

"If I owned Texas and Hell, I would rent out Texas and live in Hell."

- GENERAL PHILIP HENRY SHERIDAN

"Only three men in the Confederate army knew what I was doing or intended to do; they were Lee and Stuart and myself."

- FROM MOSBY'S REMINISCENCES BY JOHN S. MOSBY

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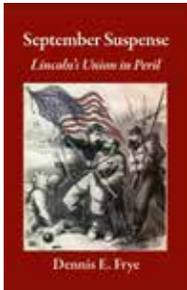


Impending Actions

Information and details about upcoming Gettysburg Roundtable presentations.

MAY 23RD

September Suspense: Lincoln's Union in Peril



September the eleventh has been burned into our minds. But another September the eleventh, this one in 1862, had cataclysmic implications for the United States of America as well. In 1862, these unified states had been ripped apart by a civil war then entering its 18th month. Until now, few have understood how close this breach was to becoming a permanent fixture on the map of history.

It was the nation's, and Mr. Lincoln's, most trying month, as Gen. Robert E. Lee marched toward Union soil, panicking entire cities, destroying fragile political alliances and causing all of the North to rethink the fight and question whether it was best to redouble its war efforts or give up and let the South pursue its own course. For three weeks in September, the air was electric, nerves were at the breaking point and the whole of the North held its breath.

Dennis E. Frye is Chief Historian at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park in Harpers Ferry, WV. Writer, lecturer, guide and preservationist, Dennis is a preeminent Civil War historian, having made numerous appearances on PBS, The History Channel, The Discovery Channel, and A&E. He has helped produce award-winning television features on the Battle of Antietam and abolitionist John Brown.

Dennis also is one of the nation's leading Civil War battlefield preservationists. He is co-founder and first president of the Save Historic Antietam Foundation, and he is co-founder and a former president of today's Civil War Trust, where he helped save battlefields in 12 states.

Dennis is a tour guide in demand, leading tours for organizations such as the Smithsonian, National Geographic, numerous colleges and universities, and Civil War Round Tables. Dennis also is a well-known author, with 88 articles and eight books to his credit.

Dennis resides near the Antietam Battlefield in Maryland, where he and his wife Sylvia have restored the home that was used by Gen. Ambrose Burnside as his post-Antietam headquarters.



SPECIAL BOOK DEAL AT MAY MEETING

Dennis Frye will be offering a special collector's edition of *September Suspense*, PLUS A FREE copy of his book, *Antietam Revealed*. Cost for members at the May 23 meeting will be \$25.00 – a savings of \$22 off retail. This special collector's edition is only available through Dennis' personal appearances.

JUNE 27TH

Buford's Cavalry at Gettysburg.

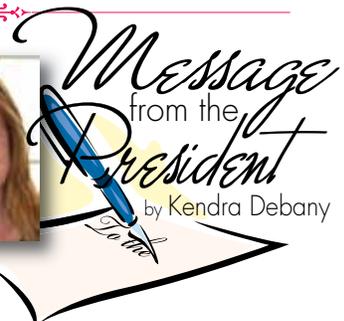
Eric Wittenberg, will conduct a field program on Buford's Cavalry. We meet at 6 PM at the first shot marker on the Chambersburg Pike. You can park in the lot of the nearby Heritage Assembly of God Church, 1573 Chambersburg Rd.

Eric J. Wittenberg is a native of Wyomissing, PA. He is a lifelong student of the Civil War, and has spent more than thirty years in the study of Civil War cavalry operations. He was educated at Dickinson College and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. He is the managing partner of a small law firm. He is the author of 17 books on the Civil War many of which focus on the Gettysburg Campaign. His work has won critical acclaim and he has won multiple awards for his work. He, his wife Susan, and their three golden retrievers live in Columbus, Ohio.



Dear Friends,

As newly appointed President of the Roundtable I can't tell you how honored I am to have the opportunity to lead such a wonderful group through such a significant time in Gettysburg history.



