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Information and details about upcoming Gettysburg Roundtable presentations.



*"Mark me,
Franklin.
If we give in
on this issue,
there will be
trouble one
hundred years hence.
Posterity will never
forgive us."*

– John Adams to Benjamin Franklin, on Congress deleting the anti-slavery paragraph from the Declaration of Independence in 1776, 85 years before the Civil War.

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NOTE: 1 WEEK EARLIER – NOVEMBER 16TH

THE OTHER GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

David's talk recounts the life story of Charles Anderson, a slave owner who sacrificed nearly everything to help save the Union. Dixon will explain how Anderson ended up sharing the spotlight with Lincoln and Edward Everett at Gettysburg in November, 1863. He argues that the three featured speeches at Gettysburg were a carefully crafted rhetorical ensemble, each having a specific political purpose, in addition to memorializing the dead soldiers. He will also share the unusual story of the discovery of the speech manuscript itself, in a most unlikely place.

DAVID DIXON earned his B.A. in Political Science from the University of California and his M.A. in History from the University of Massachusetts. He spent 35 years in marketing with Fortune 500 companies. David published numerous articles in scholarly journals and magazines. Most have focused on black history and Union supporters in the Civil War South.



David's website is called "B-List History." It focuses on historical figures who were important in their time, but are all but forgotten today.

Recently, David published his first book, *The Lost Gettysburg Address: Charles Anderson's Civil War Odyssey*. The biography received widespread acclaim. David has since spoken at the 2016 Sacred Trust Talks at the Gettysburg, been interviewed on Civil War Talk Radio and has made appearances at historical societies, libraries, conferences, and private clubs across the country. He is one of the most popular speakers on the Civil War Round Table circuit.

David's book recounts the unusual life story of Charles Anderson, a slave owner who sacrificed nearly everything to help Lincoln save the Union. Anderson's speech, which followed Lincoln's at Gettysburg on November 19, 1863, remained lost for nearly 150 years until it was discovered recently. A transcript of this speech, along with rare photographs and a hand-drawn map of the Stones River battlefield, are all published in Dixon's book for the first time.

Currently, David is writing the first full-length biography of Union General August Willich, a German 48er who distinguished himself in a number of important battles. ■

HOLIDAY BANQUET – DECEMBER 7TH

BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MOVIE GETTYSBURG

The movie *Gettysburg* will be 25 years old in 2018. Based upon the Pulitzer Prize winning novel *The Killer Angels* written by Michael Shaara, the movie has become a favorite in the Civil War community.

Our speaker, Patrick Falcí, played the role of Confederate General A. P. Hill in the film and worked for years as a historical consultant to the film maker, Ron Maxwell. Pat Falcí was, therefore, in a unique position to participate in and observe the making of the film.

Mr. Falcí will discuss the film from its conception to completion. He will discuss how some of the actors in the film and others did not get those roles.

He will also include anecdotes from the filming and discuss the involvement of Ted Turner in the project.

Expect a "behind the scenes" look at the making of the movie and an evening of historical entertainment.

PAT FALCI gained fame not only for his role as the General A.P. Hill,

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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 6:30 PM, and 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 round-table 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, November 9, at the Perkins Restaurant on York Street, Gettysburg.

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Greetings Friends!

It seems as if every season in Gettysburg gives us something to look forward to! With this November newsletter we still have some lovely Autumn colors to enjoy, and the crisp, yet not too cold, weather. A great time to do some battlefield stomping!

The many events surrounding President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address is always a special time for those lucky enough to be in 'the most famous small town in America' during these iconic days.

November 18

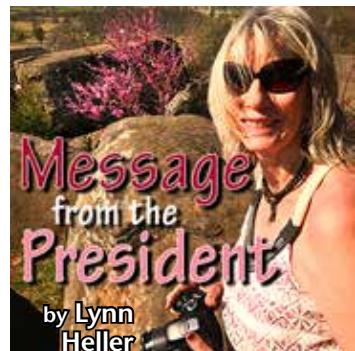
- Annual Remembrance Day Parade honoring the soldiers and civilians of the Civil War; 1 PM.
- *Songs and Stories of a Civil War Hospital*, Christ Lutheran Church; 7:30 P.M.
- Remembrance Illumination at the Soldier's National Cemetery.

November 19

- Dedication Day Ceremonies at Soldier's National Cemetery, 10 AM. Keynote address: Harold Holzer, one of the nation's foremost Lincoln experts.

December 7

- Roundtable annual Holiday Dinner at the Historic Dobbin House; 6 PM.
- Announcement of the 2017 GCWRT Book Award winner.



Thanks to all of you loyal members and amazing Board of Directors, that make our roundtable so special – from your generous preservation donations; the help you offer in setting up the AV equipment; all your yummy refreshments; and the great spirit and conversation you bring to all of our meetings. I am honored to be your president.

I wish you all a Holiday Season filled with happiness, health, and the warmth and love of family and friends.

Best,

Proposed amendment to the By-Laws

A motion was made at the July Board meeting to change the Vice President's term of service to mirror that of the President. Thus, the amendment will read:

"The Vice President will serve a two year term with an option for renewal on a year to year basis for no more than a total of four years."

