



"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."
 – HARRIET TUBMAN, (c1820 – 1913) American abolitionist and political activist.

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Impending Actions

Information and details about upcoming Gettysburg Roundtable presentations. **Reminder...for all indoor meetings, doors open at 6 PM and the meeting begins at 7 PM.**

MARCH 28TH

MEADE AND LEE AFTER GETTYSBURG



Meade and Lee After Gettysburg: The Forgotten Final Stage of the Gettysburg Campaign, from Falling Waters to Culpeper Court House, July 14-31, 1863 exposes for Civil War readers what has been hiding in plain sight for 150 years:

The Gettysburg Campaign did not end at the banks of the Potomac on July 14, but deep in central Virginia two weeks later along the line of the Rappahannock. The two weeks that followed was a grand chess match with everything at stake—high drama filled with hard marching, cavalry charges, heavy skirmishing, and set-piece fighting that threatened to escalate into a major engagement with the potential to end the war in the Eastern Theater. Throughout, one thing remains clear: Union soldiers from private to general continued to fear the lethality of Lee's army.

JEFFREY WILLIAM HUNT is the Director of the Texas Military Forces Museum at Camp Mabry in Austin, Texas and an Adjunct Professor of History at Austin Community College, where he has taught since 1988. Prior to taking the post at the Texas Military Forces Museum in 2007, he was the Curator of Collections and Director of the Living History Program at the Admiral Nimitz National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, Texas for 11 years. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Government and a Masters Degree in History, both from the University of Texas at Austin. In 2013, Mr. Hunt was appointed an honorary Admiral in the Texas Navy by Governor Rick Perry, in recognition of his efforts to tell the story the Texas Navy during the period of the Texas Revolution and Republic.



Mr. Hunt is the author of many books including the topic of this evening's lecture, which won the 2017 Gettysburg Civil War Roundtable Book Award.

APRIL 25TH

THE 11TH CORPS AT GETTYSBURG

It is very difficult to find historians who have written anything positive about the Eleventh Corps. Blamed for the Union disaster at Chancellorsville, branded as cowards who ran from the field at the first fire, generations of historians have competed to find just the right words of condemnation when describing the corps. Gettysburg was no different. Writers as prominent as Edwin Coddington, the "dean" of Gettysburg scholars, have portrayed the efforts of the Eleventh Corps as once again lacking. Reflecting on this negative image in the postwar years, Sgt. James H. Peabody of the 61st Ohio wrote that "The burning shame of that stigma has followed us nearly twenty-eight years, and will follow us on to the grave, and still on to the end of time." In this illustrated presentation, James S. Pula, author of *Under the Crescent Moon*, a two-volume history of the Eleventh Corps, will offer evidence that the corps contributed much more to the Union victory in July 1863 than is generally recognized.



JAMES S. PULA is a professor of history at Purdue University Northwest and editor of *Gettysburg Magazine*. His books include *For Liberty and Justice: A Biography of Brigadier General Wlodzimierz B. Krzyzanowski*; *The Sigel Regiment: A History of the 26th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry*; the two volume *Under the Crescent Moon With the XI Corps in the Civil War*; *Thaddeus Kosciuszko: The Purest Son of Liberty*; *Polish Americans: An Ethnic Community*, and *The Polish American Encyclopedia*. He was three times awarded the Oskar Halecki Prize for outstanding books as well as the Gambrinus Prize in History from the Milwaukee County Historical Society, Honorary Membership in the Iron Brigade Society, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland.

Hello Friends!

I can hardly believe this will be my last letter as your President! It's been an honor to have been in this role for the past four years. You are a wonderful membership, and your smiling faces and enthusiasm at each meeting are what makes our roundtable so special. You are engaged with one another, and the lively camaraderie is a joy to behold! I have seen you introduce yourselves to guests or new members, which makes such a difference to someone who may not know anyone in the room.

Thanks to those of you who have volunteered to present a short "Show and Tell", which always adds interesting information to our programs. I hope you will contact Al Ferranto at 2wisvol@gmail.com if you would like to do a presentation.

I have always appreciated your willingness to help in what may seem like small things—closing the screen, turning off and on the lights, unfolding chairs—but all contribute to the overall flow of our meetings. I would especially like to thank Richard Mancini, who is always there early to help set up the AV equipment, and to set up my complicated (to me) microphone system, and somehow is able to figure out the 3 miles of electrical cords!

Your participation in the book raffle and your generous free will donations at each meeting enable us to contribute to worthy Civil War projects and organizations. Our most recent donation was \$500 to HGAC, owners of the GAR Hall. Our money will be used to rehabilitate the front door, which has fallen into disrepair. Thank you all!

I heartily thank the Board of Directors and the Committee Chairs and members and the Support Staff, for their ever-present willingness to do what has to be done, their vital input and ideas, and often going 'above and beyond' in their dedication. Each one, past and present, has brought value and quality to our roundtable.

I know you will welcome your new President with all the kindness and support you have given me. You folks ROCK!

