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"All wars are civil wars
because all men are brothers...
Each one owes
infinitely more
to the human
race than to
the particular
country in
which he was born."



— FRANCOIS FENELON, FRENCH ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP, THEOLOGIAN, POET AND WRITER (1651-1715)

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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.**

MARCH 26TH

HELL COMES TO SOUTHERN MARYLAND: THE STORY OF THE POINT LOOKOUT CIVIL WAR PRISONER OF WAR CAMP

The Point Lookout Civil Prisoner of War Camp was the largest camp in the North. Over 52,000 men were imprisoned there from 1863 through 1865 and at the end of the war there were over 20,000 men occupying a small 20 acre pen. The abrupt creation of the camp in mid-1863, coupled with the influx of Confederates captured at Gettysburg taxed the logistics of the Union high command and created a hellish environment for the prisoners. Some have called Point Lookout the "Andersonville of the North."

This presentation will explain why the camp was located so close to Washington, the logistical issues surrounding the camp, how the men lived and died, and why its story is so important.

BRAD & LINDA GOTTFRIED are married and living in Fayetteville, Pennsylvania. They have four children and six grandchildren. Brad received his doctorate in 1976 and worked in higher education for over 40 years, retiring as the President of the College of Southern Maryland in 2017. He has written 13 books on the Civil War, including a number of Maps studies. He is also the author of the *Brigades of Gettysburg*, *Artillery of Gettysburg*, and *Roads to Gettysburg*. He is an Antietam Battlefield Guide and a Gettysburg Town Guide.



Linda served as a graphic designer and development officer at several colleges and nonprofit organizations before retiring in 2015. She is now a full-time sculptor and her pieces have won several awards. When not involved in creative endeavors or giving tours, the Gottfrieds donate their time to local nonprofits, assisting with development of strategic plans and fund-raising campaigns.



APRIL 23RD

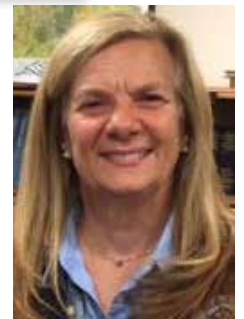
THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE CONDUCT OF THE WAR: THE MESSY BUSINESS OF WAR RUNS HEADLONG INTO POLITICS

At the beginning of the American Civil War, not only is the military unprepared, but the government has little framework to rely on to make the momentous decisions facing the country.

With the creation of the Joint Select Committee on the Conduct of the War, Congress attempted to grab control of the war-making apparatus by sticking its nose into the operation of military campaigns of the Civil War.

This program examines early challenges to define the roles of the legislative and executive branches of government and the efforts of each to exert control over the war. We will also look at the influence of this politically-based Committee on what we know today about the Gettysburg campaign and how testimony before the Committee of many of the generals who fought at Gettysburg, many with their own personal agendas, affected the careers of military leaders and shaped the reputations of generals of the Army of the Potomac.

MARY TURK-MEENA is a retired attorney and has been a Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg National Military Park since 2016. Mary practiced law for 35 years.

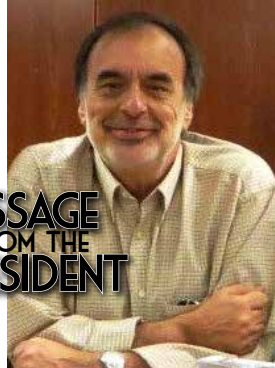


She served her community on the Board of Trustees of The Charlotte Museum of History including four years as board chair, leading the Museum through a closure and reorganization and laying the foundation for a now successful and vibrant Museum. She was recognized in 2012 as one of the 50 Most Influential Women in Charlotte, North Carolina.

During the winter, Mary returns to her home in Charlotte, NC or travels with her husband. Mary has two adult daughters, one in London and the other in Denver, Colorado.

Greetings to all...

I did wonder, given a cold, blustery night and coronavirus concerns (Nurse Lynn advised us on prevention measures), what the turnout would be for our Thursday evening gathering at the GAR, and was pleased to see another full house. Those who came out were rewarded with a fascinating lecture from Dr. Ashley Whitehead Luskey of the Gettysburg College War Institute. I had a vague knowledge of the April 1863 Richmond Bread Riots and was intrigued by her analysis of the event itself and the deeper societal implications. 2020 is certainly off to an outstanding programming start. Ron Kirkwood's January presentation of material from his book, *Too Much For Human Endurance: The George Spangler Farm Hospitals and the Battle of Gettysburg*, motivated me to search through the brambles along Granite Schoolhouse Lane for the ruins of the eponymous structure that served as the "other" field hospital on the Spangler property. While the 11th Corps sanctuary at the Spangler homestead has been gloriously restored, it does seem a shame that there's nothing to mark where the wounded of Caldwell's Division were treated, and I continue to be in conversation with Ron about ideas to mark it.



