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*"Chase is a good man, but his theology is unsound. He thinks there is a fourth person in the Trinity."*  
 — SEN. BENJAMIN F. WADE, ON SEC. OF THE TREASURY SALMON P. CHASE

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 Information and details about upcoming Gettysburg Roundtable presentations.

**JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>**

**PETER DELACEY  
 MEDAL OF HONOR  
 RECIPIENT**

Presented by  
**TONY DELACEY**

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**KERNSTOWN  
 TRIP INTRODUCTION**

Presented by  
**John Winkelman**

**GAR HALL – 7 PM**

**FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**MELISSA RABINSKY  
 AS  
 MARY TODD LINCOLN**

**GAR HALL – 7 PM**

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](http://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, January 13, 2011 at the Avenue Restaurant.

At the start of a new year I like to look back on what our roundtable accomplished the previous year and what is in store for the future. First I think our programs last year were outstanding. Bill Hewitt did an excellent job in lining up top speakers and he even has most of 2011 covered as well. 2010 was also the year that our Roundtable started the Gettysburg Book Award. The first winner was author Steve French for his book, *Imboden's Command in the Gettysburg Campaign*. Steve was presented his award at our February 25th meeting by none other than Ed Bears. Many thanks to Dave Collins and his award committee for getting this program off to a fine start.



Our trip committee provided us with a great field trip to Manassas last April and have one planned for Kernstown this year.

Gerry O'Brien and his plaque committee were also very active last year as more people continue to enquire into getting a Civil War plaque on their homes.

On the preservation side we are always looking for worthwhile projects to get involved in. Last year our roundtable donated \$1,000 to help replace the cap stone on Cooper's Battery memorial shaft on East Cemetery Hill.

**Paskewicz Family to make donation to the GCWRT**

On November 16, 2010 John Paskewicz of Windham, Maine passed away. Per his daughter Kellie, John was an avid Civil War buff and took many trips down to Gettysburg with both his children and grandchildren. Because of his love of the Gettysburg Battlefield the Paskewicz family has asked people to make donations to the Civil War Roundtable of Gettysburg in lieu of flowers.

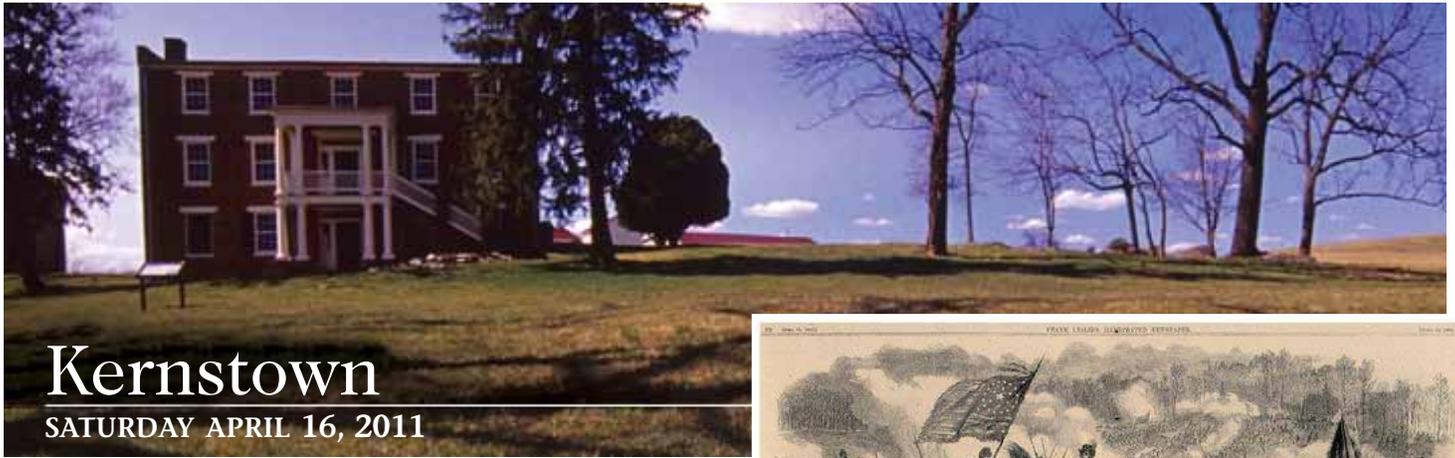
I have sent my condolences to Kellie and thanked her and her family for this fine gesture and advised her that this money will go into our preservation fund. J

So I think 2010 was a very good year for our roundtable and 2011 will be just as interesting.

