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"It is something great and greatening to cherish an ideal; to act in the light of truth that is far-away and far above; to set aside the near advantage, the momentary pleasure; the snatching of seeming good to self; and to act for remoter ends, for higher good, and for interests other than our own."
 – Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain



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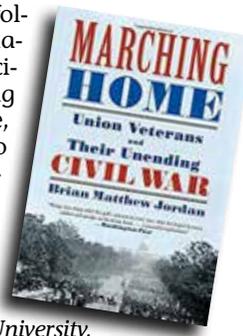


MAY 25TH

MARCHING HOME

Union Veterans and Their Unending Civil War

Dr. Jordan's talk will focus on Union veterans and the trials of reintegration after the Civil War. How was it that the men who won the war couldn't bear the peace that followed? The talk will explore the fraught relationship between veterans and northern civilians and discuss how Billy Yank—tending to rotting wounds, anxious about the future, and haunted by the past—attempted to navigate those confusing months immediately after Appomattox. Hardcover copies of his book, *Marching Home*, will be available for \$25 per copy at the meeting.



Dr. Brian Matthew Jordan is Assistant Professor of History at Sam Houston State University, where he teaches undergraduate and graduate courses on the Civil War and Reconstruction. Dr. Jordan earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in History from Yale University, where his dissertation (advised by David Blight) received the George Washington Egleston Prize (for best U.S. history dissertation at Yale) and the John Addison Porter Prize (one of Yale's highest honors). Most recently, he is the author of *Marching Home: Union Veterans and Their Unending Civil War*, named one of three finalists (runners-up) for the 2016 Pulitzer Prize in History. The book also won the 2016 Governor John Andrew Award from the Union Club of Boston.



Dr. Jordan serves as the Book Review Editor for *The Civil War Monitor*, and is the co-editor of the *Engaging the Civil War Book Series* with Southern Illinois University Press. His more than fifty reviews, articles, and essays have appeared in many popular magazines and scholarly journals. He has addressed Civil War Round Tables in more than twenty states. At present, Dr. Jordan is working on a new biography of Benjamin Butler, among other projects.

JUNE 29TH

Candy's Brigade During the Battle of Gettysburg

Col. Charles Candy's Brigade, as part of Geary's Division of the Union 12th Twelfth Corps, assisted in the defense of the Federal right flank at Gettysburg. This tour will follow them from their arrival at Gettysburg late in the afternoon of July 1, through their unfortunate misstep on evening of July 2, and conclude with their redemption as a vital part of the repulse of Stuart's Brigade on Lower Culp's Hill on July 3. The perspective will be through the accounts left by members of the 147th PVI.

"On page four is a map of landmarks that I would like participants to drive by before we **meet in the saddle between upper and lower Culp's Hill at 6 PM**. Most folks already are familiar with most or all of them but a refresher would be good. We won't have time to visit these places on the tour since we are all driving separately but they provide important context for our discussion on Culp's Hill."

Sue Boardman, a Gettysburg Licensed Battlefield Guide since 2001, currently serves as the Leadership Program Director for the Gettysburg Foundation. Her program, *In the Footsteps of Leaders* has been well-received by corporate, non-profit and educational groups.

She is a two-time recipient of the Superintendent's Award for Excellence in Guiding. Beginning in 2004, Sue served as historical consultant for the Gettysburg Foundation for the new museum project as well as for the massive project to conserve and restore the Gettysburg cyclorama. She has authored books and articles on the history of the Cyclorama and other Civil War topics; her articles have been published in several Civil War journals.



Sue is a native of Danville, PA and an Honors Graduate from Penn State/Geisinger Medical Center School of Nursing. A 23 year career as an ER nurse preceded her career at Gettysburg. Sue served as President of the historic Evergreen Cemetery Association as well as adjunct instructor for Harrisburg Area Community College and Susquehanna University.

Hello Friends! Spring!

