

"There is a terrible war coming, and these young men who have never seen war cannot wait for it to happen, but I tell you, I wish that I owned every slave in the South, for I would free them all to avoid this war."

- ROBERT E. LEE, BEFORE THE START OF THE CIVIL WAR

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JULY 26TH

The Fight for the Harman Farm

Our tour will cover the morning and afternoon actions of the Army of Northern Virginia's III Corp, Heth's Division. The ground covered by the Confederate troops encompasses much of what was the Harman Farm at the time of the battle, and later the Springs Hotel site during the post war years. We will explore Archer's Brigade attack on the morning of July 1st, and the Brigade of J. Johnston Pettigrew on the afternoon of July 1st. Heavy skirmishing between Union forces of Chapman Biddle and J. J. Pettigrew ensued at the Harman Farm until the final afternoon assault.



The tour will cover approximately two miles of walking and we will meet at the West End Guide station.

CHRIS ARMY was born in Windsor Locks, CT and graduated in 1983 from Springfield Technical Community College. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix in 2008. Chris has a lifelong interest in the Battle of Gettysburg and in 2005 wrote an article for Blue & Gray Magazine titled "Scales Brigade at Gettysburg." He is co-moderator for Military History Online and has led tours for several CW Roundtables and organizations including the Military Order of Stars & Bars, MHO and the Gettysburg Discussion Group. Chris, his wife Aly and daughters Abby and Margaux moved to Gettysburg last October.

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.cwrtablett.com.

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 FOX Sports Radio 1320.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting begins at 6:30 PM on Thursday, July 12, 2012 at the Avenue Restaurant.

AUGUST 23TH

The Wheatfield

The Wheatfield...we've all been there. Standing by the Napoleons of Winslow's Battery gazing out across the field towards the south wall and Rose's Woods, then looking up to the Stoney Hill, trying to visualize as best we can the swirling action of the regiments and brigades as they collided there.

The Wheatfield...being one of, if not the most highly contested ground at Gettysburg, while serving as the stage for the largest Union offensive of the battle. It was truly a major test of endurance, determination, and bravery of both Union and Confederate infantries.

It is with great honor and respect the Licensed Battlefield Guide Steve Slaughter presents his comprehensive, informative, and hopefully, enjoyable tour of the five major action phases involved with the section of the battlefield known simply as the Wheatfield.

Steve will offer many of his own thoughts and thesis concerning the battle action, while attempting to clear up some misconceptions and question marks about the Wheatfield action. He will leave you, at tour's end, with plenty of action scenarios to review and ponder, along with a glass of your favorite beverage.



STEVE SLAUGHTER – "I was born in a small log cabin in southeastern Illinois, chopping wood by day and teaching myself law by the light of a whale oil lamp at night. Given the fact that I didn't know how to read made the task of studying law that much harder. One day I packed my carpetbag and moved to Washington, D.C. where I became a..."

(OK...better skip this part of the bio; don't think it will fly.)

- Life-long Marylander; graduated from Maryland College.
- American History teacher, 11th grade at Middletown High School, Middletown, Maryland
- Civil War reenactor for over a dozen years, beginning in 1987 with the 125th anniversary of Antietam
- Founder of Co. C, 2nd Maryland Infantry, CSA. An authentic reenactment unit still in existence today.
- A one second role in the movie Gettysburg
- Licensed Battlefield Guide since 2008
- Wife's name is Susan and we have a Corgi and a cat.

It's time once again to celebrate the anniversary of the great battle fought here in Gettysburg. As I walk around the Park, I give thanks for the men who came here to preserve our great Union, willing to lay down their lives so our Country would survive. We're all well aware of the heat and humidity as we visit these fields, but we're not wearing wool uniforms, carrying heavy packs and guns, with only the water in a canteen available to relieve our thirst. Whatever way you celebrate this event, please, take time to give thanks for these brave soldiers.

As you know, we're holding our meetings out "on the Field" for these summer months. When you join us, please make sure you're dressed appropriately, and to use tick spray. If we need to walk through tall grass, you want to have on long pants and the spray to be protected from any unwelcome guests. You may also want to bring along some water; even though we're out in the evening, it can still be quite warm.

