

"It was not well to drive men into final corners; at those moments they could all develop teeth and claws."



– Stephen Crane, *The Red Badge of Courage*

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Impending Actions

Information and details about upcoming Gettysburg Roundtable presentations.

SEPTEMBER 22ND

One Virginia Family

Ever since iconic historian Bell I. Wiley broke Civil War literary ground with his "The Life of Johnny Reb" (published in 1943), the voices of individual soldiers—and by extension, their families and contemporaries—have played an important role in telling the story about America's transformative conflict. The story of the Towles brothers of the 4th Virginia Cavalry—told primarily in their own words—is in that same tradition. More recently, Drew Gilpin Faust, in her acclaimed book, "This Republic of Suffering," charted the impact death and dying had on our nation during and after the war. Keith's critically acclaimed book, *Gone to God*, is a microcosm of that study, examining how one family dealt with loss and remembrance. Built on unpublished, original source materials, *Gone to God: A Civil War Family's Ultimate Sacrifice* tells in intimate detail of loss on a personal level, something with which we all can empathize. Because of this, the story of the Towles brothers resonates today, more than 150 years after their deaths.

Keith will also be discussing an expanded treatment of Old Capitol Prison, "the Bastille of the North," which features in *Gone to God*. As an intake for Confederate prisoners of war—and as a holding place for spies and "enemies of the state"—Old Capitol served a unique role as the Guantanamo of the Civil War. Keith's upcoming book on Old Capitol will tell the history of the prison and the stories of its wartime residents.

KEITH KEHLBECK is a writer, historian, and marketing consultant with clients in the hospitality, nonprofit, and publishing sectors. He currently serves as a Director at Southwest Michigan First, a regional economic development firm. His clients have included the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Select Registry, Distinguished Restaurants of North America (DiRoNA), Schuler's Restaurant & Pub, Inns Magazine, and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. He has served on various boards, including the regional Convention and Visitors Bureau, the local Chamber of Commerce, and the Marshall Historical Society (serving as its Chair). From the time his family took a cross-country bus trip to visit Gettysburg on vacation when he was 10 years old, he has been fascinated by the War Between the States, its personalities, participants, and details. His wife Ali and their daughter Emma share his interest, if not quite his level of passion for the topic. They live in Marshall, Michigan—"the City of Hospitality"—but have a second home in the Northern Neck of Virginia.



Keith Kehlbeck

OCTOBER 27TH

Meade's Pursuit of Lee After Gettysburg

As a Licensed Battlefield Guide at the Gettysburg National Military Park, one of the most frequent queries I receive from visitors concerns the role and performance of Union Army of the Potomac Commander Major General George G. Meade. Many otherwise knowledgeable visitors to the Park are under the misconception that the commander of the Union Army at Gettysburg failed to pursue the Confederates, who were retreating back to Virginia after the battle. And further, many people believe that as a result, Meade was relieved of command of that army by Lincoln after the Gettysburg Campaign.

While addressing these misconceptions, I will discuss the situation Meade faced when appointed to command of the Army of the Potomac three days before the beginning of the battle of Gettysburg, the condition of his army after the battle, the politics surrounding Meade, and the logistics he faced in mounting a pursuit of Lee's Army of Northern Virginia.

JIM PANGBURN is a graduate of Bucknell University, and completing his 17th season as a Licensed Battlefield Guide at the Gettysburg National Military Park this month, including the past 14 years as a full-guide. In that time he has completed nearly 5,000 tours of various types and lengths.



Jim Pangburn

In addition to teaching test prep classes for the Association of Licensed Battlefield Guides, Jim has participated in the Association's Summer Evening Walking Tours program, and has given tours for the Gettysburg Foundation's Spring Muster.

For the past 13 years, he has served as the historical narrator for the Gettysburg Anniversary Committee's annual Battle of Gettysburg Reenactment, and acted in that capacity for the 150th Anniversary Reenactment of the Battle of Antietam in 2012.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

- Madeline Bartelson • Ed Flannagan
- Maureen Follmer • Charles Jones
- Howard Wallace

Dear Members!