Please join me in welcoming our new Vice President, Doug Cooke, and our new Board Members Linda Seamon, Larry Plymire and Don Sangirardi. I'd also like to thank our current board members Roger Heller, Lynn Heller, Ron Rock, JoyceAnn Deal, Hilda Koontz, and Cindy King for their continued service. And while I'm at it, one cannot possibly say enough about our outgoing board members, John Winkelman and Joe Mieczkowski. Thank you John and Joe! You will be missed!

Join us as we continue to celebrate the 150th Anniversary Year of the Battle of Gettysburg! Come to our meetings, join us on our battlefield walks this summer, be a part of it all! Before you know it the 150th Anniversary year will be past (we're almost halfway through the year already!). Make history by being a part of history!

I look forward to meeting each and every one of you! *Kendra*

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 Thurs., May 9, 2013 at the Avenue Restaurant.

150 years ago – 1863

May – Battle of Chancellorsville

On April 27, Union General Hooker crossed the Rappahannock River to attack General Lee's forces. Lee split his army, attacking a surprised Union army in three places and almost completely defeating them. Hooker withdrew across the Rappahannock River, giving the South a victory, but it was the Confederates' most costly victory in terms of casualties.

May 2 – Stonewall Jackson is shot

General Stonewall Jackson is shot 3 times in a friendly fire incident.

May 10 – Stonewall Jackson is shot

Stonewall Jackson dies of pneumonia following amputation of his arm at Chancellorsville.

May 30

Robert E. Lee completes the restructuring of the Army of Northern Virginia, creating three corps under James Longstreet, Dick Ewell and A. P. Hill.

May – The Vicksburg Campaign



Union General Grant won several victories around Vicksburg, Mississippi, the fortified city considered essential to the Union's plans to regain control of the Mississippi River. On May 22, Grant began a siege of the city. After six weeks, Confederate Lt. Gen. John C. Pemberton surrendered, giving up the city and 30,000 men. The capture of Port Hudson, Louisiana, shortly thereafter placed the entire Mississippi River in Union hands. The Confederacy was split in two.

May 16 – Battle of Champion Hill

Gen. Pemberton agrees to attack the Federal line with Johnston. The focal point of the attack, Champion Hill, will change hands three times, but the Confederate forces fail to meet. Pemberton withdraws to Vicksburg.



June 9 – Battle of Brandy Station



The largest predominantly cavalry engagement of the American Civil War, as well as the largest to take place ever on American soil. It was fought at the beginning of the Gettysburg Campaign by the Union cavalry under Maj. Gen. Alfred Pleasonton against

Maj. Gen. J.E.B. Stuart's Confederate cavalry on June 9, 1863.

June – Gettysburg Campaign underway

Confederate General Lee decided to take the war to the enemy. On June 13, he defeated Union forces at Winchester, Virginia, and continued north to Pennsylvania. General Hooker, who had been planning to attack Richmond, was instead forced to follow Lee. Hooker, never comfortable with his commander, General Halleck, resigned on June 28, and General George Meade replaced him as commander of the Army of the Potomac.



THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MUSEUM

in association with the Smithsonian Institution

Museum extends operation hours for 150th Civil War Commemorations

The National Civil War Museum announces extended hours beginning June 28, 2013 and ending September 1, 2013. The Museum will be open to the public:

9AM – 6PMMonday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

9AM – 8PM Wednesday

10AM – 5PM Sunday

Museum CEO, Wayne E. Motts, calls this “An extraordinary opportunity to continue our mission to inspire a passion for learning and continuing education as it relates to the Civil War.”

New exhibit opens in May

A new exhibit *In the Service of our Nation: Conscription during the Civil War*, opening on May 15, 2013 with a wine and cheese reception 5:30PM – 7:30PM. The new exhibit will examine the events and reasoning that led the Union and Confederate governments to pass conscription acts during the Civil War, exemptions attached to them, and the reaction of the people.

Dr. Robert Sandow will present *PA Draft Resistance* in our education gallery, main floor at 6:00pm, with a question & answer period to follow.

Admission to the reception is \$10 per person with complimentary admission for Museum members. Reservations must be made by contacting Brian Guerrisi at 717.260.1861 x. 1130 or bguerrisi@nationalcivilwarmuseum.org by May 10, 2013.

