

"The most important Roundtable, in the most important small town, at the most important battlefield, in the most important country in the world." – Joe Mieczkowski, past president



"The American Civil War produced carnage that has often been thought reserved for the combination of technological proficiency and inhumanity characteristic of a later time."

— DREW GILPIN FAUST, American historian and the first woman to serve as President of Harvard University

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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.**

MAY 23RD

PORTRAIT OF A REGIMENT – 153RD PA REG. & THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG

In his presentation, Mr. Stocker will give the background of the men and boys who served in the 153rd Pennsylvania, correct some misimpressions about the regiment and its make-up, and talk about the unit's participation in the battle of Gettysburg, concentrating on several members of the regiment who suffered death or wounds during the fighting.



JEFFREY D. STOCKER graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1980 with a B. A. in History, and is a 1983 graduate of the James Beasley School of Law at Temple University. Mr. Stocker is the editor of From Huntstville to Appomattox, Robert T. Coles History of the 4th Alabama Infantry Regiment, which was published by the University of Tennessee Press as part of its Voices of the Civil War series. Together with Edwin Root, he is also the author of "Isn't This Glorious," the

15th, 19th and 20th Massachusetts Infantry Regiments at Gettysburg's Copse of Trees, winner of the 2006 Bachelder-Coddington award. His most recent book is We Fought Desperate, a history of the 153rd Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment, published in 2014. A past president of the Civil War Roundtable of Eastern Pennsylvania, Inc., Mr. Stocker resides in Center Valley, PA, with his wife Marliese Walter and several pets.



For anyone interested, copies of Mr. Stocker's history of the 153rd Pennsylvania (shown above) will be available for sale at the meeting. The price of \$47.65 includes PA sales tax of \$2.70.

JUNE 27TH

TOUR THE GNMP CANNON SHOP

The GNMP Cannon Shop is the only dedicated shop of its kind in the National Park Service. This facility completed in 2015 in partnership with the Gettysburg Foundation is a much upgraded facility from where we started on 4th street in 1997. Work done at this shop entails full preservation of our historic cast iron cannon carriages and painting of finished carriages. Tour will include and overview of our preservation processes and also the documentation that we use for placing the carriages on the field.

We will gather at the GNMP Cannon Shop behind the Armory Building next to Red Patch on West Confederate Avenue at 6 PM.

LUCAS FLICKINGER has worked for the park service for 19 years and began his NPS career as a laborer on historic preservation



projects focusing mostly on masonry work, from stabilizing ruins to working on monuments. He did this work for about ten years and worked his way up to Project Leader, supervising projects across the US, traveling about eleven months out of the year. "I always had my eye on Gettysburg as a possibility for when I wanted to 'settle down'", Lucas said. In 2011, when opening in the Monument Preservation Branch at Gettysburg became available, he was hired, and none to soon for his wife and one year old son. "Preservation jobs are not the easiest to find in the NPS and finding one close to home, in Gardners, PA, was even better."

Greetings to all...

My name is Bruce Davis and this is my first communication as the newly-elected President of the Gettysburg Civil War Roundtable. If you're saying "Bruce Who?" I completely understand, as I only joined the group last fall. Sitting in the back row of the GAR Hall, I heard Lynn Heller asking for nominations of people to serve as president. I was too new to even know of anyone to nominate, though it did occur to me the job sounded like fun. I read a written notice to the same effect, then heard Lynn reiterating that the group still needed someone to step up as president. As the Civil War generation was not averse to speaking Biblically, neither shall I be: Like Isaiah, hearing the voice of the Lord, "Whom shall I send?"; I said, with no small amount of trepidation, "Here I am, Lynn, use me!"—quick to add that if a more veteran member—which would include most anyone else—stepped up, I would quickly withdraw my name from consideration. Well, here I am!



MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT

BY BRUCE DAVIS

I like to think this is service to which I am well-suited. I recently retired after 44 years of United Methodist ministry, most of that spent leading large membership multi-staff congregations. My wife Nancy is herself an ordained Methodist pastor. We had been in Omaha, Nebraska, for thirteen years and had no intention of enduring another winter on the plains. With children and grandchildren spread out from the Mountain West to the Bordeaux wine region of France, we had our pick of places to retire—and chose Gettysburg. I first experienced Gettysburg in childhood, traipsing battlefields with my father, and had been a frequent visitor since. While Nancy's interest in the Civil War is limited, she was very attracted to the town itself, the physical beauty of the region, and proximity to the great cities of the east. We count ourselves very blessed to be here.

I suspect one of the reasons no one was stepping up for the Roundtable presidency was full-knowledge that Lynn Heller would be a tough act to follow. Frankly, I told Lynn I thought the Roundtable would be best served if she continued in the job, but she explained that she was up against term limits which had already been extended. Happily, she'll continue to serve on the board; as I understand it, most all the present board members will continue, which is incredibly welcome.

Lynn has kindly offered every encouragement, including coordination of the Christmas event. (Not being a party planner, myself, I am particularly glad of that.) I've told Lynn, I've told those Board members I've met, and I'll tell you: Given my newness to the organization, I'll be depending on a lot of input and suggestion. My preferred method of correspondence is e-mail, the address: brdgettysburg@gmail.com. I like putting names and faces together, and toward that end invite you to "Friend" me on Facebook. Please know that I will take stewardship of the Roundtable very seriously and that I look forward to serving with each of you.

BRD

NEWS from... 'round the TABLE

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT, WE'RE REPEATING THIS

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.

THE ROUNDTABLE HAS PURCHASED a new laptop and power point projector. Our old laptop and projector (a gift from the library) have served us well, but it was time to upgrade. and we found a good deal. Both are up to date with Windows 10, plenty of USB ports, and HDMI cable hookups. The projector has an LED bulb that is supposed to last for 50,000 hours of use. These items should last us for many years since we are only going to use them for our projecting needs at our meetings.

That means we have laptop and projector available to loan out to any organization, church, or social group, OR... if you know of any such group that has a need and doesn't care that it's older technology, we would be happy to donate it to them, contact Roger Heller.

A REMINDER TO ALL FIELD TRIP ATTENDEES: we will leave at **8 AM from the Walmart Parking lot on Saturday May 11.**

THE CANNON SHOP PARKING LOT for the June 27th meeting can be accessed by turning right onto Armory Road from Ridge Avenue. Get to Ridge Avenue from West Middle Street. Or, turn into the Armory Building from West Confederate Avenue and walking down the hill to the shop.

JOIN US AT THE MONOCACY NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD for our *Meet the Authors: Battles of a Border State, Maryland's Constitutional Crisis* Event on Saturday, May 4. This **free program** will be held at the Best Farm (Tour Stop #1) between noon and 5:00 P.M. and will focus on the 155th anniversary of the passage of the 1864 Maryland Constitution, which abolished slavery in the Old Line State. Details on the next page.

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, May 9, at the Perkins Restaurant on York Street, Gettysburg.

Join Monocacy National Battlefield, Eastern National, and the Monocacy National Battlefield Foundation for:

MEET THE AUTHORS

Battles of a Border State, Maryland's Constitutional Crisis

SATURDAY, MAY 4 • Noon - 5:00 PM

Monocacy National Battlefield • Best Farm (Tour Stop 1)
5106 Urbana Pike Frederick, Maryland

Keynote Speaker

Discussion Participants:



Dr. Turkiya Lowe
Chief Historian of
the NPS



Joy Beasley
Acting Associate Director,
Cultural Resources,
Partnerships,
and Science of
the NPS



Dr. Joseph P. Reidy
Professor Emeritus,
Howard University



Dr. Leslie Rowland
Associate Professor,
Director of Freedmen
and Southern Society
Project,
University of Maryland

Speakers will examine the political and social turmoil surrounding the passage of the 1864 Maryland state constitution and the establishment of slavery in the Old Line State.