Once again, spectacular Autumn in Gettysburg is just around the corner, when Mother Nature blazes through the battlefield bringing her vibrant shades of golds, reds, and oranges across the fields, hills, and valleys.

And also, once again, we are headed back into our iconic GAR Hall for an amazing line up of programs, world class speakers, book raffles, special events, and the opportunity to reconnect with friends and to welcome new members.



This year we are going to try something new, and offer any members who would like, table space to sell their Civil War related items – your authored books, art work, photographs, or whatever you have created with a Civil War theme.

Your guidelines are:

- You must be a member of our roundtable to participate.

- Your set up time is 6:45 – 7:00 PM; Sale time 7:00 – 7:30 PM inside the Hall.
- You must be present at your table during this time.
- Type of payment for items you are selling will be your choice.
- 10% of all sales will be donated to our Preservation Fund.

We will feature ONE member's sales at each meeting.

To reserve the month of your choice, please enter your name, contact information and type of items on the sign up sheet as it comes around, or call the President (currently Lynn 717-398-2072) up until the day before the meeting date you are choosing.

A very special Thank You to Donald Sangirardi for purchasing and donating the lovely Historic GAR Hall ornaments, which are given as a gift to each speaker. These are not inexpensive items, and we deeply appreciate Donald's generosity.

We have a lot of talent-ed folks in our membership! Let's see what you have! And we all love to shop! Best to you all,

Lynn

Member needed to step up

LOOKING for a willing volunteer to become the Field Trip Chair.

As you know, we take a bus trip once a year, usually in the Spring, to expand our knowledge and to spend an enjoyable day at a site outside of Gettysburg.

If you would like to contribute to our roundtable in this role, Roger Heller has developed guidelines: *Everything You Need To Know About Arranging a Field Trip*, step by step. This presents a marvelous opportunity for one of our members to make a contribution to our organization.

Please contact Roger if you would like more information about this important position: 717-398-2072 or RDH1948@gmail.com.

Notice to membership: proposed change in by-laws

The Board of Directors would like to remove the responsibility of "Program Chair" from the job description of the Vice President. The Vice President will continue to perform all the duties of the President in his/her absence. A separate Program Committee Chair will be nominated by the President, whose responsibility will be to arrange speakers for the monthly meetings January through December.

As per the requirements of our By-Laws, this notice will be communicated to the membership by the President at the two consecutive meetings (Sept. and Oct.) prior to the vote in November, and will appear again in the November/December newsletter.

GNMPP NEWS



NPS Project Update – Rehab of Cemetery Ridge as of 8/4/16

Work continues at Cemetery Ridge within Gettysburg National Military Park. Approximately 125 trees will be planted to restore the missing portions of Ziegler's Grove and the terrain will once again be cut by Ziegler's Ravine, a feature that affected the battle. In addition, we'll return the 12th Massachusetts Infantry, 88th Pennsylvania Infantry and 1st Massachusetts Sharpshooters markers to their original locations. When complete, portions of Hancock Avenue, the Hancock Avenue gate and commemorative era walkways will once again welcome visitors to this area.

The only known witness trees within the project site are being carefully preserved: a black walnut next to Taneytown Road, and a black oak to the west. Because of grading, many trees had to be removed but will later be replanted.

Tree removal has been completed. Crushing of concrete continues for use as fill on-site, and we are removing sections of a 1960s era retaining wall. If the weather remains fair completion may be in October. If not, it could extend into December.



Courtesy of the NPS.

Funding for this project was provided by the Gettysburg Foundation and National Park Service Centennial funds.

THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MUSEUM

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in association with the Smithsonian Institution

Voyage into History with the 2016 CW Fall Lecture Series

The National Civil War Museum announces the speakers for the 2016 Civil War Fall Lecture Series. The Lectures will be held Saturdays, 1-2 PM in our Education Gallery, first floor. The Civil War Fall Lecture Series is included in the cost of admission and Free to members of the Museum.