BY BRUCE DAVIS

In other news, Roger Heller announced plans for our Spring Field Trip: *A Tour of Civil War Harrisburg and Carlisle*, scheduled for April 25. I was pleased to see we'll be visiting Peace Church in Camp Hill. I'd gotten lost trying to find the place last month. (Nancy and I moved here from flat country where the roads are set out in square grids, and I often find myself turned around in Pennsylvania.) I had assumed "Camp Hill" referenced a Civil War encampment. No. It would seem that Peace Church, which dates back to 1798, had gone through a less-than-peaceful membership fracture, the dissidents holding their services on a hill outdoors. Peace Church is but one of a half-dozen stops we'll be making. Space is limited, so sign up asap.

I'm particularly looking forward to our monthly meeting in March. Years before moving to Gettysburg, I'd purchased a copy of Bradley Gottfried's *The Maps of Gettysburg*, then ordered his *Brigades of Gettysburg*. Engaging with the Round Table, I was surprised and delighted to discover that the author was not only living in the area, but was a member of the Gettysburg Civil War Round Table. He's been kind enough to share coffee and conversation with me, and can attest that the esteemed historian is an altogether gracious guy. Checking out his Amazon page, the "maps" series is up to seven volumes now, including *Antietam*, *Fredericksburg* and *the Cavalry of Gettysburg*. Other titles include *The Artillery of Gettysburg*, which was on 2019 reading list. Brad's upcoming lecture is titled, *The Story of the Point Lookout Civil War Prisoner of War Camp*—which will be of particular relevance to our group, as most of the rebels taken prisoner at Gettysburg were held at Point Lookout.

In April, Mary Turk-Meena will speak to The Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War. Retired from the practice of law, Mary was licensed as a Battlefield Guide in 2016. I've spent a good part of this winter working on a History of the Gettysburg Civil War Round Table. Piecing together month-by-month list-

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Cal Doucette Achievement Award candidates needed

Do you know anyone that you would like to suggest as a candidate for this award? He/she/ has been involved in projects and activities that:

- Enrich the overall visitor experience and appreciation of the Park
- Contributed to the preservation and maintenance of the Park and surrounding areas
- Participated in further research/study of the battle to bring to light new/unknown information
- Participated in, or supported living history events which interpret what life was like during the Civil War
- Increased the public's understanding of the meaning and significance of the Battle of Gettysburg, and its role in American History
- Stimulated the interest in the Civil War of children and young adults
- Inspired new interest in the Civil War among those with no previous interest

Please contact [Lynn Heller @ lynnheller7577@gmail.com](mailto:LynnHeller7577@gmail.com) or at any roundtable meeting.



New Members Are Joining

Evelyn Booth

Larry Drennan

Marilyn Fitzgerald

Nancy Lee

Barry Leonard

Jim Neal

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GNMP NEWS

Don't miss the remaining GNMP Winter Lecture Series

National Park Service rangers and leading historians from across the country offer free hour-long talks exploring important aspects of the American Civil War and the Battle of Gettysburg.

- Gettysburg NMP Museum and Visitor Center
- Saturdays and Sundays, in March at 1:30 PM.
- These programs are free of charge.
- Limited seating is available on a first come, first serve basis.
- Subject is schedule to change.

Sun., 3/1 **Licensed Battlefield Guide Mary Turk Meena:** *The Messy Business of War: Civil War Runs Headlong into Politics as Politicians Fight for Power and Breed Jealousy, Self-Promotion and Self-Preservation Among Military Leaders*

Sat., 3/7 **Ranger Zach Siggins:** *The Flying Dutchmen: The 11th Corps on July 1*

Sun., 3/8 **Artist Wendy Allen:** *Searching for the Exact Location of America's Soul: An Artist's Pursuit*

Sat., 3/14 **Ranger Matt Atkinson:** *Earl Van Dorn: The Life & Death of a Confederate Cavalier*

Sun., 3/15 **Ranger Karlton Smith:** *Soldier in Training: James Longstreet and the Mexican War*

Sat., 3/21 **Ranger Troy Harman:** *Scouting the Union Right: Lee and Culp's Hill, July 1-2*

Sun., 3/22 **Ranger Bert Barnett:** *Personal Turning Points: Jefferson Davis and George Thomas*

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ing of programs and speakers, I've been impressed that so many of our presenters, dating back to 1957, have been Licensed Battlefield Guides.

