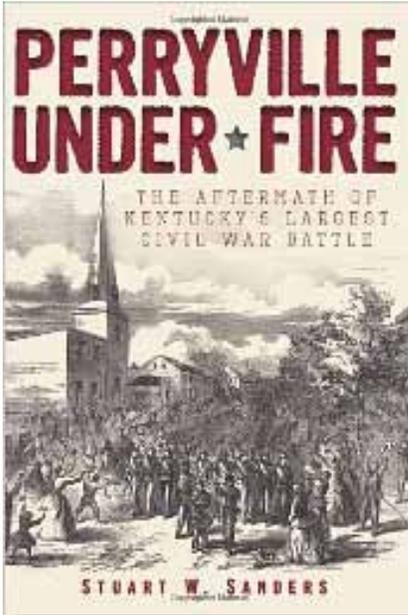
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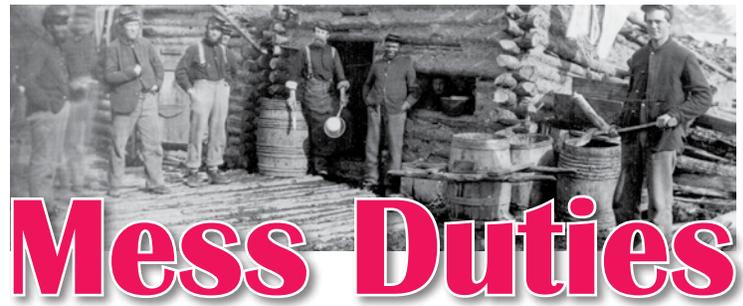
This book highlights what soldiers, civilians, communities, and institutions endured once the fighting stopped. With 7,500 casualties sustained in less than five hours,

veterans remarked that Perryville was the most intense battle that they ever experienced. As nearly every barn, home, shed, stable, business, school, and church became makeshift field hospitals, the burden of caring for this massive number of casualties fell upon Perryville's three hundred inhabitants and the residents of other nearby communities. Union doctors were woefully unprepared for the large number of casualties, a drought and lack of anesthesia accentuated the suffering, and delayed burials made the battlefield a horrific environment. As one soldier remarked, "The spectacle presented by the battlefield was enough to make angels weep."



Stuart Sanders

Stuart W. Sanders is former executive director of the Perryville Battlefield Preservation Association. He has contributed essays to the books Kentuckians in Gray: Confederate Generals and Field Officers of the Bluegrass State, multiple volumes of Confederate Generals in the Western Theater, and the forthcoming Confederate Generals in the Trans-Mississippi. He has also written for Civil War Times Illustrated, America's Civil War, Military History Quarterly, Blue & Gray, Hallowed Ground, Encyclopedia Virginia, Kentucky Humanities, The Journal of America's Military Past, The Washington Times, Encyclopedia Virginia, Civil War History, and several other publications.



Mess Duties

May 24 meeting Courtesy of the Roundtable

Notable Quotables

from Pat Fairbairn

"I must in candor say I do not think myself fit for the Presidency. I certainly am flattered, and gratified, that some partial friends think of me in that connection; but I really think it best for our cause that no concerted effort, such as you suggest, should be made."

Abraham Lincoln

APRIL 13, 1859, RESPONDING TO THE SUGGESTION OF THOMAS PICKETT, EDITOR OF THE ILLINOIS ROCK ISLAND REGISTER, THAT LINCOLN'S NAME BE PUT FORWARD BY ALL REPUBLICAN EDITORS IN ILLINOIS AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY.

LINCOLN WAS ACUTELY AWARE OF HIS SHORTCOMINGS AS A CANDIDATE: HIS LACK OF A FORMAL EDUCATION; HIS SINGLE 2 YEAR TERM IN CONGRESS; HIS OPPOSITION TO THE WAR WITH MEXICO AND ALLEGED RELUCTANCE TO SUPPORT THE TROOPS; AND HIS COMPLETE LACK OF ANY EXECUTIVE EXPERIENCE.

Show & Tell

For our monthly meetings we are looking to continue our "Show & Tell" session of about 5-10 minutes where you can show our members your items, tell

how you acquired them and what they mean to you.

We'd like to see and hear about them so if you are interested please contact John Winkelman on 717-337-0979 or email gburg1863@comcast.net.