A major event this year will be our election for officers and board members. Bill Hewitt's term as Vice President and mine as President will be ending, Chris Mieczkowski will be stepping down as Secretary, and Board Members Al Ferranto and Gerry O'Brien will be finishing their terms as well. A Nominating Committee composed of Dave Collins, Al Ferranto and Jack Scott has been formed and I would ask any member who would like to get involved to please contact one of these folks by March so you can be a candidate in the April election. I also encourage everyone, even new members, to step forward and get involved. New blood means new ideas and that is what keeps an organization going.

In closing I would like to wish everyone all the best for the upcoming year and I'll see you at the meeting in January.

*John*



# Kernstown

SATURDAY APRIL 16, 2011

GCWRT FIELD TRIP

## First Battle of Kernstown

This year members of the Gettysburg Civil War Roundtable will get to explore the 1st Battle of Kernstown. While small when compared to later Civil War battles (3,000 Confederate troops vs 8,000 Union troops) this battle had some far reaching results. Kernstown was the first battle fought in the Shenandoah Valley, the beginning of Jackson's famous Valley Campaign. It was also the first and only defeat suffered by the mighty Stonewall in the Civil War and while a tactical defeat it had a far reaching strategic impact. Because the Union had over estimated the number of Confederates taking part in the battle, General Banks' army was ordered to remain in



the Valley and in turn McDowell's Corps was not sent to McClellan on the Peninsula.

We are fortunate to have as our guide Gary Ecelbarger, noted Civil War author and a charter member of the Kernstown Battlefield Association.

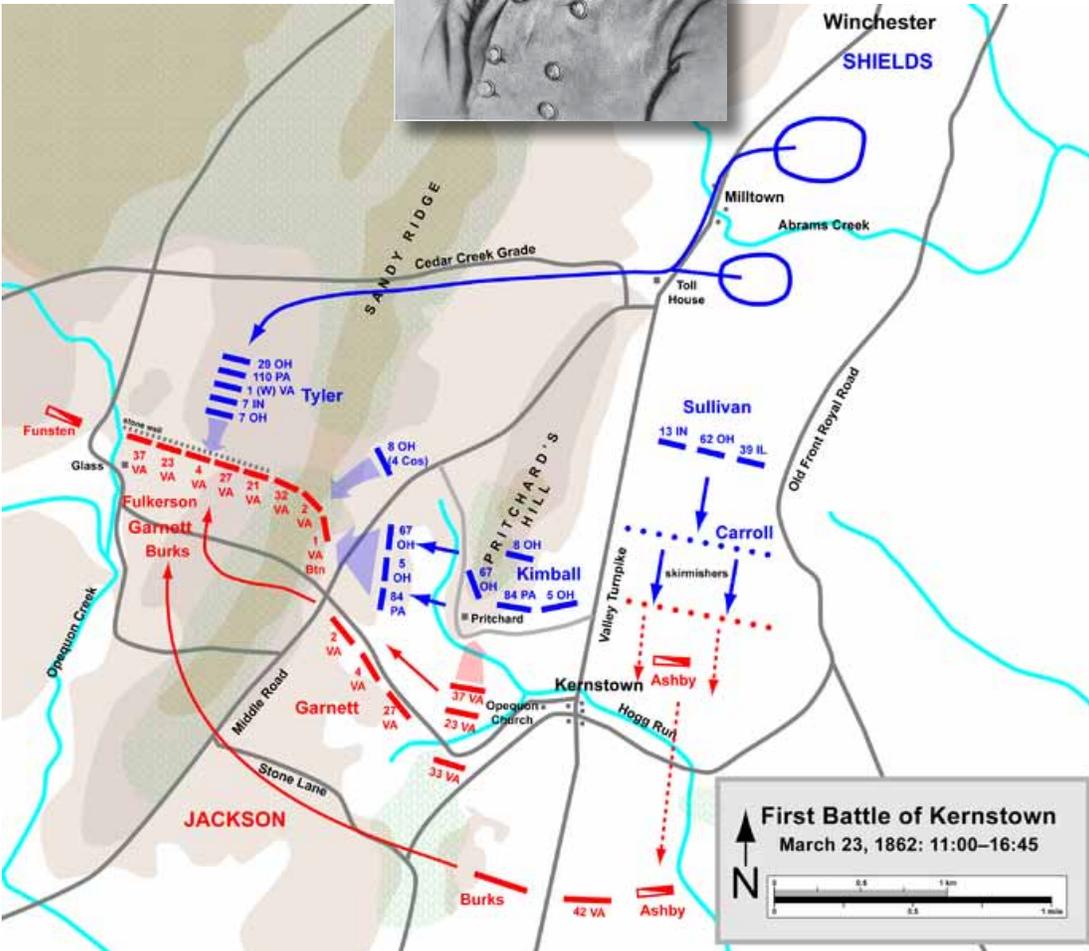
Gary has also written the definitive book on this battle "We are in for it!" The First Battle of Kernstown.