- Sept. 3..... Museum CEO Wayne E. Motts presents: *Researching Your Civil War Ancestor*. This program will show you how to research and document your Civil War ancestor.
- Sept. 10..... Gene Barr lectures on his new book *A Civil War Captain and His Lady: A True Story of Love, Courtship, and Combat from Fort Donelson through the Vicksburg Campaign*, with a book signing following the presentation.
- Sept. 17..... Museum Curator, Brett Kelley, will offer an intimate look at the newest Museum acquisitions, with an opportunity to ask questions.
- Sept. 24..... Robert E. L. Krick presents *Mostly Gone and Almost Forgotten: A Look at the Many Early Markers and Monuments at the Manassas Battlefields*.

ATTENTION

RT Membership

Members wishing to attend any or all of the programs need only to contact Wayne Motts: wmotts@NationalCivilWarMuseum.org prior to and your admission fee will be waived.

Registration is open!

2016 Legacy Weekend:



Through the Soldiers' Eyes

Registration is open for the museum's Legacy Weekend 2016: *Through the Soldiers' Eyes*. The program will take an in-depth look at the Battle of Gettysburg through the experiences of four individual units.

For details and register, go to www.seminaryridgemuseum.org. Click on EVENTS.

FRIDAY, 9/16

6:30 p.m. Registration, Welcome Reception & Keynote Address

SATURDAY, 9/17

- 8:45 a.m. Registration & Coffee
- 9:15 a.m. Welcome Remarks: Dr. Daryl Black, President and Executive Director
- 9:30 a.m. **Battlefield Program 1** – Explore the movements of the 151st Pennsylvania and 19th Indiana and look at the Battle of Gettysburg at the unit level.
- NOON Lunch & Time to Explore the Museum, Seminary Ridge
- 2:30 p.m. **Battlefield Program 2** – Explore two Confederate units and look at the Battle through their history: 1st South Carolina and 26th North Carolina.
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner, Silent Auction & Special Presentations. Join us for dinner on the Seminary campus, browse and bid on special items in the silent auction (all proceeds benefit the museum!).



MEETING CANDIDS

Photos by Lynn Heller

At the September meeting Ed Hamilton will be the recipient of the annual Cal Doucette Achievement Award, given to the person who best enhances the visitor experience at Gettysburg National Military Park. The late Cal Doucette, for whom the award was named, is pictured left.

Wayne Motts (below left) addresses RT members who made the trip to the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, July 16.



John Zerves (above) presenting his in the field program on June 30th, *The 9 Month Regiments at Gettysburg*.

(right) Zerves and RT president, Lynn Heller, hold the speaker certificate.



MORE GNMP NEWS



Gettysburg NMP Museum and Visitor Center Fees Will Increase in 2017

The National Park Service has approved a proposal by the nonprofit Gettysburg Foundation to increase fees for museum exhibits, the film, and the Cyclorama painting at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center beginning in January 2017.

Fees for tickets are collected by the nonprofit Gettysburg Foundation, which is responsible for operations of the museum facility. The fee increase provides sustainability for the park's primary partner, the Gettysburg Foundation, and helps fund preservation and education programs at Gettysburg and Eisenhower parks.

The agreement between the National Park Service (NPS) and the Gettysburg Foundation requires NPS approval of fee increases. As part of best management practices the park conducted a civic engagement process. This process included a park news release distributed to media, partners and the public; briefings with stakeholders; outreach through social media; and a 30-day public comment opportunity during which the park received 19 comments. In addition, the April 2016 meeting of the Gettysburg National Military Park Advisory Commission included a discussion of the proposal and was attended by 55 members of the public

The park received 19 written public comments on the proposal. 21 percent supported the fee increase; with others opposed. Several comments expressed interest in a museum only ticket. At the request of the NPS, the Gettysburg Foundation will better inform visitors of this ticket. Comments also expressed concern that the fees would be too high for the market. The Gettysburg Foundation conducted a price sensitivity survey that determined an adult fee under \$20 would not substantially reduce the likelihood of purchasing a ticket for the majority of visitors.