2013 Spring/Summer Living History Schedule

Encampments include Confederate dismounted cavalry, Confederate & Union infantry units, loading and firing demonstrations and much more!

Living history schedule*

April 13-14 Palmetto Guard & Pennsylvania Bucktails

April 27-28 Palmetto Guard

June 1-2 Confederation of Union Generals

June 8-9 Federal Generals

June 15-16 44th Georgia

June 22-23 27th New Jersey

July 27-28 Palmetto Guard

August 3-4 4th North Carolina Cavalry

September 14-15 Confederation of Union Generals

September 28-29 7th Tennessee Co. A

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 1PM & 3PM.

*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.

Zephaniah Herbert Tavern

This is an ongoing 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 December 18, 1800 William Miller will sell one of this properties in Fairfield to John McGinley for 350 pounds. Based on the amount that was paid it appears that there was a building on this site already. McGinley was a storekeeper and he will use this building as his store. After his death McGinley's heirs will sell the building and an ad in the Centinel on December 6, 1811 would read

"A large convenient dwelling house (which was long occupied as a tavern), a store house, stabling and sheds; a good well of water near the kitchen". As McGinley was a storekeeper when was it used as a tavern? Possibly William Miller who had a tavern license from 1795 to 1797 used this location for his tavern before selling it.

In May 1812 Zephaniah Herbert will purchase the property and he will open a tavern here in 1813. He would be followed by James McKesson, John McKesson, James Paxton, Thomas Miller, and James Reed but after 1835 it appears that the building will no longer be used as a tavern and is now being used as a residence.

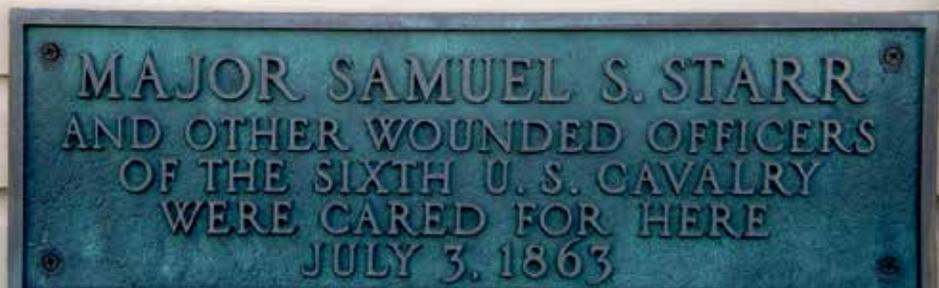


At the time of the Civil War the house was the residence of Sarah Blythe and her house would become a field hospital after the cavalry fight in Fairfield. On July 3, 1863 Major Samuel Starr commanding the 6th US Cavalry will ride into Fairfield. He had received reports of a Confederate wagon train in the area and he was hoping to capture it. Just north of town Starr would find the wagons he was seeking but he also found the Virginia Cavalry Brigade of General Grumble Jones. After some initial success the outnumbered Union cavalry will be routed taking many casualties

including Major Starr. The wounded major will be brought to the Blythe house on Main Street along with other wounded. Starr had taken a saber blow to the head and a pistol ball in his right arm. Unfortunately the surgeon could not save the arm, so it was amputated and buried in Sarah Blythe's garden.

Major Starr survived the amputation and was exchanged in September 1863 but he had problems. According to local resident and historian Frank Moore there was a story that the arm that was left behind in the Blythe garden when Starr was removed from Fairfield later caused the major trouble. Starr said that the arm he had lost was hurting and he and some companions came back to Fairfield to look for the arm. He claimed they found it buried in a cramped position, reburied it, and as far as is known the major never had any trouble with that arm again. (Gettysburg Times article August 23, 1957)

Today the old tavern is still standing on Main Street in Fairfield as a private residence with a bronze memorial plaque, dedicated in 1965, which tells about Major Starr's wounding and the events that occurred there 150 years ago. 🇺🇸



“He has lost his left arm; but I have lost my right arm.”