In the morning program Gary will talk about the opening of the battle and the fighting at the Pritchard Farm and Pritchard's Hill. This part of the battlefield, 315 acres, has been preserved by the Kernstown Battlefield Association.

We will then break for lunch, which will be a buffet at the "Golden Corral" in Winchester.

After lunch the program will continue as Gary will take us to the Rose Hill Farm. This property, which saw some of the heaviest fighting during the battle, is owned by the Glen Bernie Foundation and is not open to the general public. Gary will lead us over this property and show us the stonewall that General Garnett retreated from after his men had run out of ammunition which will result in his court-martial by Jackson.

This field trip will give our members the opportunity to learn about a small but important battle and to walk ground that I'm sure many of our members have not seen before. If you are interested please sign up as soon as possible as there is only limited seating available on the bus and reservations will be on a first come first served basis. Use the sign up sheet in this newsletter.



**First Battle of Kernstown**  
 March 23, 1862: 11:00-16:45

# McKnight's Tavern

*This is the seventh in a series of articles, contributed by roundtable president, John Winkelman, on the inns, hotels, taverns and stores that were in Gettysburg and the surrounding communities during the battle. —Ed.*

On Old Route 30 between Seven Stars and Cashtown sits McKnight's Tavern. Captain Thomas McKnight, a veteran of the War of 1812, will build a mansion house on the Chambersburg Pike in 1823. In 1826 he will apply for a tavern license stating that "He was desirous of conducting a House of Public Entertainment".

McKnight will run his tavern for the next 25 years. After his death in 1851 his wife Margaret and his sons will run the tavern.

In 1860 Hezekiah Latshaw will buy and repair the tavern and with his associate J. Hartman he will lay out the town of New Salem around the tavern. Unfortunately there was already a town of New Salem in Fayette County so when the post office was established in 1863 the name was changed to McKnightstown, in honor of Captain McKnight.

During JEB Stuart's raid in October 1862 the closest he comes to Gettysburg is "Latshaw's Tavern" when he turns south to Fairfield.

In the summer of 1863 the old tavern will be behind the Confederate lines and it was reported that "From June 28th to July 4th the rebels overran and ravaged the whole neighborhood and that liquor was taken out of the bar and cellar of Martin Miller's Hotel". Martin Miller who was operating the tavern for Latshaw will file a damage claim for 20 gallons of whiskey and brandy. However Miller's greatest loss was from his saddler shop across the Pike, he would claim that all of his tools and leather were taken.

Latshaw will sell the tavern to Jacob Mickley in 1866. Mickley, who had run Mickley's Hotel (Cashtown Inn) during the battle will sell it the following year to Sam Eacholtz. Throughout the 1870's it will be owned and operated by George Washington Erb.



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Captain McKnight's youngest son Harvey would serve in the Union army during the Civil War and he would be the Adjutant of the 26th PA Emergency Infantry Regiment, the same regiment that will be scattered by Jubal Early's men on June 26, 1863 north and west of town.

Harvey McKnight will survive that debacle and the war

and after the war he would graduate from Pennsylvania College, today's Gettysburg College. In 1884, twenty one years after the battle, Harvey McKnight will become the president of that college.

Today the building is a private residence still standing on Old Route 30, a silent witness to the events of 1863. ✦

## COOPER'S BATTERY B MEMORIAL SHAFT REPLACEMENT

### GCWRT DONATES \$1,000 TO PROJECT

In March 2010 the Gettysburg National Military Park gave Cooper's Battery B reenacting unit and Cooper's descendants permission to replace a monument dedicated to Cooper's Battery on East Cemetery Hill. This "Memorial Shaft" was dedicated in August of 1880 and was the first artillery monument and the tenth overall to be placed on the field.



Cooper's Battery as seen in a period photo.

Over the years weathering has rendered the inscription on the cap stone illegible and the purpose of this project is to replace that stone.

The NPS has removed the stone to examine it as there are some questions as to its inscription while this group has begun to raise money for its replacement. The estimated replacement cost is \$12,000. All money raised will be held by the Pennsylvania Gettysburg Monuments Project until enough money has been raised to purchase and engrave the stone.

