

"We talked the matter over and could have settled the war in thirty minutes had it been left to us."

– A common Rebel soldier made this statement after fraternizing with a Union soldier between the lines

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Information and details about upcoming Gettysburg Roundtable presentations.

SEPTEMBER 24TH

Mike Riley, Portrayal of Maj. Gen. John Reynolds; GAR Hall at 7PM.

OCTOBER 22ND

Ivan Frantz, Pennsylvania Railroad and Its Roll in the Civil War; GAR Hall at 7 PM.

The Gettysburg Foundation offers exciting new volunteer opportunity

The Home Guard Volunteer program of the Gettysburg Foundation has some exciting new volunteer opportunities currently available at the Visitor Center, Rupp House and with our many events held throughout the year! Volunteer as little as a few hours a month or more as your schedule allows. No experience is needed—our only requirement is a positive attitude!

If you are interested in learning more about how you can help, check out the Home Guard opportunities link at www.gettysburgfoundation.org, contact Terri Altland at 717-338-1243 or email taltland@gettysburgfoundation.org.

The 1st Annual Licensed Town Guide Seminar
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SPACE IS LIMITED

For more information, call 717-339-6161
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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 radio station WGET 1320.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting begins at 6:30 PM on Thursday, September 10, 2009 at the Avenue Restaurant.

It's hard to believe that another summer is drawing to a close. I know a lot of folks had the opportunity to take advantage of the various programs and battle walks that were offered by the Roundtable and Park Service as well as traveled to other Civil War sites. The battlefield has also been very busy this summer as families continue to come here to learn and understand what happened here 146 years ago. All of the folks I have taken on tours this summer commented on how impressed they were with the Visitor Center and Cyclorama.

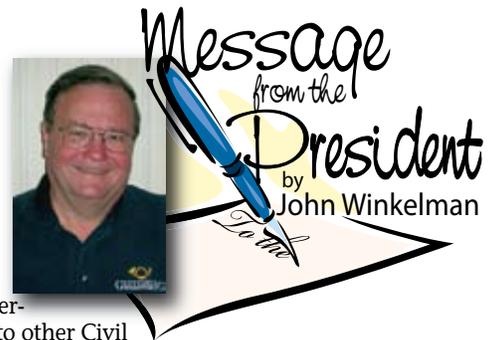
Beginning in September our monthly programs will be returning to the GAR Hall and we have an excellent selection of speakers coming up. So check out our schedule for these fall and winter programs elsewhere in the newsletter.

Also, this July our new website went on line and it is really impressive. We now have a newsletter archive, we can now type out our membership and renewal forms, we have links to other Civil War Roundtable Sites, and there's more pictures and interaction, so check this out when you can. Thanks to Dave and Linda Joswick for the great job they did on this.

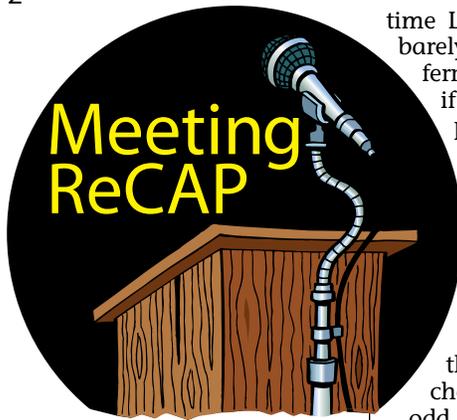
Another area in which our Roundtable has been very active is in Preservation. Over the past several years we have made donations to the Adams County Historical Society for the Gettysburg Room, the Gettysburg Foundation for landscaping at the new Visitor Center, Main Street Gettysburg for the Wills House, the preservation of a book found at the Lincoln Train Station, and to the Sons of Confederate Veterans for two gravestones at the Loudon Park Cemetery in Baltimore, MD.

This July Wayne Motts, the Director of the Adams County Historical Society, asked if our organization could help to restore a painting of James J. Wills. James Wills was the father of David Wills and this painting was most likely hanging in the Wills House during the battle and during Lincoln's visit. The ACHS has the painting but once it is restored it would be hung in the Wills House. The officers and board felt that this would be a very worthwhile project and that our Roundtable would contribute \$1533, which is one third of the cost to restore the painting and frame. Other organizations have been contacted to fund the remainder. We hope to present the check to Wayne soon, as he is hoping to have the picture restored and hung in the Wills House by November 19th.