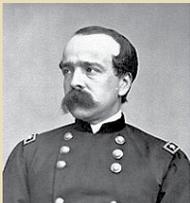
I hope you're all having a great summer, and I look forward to seeing you on our walks!

Cindy

150 years ago

July 1862
The Seven Days' Battles

Between June 26 and July 2, Union and Confederate forces fought a series of battles: Mechanicsville (June 26-27), Gaines's Mill (June 27), Savage's Station (June 29), Frayser's Farm (June 30), and Malvern Hill (July 1). On July 2, the Confederates withdrew to Richmond, ending the Peninsular Campaign.



Taps was written by Union General Daniel Adams Butterfield and was first performed in July 1862 in memory of the men who died in the Battles of Seven Days.

A New Commander of the Union Army

On July 11, Major-General Henry Halleck was named general-in-chief of the Union army.



August 1862 Pope's Campaign

Union General John Pope suffered defeat at the Second Battle of Bull Run on August 29-30. General Fitz-John Porter was held responsible for the defeat because he had failed to commit his troops to battle quickly enough; he was forced out of the army by 1863.



Submitted by Joe Mieczkowski

NEWS FROM THE PLAQUE COMMITTEE



Submitted by Kendra Debany, Plaque Committee Chair

On April 13, 2012, the Plaque Committee plauqued the David Cleveland house at 1003 Barlow Drive, Gettysburg, in the Lake Heritage subdivision.

At the time of the Battle of Gettysburg the property, consisting of 111 acres, was owned by Jacob Diehl, Jr. who had acquired the property from his father, Jacob Diehl, Sr., in 1835. According to the 1860 Federal Census, Diehl lived at the house with his wife, six children, and a farm worker.



Today the house sits on an acre of land. A true historical gem, this property retains many of its original construction features (doors, door hardware, windows, floors, moldings, etc.) all of which were witnesses to the action swirling around the area at the time of the battle.

The house is comprised of a two-story stone structure in front, with an attached two-story log house in back. There is also a modern addition off the back. The log portion retains the original wall-to-wall stone hearth fireplace and enclosed staircase behind the fireplace, all with original doors and latches.



Jacob Diehl put in a Federal Claim for damages done to his property during the battle. (It is unknown what damages he claimed because the claim is at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.)

Mr. Cleveland found a bullet on the property near the front door, which is believed to be a Union cavalry

bullet. He also said that the previous owners claimed that while digging in the yard they found part of a gun carriage. The previous owners also claimed that soldiers had camped on the property.

To learn more about this property, or the "Civil War Building" plaque program, please contact Kendra Debany, Plaque Committee Chair, at 717-334-6375 or GettysburgHouse@aol.com. ☛

NOTE:

The complete schedule of activities for the 2012 Reenactment of the Retreat from Gettysburg, July 13 - 15, is posted on the Gettysburg Roundtable website: cwrgettyburg.org.

The Spread Eagle Tavern

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

In 1810 a new two story brick building would be built on the northwest corner of Baltimore and Middle Streets in Gettysburg. It would originally be used as a store but in 1814 Bernhard Gilbert will open a new tavern on this site. He will name his establishment the "Spread Eagle Tavern" and his sign out front would depict an eagle with outstretched wings. In it's day the Spread Eagle would be very popular with lawyers and jurors coming into town for court sessions and they would dine and stay overnight here.

Gilbert became quite prosperous, owning several houses and lots in Gettysburg as well as 150 acres in Cumberland Township. In 1827 though Gilbert would run into financial problems and lose most of his holdings in a Sheriff's sale. The tavern would be acquired by the Bank of Gettysburg and they would rent it out to various tavern keepers. It appears that the name was changed to the "Eagle" at times depending on the proprietor's preference.

In 1833 Samuel Fahnestock will buy the building and move his store into the old tavern. Fahnestock and his heirs will run or lease a store at this location for many years. At the time of the Civil War there was an observatory on the roof of the building and on July 1, 1863 Daniel Skelly, whose father was running the store, led General O.O. Howard up to the observatory so he could familiarize himself with the surrounding country side. While on the observatory Howard would learn that General Reynolds had been killed and that he was now in command of the Union forces on the field.