The officers and board members of the GCWRT all felt this was a perfect preservation project for us to get involved in. It is for a monument here on the Gettysburg Battlefield and it is for a veteran Pennsylvania Unit that saw action on all three days here.

Accordingly, at our November monthly meeting a check for \$1,000 was presented by our roundtable to Keith Foote representing Cooper's Battery. Other groups are also donating and hopefully this project can be completed quickly. ✦



Cooper's Battery representative Keith Foote (left) accepts a \$1,000 check from GCWRT President John Winkelman.

The three photos below are from the Grand Review of the US Colored Troops, an event that took place in Harrisburg on November 6. PHOTOS ON THIS PAGE BY JOE MIECZKOWSKI.



Roundtable Secretary Chris Mieczkowski is pictured with Governor Ed Rendell.



Board member Pat and his wife Mary Ellen Fairbairn were there in Harrisburg and we got them on film!

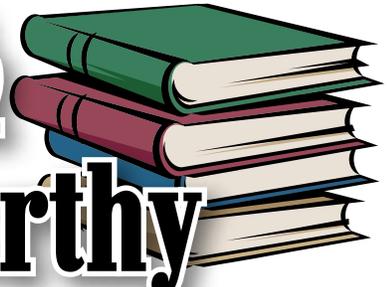


US Colored Troops pass in review.



President Lincoln, aka Jim Getty, at the Remembrance day parade on November 20. He is flanked by David and John Gettys portraying soldiers from the 79th and 78th NY.

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If you receive a Membership Application form with your newsletter, you have until March 31, 2011 to renew your membership. If you would like a membership card, please see JoyceAnn Deal at the next meeting. Membership renewals run for the calendar year (January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011).

# JAN FEB Stuff to do in the area

**Through April 17, District of Columbia.** *Discovering the Civil War Part Two: Consequences* at the Lawrence F. O'Brien Gallery of the National Archives Building. Most extensive display ever of Archives letters, diaries, photos, maps, petitions, patents, and more. Related film and lecture programs, catalog. For information, [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov).

**January 15, Maryland. Lee/Jackson Ceremony.** Annual ceremony honoring Gens. Robert E. Lee and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson on anniversary of their births at the Lee/Jackson double equestrian monument, Baltimore, 11 AM. Uniformed Confederate and Federal reenactors, period civilians, heritage organization, spectators invited. Sponsored by Colonel Harry W. Gilmore Camp #1388, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the Maryland Division United Daughters of the Confederacy. For information or map, Elliott Cummings, 410-296-9235, [basilduke@comcast.net](mailto:basilduke@comcast.net).

**January 22, Gettysburg.** Lee/Jackson Forum & Dinner at the Historic Gettysburg Hotel, 6 PM. Featured speaker, Walter D. Kennedy, author of *The South Was Right*. \$43, \$80 per couple. Sponsored by American Heritage Preservation Foundation. For information, reservations, 410-259-5906, [AHPF1776@gmail.com](mailto:AHPF1776@gmail.com).

**February 11, District of Columbia Symposium.** *The Peace Conference at 150: A Call To Compromise* symposium, lunch, book signings, plaque dedication at the Willard InterContinental Hotel. 9:30 - 3:00 PM. With James I. Robertson, William C. (Jack) Davis, Frank J. Williams, Edna Greene Medford, Harold Holzer. \$40 reservation by January 15, payable to Lincoln at the Crossroads Alliance, 3713 S. George Mason Dr., #1302, Falls Church, VA 22041. For information, 703-820-1904, [meschacknies@latcta.org](mailto:meschacknies@latcta.org).

**February 12, Maryland Lecture.** *African American Surgeons in the Civil War* lecture by Dr. Robert Slawson at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Frederick, 11-12. Opening program of monthly Civil War Talk lecture series the second Saturday through September. For information, 301-695-1864, [Education@CivilWarMed.org](mailto:Education@CivilWarMed.org).

**February 26, Gettysburg.** *An Evening with the Painting* at Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitor Center, 5-6:30 PM. Talk on history, conservation of Gettysburg Cyclorama painting & private viewing with Sue Boardman. Sponsored by Gettysburg Foundation. \$30 for non-members, \$25 for members, \$10 for children 6-12. For information, tickets 717-338-1243, [www.gettysburgfoundation.org](http://www.gettysburgfoundation.org).

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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 \$30.00. Please see the newsletter: <http://users.erols.com/kennrice/cwrtcdc.htm> for a dinner reservation form, call 703-578-1942, or email John Restall at [restall@joi-mail.com](mailto:restall@joi-mail.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 January and February 2011.**

**On January 11, 2011** – Mark Bradley will speak about "Bluecoats and Tarheels." The reservation deadline is January 10, 2011.