Always an exciting time for Gettysburg and for our Roundtable. Saturday, May 20 is our annual field trip – this year the much anticipated visit to Antietam with Dr. Carol Reardon. Please bring your copy of *Field Guide to Antietam* with you. We end our indoor season on May 25th with a very compelling presentation *Marching Home* by Dr. Brian Jordan.

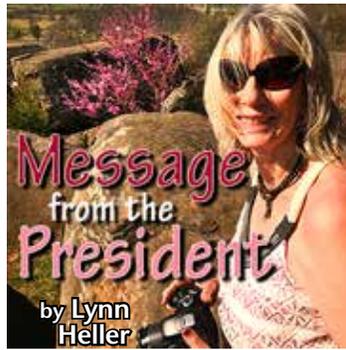
Your dues are at work providing you with three free outdoor “battlefield strolls” led by world class historians – LBG Sue Boardman, Rangers Caitlin Kostic Brown, and John Hoptak. Three spectacular advantages of being a roundtable member!

As a result of our elections held in April, we thank Larry Korczyk for his three years of service on the Board, and welcome Fred Hawthorne as he steps into that seat. Thanks to the rest of the Board for renewing and continuing to contribute their time, knowledge, and good humor. Our Board ROCKS!. We are happy to have Kendra signing up for another year as Vice President, and I am honored to serve again for another term as your Prez.

Thanks too for those members who have changed their manner of receiving the newsletter from “snail mail” to email. The savings of costs for postage & copying help us to continue to provide outstanding indoor and outdoor programs. If you would like to receive your newsletter by email and in beautiful color, please contact Linda Seamon at lseamon@aol.com.

Spring in Gettysburg! All's right with the world! Enjoy!

Lynn



A special note of gratitude

Member Bill Hewitt has, for many years, donated his time and skill to our roundtable by making the stunning witness tree frames for our speakers, and the trophy for the Book Award winner. We want him to know how much we appreciate his generosity, and we know how much the recipients of these keepsakes treasure them. There may come a day when the availability of this precious witness tree wood begins to decrease, and if that day comes, Bill, know that we are grateful for your generosity all these years.



By Lynn Heller

Bill has many beautiful products in his inventory – pen sets, paper weights, canes, sword and rifle display holders, and much more, including special orders. He can be contacted by email: hewittw@embarqmail.com, and his gallery of crafted items can be visited at www.gettysburgsentinels.com.

Thanks Bill. 🙏🙏

Meeting minutes online

The minutes from our monthly meetings and our board meeting minutes will now be posted on our web page beginning with the March 2017 minutes. Monthly meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month, with the exception of December (Holiday Banquet), June, July, and August (outdoor “on the field” programs, for members only). Board meetings are held on the second Thursday of January, March, May, July, and September. To view the minutes go to www.gettysburgcwr.org. 🙏🙏

Welcome NEW Members:

John Cimino • Jean Kempa
• Peter Lagerberger • Shawn Miller • George L. Partlow • Albert Trapani • John Vilgos • Richard Yingling



DORTHEA DIX worked hard to persuade Union officials to permit her to serve as a volunteer nurse at a time when most military nurses were men. She eventually overcame prejudice sufficiently to be named superintendent of the nursing corps. When she felt that her work was finished, she returned to civilian life and as her only reward, accepted a flag from Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman. 🙏🙏

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.

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 6:30 PM on Thursday, May 11, at the Perkins Restaurant on York Street, Gettysburg.

THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MUSEUM

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Treasures of the NCWM: The Newest Acquisitions Previews our Most Recent Additions

The National Civil War Museum has exciting new artifacts and will be presenting them to the public on Saturday, May 20, 2017 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. with our 2017 version of *Treasures of the NCWM: The Newest Acquisitions*. Brett Kelley, Museum Curator, will lecture on the significance of the items and how they will complement existing Museum artifacts, both on display and preserved in artifact storage. This presentation will include a display of the NCWM's newest donations and additions to the Museum collection in our Education Gallery, first floor.