– General Robert E. Lee

submitted by Joe Mieczkowski

In the dark on May 2, 1863, having completed his successful attack on the Union right flank near Chancellorsville, Confederate General Thomas J. “Stonewall” Jackson, rode beyond his lines to personally review the Union position. Mistaken identity, coupled with the confusion, ended with a volley of “friendly fire” as Confederate bullets sliced through the woods around him.

Three balls hit Jackson, two of which shattered his left arm. He was taken to a field hospital at Wilderness Tavern, five miles to the rear, where doctors amputated his damaged limb the following morning. Eventually, Jackson was transported more than 26 miles to Guinea Station, where it was hoped he would board a train for Richmond. He never made it. Pneumonia set in, and on May 10, 1863, the general died in a small plantation outbuilding along the side of the tracks. His remains were taken to Lexington, Va., where he is buried.

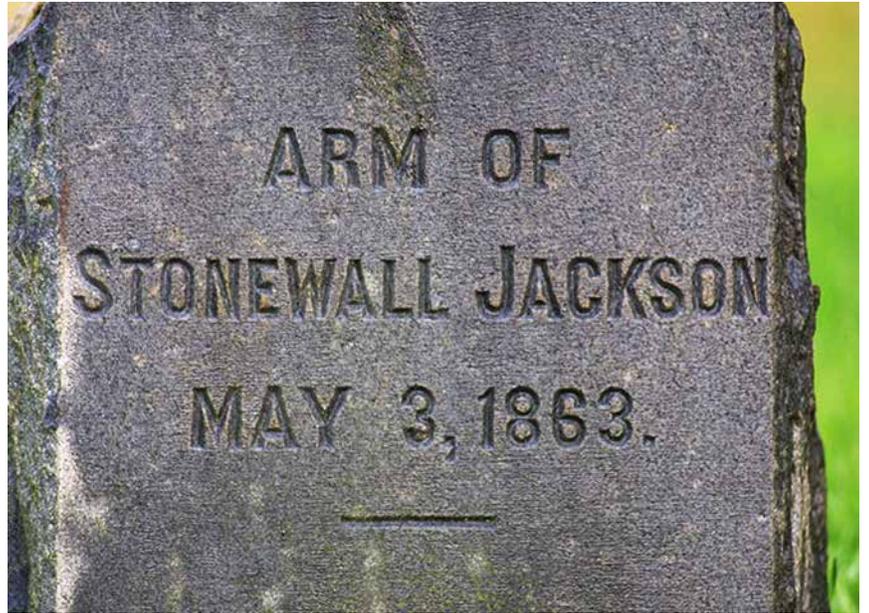
In a small family cemetery on the Ellwood plantation, located on the eastern edge of Orange County, Va., stands a simple granite marker. It is the only marker in the cemetery. Carved into the stone is “Arm of Stonewall Jackson, May 3, 1863.”

Following Jackson’s amputation, a soldier of Jackson’s Second Corps, paid a visit to the hospital, where he discovered his General’s amputated limb. The soldier wrapped it in a blanket and rode the one mile to his brother’s home, Ellwood. There, he buried the severed limb in the family cemetery.

In later years another member of Jackson’s staff, Lieutenant James Power Smith, settled in Fredericksburg. In 1903 Smith placed several

granite markers on the local battlefields to mark important locations. One of those markers is the one that now stands in Ellwood’s cemetery.

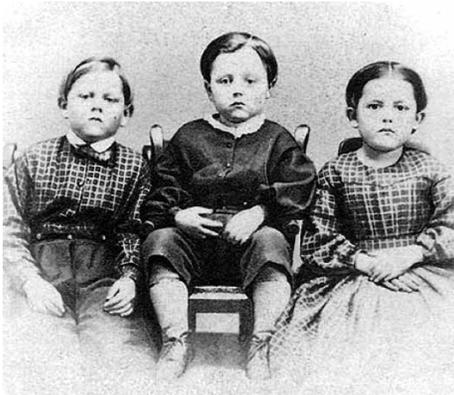
For some reason, Jackson’s arm was not reunited with the rest of his remains in Lexington.