Best always,

Lynn

by Lynn Heller



NEWS from...*'round the TABLE*

EXCITING NEWS from *The Seminary Ridge Museum!*
www.seminaryridgemuseum.org,
717-339-1300. Discounts for roundtable members.

The Museum is offering: 20% off Membership; 50% off admission ticket (does not include Cupola Tour). Please show your membership card at time of purchase. Your card can be picked up at any monthly meeting, or contact Linda Seamon lseamon@aol.com.



ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP in April. Positions coming open: President and Vice President. We have one candidate for VP. We have NO candidate for President thus far. PLEASE consider throwing your hat in the ring for this office! We need you! Do you love our roundtable? Then you are qualified! Please contact Al Ferranto at 2wisvol@gmail.com.

REGARDING PARKING SPACES in the rear of the GAR Hall. Unless you need to park here for handicapped reasons, kindly leave these spaces open for the Book Raffle Chair, the Speaker, and the President – all of whom have many items to carry in. Thank you!

THANKS TO ALL these contributors who donated items for the door prize table at our Holiday Banquet, 2018. Please patronize the generous businesses listed here.

Antique Center of Gettysburg
Bill Myers
Blue and Gray Restaurant
Chuck Teague
Classic Cuts
Food 101
Gettysburg Eddies
Gettysburg Heritage Center
Gettysburg History Center and Diorama
Gettysburg Polish Pottery
Hauser's Winery
Hilda Koontz

Kathy and Ron Rock
King James Galleries
Knob Hall Winery
Linda Seamon
Lynn and Roger Heller
Roger Semplak
Roundtable members
SSW Coins
The Dobbin House
The Horse Soldier
Varsity Barber Shop

Thanks to those members that pounded the pavement of town, asking businesses if they would like to contribute to our door prize table: *Ellie Bilz, Lynn & Roger Heller, Abbie Hoffman, Dale Molina, Linda Seamon, Gayle Underwood.*

THE JANUARY BOOK RAFFLE collected \$42.00 earmarked for the preservation fund. The position of book raffle chair will be vacant in April for anyone interested in taking over.

From September to May, we meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at the GAR Building, 53 East Middle Street. Doors open at 6:00 PM, with 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 6:00 PM on Thursday, March 14, at the Perkins Restaurant on York Street, Gettysburg.

GETTYSBURG CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE FINANCIAL POSITION

01/01/2018 – 12/31/2018

Account	1/1/2018 Balance	12/31/2018 Balance
ASSETS		
Cash and Bank Accounts		
Investment Fund.....	\$ 2,500.00.....	\$ 2,500.00
Operational Fund.....	\$ 6,473.43.....	\$ 9,214.22
Preservation Fund.....	\$ 2,105.96.....	\$ 2,198.39
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts.....	\$ 11,079.39.....	\$ 13,912.61
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$ 11,079.39.....	\$ 13,912.61
LIABILITIES.....	\$ 0.00.....	\$ 0.00
OVERALL TOTAL.....	\$ 11,079.39.....	\$ 13,912.61

GETTYSBURG CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE NET INCOME

01/01/2018 – 12/31/2018

CATAGORY	AMOUNT
INCOME	
Banquet Receipts.....	\$ 2,553.96
Donations Received.....	\$ 1,069.00
Field Trip Receipts.....	\$ 1,040.00
Interest Income.....	\$ 35.34
Membership Dues.....	\$ 4,155.57
Preservation Fund Receipts.....	\$ 1,092.43
TOTAL INCOME.....	\$ 9,946.30
EXPENSES	
Banquet Expenses.....	\$ 2,321.28
Field Trip Expenses.....	\$ 1,014.00
GAR Hall Rental.....	\$ 600.00
Gifts and Awards.....	\$ 89.40
Insurance.....	\$ 500.00
Misc. Expenses.....	\$ 479.40
Post Office and Safe Deposit Box Rental.....	\$ 119.00
Postage.....	\$ 50.00
Preservation Fund Expenditures.....	\$ 1,000.00
Printing and Copying.....	\$ 100.00
Refreshments.....	\$ 40.00
Speaker Fees and Travel.....	\$ 800.00
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	\$ 7,113.08
TOTAL NET INCOME.....	\$ 2,833.22

ON THIS DAY IN CIVIL WAR HISTORY...

MARCH 7 1862: The Battle of Pea Ridge (Elkhorn Tavern), Arkansas, the largest battle west of the Mississippi River, begins, ending in a strategically important Union victory the next day.

MARCH 31 1862: With Stonewall Jackson active in the Shenandoah Valley, President Lincoln recalls some of Gen. George McClellan's troops form Virginia's Peninsula to help protect Washington.

APRIL 23 1865: In Charlotte, North Carolina, President Jefferson Davis describes the state of the Confederacy in a letter to his wife, Varina: "Panic has seized the country."

APRIL 30 1861: Like many other groups eager to demonstrate their patriotic fervor at the outset of the war, members of the New York Yacht Club offer the use of their vessels to the Federal government.

Ed Wenschhof Jr. arrives as acting superintendent at Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site

Ed Wenschhof Jr. has arrived as the acting superintendent of Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site. He will serve in this position until approximately April 5, 2019.