The above-mentioned project was started in compliance with a request from the National Round Table Congress for organizational histories, and I am hoping to include some photos. While Lynn Heller has amassed a wonderful digital collection, those only go back a decade or so. If you have pre-digital photos you might scan and send my way (brdgettysburg@gmail.com), I would deeply appreciate it. For that matter, if you have glossies to share, I could scan them myself. The rich history of this organization is beyond anything I could have imagined when I took the presidency and I am determined to document it. You'll surely be hearing more about this, including gaps in the timeline I hope to fill.

To repeat what Nurse Lynn told us: Wash your hands with sanitizer, cover any cough with the crook of your arm, and stay home if you're feeling sick. The Civil War encampments were incubators for disease and we don't want any such thing for you.

BRD

Monuments and Meaning: Making Sense of the Civil War Memorial Landscape

Annual Symposium
Saturday, March 21, 2020



As the guns were silenced, Union and Confederate veterans and the public began erecting monuments to memorialize the Civil War. Contentious debates surrounded the construction of these monuments from the very beginning. In the last five years, the debate has spilled onto the front pages of newspapers across the nation.



This year, Seminary Ridge Museum's annual Symposium will take a deep look at Civil War memory and monuments. Join a panel of historians, at the heart of the world's largest outdoor sculpture garden, as we look at the role Civil War monuments have played in shaping our country's remembrance of the conflict.

FEATURING

- **W. Todd Groce, Ph.D.** - President and CEO, Georgia Historical Society
- **Jill Titus, Ph.D.** - Associate Director of Civil War Institute, Gettysburg College
- **Daryl Black, Ph.D.** - Executive Director, Seminary Ridge Museum
- **Peter Miele** - COO and Director of Education, Seminary Ridge Museum

Members - \$85 • Non-members - \$105

Student and classroom educator rates also available
(Join us in the museum for an evening reception)

Register online at

www.seminaryridgemuseum.org

By phone call 717-339-1300

For questions, contact Rob Williams at
rwilliams@seminaryridge.org

JAN & FEB MEETING CANDIDS



The January speaker was Ron Kirkwood lecture was titled **TOO MUCH FOR HUMAN ENDURANCE**
The February speaker was Ashley Whitehead Luskey who spoke on **THE RICHMOND BREAD RIOTS**

Unless otherwise noted, photos by Lynn Heller



JANUARY
FEBRUARY



Announcing the Association of Licensed Battlefield Guides (ALBG)

2020 Spring Seminar

Overlooked & Often Not Visited: Ridges, Farms & Other Battle Sites

May 1-2, 2020 • In Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Fri. May 1 – Heritage Center • 297 Steinwehr Ave.

6:30 PM Registration/Welcome/Reception

7:00 PM..... *The Historic Use of and Evolution of Terrain Appreciation in Military Doctrine*

LBG TONY NICASTRO. The overall theme of the Seminar will be an examination of engagements and events often overlooked and perhaps not considered at Gettysburg. This opening presentation will establish its context by providing a review of topographical and terrain assumptions held militarily at the time of Gettysburg in 1863.

Sat. May 2 – Hilton Garden Inn • 1061 York Road

7:30 AM Breakfast

8:00 AM *"I'll Lead You This Time Boys!" The Battle of Hunterstown*

LBG JIM HESSLER. On the afternoon of July 2, 1863, elements of Union General Judson Kilpatrick's cavalry division collided with General Wade Hampton's Confederate cavalry brigade near the small crossroads village of Hunterstown. Although the second day's battle at Gettysburg overshadows this action, this spirited fight included sabre charges, artillery, and the near-death of recently promoted General George Armstrong Custer. One of the Gettysburg campaign's most overlooked battlefields can lead to asking: Was this an isolated encounter, or did it have more significant implications on the Gettysburg battle?

10:30 AM *East of Rock Creek*

HONORARY LBG DEAN SHULTZ. The mysterious Wolf's Hill, Confederate positions, creek crossings, the "Lost" Avenue, the Union right flank, McAllister's Mill (an underground RR site) are areas which are adjacent to the Gettysburg National Military Park, east of Rock Creek. Their importance and relationships are often overlooked.

NOON..... Lunch at the Hilton Garden Inn

1:00 PM..... *West of Willoughby Run & The Fight for the Harmon Farm*

LBG CHRIS ARMY. This segment will explore the actions associated with the Harmon Farm, west of Willoughby Run on July 1. The history of the Harmon farm, fighting in this area, and the location and history of the Katalysine Springs Hotel located on the farm property will all be examined.

