



*"I hate newspapermen. They come into camp and pick up their camp rumors and print them as facts. I regard them as spies, which, in truth, they are. If I killed them all there would be news from Hell before breakfast."*

– WILLIAM T. SHERMAN

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## Impending Actions

Information and details about upcoming Gettysburg Roundtable presentations.

### JULY 23<sup>RD</sup>

#### The 1922 Marine Encampment at Gettysburg

Rich Kohr is a native of Lebanon PA, and a graduate of Lebanon Valley College. He has been a Licensed Battlefield Guide since 1995. Rich is a former president of the Association of Licensed Battlefield Guides, and has presented programs for Harrisburg Area Community College, the Gettysburg Foundation, and numerous Civil War Roundtables. He has been researching the US Marine Corps maneuvers which occurred in Gettysburg in 1922 for over four years, and is currently working on a book on the subject. We will meet Rich for his walk and talk at the NC State Memorial at 6 PM.



We will gather at the NC State Memorial at 6 PM and walk from there across the Bliss farm to Cemetery Ridge. Dress accordingly and participants are encouraged to leave vehicles near our end point at the Brian farm.

Jim and Wayne will also have copies of their new book to sell and sign.

**James Hessler** is a Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg National Military Park.

His book *Sickles at Gettysburg (Savas Beatie, 2009)* was awarded the R.E. Lee Civil War Round Table's "Bachelder Coddington Award" and the Gettysburg Civil War Roundtable's "Distinguished Book Award" as the most outstanding work on the Gettysburg Campaign.



Jim has been a guest on NPR, PCN-TV, Breitbart News, and Civil War Radio. He has written several articles for *Gettysburg Magazine* and other publications. Jim was one of the primary content designers for the Civil War Trust's mobile Gettysburg application and animated maps. He is a frequent speaker at Civil War Roundtables and has taught courses for the Gettysburg Foundation and Harrisburg (PA) Area Community College.

### AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>

#### Pettigrew and Trimble's July 3 Charge

Join LBGs James Hessler and Wayne Motts as they discuss their new book, *Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg*. To prove that Lee's July 3 assault was more than simply the attack of Pickett's Division, we will walk the ground covered by Generals Johnston Pettigrew and Isaac Trimble during the famed assault and the Union defense of General Alexander Hays' division near the Brian farm.



**Wayne E. Motts** is the chief executive officer of The National Civil War Museum located in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He has been a licensed battlefield guide at the Gettysburg National Military Park for over a quarter century and is the narrator of the popular *Gettysburg Field Guide* driving tour of the battlefield produced by Travelbrains Corporation.

While history has primarily emphasized the role of General James Longstreet's First Corps and George Pickett's Division, understanding the part that A.P. Hill's Third Corps was expected to play gives us a better appreciation of the size and scope of Lee's attack. Topics will include:

- Hill's expected role in cooperation with Longstreet
- Confederate strength and losses, including command changes
- Brockenbrough, the inability to protect the Confederate flanks, and the 8th Ohio
- Hill and Ewell's artillery
- Action on the Bliss farm
- Rebels in Long Lane and the possibility of additional support
- Advance positions of the 11th Miss. and 26th NC
- Related human interest stories

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](http://www.cwrtgettysburg.org).

Whenever treacherous weather is predicted, the CWRT President and Vice President shall determine by 3:00 PM on that day whether the program should be cancelled or not. Announcements will be made on WGTY 107.7 FM and ESPN Radio 1320 AM.

The next scheduled board meeting begins at 6:30 PM on Thursday, July 16, 2015 at Dunlap's Restaurant and Bakery.



## Hello Friends!

The warm summer months have arrived, bringing with them our wonderful “on the field” summer battlefield programs. Remember to apply tick repellent, wear long pants, and bring water. If the weather is threatening—thunderstorms, heavy rain, excessive heat—we will move the program indoors to the GAR Hall. This decision will be made in the afternoon. You may call me at 717-398-2072 to confirm. We are de-

lighted that our outdoor speakers will now be outfitted with a “chatter vox” – an amplification system loaned to us by the NPS, so that all in the group can easily hear our tour guide. These programs begin at 6 P.M. July 23 we will meet LBG Rich Kohr at the North Carolina State Monument, for *The 1922 Marine Encampment at Gettysburg*; August 27 we will meet LBGs Jim Hessler and Wayne Motts, also at the North Carolina State Monument, who will present *Pettigrew and Trimble’s July 3 Charge*. These quality programs are indeed valuable benefits of membership in our roundtable.

