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"To a mankind that recognizes the equality of man everywhere, every war becomes a civil war."

— EUGENE ROSENSTOCK-HUESSY
 HISTORIAN AND SOCIAL PHILOSOPHER (1888-1973)

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Impending Actions

Information and details about upcoming Gettysburg Roundtable presentations.

JULY 26TH – Rain Date: AUGUST 2

BATTLE FOR THE SEMINARY

This program will get underway at 6 PM. We will meet in the parking lot across from the Seminary Ridge Museum.

The program will offer an overview of the moments leading up to the collapse of the Union defenses at the dormitory of the Lutheran Seminary and cover the use of the dormitory to treat the wounded during the battle and its aftermath.



BENJAMIN NEELY has been part of the staff of the Adams County Historical Society since 2005 and the organization's Executive Director since 2012. Ben was the lead historian during the development of the Gettysburg Seminary Ridge Museum.

AUGUST 23RD – Rain Date: AUGUST 30

CAMP COLT

Paul Shevchuk will discuss Eisenhower's background prior to his command of Camp Colt, the layout of the Tank Corps camp, many of the structures that no longer exist using historic photographs, and an overall narrative of its nine-month existence. The importance of the Camp Colt experience to Eisenhower's future military career will also be examined. Please allow 1½ to 2 hours duration for the program.

This program will get underway at 6 PM. Park behind Pickett's Buffet along the west side of Johns Avenue. Car-pooling is suggested as space may be limited. Please bring water, insect repellent, and wear long sleeves and pants to deter ticks. Folding chairs are also welcome for those who need to sit as the tour will be stationary at times. The group will gather in the grassy area near the corner of Johns Avenue and Long Lane.

PAUL SHEVCHUK'S life-long interest in American history stemmed from his early years surrounded by the rich colonial and Revolutionary War history of the lowshere he obtained a Bachelor's degree in American History. In the spring of 1978, he accepted a position as a seasonal park ranger with the National Park Service at Gettysburg National Military Park. Two years later, he was selected as a permanent park ranger to staff the new Eisenhower National Historic Site. Over the next decade he served as a ranger-historian and interpreter at both parks. During this period he also authored six monographs on little-known cavalry engagements during the Battle of Gettysburg for the Gettysburg Magazine. He also wrote the introduction to a reprint of *A History of Company K, 1st Pennsylvania Reserves* by Thomas Publications. After 35 years of continuous service, including twenty-four years as a museum professional caring for the Park's famous Rosensteel Collection, he retired on January 3, 2014.



In his retirement, Paul continues to volunteer at the Eisenhower Farm with such events as the annual WW2 Weekend and USO Dance. Since 2012, he has been researching and writing a book on Eisenhower's experiences during the Great War, from his graduation at West Point in 1915 to his successful command of Camp Colt three years later. This work is ongoing.

Hello, Friends!
July in Gettysburg! How sweet it is!

As you are receiving this newsletter, The free Sacred Trust Talks are already in progress at the Visitor's Center. They will be held July 1, 2, and 3, with a very interesting line up of speakers.

Three spectacular advantages of being a member of our roundtable, are our three outstanding "in the field" programs, June, July, and August. I hope you were able to attend Jarrad Fuoss' most interesting tour of the skirmishing at the southern end of town during the battle, and the experiences of the civilians, as they had to endure the harrowing struggle going on around their homes. The details of the July and August tours appear in this newsletter: Don't forget to bring water & bug spray! Start time: 6:00 PM.



Message from the president

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If you would like to bring a guest to any of these summer tours, (free for members), please suggest to them that a small donation to our Preservation Fund would be appreciated. I will be making this announcement at the beginning of the tour.

- July 26: Benjamin Neely – *The Battle for the Seminary*. Rain date: August 2 (see page 1 for details).
- August 23: Paul Shevchuk – *Camp Colt*; Rain date August 30 (see page 1 for details).

If there is concern about the weather on these days, please check our Facebook page, or you may call me at 717-398-2072 after 3:00 PM.

As decided at our May Board meeting, and announced at our meeting on May 24th, we will no longer be having refreshments at our indoor meetings.

If you have questions about the status of your membership, please email Linda Seamon: lseamon@aol.com.

The next newsletter will be coming your way on September 1st. If you have an interest in presenting a five minute “show and tell” at any of our indoor meetings, please contact Al Ferranto: 2wisvol@gmail.com.

Don't forget that our indoor meetings start at 7:00 PM.

See you on the field!

Lynn

Monument needs repairs; looking for contributions

Reprinted from the June 2018 ALBG Battlefield Dispatch newsletter



Licensed Battlefield Guide Jeff Harding is working with a group of individuals in an effort to raise funds for repairs to the 78 & 102 NY Inf. Monument. If you can help please make a donation directly to the Gettysburg National Military Park. Be sure your donation is earmarked for repairs to the 78 & 102 New York Infantry Monument. We thank you.

155th National Battle Anniversary Reenactment to be held July 5-8

The event will be held at 1085 Table Rock Road, Gettysburg. Spectator tickets are on sale now.

ADULT PRICES

Single day	\$35	Three day	\$75
Two day	\$60	Four day	\$90

YOUTH PRICES

Single day	\$16	Three day	\$33
Two day	\$25	Four day	\$40

Bleacher seating (optional) additional: \$15 per person/day. For information, 800-514-3849 or visit the website:

www.gettysburgreenactment.com

THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MUSEUM

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in association with the Smithsonian Institution



Living History Schedule

The National Civil War Museum is proud to announce the 2018 Living History schedule for the Spring and Summer 2018. Encampments include infantry units, loading and firing demonstrations and much more! 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.