"As with any strong partnership, we expect to continue to work collaboratively on operations at the Museum and Visitor Center, with the shared goal of long-term financial sustainability," said Ed W. Clark, Superintendent of Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site. "We thank the public and our stakeholders for participating in a public engagement process."

The Gettysburg Foundation uses revenue from ticket sales, the bookstore, and food services in the facility to pay for operations and meet its other financial obligations, including an annual donation to the National Park Service that funds preservation and education programs on the Gettysburg battlefield.

Beginning on January 2, 2017, the new fees at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center will be:

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| Adult (ages 13)..... | \$ 15.00 |
| Seniors & AAA | \$ 14.00 |
| Youth (ages 6-12) | \$ 10.00 |
| Museum only ticket | \$ 9.00 |
| Child (ages 5 and under)..... | Free |
| Active Duty U.S. Military | Free |
| Group: Adults..... | \$ 13.00 |
| Group: Students (K 12)..... | \$ 9.00 |

The Park and the Foundation will continue to welcome Adams County residents for free on four *Community Appreciation* days each year on Veterans Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, and Ford Family Day in August.

Free Opportunities at Gettysburg National Military Park. Gettysburg National Military Park has no entrance fee. The self-guided auto tour of the battlefield is free. Throughout the spring, summer and fall Park Rangers offers free programs on the battlefield, in the Soldiers' National Cemetery and in the Museum and Visitor Center. NPS student education programs, Junior Ranger activities, use of the resource room, library and many other activities are free. ☎

FYI The clergymen "fought like Hell"

Father Abram J. Ryan, a Catholic priest, tried to win a Confederate commission but was turned down. Undaunted, he became a freelance chaplain who wandered from one battlefield to another to administer last rites to the dying. Within a year after the war ended, he won national recognition for his poem *The Conquered Banner* and is remembered as the "poet-priest of the Lost Cause." ☎

Gettysburg Park Advisory Commission to Meet 9/15

Gettysburg National Military Park's Advisory Commission will meet on September 15, at 7:00 p.m. at the park Museum and Visitor Center, 1195 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg. The public is invited to attend. Since the meeting is being held after visiting hours, access will be through the classroom doors on the far right front of the building.

The meeting agenda includes an operational update on park projects and activities including the rehabilitation of Cemetery Ridge, "Foundation Documents" for Gettysburg National Military Park, planning for at Little Round Top and other projects on the battlefield and in the Soldiers' National Cemetery.

The purpose of the Commission is to advise the Secretary of the Interior on coordinating activities within the Gettysburg National Military Park and Gettysburg Battlefield Historic District with local government and the community. Members of the public may submit comments on the agenda to the Commission Chairperson, care of Gettysburg National Military Park, 1195 Baltimore Pike, Suite 100, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325.

For more information contact Gettysburg National Military Park at (717) 338-4402. ☎

The sights and sounds of combat

At Gettysburg's Wheat Field a member of the 148th Pennsylvania had one especially vivid memory. "I was struck," he said, "by the way the ears of wheat flew in the air all over the field as they were cut off by the enemy's bullets." ☎

Federal Maj. Gen. Lew Wallace did not find the sounds made by field artillery especially interesting. But he confessed to intimates that to him, sounds of navel gunfire were " a source of positive pleasure." ☎

A grand old birthday for the National Parks! **2016**



Article and photos from *Fields of Gettysburg*, the blog of Gettysburg NMP.

August 25 was our birthday: 100 years old! The national parks include 413 of the country's most distinctive places, from iconic scenery such as Yosemite and the Everglades to historic sites like Gettysburg and Little Rock High School, as well as monuments, seashores, recreation areas and wildlife habitats.