After the battle the U.S. Sanitary Commission will move



Both images courtesy of the ACHS.

into the building and use it as a warehouse. Car-load after car-load of supplies were brought here until the store was filled and then barrels and boxes were piled on the sidewalk out into the street. Every morning supply wagons from the division and corps hospitals would pull up and be loaded with everything they needed for the wounded soldiers.

The building would continue to be used as a store for many years but in 1892 "The Wide Awake Oyster Saloon" would open here. Oyster saloons were very popular in the late 19th century and fresh oysters would be brought in from the Chesapeake Bay area to provide this delicacy to the locals.

The building is still standing today on Baltimore Street although the appearance has

Fahnestock's Store, formerly the Spread Eagle Tavern circa July 1863

Figured Bombazines, Cotton Goods, Blank and School Books.
 Velvet; Striped Canton Crapes; Mull, Jaconet, Book, G. Check, Stripes, Calicoes, Cotton
 sortiment of Blank and School Books.
 Eagle Tavern.
 THE Subscriber respectfully informs his Friends, and the Public in general, that he has taken that
 TAVERN,
 in South Baltimore-street, Gettysburg, formerly occupied by Bernhard Gilbert, Esq., where he is prepared to entertain Travellers and others—and, from his experience in that line, and attention to the comfort of those who may favor him with a call, he hopes to merit and obtain a share of Public patronage.
 Zephaniah Herbert.
 Feb. 5.
 NOTICE.
 NOTICE is hereby given, to Contractors and others who have claims against the
 York and Gettysburg turnpike Company,
 indebted to the Sub-Book Accounts, &c. 15 up to this time, make payment before April next.
 Samuel Diehl.
 isement.
 The Gettysburg Compiler, 1822

been altered with the addition of a third story. A silent witness to the events of July 1863.

Providence, Fate, or Chance...When Abraham Lincoln went to Washington from his Illinois home to become chief executive of the nation, he was accompanied by a number of individuals. Among them was Maj. David Hunter of the Union Army. Four years and two months later, the body of the assassinated president was sent to Illinois by train. One of those who accompanied the slain chief executive was Maj. Gen. David Hunter.

Sights and Sounds of Combat...Lt. William A. Morgan of the 23rd Kentucky Regiment was among a group of men exposed to a cannonade from an estimated fifty Confederate guns. "The bursting projectiles seem to compress the air," he wrote, "and one's head feels as if bound with iron bands."

July August Stuff to do in the area

Summer 2012 Walks Through History Program by Licensed Battlefield Guides. Details at www.gettysburgtourguides.org

July 1 Special anniversary activities at the Malvern Hill battlefield, part of the Richmond National Battlefield Park. Living history camps and demonstrations, ranger talks and tours. Free. www.nps.gov/rich

July 1-3 Walking tours, battle walks and "real time" anniversary programs at the Gettysburg National Military Park. Free. Times, details: nps.gov/gett or 717-334-1124 extension 8023.

July 6-8 Reenactment, Battle of Gettysburg, big annual event with living history, live fire mortar demos and battles each day. More info, order tickets: www.gettysburgreenactment.com.

July 11 Lecture, More Important Than Gettysburg: The Seven Days Campaign as a Turning Point, at the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond. 5:30 p.m. Free. www.vahistorical.org

July 1, 17, 14, 21, 28 Songs and Stories of a Civil War Hospital, Civil War music and diary readings at Christ Church, 30 Chambersburg St, Gettysburg. 8 p.m. Free. 717-334-5212.

July 21-22 Living history, Children's Civil War Experience Weekend with special hands-on activities and games at the Pry House Field Hospital Hospital Museum in Keedysville, MD. 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. www.civilwarmed.org or 301-695-1864.

July 26 Lecture, The Maryland Campaign and the Field Hospitals in the Middletown Valley, at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick. 7:30 p.m. Free. www.civilwarmed.org or 301-695-1864.

July 28-29 Living history, Artillery and Infantry At Antietam, camps and demonstrations all weekend at the Antietam National Battlefield near Sharpsburg. Free with park admission. www.nps.gov/anti.

August 9 Special anniversary program with living history and talks on the Cedar Mountain Battlefield south of Culpeper on US 15. 8 p.m. \$10/vehicle parking fee. www.friendsofcedarmountain.org.

