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"The American people, North and South, went into the [Civil] war as citizens of their respective states, they came out as subjects ... what they thus lost they have never got back."

— HENRY LOUIS MENCKEN
American journalist, essayist, satirist, cultural critic and scholar of American English.

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Impending Actions

Information and details about upcoming Gettysburg Roundtable presentations. **Reminder...for all indoor meetings, doors open at 6:30 PM and the meeting begins at 7 PM.**

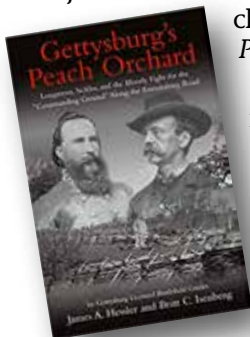
JULY 25TH – RAIN DATE AUGUST 1

BATTLE OF THE PEACH ORCHARD

LBG James Hessler will lead a battlefield tour on the attack and defense of Gettysburg's Peach Orchard. The Peach Orchard is one of the most underrated positions on the battlefield. The orchard's occupation by General Sickles dictated General Meade's defense, while General Lee designated it as one of his July 2 objectives. The position's artillery value also significantly influenced Lee's decision to launch Pickett's Charge on July 3.

Park and meet on Sickles Ave. in front of the Excelsior Brigade monument at 6:00 PM

LBG Britt Isenberg is also tentatively scheduled to appear, and Jim & Britt will discuss many of the stories that are included in their new book, *Gettysburg's Peach Orchard*.



The tour will consist of light walking in the vicinity of the Peach Orchard. Walking will consist of roughly 0.75 miles. We may visit the Sherfy house if permission can be arranged.

JAMES HESSLER has been a Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg National Military Park since 2003.

Jim has written three books on the Gettysburg campaign. His first book *Sickles at Gettysburg* (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.

His second book *Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg* (2015) was co-authored with Wayne Motts and is the first battlefield guide ever published on the famous July 3 assault. Jim's third book, co-authored with LBG Britt Isenberg, *Gettysburg's Peach Orchard* is available now.



AUGUST 22ND – RAIN DATE AUGUST 29

EAST CAVALRY FIELD, JULY 3, 1863

"The clashing of sabers, the firing of pistols, the demands for surrender and cries of the combatants now filled the air...without doubt...the most gallant cavalry charge made during the war."

— CAPTAIN WILLIAM E. MILLER 3RD PENNSYLVANIA CAVALRY

Our tour will examine the actions on East Cavalry Field on the afternoon of July 3, 1863 between Confederate Cavalry of Major General JEB Stuart and Union Major General David M. Gregg.

Meet at the church at the corner of Baltimore Pike and White Church Rd. at 6:00 PM. Carpooling is suggested.

CHRIS ARMY is a Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg National Military Park. Over the past 19 years, Chris has led tours



around the Gettysburg Battlefield for groups of all demographics from private car tours to West Point Cadets. In 2005, Chris wrote an article for *Blue & Gray Magazine* about the North Carolinian Brigade of Alfred M. Scales and is currently working on several Gettysburg related projects. Chris served as a co-moderator of *Military History Online* and is a Past Board President of the Adams County Historical Society.

From September to May, we meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at the GAR Building, 53 East Middle Street. Doors open at 6:30 PM, with the featured program beginning at 7:00 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 6:00 PM on Thursday, July 11, at the Perkins Restaurant on York Street, Gettysburg.

Greetings to all...

I'm writing this on the morning after our tour of the cannon shop. We had a great turnout, at least sixty folks, by my count. Surely everyone appreciated Lucas Flickinger's presentation. Speaking of which: One of the cool things about serving as Roundtable President is presenting the Certificate of Appreciation. These are truly handsome documents, prepared by Communication Directors Dave and Linda Joswick.