In closing I would like to thank the other officers and board members for their comments and input so we could get back to Wayne quickly and I'll see everyone in September at the GAR Hall.



John



A.P. Hill/Gettysburg movie make for a fascinating lecture

by John Winkelman

On Thursday evening July 2nd approximately 25 members and friends of the Gettysburg Civil War Roundtable were treated to a special program given by actor Pat Falci. As most know Pat portrayed A.P. Hill in the movie *Gettysburg* and this was the theme of his program.

Meeting at Hill's HQ marker on West Confederate Ave. Pat gave us an overview of Hill's life and his experiences in the Civil War.

When the Army of Northern Virginia is reorganized in May 1863 A.P. Hill who was considered the best division commander in that army was promoted to Lieutenant General and given the new Third Corps.

At Gettysburg, Hill's propensity for getting sick at the wrong time raises it's head yet again and on the morning of the first day Hill is suffering from a severe migraine headache.

On Day Three Hill will meet with Longstreet to discuss the plans for the grand attack General Lee wants to make on the Union center.

As Pat pointed out by this

time Longstreet and Hill were barely on speaking terms, preferring to avoid each other if possible because of the problems they had after the Peninsula Campaign. After a brief discussion Hill turns and leaves. It seemed strange that Lee's most aggressive and offensive minded Corps Commander would not lead the attack and even the choice division officers was odd. Pickett had not seen any serious combat since the Seven Days, Pettigrew had just taken over Heth's division and had no experience at division level and Issac Trimble who had just returned to the army after being wounded at Second Manassas was just given Pender's Division that morning.

Pat also pointed out that this grand assault should properly be called the "Pickett, Pettigrew, Trimble Charge" because two of the divisions that took part were under Hill. If Hill had been in charge of the assault would it have been any different? Who knows, but he did have a reputation for driving the Yankees.

After Gettysburg, Hill will continue in command of his corps but by March 1865 he was tired and ill. He said that if Richmond fell he had no desire to live. He would be shot and killed instantly by Union soldiers while riding forward to reconnoiter the final break in the Confederate line.

Both Jackson and Lee would mention Hill's name on their deathbed.

After this, the program moved to the fields in front of the Virginia monument where Pat shared some of the highlights of the filming of the movie *Gettysburg*. Pat told us how Ron Maxwell was looking to make this movie as early as 1980 and that it was to be filmed in Czechoslovakia and Yugosla-

via using members of their armed forces as extras. Also Charlton Heston was to play Lee and Marlon Brando was to be Longstreet but this all fell through. Perhaps this was a good thing.

By 1990 Ted Turner got interested in this and he agreed to finance the movie. Ted also got to play Colonel Patton and had to do his death scene. On the first take Patton's death looked more like the death scene of Gunga Din on the temple roof. On the second take Turner nailed it and was then called "Two Take Turner". The scene showing the panoramic view of the charge was filmed on the battlefield. The National Park Service gave Maxwell 2 days to do this scene he did it in one. 📷

JULY WALK – TOUR OF EVERGREEN CEMETERY

GRAVE ADVENTURE

by Dale Molina

On Thursday evening, July 23rd, at 6:00, the Roundtable met at the entrance to the Evergreen Cemetery and began a tour of the cemetery by a member of the Civil War Roundtable, Deb Novotney, a retired teacher by profession and a long time Licensed Battlefield Guide. She conveyed the stories that were a part of these civilians and soldiers of Gettysburg or her "Friends" as she called them.

As most of us already knew, the first caretakers of this cemetery were Peter and Elizabeth Thorn. During the war, Peter joined the 138th PA which left Elizabeth along with her 63 year old father to bury those that died. At 5 months pregnant, she buried over 100 soldiers. The fact that the girl born 4 months later was named Rose Meade Thorn in honor of the General was a fact that I did not know.

There were many tidbits of information that I found interesting. James Gettys, the founder of the town, was a dog lover. A greyhound statue was placed in front of his grave but was stolen. Also I found that his wife, Mary Todd Gettys was a cousin to Mary Todd Lincoln, but were of two different time periods. Gettys, his wife, and his mother all died within a few days of each other in 1815, possibly of a fever. Deb told us the original name for the Gettysburg Hospital was the Annie M. Warner Hospital. She also showed us the inspiration for the book *Killer Angels* as well as the "daughter named George" that is inscribed on the largest monument in the cemetery, that of John Swope. There is a Pulitzer Prize winner as well as one of the first Gettysburg Guides buried there.