- July 7-8, 2018 - 2nd South Carolina, Co. I
- August 18-19, 2018 - 2nd Rhode Island, Co. B

Saturday demonstrations are at 11AM, 1PM and 3PM. Sunday demonstrations are at 1PM and 3PM.

Regular museum admission applies for entrance to the museum galleries.

Go to Museum website: www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org or call 717.260.1861 for a complete listing of these and other events at the Museum.



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, July 12, at the Perkins Restaurant on York Street, Gettysburg.

NEW & Noteworthy

DEATH, DISEASE, AND LIFE AT WAR: The Civil War Letters of Surgeon James D. Benton, 111th and 98th New York Infantry Regiments, 1862-1865

by Christopher Loperfido • Paperback – January 2018

The author will be in Gettysburg July 1, 2, & 3 signing copies of his book.

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10AM-noon

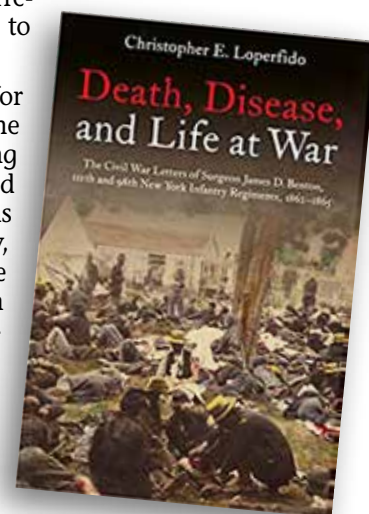
7/2..... GNMP Bookstore
1PM-5

7/3..... GNMP Bookstore
9AM-noon

Union surgeon James Dana Benton witnessed firsthand the suffering and death brought about by the ghastly wounds, infections, and diseases that wreaked havoc to both the Union and Confederate armies. A native of New York, Dr. Benton penned a series of letters throughout the war to his family relating

his experiences with the 111th New York Infantry as an assistant surgeon, and later with the 98th New York as surgeon. His unique correspondence, together with insights from author Chris Loperfido, coalesce to produce *Death and Disease in the Civil War: A Union Surgeon's Correspondence from Harpers Ferry to Richmond*.

Dr. Benton was present for some of the war's most gruesome and important battles, including Gettysburg, Cold Harbor, and the siege of Petersburg. He was also present at Harpers Ferry, Second Battle of Auburn, Battle of Morton's Ford, and Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural address. His pen offers an insightful and honest look into what everyday life was like for the surgeons who tirelessly worked to save the men who risked their lives for the preservation of the nation.



Loperfido's *Death and Disease in the Civil War* should be read by every student of the Civil War to better understand and come to grips with what awaited the wounded and the medical teams once the generals were finished with their work. 📖

GNMP & ENHS NEWS

Exploring Gettysburg this summer with Gettysburg National Military Park Service Rangers

Gettysburg National Military Park's free summer interpretive program series begins on June 9 and offers visitors a chance to learn about the people and places that made history during the Battle of Gettysburg. Hike the fields of Pickett's Charge, explore the rocky summit of Little Round Top, reflect on the words of the Gettysburg Address, and much more on these Ranger guided experiences. New offerings will appeal to first time and repeat visitors alike, such as:

Family History Hike (75 minutes) Perfect for families with children ages 4-13! Join a Park Ranger for an interactive hike across the battlefield. Plan for battle, learn how to march like a soldier, explore the farms on the battlefield and much more!

Lincoln Comes to Gettysburg: Downtown History Hike (75 minutes) Explore the impact of the battle upon the Gettysburg community, walk in the footsteps of President Lincoln, and visit the room where he completed the Gettysburg Address. This program begins and ends inside the Historic David Wills House Museum.

The David Wills House Museum Free during the summer of 2018! Explore the home of David and Catherine Wills, learn what it was like to be a civilian during the Battle of Gettysburg and visit the room where Abraham Lincoln finished writing the Gettysburg Address. Located in the center of Gettysburg at 8 Lincoln Square.

The Face of Battle: The Soldier Experience (1 hour) Over 160,000 soldiers participated in the Battle of Gettysburg. Discover the story of just one, follow in his footsteps across the battlefield, and learn why he fought and what he encountered at Gettysburg. Water, insect repellent, a hat, and proper foot gear are highly recommended.

America the Beautiful: Storybooks About our National Parks (1 hour) Join a Park Ranger for a reading adventure to one of our over 400 national park sites. Begin with an activity, followed after nightfall with a storybook reading by firelight. Recommended for families with children ages 4 to 11.

Coffee with a Ranger (15 Minutes) Exclusively for a digital audience! Join us on Facebook Live and every Saturday morning at 8:30 from the comfort of your home as we explore a different location and aspect of the battle, battlefield, and Civil War. Don't forget to like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter to stay up to date on the last programs and news from Gettysburg National Military Park! 📖

6 APRIL/MAY MEETING CANDIDS

APRIL FEATURED SPEAKER: SCOTT MINGUS • MAY FEATURED SPEAKER: BRIAN MCENANY • ALL PHOTOS BY LYNN HELLER



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