Brett Kelley

The 2017 Lessons in History program is free to the public. Regular museum admission applies for entrance to the museum galleries.

Brett Kelley has been with the Museum full-time since June 2000 and was honorably discharge from the USMC with the rank of Sergeant in 1999. 🙏🙏

GNMP & ENHS NEWS



Doors Open Gettysburg takes place May 6 – an insider’s look at preservation

Doors Open Gettysburg offers an insider’s look into the preservation of many of Gettysburg National Military Park’s magnificent historic buildings. This free event is held during National Historic Preservation Month in cities and towns throughout the U.S. and internationally.

On May 6, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m., the National Park Service will open five historic houses on the Gettysburg battlefield to the public for a rare look at buildings ranging from recently restored to those in need of repair. The map on page five shows *Doors Open Gettysburg* locations and parking for each site.

The Gettysburg event will feature the...

- **Michael Bushman house:** Caught between Confederate soldiers attacking Little Round Top and the United States Sharpshooter position. *Park along South Confederate Avenue.*

- **James Warfield house:** Occupied at the time of the battle by a member of Gettysburg’s African American community. *Park along West Confederate Avenue.*
- **Philip Snyder house:** Jumping off point for a portion of John Bell Hood’s division on July 2, 1863. *Park along West Confederate Avenue.*
- **Catherine Trostle house:** Location where Gen. Daniel Sickles was injured on July 2, 1863. *Park along United States Avenue.*
- **John Rose house:** Temporary aid station and burial site of Confederate soldiers. *Park along Brooke Avenue and follow the mowed path to house.*

An insider’s look at Eisenhower National Historic Site – as part of *Doors Open*, ticketed visitors to the Eisenhower site who ride the shuttle from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. will have the opportunity to look into open garage doors and get a close look at Eisenhower’s historic vehicles. The shuttles to Eisenhower operate from the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center, 1195 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg.

To cap off the evening, at 6:00 p.m., Eisenhower will sponsor a special performance by the West Point Alumni Glee Club. The hour long concert is free to the public and will take place in the back yard of President Eisenhower’s Gettysburg home. Parking is available on site for the performance. Vehicles may enter through the site’s main gate off of Millerstown Road. The gate opens at 5:30 pm.

The West Point Alumni Glee Club is made up of graduates from the United States Military Academy at West Point, 75 percent of whom are combat veterans with an average of 20 years active duty service. In the case of bad weather, the event will be moved to the Group Lobby of the Gettysburg Military Park Visitor Center.

For more information go to www.nps.gov/gett/ 

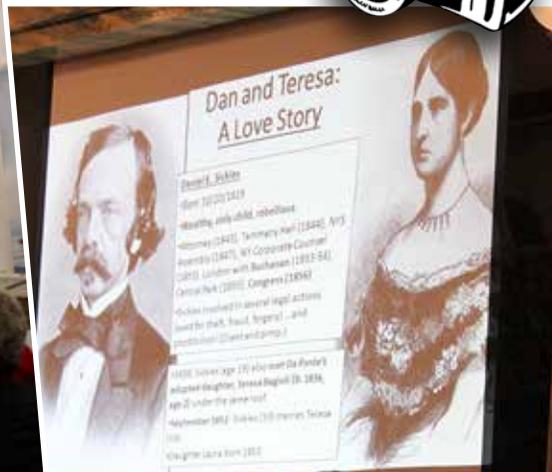
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FEBRUARY MEETING CANDIDS