The site is maintained by Friends of Wilderness Battlefield and is open on weekends from May through late October. For more information check the park’s website at nps.gov/frsp/ellwood.htm.



Of life and death



One-time harness maker Amos Humiston of New York survived Chancellorsville but died on the first day at Gettysburg. Retreating through the streets of the town with other members of his brigade, he took a bullet from an unidentified source. Not until he had lain on the cobblestones for several days did a burial detail find the dead sergeant, clutching a photograph of two small boys and a small girl.

Authorities seeking to locate Humiston’s family circulated the photograph throughout the North. His widow and children were eventually found and notified of his death. By that time, hundreds of copies of the photo found in the dead man’s hand were treasured as souvenirs of the war. So much interest was generated by eight-year-old Franklin, his small sister Alice, and brother Frederick that a movement was launched to establish a home for the orphans of Federal soldiers. When it was established at Gettysburg in 1866, Mrs. Amos Humiston was the first matron.

Preservationists, enthusiasts, and students of the Civil War

submitted by Clifford Davids

This is a great Civil War Story – with a twist. Go to it directly at:
www.ashevilleoralhistoryproject.wordpress.com/2013/04/10/242-aerial-view

This one takes a fascinating look at the treacherous political undercurrents running through the Northern states in the summer of 1864—just as the final and deciding battles of the Civil War were getting underway.

You can find *The Re-Election of Abraham Lincoln: from Horace Greeley to the King of the Copperheads* at:

www.ashevilleoralhistoryproject.wordpress.com

As always, any comments are welcome.

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Stuff to do in the area

May 1-5. 150th Commemoration: Battle of Chancellorsville. Anniversary activities, tours and living history commemorating the 1863 battle near Fredericksburg. Updates: nps.gov/frsp.

May 4. Cigar and Whisky Night at the Pry House Field Hospital Museum, on the Antietam Battlefield near Keedysville. Benefits the National Museum of Civil War Medicine Foundation. 6:30-9:30 PM. \$75. Registration 301-695-1864 extension 25.

May 4-5 Living history, music and more during "First Call Weekend" Civil War Expo and living history weekend at the Carroll County Farm Museum in Westminster. 10 am-4 pm each day. Fee charged. 410-386-3880.

May 9 Lecture, Gettysburg: Day Three, at the Carroll Community College, 1601 Washington Road, Westminster. 6:30-9:30 pm. \$35. 410-386-8100.

June 6 Lecture, Sister Soldiers of the Civil War, at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, 401 Museum Drive in City Park, Hagerstown. 6-8 pm. \$25 with dinner, \$5 lecture only. For more information go to wcmfa.org.

June 8 Songs and Stories of a Civil War Hospital: Candlelight at Christ Church, 30 Chambersburg St, Gettysburg. 8 pm. Free. 717-334-5212.

June 14 Walking tour, Star Fort and the Second Battle of Winchester, at Star Fort, Fortress Drive and US 522 in Winchester. 7 pm. Free. For more information go to ShenandoahatWar.org.

June 14-16 Anniversary activities commemorating the Battles of Aldie, Middleburg and Upperville. Special exhibits all weekend, Friday evening talk, Saturday reenactment at Aldie plus area house tours. Sunday living history at Middleburg and Goose Creek Bridge and reenactment in Upperville. All free. Complete details: mosbyheritagearea.org.

June 15 Music, brass band concert at the Gettysburg National Military Park visitor center plus evening concert at the Pennsylvania Memorial. For more information go to nps.gov/gett.

June 21-25 Conference, "The Civil War in 1863," speakers, book signings and battlefield tours in Gettysburg, sponsored by Gettysburg College and the Gettysburg National Military Park. For more information go to gettysburg.edu/cwi/conference.

June 22 Civil War Ball at the National Watch and Clock Museum, 514 Poplar St, Columbia. Music, dance commemorating the burning of the Wrightsville Bridge. \$30/couple. For more information go to nawcc.org.

June 27-30 Reenactment, 150th Gettysburg Reenactment, near Gettysburg. For more information go to bluegraygettysburg.com.