3:00 PM *The Action At the Bliss Farm: Or Making a Molehill Out of A Mountain?*

LBG JIM HUETING. For over 150 years the actions at the Bliss Farm have been relegated to a molehill. It never involved more than a few companies at a time. But its effect on the events on the afternoon of July 2nd is mountainous, thus why it is often overlooked?

4:30 PM..... *Summary Comments and Final Wrap Up to the day at the Hilton Garden Inn.*



You can also register online by going to: www.gettysburgtourguides.org/albgseminar or fill out the form below, cut along the dotted line and include with your payment.

YES...I will be attending the ALBG Spring Seminar

NAME _____ PHONE () _____

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Mail this form along with your check for \$125 (per person) to:
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On the memo line of your check please write Spring Seminar 2020.

Stuff to do

IN THE AREA

MARCH 7, SHIPPENSBURG, CIVIL WAR LECTURE. Join us for a lecture on *South Mountain Communities During the Civil War* at the Shippensburg Historical Society, 52 West King St., Shippensburg at 10 AM. Free, donations welcome. For information: www.shippenburghhistoricalsociety.org.

MARCH 21, PHILADELPHIA, PRESERVATION LUNCHEON. Author Bradley Gottfried will speak on *The Days in the Saddle: The Cavalry at Gettysburg* at the Grand Army Museum, 9130 Academy Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19114. For reservations or information: garmuslib@verizon.net or 215-289-6484. **Please note: Brad Gottfried is our featured speaker in March. See page 1 for details.**

MARCH 28, NEW MARKET, CIVIL WAR HISTORY AT THE VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF CIVIL WAR. Family fun, exploration and hand on activities for all ages. Learn army drills, dance the Virginia Reel, enjoy 19th century games and crafts and take a guided tour through the battlefield and so much more. Visit General Grant's Store for books and souvenirs. Special event rate: \$5, pre-registration, now open through March 20, required for participation. For more information call: 866-515-1864.

APRIL 3-5, CLINTON, MD, CIVIL WAR CONFERENCE. *Lincoln Assassination Studies: Snapshots from the Big Picture*, 21st annual conference. Tours and lectures sponsored by the Surratt Society, in Clinton. \$225, tours priced separately, For information contact: www.surrattmuseum.org

APRIL 4, ALL STATES, PARK DAY. Sponsored by the American Battlefield Trust. Annual volunteer and repair at Civil War sites across the country. For more information check out: www.battlefields.org/events/park-day.

APRIL 4, WINCHESTER, 2020 SPRING CONFERENCE. Hosted by Shenandoah University's McCormick Civil War Institute, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM: *The Civil War on the Water*. Featuring nationally recognized Civil War scholars John M. Cosky, Anna Gibson Holloway, Karen Needles, Jonathan W. White, and Jonathan A. Noyalas (Shenandoah University). Registration fee of \$50 (\$25 for students with valid ID) covers all presentations and lunch. For information or to register: visit www.su.edu/MCWI or call 540-665-4501, or email jnoyalas01@su.edu.

APRIL 5, BALA CYNWYD, PA, SYMPOSIUM. Annual Meade Society History Symposium at the Conservatory at West Laurel Hill Cemetery at 12 noon. Speakers on the topic: *The War With Mexico: Training Ground of the Civil War*. Contact Jerry McCormick 215-848-7753 or gedwinnc@msn.com.

APRIL 24-26, FREDERICKSBURG, 2020 CENTRAL VIRGINIA BATTLEFIELDS TRUST ANNUAL CONFERENCE. *First Days – A Focused Look at the First Day of Combat on the Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Wilderness, and Spotsylvania Court House battlefields.* Registration/details: www.cvbt.org/cvbt-annual-conference. Join CVBT for a three-day event (or pick and choose which tours to attend) as we explore “the firsts” at the battlefields where we focus our preservation efforts. Historians Frank O'Reilly, Greg Mertz, Kristopher D. White, Chris Mackowski, and Chris Kolakowski will be leading tours and presentations. Three-day package price: \$235. Individual tours: \$35 each; 4/25 dinner meeting presentation: \$65; 4/26 breakfast program \$45.

Wives did more than knit socks

FYI When Union Brig/ Gen. Francis C. Barlow took a serious wound at Gettysburg, his wife moved heaven and earth in what was initially a futile attempt to go to his bedside. At that time a nurse with Union forces, in desperation, she turned to Confederate Brig. Gen. John B. Gordon. Credited by Barlow with having saved Gordon's life when he lay wounded on the battlefield, the Georgia native provided Mrs. Barlow with safe conduct that permitted her to pass through Confederate lines in order to join her husband. 📖

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