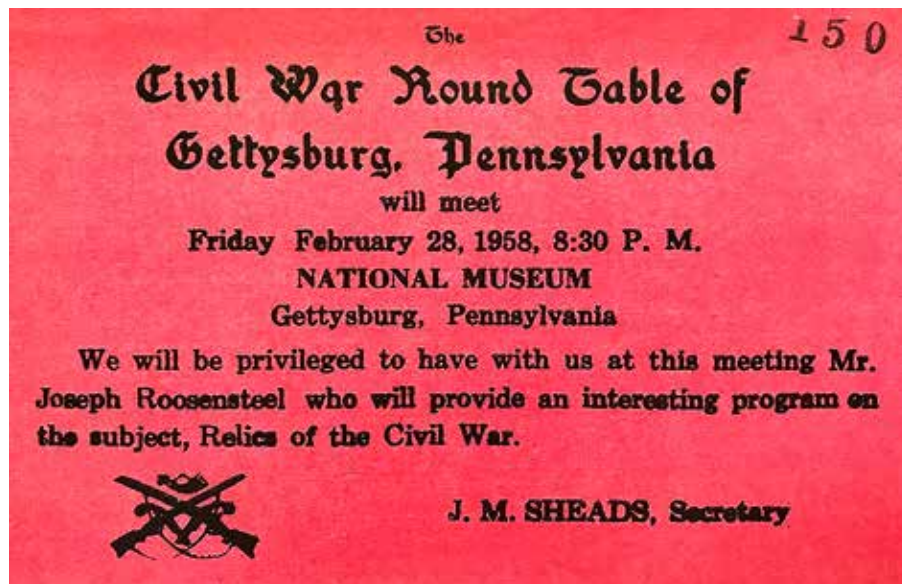
For more information, please visit the park's website at: www.nps.gov/mono • See us on Facebook • or Call the visitor center at 301-662-3515



Thanks, Lynn... At the April meeting, incoming Roundtable Vice President, Hilda Koontz (LEFT) presents Lynn Heller with a certificate and gift card in appreciation of her four years of service as roundtable president. Lynn will continue to serve as a past president board member and administer the roundtable Facebook page.



Super sleuth Roger Heller found this notice in the Adams County Historic Society files. It could be announcing one of the very first meetings, of the roundtable as it was established in 1958. Note the start time!!!!



New Members Are Joining
Annette Bathke

Mel Berger

David Cross

John Dugan

Brad and Linda Gottfried

Dale and Becki Powell

Paul and Paula Wilson

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



MARCH MEETING CANDIDS

MEETING HIGHLIGHT WAS THE BOOK AWARD PRESENTATION TO JEFFREY HUNT



ABOVE: Dan Orr presenting an item for Show and Tell.

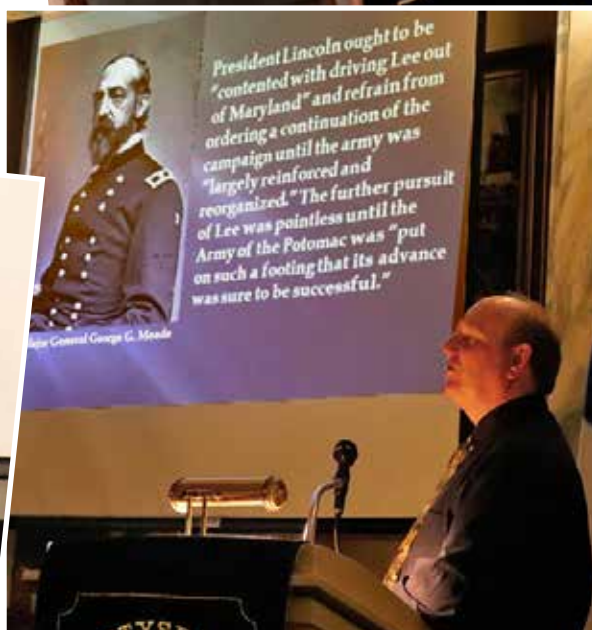


TOP RIGHT: Book Award Chair, Larry Plymire presents the 2017 Gettysburg Civil War Roundtable Book Award to Jeffrey Hunt.



BOTTOM FAR RIGHT: Mr. Hunt during his lecture titled *Meade and Lee After Gettysburg*.

RIGHT: Outgoing president Lynn Heller presents certificate to Jeffrey Hunt.



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