She told us the stories of Carrie Sheads, Sally Myers, the five Powers sisters, the two Shultz sisters, Mary Thompson, Michael Jacobs, and many more. There were also individual soldier stories as well, all related to the Battle at Gettysburg.

Although, I had seen the monument to Jennie Wade, I did not know that the flag is changed every six months and a new flag is provided by the Iowa Woman's Relief Corps. I also found that Jack Skelly is buried 700 feet from his friend Jennie Wade. I thought it interesting that Deb was able, for extra credit; to get a student to do the measuring. There were also other extra credit assignments that Deb had given her students that benefited our walk and was of historical significance.

If you missed this meeting, although seeing Deb in person and being able to ask questions was the best, you can check out the Gettysburgdaily.com and look at the Archives for Deb's Evergreen Cemetery Walk. We also were thankful for the pictures that went along with the presentation that were carried and shown at the appropriate time by another Licensed Battlefield Guide, Phil Lechak. We learned a lot and the little bit of rain in the beginning did not interfere with the walk. Thanks again to Deb Novotny. 📷

UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND PROGRAMS AT THE ROUNDTABLE

Nov 12.....	Michael Wunsch	Great Sanitary Fair in Philly, June 1864.....	GAR Hall, 7 PM
Dec 3.....	Charlie Fennell	Christmas in the Civil ar (annual dinner)	Dobbin House
Feb 4.....	Fred Hawthorne.....	Manassas Trip Orientation	GAR Hall, 7 PM
Feb 25.....	Ed Bearss	Information to come	
Mar 25.....	Ted Alexander.....	Two Opposing Armies at Antietam	GAR Hall, 7 PM
Apr 22.....	Sue Doucette	Impression of Elizabeth Van Lew, Lady & Spy	GAR Hall, 7 PM

Stuff to do in the area

SEPTEMBER
OCTOBER

Sept. 4, Harrisburg Presentation. *There is No Fail Here* at the National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg at 12 noon. Presentation addresses question about Lincoln coming to Gettysburg on Nov. 18 & 19, 1863 by John Fitzpatrick. Included in museum admission. For information, www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org.

Sept. 11, Opening Reception, Columbus, OH. Civil War Re-enactors are invited to attend the September 11th Opening Reception in uniform. Capital University's Schumacher Gallery Opens Fall 2009 with Lee and Grant. Photographs, paintings, prints, belongings will be on display Sept. 9 through Oct. 17. For information contact: Nichole Johnson, Director of media relations and communications, Capital University 614- 236-6945; Cell: 614-440-9157.

Sept. 11-13, Virginia 145th Reenactment. 145th Battle of Third Winchester Reenactment & Living History, Luray Valley Museum & Gardens, Luray Caverns. \$5 adults, children under 12 free. Proceeds benefit *Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation* for preservation of Third Winchester Battlefield. For information, K.C. Wilt, 540-778-1126 after 6 PM, EDT; www.luraycaverns.com.

Sept. 19, Gettysburg Living History. *Voices of the Condederacy* living history at the General Lee's Headquarters Museum, Gettysburg, 9 AM-3 PM. Encampment, demonstrations, artifacts, first person portrayals. For information, 717-334-3141, generallee@civilwarheadquarters.com.

Oct. 2 & 3, Gettysburg Symposium. Seminary Ridge Symposium, *The Mind of Lincoln*, in Gettysburg. Sponsored by Seminary Ridge Historic Preservation Foundation. For information, 717-338-3030, info@seminaryridge.org.

Oct. 9-11, Pennsylvania Seminar in Chambersburg. Sponsored by Chambersburg Civil War Seminars. Tours and discussions on J.E.B. Stuart by Ed Bearss & Eric Wittenberg. For information, Cindy Baker, 717-264-7101, www.chambersburgcivilwarmuseum.org.

Oct. 16-18, West Virginia 150th Commemoration. Sesquicentennial Commemoration of John Brown's Raid at Harper's Ferry National Historical Park. Living History, music, drama, family & youth activities, ranger programs. For information, 304-535-6029.

Oct. 24 & 25, Gettysburg Civil War Show. Autumn Gettysburg Civil War, Antique Gun & Militaria Show at the AllStar Events Complex, Saturday, 9-5; Sunday 9-2. Admission charged, under 16 free, free parking. Hosted by North South Reader's Civil War & Thomas Publications. For information, 717-642-6600.