August 11-12 Living history, Before the Storm, programs focused on the civilians in the Sharpsburg area prior to the Battle of Antietam. Programs on the battlefield. in Sharpsburg and South Mountain. Includes artillery demonstrations. www.nps.gov/anti.

Aug 17-18 Music, annual Civil War Music Muster in Gettysburg at the Gettysburg National Military Park visitor center and the Dobbin House Courtyard with evening concerts on the battlefield. Free. www.nps.gov/gett.

August 24-25 Commemoration of the Battle of Second Manassas in Old Town Manassas. Living history, tours of the Confederate Cemetery, lectures and tours of Liberia Plantation. Friday and Saturday bonfires. Blue and Gray Ball Saturday night. www.manassasmuseum.org.

August 24-25 Commemoration of the Battle of Second Manassas. Living history camps and demonstrations and special ranger tours of various parts of the battlefield at the Manassas National Battlefield Park. Free with park admission. www.nps.gov/mana.

Aug 28-30 Anniversary ranger-led tours covering various parts of the Second Manassas battlefield at the Manassas National Battlefield Park. Times focus on historic battle events. Free with park admission. www.nps.gov/mana.

August 30 Reenactment, Battle of Iuka, at locations in and near Iuka Mississippi. Living history and illumination Friday evening at historic sites in town. Weekend living history camps and demonstrations at reenactment site off Snowdown Road. Skirmish 4 p.m. Saturday, reenactment of the battle 2 p.m. Sunday. www.battleofiuka.com or www.tishomingofunhere.org.

150th Commemoration of the Civil War Gettysburg College Events 2012

- September 20-23 PA Civil War Road Show; Location TBD
- September 21 An Evening with Dr. James McPherson and Dr. Allen Guelzo on the Emancipation Proclamation
- September 22 *Glory* free screening, The Majestic 8:00 p.m.
- October 18 Professor Adam Mendelsohn (College of Charleston) *Beyond the Battlefield – Reevaluating Jews and the Civil War* Location and time TBD
- November 19 Dedication Day Ceremonies
- 10:30 a.m. Wreath Laying Ceremony
 - 10:45 a.m. Dedication Day Ceremony
 - 7:00 p.m. Fortenbaugh Lecture – Steven Hahn, University of Pennsylvania

For more information, to to www.gettysburg.edu/cwi.

Common Ground on Seminary Ridge

Common Ground on the Hill will produce the launch event of Common Ground on Seminary Ridge at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, on Saturday, July 21st, 2012, from noon until 11 PM.

Seminary Ridge is the site of the first day of the Battle of Gettysburg, July 1st, 1863. The original Seminary classroom building, Schmucker Hall, is being converted into Gettysburg's Seminary Ridge Museum in preparation for opening in the spring of 2013. The exhibits will interpret the dramatic developments of the first day of battle, including the pivotal role of the building and its cupola used as lookout by General Buford and others, its conversion to field hospital for more than 600 wounded, and the moral and religious tensions around slavery, African-American history and the local work the Underground Railroad.

Common Ground on Seminary Ridge will consist of a keynote address, classes in lecture, art and Civil War era secular and religious music, an afternoon concert in conjunction with Music Gettysburg!, Songs & Stories of a Civil War Hospital at Christ Lutheran Church, and will conclude with a Civil War period dance.

For course listings, registration and more information, go to: www.commongroundonthehill.org/cg_on_seminary_ridge.html

- Registration & Check-In 11 AM
- Keynote Address Noon
- Two 75-Minute Class Periods of Lecture,
Art and Music 12:45 - 2 PM and 2:15 - 3:30 PM
- Music Gettysburg! Concert 4 – 5:30 PM
- Songs & Stories of a Civil War Hospital..... 7:30 PM
- Civil War Era Dance 9:30 – 11 PM
- Registration/Admission Fee for Entire Event \$50.00

Additional information can be found at:

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 410-857-2771

It was a great day in the field

Article and photos by Deb Novotny

The Gettysburg CWRT visited Second Manassas on May 12. Our guide was Don Walters. He did a great job taking us through three days August 28-30, 1862.

We started at the Brawner Farm where Stonewall Jackson's troops grappled with the "Black Hat Iron Brigade." Almost a third of the 7000 engaged were casualties, including Richard S. Ewell whose leg was amputated.