More than 300 million people visited the national parks last year, and we're on pace to surpass last year's record attendance.

Founders Day cake at Gettysburg NMP. National Parks are huge economic drivers: Tourism to Gettysburg and Eisenhower Parks created \$95 Million in economic benefits in 2015. More than 1 million visitors to Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site in 2015 spent \$71.1 million in communities near the park, supporting 977 jobs in the local area .

Public-private partnerships at Gettysburg and throughout the system help fund essential education programs, historic preservation, wildlife protection and building repairs at hundreds of national parks, monuments and recreation areas. This type of support helped create many of the new parks, especially the newest: Katahdin Woods & Waters National Monument which was created yesterday and includes 87,500 acres of land donated to the National Park Service.

Let's look back at how it all got started. Established in 1872, Yellowstone was the first National Park in the world. Gettysburg was one of four "national military parks" created in the 1890s, many



Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, painting by Thomas Moran.

Shiloh in 1894 and Vicksburg in 1899.

National Park Service established in 1916. Organic Act " ... to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations ..."

The first parks were all natural areas. When the NPS began to manage historic sites like battlefields there was a learning curve. It required a different approach. Eventually we became the leaders for how to do interpretive programs that tell the stories of some of the most important moments in American history.

Stats about the NPS:

- The system includes 413 areas covering more than 84 million acres in every state, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.



From left, reenactor Larry Korczyk, Eisenhower Site Manager Ahna Wilson, Gettysburg Superintendent Ed Clark, and Gettysburg Foundation President Joanne Hanley cut the cake with a Civil War sword.

- Approximately 22,000 permanent, temporary, and seasonal employees...diverse professionals.
- Largest – Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, AK, at 13.2 million acres.
- Smallest – Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial, PA, at 0.02 acres.
- Total recreation visitors to the national parks in 2015: 307,247,252.

An extraordinary group of Volunteers-in-Parks (440,000 people) donated 7.9 million hours of service to our parks in 2015.

THE LATEST AT GETTYSBURG AND EISENHOWER

Gettysburg National Military Park

- \$6.8 millionFY 2016 federal budget
- \$68 millionVisitor spending in 2015
- 1,154,585Visitors in 2015, an increase of 5.4% over 2014
- 6,034Acres in the park boundary
- 3012People donated 41,028 hours of service in FY 2015
- 61Permanent employees and 36 seasonal employees in FY 2016

Eisenhower National Historic Site

- \$1.1 millionFY 2016 federal budget
- \$3.1 millionVisitor spending in 2015
- 54,377Visitors in 2015, a decrease of 6.6% compared with 2014
- 769People donated 19,934 hours of service in FY 2015
- 690Acres in the park boundary
- 8.....Permanent employees and 3 seasonal employees in FY 2016

As we close out the Centennial year we continue to have more programs:

- Presidential Paint and Wine night on Sept. 22 at Eisenhower NHS.
- Artists in Residence programs which will continue through 2017.
- Centennial Legacy Projects funded in part by the Gettysburg Foundation.
- The rehab of Cemetery Ridge at Ziegler's Grove, including bringing back Ziegler's Ravine and the Hancock Avenue gate.
- Planning to address overcrowding and erosion at Little Round Top.
- Maintaining the historic landscapes of the two parks, including new ideas. We have local farmers, and we've had them for years but now we have them growing grain for a local distillery. We're embracing the "Eat local" movement.
- Possible opportunities to preserve historic structures such as farm houses through leasing, possibly even with public opportunities to stay in the homes like other parks are doing in Cape Cod and the C & O Canal.
- New education programs with support from the Gettysburg Foundation.

AUGUST MEETING CANDIDS

Photos by Lynn Heller



Photo by Roger Heller.



Mess Duties

September 22..... Dave & Linda Joswick
October 27 Kathy Rock

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.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, September 8, at the Perkins Restaurant on York Street, Gettysburg.

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