A big THANK YOU to member **Fred Hawthorne** who has stepped up to assume the Office of Recording Secretary. Fred has been past President, Vice President of the roundtable, and has served the Association of Licensed Battlefield Guides as Treasurer for four years, President thirteen years, and Secretary eight years. We are lucky to have Fred as our Secretary and on our Board. Roger & I will continue to copy & mail the newsletter.

With deep appreciation I would like to thank **Ron Rock** for volunteering to fill in until a permanent Secretary was found, and I know I speak for all the members on the Board.

We have changed our board meeting location from The Avenue, to Dunlap’s 90 Buford Ave. through the end of the year...July 16 (3rd Thursday instead of the usual 2nd Thursday) because of Bike Week; September 10, and November 19. If it works out, Dunlap’s will become our 2016 gathering place for bi-monthly board meetings.

### SPECIAL THANK YOUs ARE IN ORDER...

...to **Bill Hewitt**, for generously donating his time and skill to craft the beautiful witness tree frames which hold the Certificates of Appreciation presented to our speakers. Bill gifts these year after year to the roundtable, and we truly appreciate it.

...to **Donald Sangirardi**, for generously purchasing and donating to the roundtable the lovely GAR ornaments that are presented to our speakers as well.

...and finally to the **Membership**, for your generous contributions to the Preservation Basket at each meeting. 100% of these donations are presented to deserving Civil War related groups or projects.

When our indoor programs resume in September, there will be opportunities for members to become involved with the activities of the roundtable. Please consider volunteering to serve on the Nominating Committee with Ron Rock, or to offer help for The Holiday Banquet Raffle. Do you have a Trivia question? Bring it with you to the next meeting! And we need sign ups for refreshments! – they need not be elaborate...a box of cookies or some munchies for our table.

We provide the coffee & fixings! Stay cool and see you on the field!

*Lynn*

Those who gave their “last full measure of devotion” are honored with flags and flowers in ceremonies held at the National Soldier’s Cemetery in Gettysburg on Memorial Day 2015.



Photo by Lynn Heller

## WELCOME New Members!

Kenneth Ian Husband  
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Salvatore Errante

## SAVE THE DATE

June 18, 2016  
2016 Bus Field Trip!  
Details coming

**Morning:** The National Civil War Museum of Harrisburg. *Behind the Scenes with Wayne Motts.*

**Afternoon:** The Harrisburg State Museum.

## Got e-mail?

Want to receive your newsletter ahead of traditional mail delivery, and enjoy it in full color? Then join the growing list of members who already receive their newsletter via e-mail. Simply send your e-mail address to Roundtable Treasurer JoyceAnn Deal: [ideal@gettysburg.k12.pa.us](mailto:ideal@gettysburg.k12.pa.us), and the next issue will be sent right to your computer or mobile device on or around September 1, 2015.

Photo by Larry Plymire



Tour guide Dennis Frye is surrounded by the group of Roundtable participants in the recent field trip to Harper’s Ferry.



# Stuff to do in the area

Arguably, July and August are the most active months of the entire year in Gettysburg. The borough swells with visitors and tourists all looking for that special something to make their visit memorable. It's not possible to show a complete schedule of events, programs, tours, walks, and more would easily fill every page of this newsletter and then some. Lists of those activities are available all around town and at the NPS Visitor Center.

We would however like to bring a couple to your attention that are ongoing throughout the summer and both at no charge:

### **Songs and Stories of a Civil War Hospital – Candlelight at Christ Lutheran Church** 44 Chambersburg Street, Gettysburg

July 4, 18, 25 • August 1, 18, 25 • September 5

Featuring live Civil War-era music, sing-alongs, poetry, and diary readings, *Songs and Stories of a Civil War Hospital* presents the authentic stories of this church hospital, where doctors and local citizen-nurses worked valiantly to comfort and save 140 wounded and dying soldiers. Music starts at 7:30. Free and accessible to all. Call 717 334-5212 for more information.

### **Take a walk through the National Cemetery with a Licensed Battlefield Guide**

In recognition of this, the centennial year of guiding at Gettysburg National Military Park, tours through the National Cemetery are available to the public without charge, by volunteer Licensed Battlefield Guides.