Wenschhof currently serves as Chief Ranger at the C&O Canal National Historical Park, which follows the route of the 184.5 mile canal along the Potomac River from Washington D.C. to Cumberland Maryland. He has a wide depth of experience in management roles including serving as Acting Superintendent at Antietam National Battlefield and Catoctin Mountain Park.

GNMP NEWS



“I am very appreciative of the opportunity to serve as acting superintendent for Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site—the parks where I started my National Park Service career in 1984,” said Wenschhof. “I look forward to working with my NPS colleagues, park visitors, partners and the local community.”

Wenschhof worked for eight years at the Gettysburg parks, then transferred to Antietam National Battlefield in Sharpsburg, Maryland, where he served for many years as chief of natural resources management and law enforcement. Since 2013 he has served in several positions at the C&O Canal National Historical Park and is currently the Chief Ranger. He is active in special event operations and served as incident commander for the 150th anniversaries at Manassas and Antietam and assisted with the Gettysburg 150th as well. 📷



“The shot of the day.”

contributed by Dennis Horton & Dave Joswick



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To anyone who is interested, Mr. Horton is offering high quality prints of this photo for sale. You can contact him directly for all the details at: Dennis Horton Photography • 303-913-1653 • DPHphotography@q.com.

noticed the gentleman depicted in this image out of the corner of his eye. As you can see he was attired in Confederate military gear and he naturally stood out from the rest of the visitors in the area. Prominently displaying a Confederate flag, he wandered up to the monument for Confederate Brigadier General Lewis Armistead. Suddenly, as he went to one knee and bowed to pay homage to General Armistead, Dennis snapped this image which Jim Cooke described as “the shot of the day”. “It turned out to be one my best, and most moving shots, from a three week swing through the east coast,” Dennis said. 📷

This article first appeared in the February issue of the ALBG newsletter The Battlefield Dispatch. —Ed.

Dennis Horton is a semi-professional photographer living in Denver, Colorado who likes to travel and document America.

Last July Dennis and his wife were in Gettysburg and scheduled an early morning battlefield tour with Licensed Battlefield Guide Jim Cooke. The Horton's really enjoyed the experience and were complimentary of Jim on his thoroughness and the information he imparted to the couple.

As they all were standing at The Angle and Jim explained how the Union Army devastated the Confederate line with canister from the Union artillery, Dennis noticed

Two CW battlefields in Eastern NC will soon be getting larger

by Martha Quillin, February 05, 2019 06:29 PM, updated February 05, 2019 09:37 PM. Reprinted with permission from the digital version of the Raleigh News & Observer.

Two Civil War battlefields in North Carolina will add more than 50 acres with the help of federal grants announced this week.

Averasboro Battlefield—spelled Averagesborough when Confederate and Union forces met there near the end of the Civil War—will gain two tracts of land totaling nearly 49 acres. Bentonville Battlefield will gain one tract of 2.8 acres.



Union General Joseph A. Mower overcoming a Confederate flank at Bentonville, NC.

“We have been trying for years to add property to both of these battlefields as it becomes available,” said Michele Walker, spokeswoman for the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

Averasboro Battlefield straddles Cumberland and Harnett counties; Bentonville Battlefield is 25 miles away in Johnston County. They were the sites of significant back-to-back battles in March 1865.

Benny Pearce, secretary of the Averasboro Battlefield Commission Inc., which manages the site, said \$75,500 in grant money would be used to buy one 30.18-acre property to add to the battlefield, and another grant of \$47,449 would help buy an 18.6-acre tract. At Bentonville, a \$43,411 grant will help buy 2.8 acres.

All three grants require matching funds, which were raised by the American Battlefield Trust. Nicole Ryan, spokeswoman for the trust, based in Washington, D.C., said the trust has spent more than \$11 million acquiring land for Revolutionary and Civil War battlefield preservation in North Carolina over the years.

The trust has helped preserve more than 1,800 acres at Bentonville alone, Ryan said in a phone interview.

Bentonville, a popular state historic site, holds battle re-enactments and living history programs that sometimes draw thousands of people.

Averasboro holds living history programs as well. Pearce said the additional land will allow the site to hold more living history performers and to accommodate larger crowds at events.

To read the entire article online, watch videos, and see additional related articles go to bit.ly/NCbattlefields



New Members Are Joining
Dennis Doyle

Steve, Becky,
and Michelle LaBarre

Peter and Kara Miele

Gordon Morgan

Melissa Perkins &
William Snauffer

Robert Wheeler

*Welcome to all; we're
glad to have you with us!*

January speaker Paul Krahan
delights the audience with his
“amiable scoundrel” lecture

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JANUARY MEETING CANDIDS

AMIALE SCOUNDREL: SIMON CAMERON, LINCOLN'S SCANDALOUS SECRETARY OF WAR LECTURE GIVEN BY PAUL KAHAN



Peter Miele, Chief Operating Officer and Director of Education at the Seminary Ridge Museum speaks at the January meeting. In collaboration with our roundtable, he is offering a 20% discount on membership to the museum and half price admission to our members. He is trying to get the word out to bring more people in to keep the museum functioning.



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