June 28-30 Anniversary activities commemorating the burning of the Columbia-Wrightsville Bridge, tours, talks, Civil War ball and more in both places. For more information go to rivertownes.org/schedule.htm.

June 28-30 Living history and special programs commemorate the fighting at Westminster and the camps at Union Mills on the road to Gettysburg. At the Union Mills Homestead, 3311 Littlestown Pike, near Westminster. For more information go to unionmills.org or 410-848-2288.

June 29-30 Book talks and signing at the Gettysburg National Military Park visitor center. Free. Details: 717-339-2109.

June 30 Anniversary commemoration, *A New Birth of Freedom* evening program at the Gettysburg National Military Park. Talks and living history near Meade's Headquarters followed by a procession to illuminated Soldiers' National Cemetery. Free. For more information go to nps.gov/gett.

Association of Licensed Battlefield Guides, Inc. 150th Battle of Gettysburg Anniversary Seminar Series

The Association of Licensed Battlefield Guides, America's oldest professional guide service, invites you to join us for a series of one-day seminars commemorating the sesquicentennial of the great battle of Gettysburg.

This year we are offering seven single day seminars. These seminars will begin at 8am and conclude at 4:30pm. During each seminar you will meet the bus at the American Civil War Museum (Wax Museum) at 8am, break for a box lunch from approximately 11:30 am until 1 pm and then conclude back at the museum at 4:30 in the afternoon. These one day seminars are an in-depth look at various aspects of the Battle and the Battlefield of Gettysburg. Each seminar will cost \$90 per person. The price includes transportation, six hours of guide services, and lunch.

May 11th – The Town of Gettysburg, The Civilian Experience

Many visitors to the town of Gettysburg asked, "where is the Battlefield?" Only later do they understand they had been standing on it. The town of Gettysburg became the focus of the entire world during the 3 days of battle. The experiences of the people of Gettysburg before, during and after the battle is the focus of this program. LBG's will bring to life the horror of war, the fighting on the streets of Gettysburg and the presence of an occupying army. The lives of the women, children and men of Gettysburg would be changed forever as a result of war. We will examine the effect of war on an unsuspecting civilian population from whom we have much to learn. We will examine the town of Gettysburg in the aftermath of the battle when nearly every private home, church and school became a hospital. We will examine the many memorials that exist in the town to perpetuate the memory of those who lived and died in this crossroads town. Expect extensive walking through the town on paved sidewalks.

LBG: Joe Mieczkowski and Joanne Lewis (both also Licensed Town Guides)

June 8th – The Battlefield Then & Now

In this program we will explore the development of the Battlefield from battle until today. We will investigate these changes using a series of photographs and the battlefield itself. Join us for this exciting journey from 1863 until today!

LBG: Rich Kohr

June 22nd – The Assaults on Little Round Top

The defense of the 20th Maine was not the only action on Little Round Top on July 2nd – in this program we will discuss the many attacks against Little Round Top on the afternoon of the 2nd day of the battle including the second attack on the northern part of the hill in the evening and the various counterattacks off the hill throughout the fighting.

LBG: Christina C. Moon and Guillermo L. Bosch

For more information on any of the events immediately above, go to gettysburgtourguides.org/150th.html.

Events from the Friends of Gettysburg

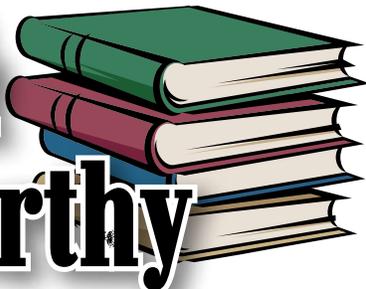
May 4 & 5 Heritage Trail Hike
 May 18 & 25 Adams Seminar
 May 19-23 Volunteer Service Vacation
 June 1 Volunteer Workday
 June 30 150th Commemorative Illumination
 July 1 Salute to the States

For more information on any of the events immediately above, go to friendsofgettysburg.org/FriendsofGettysburg/SalutetotheStates.aspx

Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association

June 30 - July 7 *War Meets Compassion, The Confederate Field Hospital At The Daniel Lady Farm.*