The group of 30 tramped along the whole length of the Unfinished Railroad with stops along the way for Don's explanations of the near breaks in Jackson's line by various Union troops. At one point, US commander John Pope was only 300 yards away from capture during a Confederate counter-attack against Grover's men.

Don also related that Robert E. Lee's cheek was grazed by a Union bullet fired by the 1st PA Reserves (could it have been one of Company K's men!)

CWRT Life Member John Horner conducted a brief memorial service near the Deep Cut for his relative Lt. John Ross Horner who was killed near there, buried on the field, and relocated to Gettysburg's National Cemetery—New York

section. He was a member of the 20th New York State Militia (80th NY Infantry).

The members enjoyed a great lunch at the picnic pavilion on the battlefield and then concluded the tour where the Zouaves fought (includ-

ing Duryee's 5th NY, which had the highest number of infantry killed or mortally wounded in the war) and the Chinn Ridge action (where Colonel Fletcher Webster of the 12th Massachusetts Infantry was killed.)

Thank you Don for enlightening us about this hallowed ground and thanks to our Treasurer JoyceAnn Deal for organizing the details. 🙏



Proud citizens and a small town honor their heroes

Submitted by Dave Joswick

The Civil War Sesquicentennial is in its second year with commemorative reenactments and events taking place across the United States. Some are large and others are small and more localized. On June 23 Linda and I witnessed such an event. It was a fitting end to a wonderful family vacation in Michigan the week before.

Actually this was not a serendipitous thing. It had been planned for many months. Here's how it came about...Sometime ago I received an e-mail from a Robert Goulding who was a member of the Toledo CW Roundtable and co-chair of a committee planning a day to honor two soldiers from McComb, OH who took part in the Andrews Raid, John Reed Porter and William Bensinger. Bob had seen our website dedicated to the Andrews Raid and asked to use the photos I had of the Raiders to make posters for a Hall of Honor he was creating for their event. I told Bob that the Andrews Raid has held my interest for almost 50 years, and I would be honored if he would let me create the posters for him.



Bob and Pat Goulding

As with all states who contributed its sons to the War, Ohio is very proud of theirs, especially those from the 21st and 33rd OVI who participated in the Andrews Raid and became the first recipients of the Medal of Honor.

Although the actual anniversary of the Raid was April 12, the committee felt the weather would be more cooperative in late June, and after several ensuing e-mails and phone calls from Bob and his wife Pat about how their plans were coming along, Linda and I decided we just had to be there.

The day's events actually took place in Porter and Bensinger's home of McComb, Ohio, a small town roughly 50 miles south of Toledo.

The parade Grand Marshall was Corporal Ronald Rosser, himself a Medal of Honor recipient. A resident of Roseville, Ohio, Rosser was presented with the Medal by President Truman in 1952 for his heroic actions during the Korean War.

Following the parade, ceremonies took place in McComb Union Cemetery, including wreath laying at the respective graves of Porter and Bensinger by their descendents who were in attendance.

(RIGHT) On display were both Medals of Honor received by William Bensinger. On the left is his original from 1863. When the Medal was redesigned in 1916, congress contacted Bensinger, informing him that he would be sent the redesigned Medal and he was to return to "old" one, which, as you can see, he never did.

The afternoon was filled with a variety of entertainment at the high school that included an encampment of the 21st OVI. There were artillery and musket demonstrations by Battery H, 1st OH Light Artillery; portrayals of Abraham, Lincoln, Raider Jacob Parrott, and Mrs. Libby Custer. Soldiers of the 5th USCT had a display of accouterments and gave an excellent lecture on their accomplishments as a unit as well as the activities of the USCT throughout the Civil War.



There was some outstanding folk music played by an area group called *The Unexpected Party*. Walt Disney's *The Great Locomotive Chase* was being shown in one of the classrooms. The posters were prominently displayed and Bob was on hand to talk about the Raid and its participants. There was also food and refreshments available, and finally a drawing for Andrews Raid gicleé prints that were donated by Times & News Publishing.

We were most impressed with the variety and scope of the of the day's activities. There was something for everyone, including the children. Three big huzzahs to Bob and Pat Goulding and their entire committee who put in countless hours organizing and executing a wonderful day. For them and the town of McComb it was a labor of love...and it showed. ✚