- Every evening, through September 7
- Tours are 45 minutes, starting at 6 PM
- Tours step off from the Taneytown Road Entrance to the National Cemetery

## Bobby and Matt Housch winners of Cal Doucette Achievement Award

The Gettysburg Civil War Roundtable has announced that Bobby and Matt Housch are this year's winners of the Cal Doucette Achievement Award. Through their use of technology they have made it possible for thousands of people who otherwise might not be able to visit Gettysburg to learn about the battle's history, to see beautiful photos of the Park and to enjoy many of the Ranger programs presented by the National Park Service.

In February, 2008 Bobby began the information web site Gettysburg Daily. The site featured daily photos of the battlefield and video tours of the field and nearby areas led by Licensed Battlefield Guides. It also presented information about changes taking place in the Park as well as Bobby's reports of, and discussions about, issues involving the Park, such as vandalism, tree removal, storm damage to monuments, and the removal of the old Cyclorama building. At its peak the site was receiving over 30,000 visits a month and was viewed in about 150 countries. Although the site is no longer updated on a regular basis, it can still be visited at [www.gettysburgdaily.com](http://www.gettysburgdaily.com) where its archives are an in depth source of information about the battle and the battlefield.

In addition to working on the Gettysburg Daily web site with his father, Matt has volunteered making videos of the Park's summer Ranger programs and the Winter Lecture Series. Matt has put these summer and winter programs on line thereby giving folks the opportunity to go see the summer Ranger field tours or to hear the talks which were presented this past winter. If you had wanted to hear a specific talk this past winter, but were deterred from attending due to bad weather, you can go to the site [www.youtube.com/gettysburgnps](http://www.youtube.com/gettysburgnps) and see what you missed. When you visit this site you can see the large number of hits each of Matt's videos has received.

Cal Doucette had been an active member of the CWRT board and had commented on how it would be appropriate to create an award for people who do something special for the Park, or who contribute to people learning about or appreciating the significance of Gettysburg and the Civil War. After Cal's death your CWRT Board created the Cal Doucette Achievement Award in his memory. We believe that Bobby and Matt's work make them worthy recipients of this year's award, and we urge you to visit and make use of their web sites. The presentation of the award is scheduled for our September meeting. We hope you will be able to attend. 🙏



BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG  
*152nd Anniversary*

SPECIAL PROGRAMS ON SEMINARY RIDGE

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

6 PM: Lt. Col. McFarland Wayside dedication (near museum)

6:30 PM: **CAMPFIRE TALK:** *Stories of the Seminary Hospital Wounded*

**Music:** Buzz Jones Jazz Ensemble (east side of Ridge)

**Sunset:** *Taps* played from museum cupola

### THURSDAY, JULY 2

6:30 PM: **CAMPFIRE TALK:** *A Campfire with Leaders in Blue*, featuring Gen. Buford, Gen. Reynolds, Gen. Warren and more

**Music:** Susquehanna Travelers

**Sunset:** *Taps* played from museum cupola

All programs take place on the west side of Seminary Ridge near the main museum parking lot.

These special programs are free and open to the public; feel free to bring a blanket.

The museum will be open daily from 10 AM – 5 PM • Programs subject to change without notice.

For more information call 717-339-1300.

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Highlighting our members



**LEFT** Col (ret.) Bill Hewitt and his wife Kathy participated in the Memorial Day Services by placing VFW wreaths at the Soldier's National Monument.

Photo by Lynn Heller



Photo by Roger Heller

**RIGHT** Roundtable Meeting May 28 President Lynn Heller presents Curt Gaul with a Certificate of Appreciation, framed in the wood from a Witness Tree that stood at Christ Lutheran Church, which was donated and made by member Bill Hewitt. Curt's power point presentation was very enlightening as he described the detail work that goes into creating and bringing to life the displays for Historic Sites under his jurisdiction, highlighting some of the new Centers being developed.



Photo by Lynn Heller

**BELOW LEFT** Kendra Debany has been hired by The Historic Preservation Society of Gettysburg-Adams County as a Preservation Specialist for their Barn Preservation Project and Grant Program. Kendra's goal is to bring awareness to barn owners and the community about the importance these historic structures.

**BELOW** Ivan Franz displayed his outstanding musical talent as he poignantly played TAPS at the Memorial Day Services at Soldier's National Cemetery.



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