NEW & Noteworthy



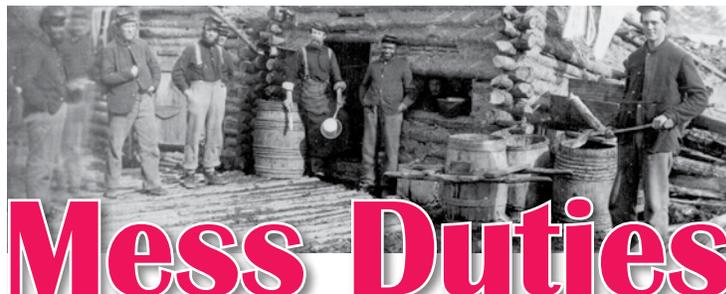
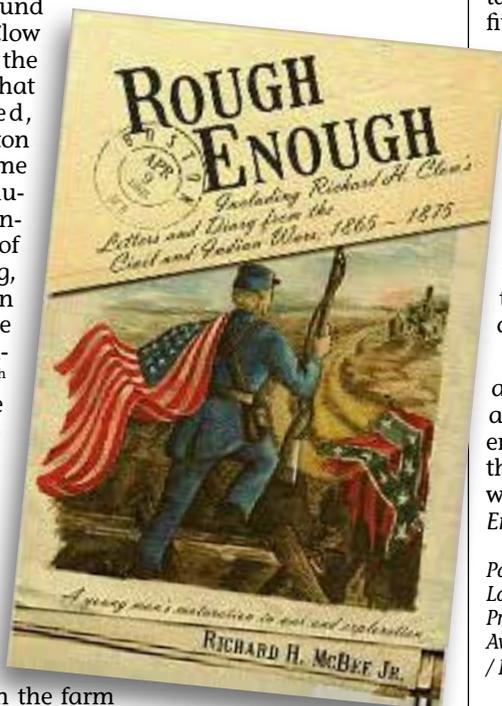
Rough Enough:

Including Richard H. Clow's Letters and Diary from the Civil and Indian Wars, 1865-1875

by Richard H. McBee, Jr. • reviewed by Jim Gallen

Rough Enough is based on the correspondence and diary of Civil War and Indian War veteran, Richard Clow as relay and expounded upon by his great-grandson, Author Richard McBee.

As the Civil War ground toward its conclusion, Clow enlisted for 100 days in the 22nd Massachusetts. That enlistment completed, Clow, still in the Boston area, reenlisted, this time with the 56th Massachusetts. His letters home include the soldier's view of the assault on Petersburg, and the Grand Review in Washington, where he met up with his brother, a member of the 4th Minnesota. The simple words of real-time emotions are found in his letter of April 29, 1865: "I am felling tiptop and am glad that the war is over. It was to (sic) bad about Mr. Lincoln and I was very sorry when I heard of it." With the return of peace Richard tried to find a life on the farm



Mess Duties

May 23..... Beth Hoffman
Then we will be back indoors in September.



but, after what he had seen, he was still too restless to settle down. Returning to his past experience, he reenlisted again, this time for the Indian Wars of Montana. Finally having had enough of military life, Clow found love, a job and a civilian life into which he fit. Gradually moving west he ended up in Oregon until his death in 1926.

This book, like many based on participant accounts, brings out details that would have been widely known at the time but not later. The fact that Union troops would be short of rations because of the ones given to surrendering Confederates, that demobilized troops were given the opportunity to buy their guns and that Indian fighters in Montana would freeze in uniforms made for combat in Virginia, Mississippi and Georgia are things that I would have never thought of. The explanation of the protection provided by Forts Ellis and Shaw to settlers in Montana is an education in the nature and purpose of the Indian Wars.

What I like the most about this book is the way author Richard McBee blended Clow's writings with his own research. I am amazed at how well McBee unearthed the truths behind Clow's references and the historical acts in which he played his roles. Often the combination of a veteran's observations and a descendant's writing leaves a lot to be desired. Such is not the case with *Rough Enough*. We could not have asked for more. ★★

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