In May, Jeffrey D. Stoker's offered a vivid portrait of the 153rd Pennsylvania – particularly stunning in his account of gruesome, life-altering wounds suffered by the rank-and-file. As many of these were received at what's remembered as Barlow's Knoll, it's worth remembering that Division Commander Francis Barlow had himself come to Gettysburg still not fully recovered from wounds to the face and groin at Antietam; then at the knoll that bears his name, the Harvard law grad was wounded yet again, this time left for dead. Francis Channing Barlow had more than done his duty, having every reason to go back to New York and resume his work on the legal staff of the New York Tribune. Instead, when Grant moved south in 1864, Barlow was newly returned to the army, leading the First Division in Winfield Hancock's Second Corps. For that matter, Oliver Otis Howard, who brought 11th Corps to Gettysburg, had lost an arm at Fair Oaks, thirteen months previous, but was back in September for Antietam, leading a brigade into the West Woods. The moral and physical resilience of these men surpasses understanding. Jeffrey Stoker's *We Fought Desperate: A History of the 153rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment* is available for purchase; for more information, shoot him an e-mail: info@153PA.com.

Also in May, Hilda Koontz offered a "Show and Tell" on women's Civil War-era mourning attire, featuring a 150-year old black lace bonnet that would have been worn by a girl in "half-mourning." In our generations, Elisabeth Kubler-Ross has identified Five Stages of Grief, and it's interesting to think the Victorians literally wore their grief stages.

Our outdoor summer series continues on Thursday, July 25, as the Roundtable's own James Hessler guides us through the Peach Orchard. We are to park on Sickles Avenue, the program starting at 6:00 at the Excelsior Monument. You'll have an opportunity to purchase his newly published, *Gettysburg's Peach Orchard: Longstreet, Sickles, and the Bloody Fight for 'Commanding Ground' Along the Emmitsburg Road*.

On August 22, we'll tour the East Cavalry Field, led by battlefield guide Chris Army. Our 6:00 gathering place is the Evangelical Holiness Church, south of the Outlet Mall, at Baltimore and White Church Road. Jeb Stuart vs. George Custer should make for a most interesting evening.

I'll miss the July Peach Orchard meeting, grand-parenting in Utah and Montana. As Vice-President Hilda is out as well, Lynn Heller has kindly agreed to convene. If, in the course of your travels, you visit places that might be of interest to Roundtable members, I'd enjoy hearing about it. E-mail, brdgettysburg@gmail.com, and maybe attach a photo.

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Spring field trip to Aldie, Upperville, & Middleburg

Aside from it being a very cool, overcast, and sometimes drizzly day the attendees enjoyed a great trip through the heart of Mosby country in northern Virginia on May 11. Historian and guide Kevin Pawlak enlightened the group with his vast knowledge of the cavalry battles, the area, and the "Grey Ghost", Commander John Singleton Mosby.





Sunset at the Seminary Walking Tours

This summer, join Dr. Daryl Black and Peter Miele for special battlefield walking tours

Each tour will examine a specific aspect of fighting on Seminary Ridge before, during, and after the Battle of Gettysburg. Special focus will be paid to people who lived here and people who fought here.

- Fri., 7/5 The Final Attack: Seminary Ridge, July 1
- Fri., 8/9 Confederate Nerve Center
- Fri., 9/6 Seminary in the Battle

- Tours begin at 7:00 PM • Free but donations appreciated
- Each tour will be followed by a gathering at a local establishment.
- Pre-registration is appreciated, but not required.
- R.S.V.P. by calling 717-339-1300.
- For questions or RSVP by email, contact Rob Williams at rwilliams@seminaryridge.org

Nature of the Battlefield Series

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2019 Summer Series presented by Strawberry Hill

Part of the summer campfire series at the Gettysburg National Military Park, Pitzer Woods Amphitheater. All programs begin at 8:30 pm.

- July 12..... Strawberry Hill – **Animal Ambassadors.** Meet some of Strawberry Hill’s live animal ambassadors! Animals will include: a turtle, snake, and an owl!
- August 3 Lou Kauffman – **Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner.** Learn about how the natural and agricultural resources of the area supported a massive influx of people during the battle and sustained them for days.

www.strawberryhill.org/nature-of-the-battlefield-series

FYI You probably noticed that you received your newsletter past July 1. That’s because we’re shifting production up a bit so we can include the latest member meeting in the newsletter. Now you will receive the most current information from the President’s Message to the most recent meeting photos, and events. We will get your newsletter to you as close to the first day of the designated publication month as we can.