Speaker: Jim Hessler



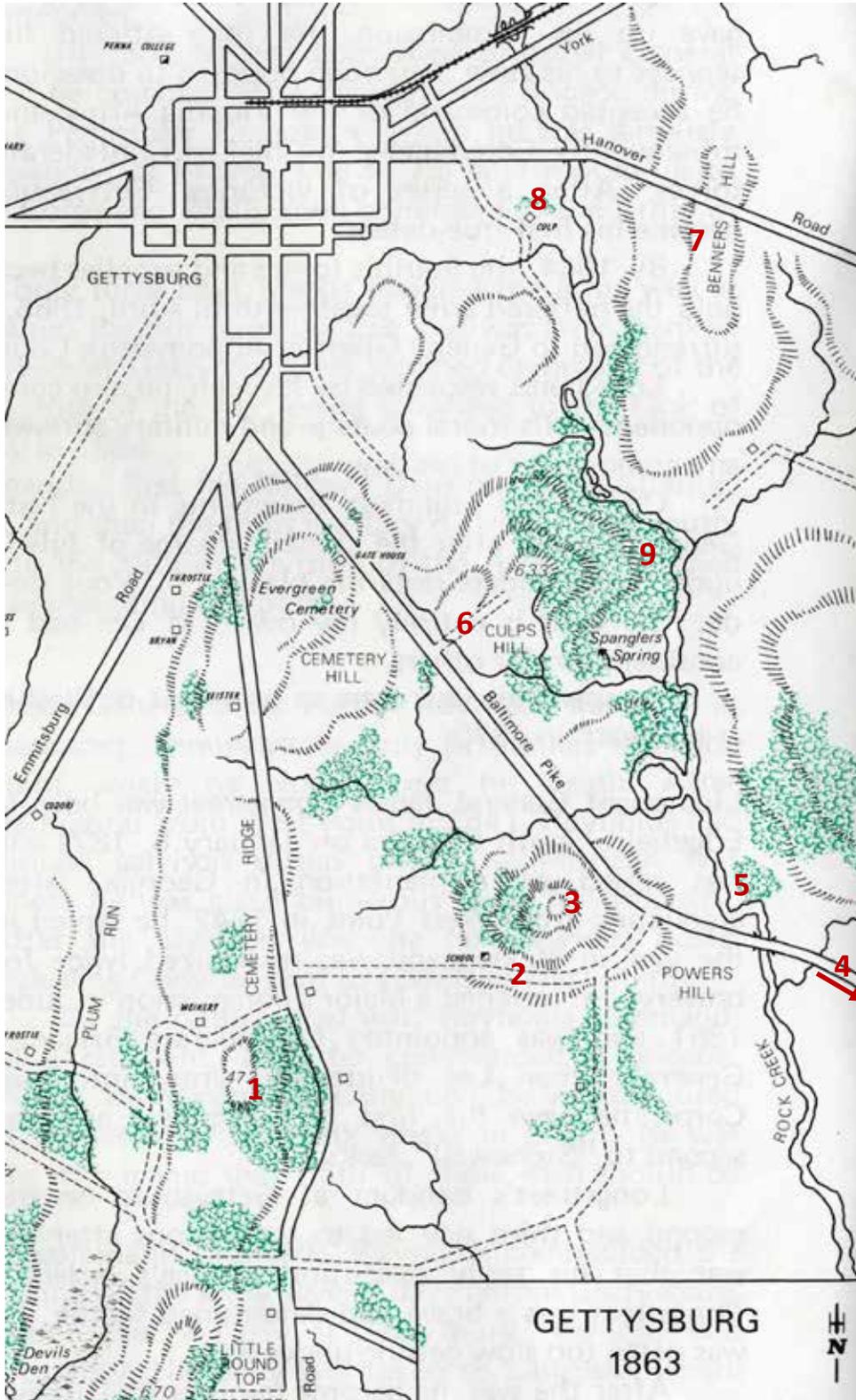
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Candy's Brigade Tour

Gettysburg Civil War Round Table

Before meeting the group **in the saddle between upper and lower Culp's Hill**, please drive to the following landmarks so that you are familiar with their locations as we discuss them on the tour. Once you have passed the Culp Farm (8), you can enter Culp's Hill by way of East Confederate Avenue which will give you an opportunity to see the Confederate Brigade Tablets at the base of the hill. Your last landmark will be the 28th PVI monument (9). See you there!