**On February 8, 2011** – John Stauffer will speak about "The Legacy of John Brown." The reservation deadline is February 7, 2011.

For further information on any of the events listed above, you are encouraged to contact Ken Rice at: <http://users.erols.com/kennrice/cwrtcdc.htm>.

150  
years ago



January 9, 1861

At midnight of Jan. 8 Star of the West arrived off Charleston Harbor with men and supplies for Fort Sumter. At daylight the vessel crossed the bar and steamed up the main channel toward the fort. A masked battery on the north end of Morris Island opened fire on the Federal vessel.

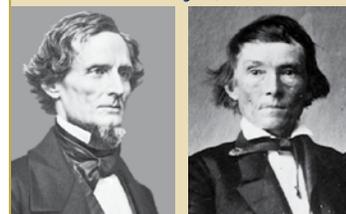
January 21, 1861

In a dramatic and moving scene in the U.S. Senate, five senators from Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi left the chamber. Their farewell speeches showed reluctance, determination, sorrow, and disappointment.

January 31, 1861

As the first month of 1861 ended, and with the crisis immensely aggravated since the secession of SC in Dec., seizures of Federal property in the deep South continued. The U.S. Branch Mint and Customs House at New Orleans were taken, as was the U.S. Revenue Schooner *Washington*.

February 9, 1861



Jefferson Davis and Alexander Stephens elected provisional President and Vice President of the Confederacy.

February 23, 1861

President-elect Lincoln, with Ward Hill Lamon and detective Allan Pinkerton, traveled from Harrisburg through Philadelphia and Baltimore, and arrived in Washington at 6 AM. There was no trouble; the revised travel plans had been kept secret.



Lincoln

Lamon

Pinkerton

# MUST SEE'S AT THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MUSEUM

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## MUSEUM PLANS SERIES OF EXHIBITS FOR THE 150TH

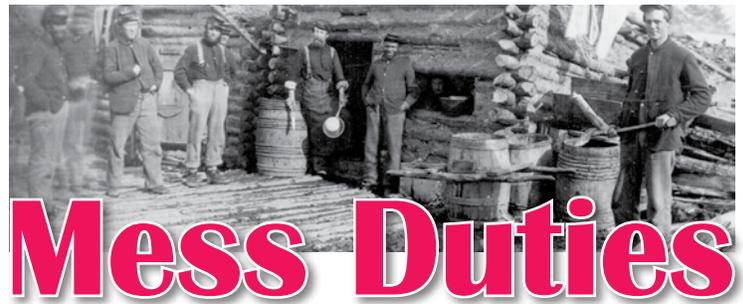
HARRISBURG, PA – The National Civil War Museum announced today it will open a series of year-long exhibits in recognition of the Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War. In January of each year beginning in 2011 through 2015, each exhibit will highlight the events, battles and people of that particular year 150 years ago. The first exhibit, "1861" is scheduled to open on January 13, 2011 and focus on the year 1861. It will discuss the inaugurations of Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis, the road to secession, the Baltimore riots, Lincoln's call for troops, and much more about the events and people that defined this year in history.

These Sesquicentennial exhibits will be in addition to a schedule of two other changing exhibits per year, opening in March and September, focusing on other Civil War themes. Past exhibits have included such topics as espionage, the logistics of moving armies, and illness and disease.

The National Civil War Museum will host a wine & cheese reception to preview the "1861" exhibit on Wednesday, January 12, 2011 from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Curator Brett Kelley will provide an overview of the exhibit content and highlight important details and events in 1861. Admission to the reception is \$10 per person with complimentary admission for Museum members. Reservations must be made by contacting Lynn Smolizer at 717.260.1861 717.260.1861 ext. 1108 or lsmolizer@nationalcivilwarmuseum.org by January 7, 2011.

## Bearss to speak on USMC experiences

Members of the Gettysburg CWRT might be interested in this program scheduled for Thursday, January 6 at 7 PM. Noted CW authority, tour-guide, & author Ed Bearss will be sharing his personal USMC experiences during the Pacific War with Japan. The lecture will be held in the Grace United Methodist Church, 433 E. Main St. in Hummelstown, PA. All are welcome. The program is free, but an "iron-pot" (aka helmet) will be passed for free-will donations. If you have questions or need directions, contact Bill Kim-mich at 717-761-3970. Hope to see you there.



## Mess Duties

Jan. 27 meeting.....Joe & Chris Mieczkowski

Feb. 24 meeting ..... Cal & Sue Doucette

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