The GCWRT board of directors, officers, and support people met for their regularly scheduled bi-monthly meeting on May 9 and it is believed to be one of the only, if not the only, such board meeting when every member was in attendance...all board members, officers, and support folks were able to be there. We thought we would take advantage of the opportunity for a photo op. In case you don’t recognize everyone, going around the table from left to right are: Roger Heller, board member and program director; Lynn

Heller, board member as past president and Facebook administrator; Linda Joswick, support and webmaster; Dave Joswick, support and newsletter editor; Bruce Davis, president; Peter Miele, board member; Fred Hawthorne, board member; Larry Plymire, board member ex officio and chair of the book award committee; Joe Mieczkowski, board member; Linda Seamon, membership secretary; Dale Molina, board member; Ellie Cingire Bilz, recording secretary; Dave Diner, treasurer; Hilda Koontz, vice president; Bill Myers, board member.



Gone But Not Forgotten is in the planning stages

contributed by LBG Joe Mieczkowski

PLEASE JOIN US for a weekend-long visit to locations, landmarks, and areas that used to be on the Battlefield, but are no longer there. Many of these features still actually have remnants on the field. There will be five programs, one indoor on Friday, November 8, and four separate tours on Saturday, November 9. Check out the details of these programs below.

Friday, November 8, 6:30 PM

Heritage Center, 297 Steinwehr Ave, Gettysburg

Welcome and Reception with snacks and beverages

7:00 PM – World War I at Gettysburg

Presentation by LBG Dave Weaver

“Images of Gettysburg from the National Archives with Dave’s interpretation based on his thoughts about military training from his own military experience. The presentation will include modern day photos of the locations depicted. Some of the photos show military drill, inspections, and tank/infantry training and I include with the pics some of my thoughts about what the men are doing and why. In addition, I’ll give an overview of the military camp and the problem of the flu epidemic and local politics.”

Saturday November 9, 8:00 AM

Hilton Garden Inn (HGI), 1061 York Rd, Gettysburg

Gather for coffee and a light breakfast in the General’s Ballroom

8:30 AM – Camp Letterman Field Hospital

Presentation by LBGs Fran Feyock and Rick Schroeder

On this seldom visited field, heroes were defined, heroes were lost, and heroes were made. A visit to the Camp Letterman Field Hospital at Gettysburg

Join LBGs Dr. Rick Schroeder, M.D., and Fran Feyock, CRNA as they discuss the action following the departure of the armies at Gettysburg. The program will focus on the structure, mechanics, and stories related to surgery, anesthesia, and the medical care of the approximately 20,995 soldiers both North and South, plus the operation of an 1863 temporary field hospital. “It is unnecessary to do more than make an allusion to the difficulties that surrounded this department at the engagement at Gettysburg.” – Dr. Jonathan Letterman, MD – Medical Director Army of the Potomac 10, October, 1863

**10:30 AM – “He sleeps by the side of a great rock...”
Battlefield burial sites.**

Presentation by LBG Britt Eisenberg

Most studies of the battle of Gettysburg focus solely on the three days of bloody combat, but the worst part of any battle story begins when the guns go silent. Who takes care of burying the dead? This tour will examine the grim process of providing soldiers a final resting place, sometimes systematic and at other times a somewhat haphazard process. Standing graveside, we will tell the stories of several of Gettysburg’s fallen from their pre-war days until their earthly remains were first buried in the soil of Pennsylvania.

Noon: Lunch – HGI’s Garden Grille and Bar

1:00 PM – 1913 Reunion (and Camp Colt)

Presentation by LBG Eric Lindblade

In the summer of 1913, over 50,000 Civil War veterans returned to the fields of Gettysburg to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the battle. While the images of former adversaries shaking hands across the wall still stir the imagination today, was the so-called “Peace Jubilee” that simple? Join Licensed Battlefield Guide Eric Lindblade as he discusses the planning, personalities, and myths associated with the Great Reunion. This tour will bring us to many of the sites related to the reunion such as the Great Tent where President Woodrow Wilson addressed the veterans and the Iron Brigade’s tent. Also to be discussed will be the impact on the battlefield itself and the infrastructure improvements which would be put to use once again in 1917 and 1918 by the United States Army. This tour will involve mostly walking over reasonably flat terrain, with a few stops on more moderately difficult areas.