1. Candy's Brigade Tablet in the wood line to the right along Sedgwick Avenue just past the 5th Corps Headquarter cannon and 1st PA Cavalry, Co. H marker.
2. Granite Schoolhouse Lane
3. Power's Hill (Knap's Battery state monument is here).
4. Two Taverns—go south on the Baltimore Pike to the intersection of Two Taverns Rd. and the Pike (just past Olivia's heading south), and Barlow-Two Taverns Rd and the Pike. Between them is the bridge over Little's Run.
5. Baker Farm (Dean Shultz's) where Rock Creek goes under Baltimore Pike
6. Abraham Spangler (Henry) Farm lane
7. Benner's Hill (go by way of East Middle St.)
8. Henry Culp Farm
9. 28th PVI monument along Rock Creek

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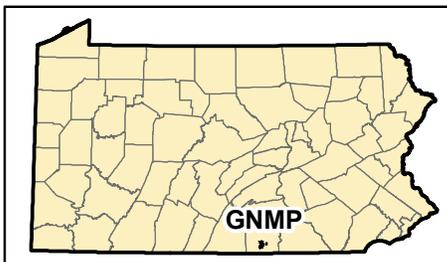
Doors Open Locations - May 6, 11 AM to 4 PM

Gettysburg National Military Park
Pennsylvania



PARKING: Please park in the designated parking areas at each of the open houses.

- Footpath / Lane
- Road
- ← One-way Avenue
- NPS Doors Open House
- Restroom Location
- Parking Location

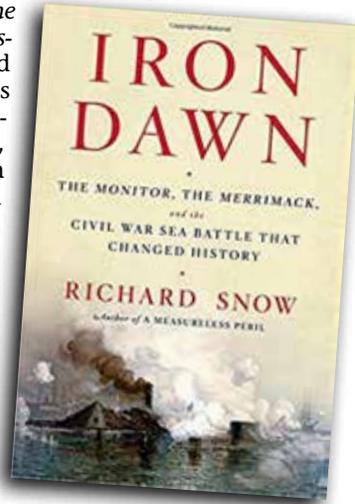


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The Civil War Sea Battle that Changed History

The National Civil War Museum will offer the 2017 Lessons in History program free to the public Saturday, June 24, 2017 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM. Richard Snow, Historian and writer, presents *Iron Dawn: The Monitor, the Merrimack, and the Civil War Sea Battle that changed History*. No single sea battle has had more far-reaching consequences than the one fought in the harbor at Hampton Roads, Virginia, in March 1862. Abraham Lincoln himself was closely involved with the ship's design. Rushed through to completion in just 100 days, it mounted only two guns, but they were housed in a shot-proof revolving turret. The ship hurried south from Brooklyn (and nearly sank twice on the voyage), only to arrive to find the Merrimack had arrived blazing that morning, destroyed half the Union fleet, and would be back to finish the job the next day. When she returned, the Monitor was there. She fought the Merrimack to a standstill, and saved the Union cause. As soon as word of the battle spread, Great Britain—the foremost sea power of the day—ceased work on all wooden ships. A thousand-year-old tradition ended, and the path to the naval future opened.



Regular museum admission applies for entrance to the museum galleries.

Richard Snow was born in New York City and he graduated with a B.A. from Columbia College. He worked at American Heri-



Richard Snow

tage magazine for nearly four decades and was its editor-in-chief for seventeen years. He is the author of several books, including two novels and a volume of poetry. Snow has served as a consultant for historical motion pictures—among them *Glory*—and has written for documentaries, including the Burns brothers' *Civil War*, and Ric Burns's PBS film *Coney Island*. Most recently, he served as a consultant on Ken Burns's World War II series, *The War*.

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