Please join us for:
A Time of Testing: The Gettysburg Civilians

A seminar hosted by the Association of Licensed Town Guides.

When..... Saturday, October 10, 2009

Where.... G.A.R. Building, East Middle Street, Gettysburg

Time..... 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cost..... \$59 includes all lectures, a walking tour, continental breakfast, and lunch!

Speakers:

- Life in the 19th Century.....Bob Alcom
- Justice in Gettysburg.....Gerry Eak
- Fighting in the Streets.....Dave Hamacher
- Angels of Mercy: The Women of Gettysburg.....Joanne Lewis
- The Aftermath.....Tim Smith

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- B: Lincoln's Visit to Gettysburg.....John McTague
- C: Dearly Departed.....Joe Mieczkowski

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The Civil War Round Table 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 \$29.00. 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.

Here is the meeting and program schedule for September 2009.

Sept. 8 – Don't forget that the CWRT of DC will kick off our program year with none other than Ed Bearss who will speak on *Most Forgotten & Least Appreciated Civil War Soldiers & Battles*.

Sept. 20 – Put our "first" picnic at Prince William Park on your calendar.

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>.

145 Years Ago

September 4, 1864: John Hunt Morgan killed

Morgan was in Greenville, TN preparing an attack on east Tennessee. A Federal raiding party, duplicating Morgan's own methods, slipped into town early in the morning and Morgan was shot trying to join his own men.



September 17, 1864: Frémont withdraws from election contest



John C. Frémont informed a committee of the Radical Republicans of his "intention to stand aside from the Presidential canvass." He pledged support to the "radical Democracy." Frémont said later he withdrew to prevent the election of McClellan, as election of a Democrat would mean either "separation or re-establishment with slavery." He still considered Lincoln a failure, but urged a united Republican party to save emancipation.

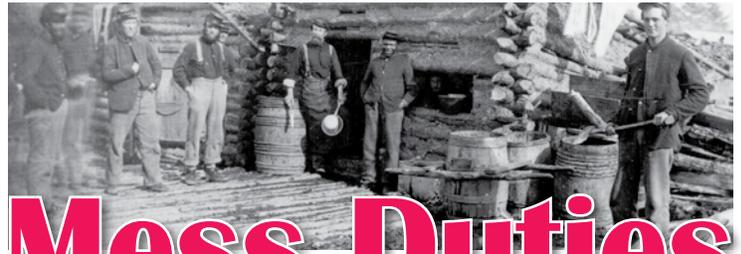
October 19, 1864: Battle of Cedar Creek or Belle Grove, VA

Working their way carefully around the base of Three-Top Mountain by a concealed pathway, and hidden by early morning fog, the three main forces of Gen. Jubal Early struck the Federal encampment at Cedar Creek or Belle Grove. The Northern positions crumpled and some still sleeping soldiers were rudely awakened. As the sun rose and the fog lifted, the Confederates of Joseph B. Kershaw and John Brown Gordon had full possession of the camps and earthworks of the 8th and 19th Corps of Sheridan's army and had taken many prisoners.



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Mess Duties

September meeting: Melissa Harvey

October meeting: Bill & Colleen Koslick

Notable Quotables from Pat Fairbairn

"We are in a trying time. Unless popular opinion makes itself very strongly felt, and a change is made in our present course, blood will flow on account of Nebraska, and brothers hand will be raised against brother! We are in a fair way to see this land of boasted freedom converted into a land of slavery in fact.... I read once in a law book, "a slave is a human being who is legally not a person but a thing." And if the safeguards to liberty are broken down, as is now attempted, when they have made things of all the free Negroes, how long, think you, before they will begin to make things of poor white men."

— Bloomington, IL, May 29, 1856, Abraham Lincoln, from a speech to the Anti-Nebraska State Convention

"War, at the best, is terrible, and this war of ours, in its magnitude and in its duration, is one of the most terrible. It has deranged business, destroyed property, and ruined homes; it has produced a national debt and taxation unprecedented.... It has carried mourning to almost every home, until it can almost be said that the heavens are hung in black. You ask, "When is the war to end?" I have never been in the habit of making predictions in regard to the war, but I am almost tempted to make one. If I were to hazard it, it is this: That Grant is, this evening, with General Meade and General Hancock of Pennsylvania, and the brave officers and soldiers with him, in a position from whence he will never be dislodged until Richmond is taken."

— Philadelphia, June 16, 1864, Abraham Lincoln, from a speech at the Great Sanitary Fair