3:00 PM – World War II at Gettysburg

Presentation by LBG John Baniszewski

Many people at Gettysburg made important contributions to America’s efforts to defeat Germany and Japan during WWII. In this program, you will visit the sites and learn about the people and facilities on the battlefield that were used to:

- Teach psychological warfare techniques to the soldiers that were sent to France following the D-Day invasion
- Develop the maps used to conquer the Japanese-held islands during the Pacific Theater offensives in 1944-45
- House German prisoners captured in the battles for North Africa and Europe
- Provide fuel in fulfilling America’s role as the “Arsenal of Democracy” during the war
- Train college students to fly the planes that protected the Atlantic Coast in 1942

4:30 PM – Final wrap up to the day at the General’s Ballroom at the HGI

The cost for this seminar will be \$125, and includes the five programs, Friday evening snacks, light breakfast, lunch, and transportation. If you want to act now you can send a check, payable to ALBG, to:

ALBG • P.O. Box 4152 • Gettysburg, PA 17325-4152

You can also register online by going to:

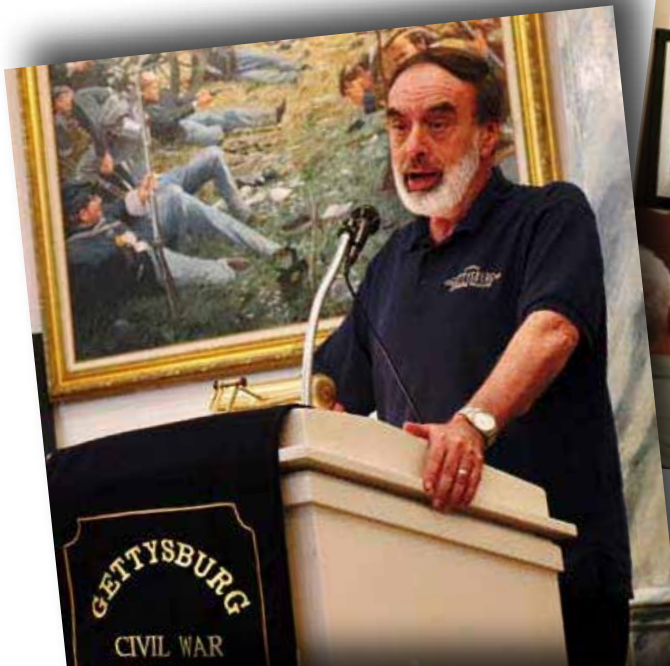
www.gettysburgtourguides.org/2019-fall-seminar/

2019 Walks Through History schedule is underway

We proudly present our Tuesday *Walks Through History*. These walks are listed and are available for purchase on the ALBG website, www.gettysburgtourguides.org and by selecting the walks option from the scrolling menu. You may purchase one or more from our site without having to log on. If you purchase six walks, you may select a free seventh walk by sending your free selection request to LBG Jim Cooke at cooke1863@comcast.net

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	PRESENTER
July 9.....	Confederate Monuments at GNMP.....	North Carolina Monument.....	Therese Orr
July 16.....	Witness Trees, Silent Sentinels.....	Reynolds Death Marker.....	Larry Korczyk
July 23.....	Hay's Division in Ziegler's Grove.....	Meade Equestrian.....	Jerry Hahn
July 30.....	Johnston's Reconnaissance.....	Seminary Ridge Museum Pkg Lot.....	Chris Army
August 6.....	Fight in the Peach Orchard.....	Excelsior Monument.....	Jim Hessler/Britt Isenberg
August 13.....	Wheatfield with a Real Surgeon.....	NY Irish Brigade Monument.....	John Krohn, M.D.
August 20.....	WWI Training Camps.....	Woolsen Memorial.....	Eric Lindblade
August 27.....	Soldiers' National Cemetery.....	Lincoln Speech Memorial.....	Fred Hawthorne

MAY MEETING CANDIDS



CLOCKWISE BEGINNING TOP LEFT: newly elected roundtable president Bruce Davis runs his first meeting; Speaker Jeffrey Stocker during his presentation; Vice President Hilda Koontz doing a Show N Tell presentation; Bruce Davis (left) presenting appreciation certificate to Jeffrey Stocker.

JUNE MEETING CANDIDS

Featuring Lucas Flickinger's **TOUR THE GNMP CANNON SHOP**




New Members Are Joining
 Michael Becker
 Bob and Barbara Springfield
 Jody Wilson

*Welcome to all! we're
 glad to have you with us!*