This has been announced by the President at the September and October monthly meetings, and will be voted upon at the November meeting.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BANQUET

The Gettysburg Civil War Roundtable welcomes members and guests to this year's celebration that will include a program by Pat Falci (see article on page one).

The menu will include: Salad and Bread Bar, Hunter's Style Chicken, Seafood Newburg, Ham with Pineapple Raisin Sauce, Oven Roasted Red Potatoes, Glazed Sweet Potatoes, Buttered Dill Carrots, Green Beans Almondine, Gingerbread with Lemon Sauce, Cherry Crumb Pie, Chocolate Mousse, Coffee, Ice Tea & Lemonade.

Each guest will receive a ticket for a chance at a door prize. Also the book award will be announced. Please refer to the invitation attachment for more details. It promises to be a memorable evening. We hope to see you there.

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from Gettysburg, but also as director/screenwriter Ron Maxwell's historical advisor for both that movie and *Gods and Generals*. Pat provided casting director Joy Todd and the actors with photographs and research for both films and even scouted out locations in Maryland and took Maxwell on a Stonewall Jackson tour of Civil War battlefields and other historical sites. Pat, a native of Astoria, played Rough Rider #2 in producer/actor Tom Berenger's film of the same name, served as Jeff Shaara's historical advisor, providing research and tours of Civil War sites portrayed in his books, and vetted John Jakes's manuscripts for *On Secret Service* and *Charleston*, at its editor's request.

He has spoken at countless CWRTs throughout the country and has wowed them consistently. He is the recipient of the CWRT/NY Distinguished Service Award, the Fort A.P. Hill Commander's Award for Excellence, the U.S. Army M.D. of Washington, D.C. Commanding General's Award,

the U.D.C. Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal, and the S.U.V. Commander's Award for Excellence. In addition to these honors, he has earned a commission of Colonel from the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

For 19 years now, Patrick has been the face of General Ambrose Powell Hill. Before that, he was a Civil War re-enactor for another 15 years with the 14th Tennessee Archer's Brigade, Hill's Light Division and he has been immersed in the history of the "War Between the States" for even longer.

Ever since the movie *Gettysburg*, where Patrick created the role of Hill, he has been enlightening the public about "Lee's Forgotten General." In fact he joined the Museum of the Confederacy in the unveiling of Hill's 13th Virginia regimental flag, which he helped raise over \$10,000 to restore. Hill's wife Dolly made the flag, in part from her own wedding dress, and the restoration was a project dear to Patrick's heart.

It's the same love of preservation that has prompted a lifetime membership in the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT), talks on Civil War subjects throughout the country, and a school program called "The Life and Times of the Civil War Soldier." He was the first 3-time president of the Civil War Round Table of New York, traveling to places like Richmond, where he delivered a speech for the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) on Lee's Bicentennial, January 19, 2007. You might even have caught him as a keynote speaker at Grant's Tomb and he is an honorary member of the Virginia SCV.



New Members Are Joining
Abbie Hoffman
Doug Smith

Charles E. "Chuck" Hunt Selected as Acting Superintendent at Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site

Charles E. "Chuck" Hunt has been selected as the acting superintendent of Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site. He will arrive on October 17 and serve in this position until January 2018.

Hunt currently serves as superintendent of the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Park Service (NPS) where he leads the agency's collaboration with partners to provide better access to the Chesapeake and rivers, to conserve important landscapes and resources, to engage youth in stewardship and place-based education, to improve recreational opportunities, and to interpret the natural and cultural heritage of the Chesapeake Bay watershed. He also manages the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail and the Star-Spangled Trail as part of his current duties.



Acting Superintendent Charles E. "Chuck" Hunt.

the American Battle Monuments Commission. In that role, he managed 23 geographically dispersed sites in France, the United Kingdom, Italy and Belgium. Hunt directed all aspects of management including diplomatic affairs, intergovernmental relations, partnerships, budget formulation and execution, personnel management, resource management, interpretation, and special initiatives. Hunt's previous NPS experience includes assignments as superintendent of Fort Davis National Historical Park, management assistant at Big Thicket National Preserve, and special assistant within the Department of the Interior where he engaged in high-level policy and political issues and support to the Clean Water Action Plan.

Gay Vietzke, regional director for the NPS Northeast Region, said, "Chuck Hunt's experience managing national parks, as well as major partnership and collaborative efforts, makes him particularly well suited for this temporary assignment, especially as we approach next month's commemoration of the anniversary of President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address."

Ed W. Clark, Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site superintendent, is on detail as the acting chief for the Park Planning and Special Studies Division of the Northeast Regional Office.

Gettysburg National Military Park preserves, protects and interprets for this and future generations the resources associated with the 1863 Battle of Gettysburg, during the American Civil War, the Soldiers' National Cemetery, and their commemorations. Learn more at www.nps.gov/gett

Eisenhower National Historic Site preserves and interprets

the home and farms of the Eisenhower family as a fitting and enduring memorial to the life, work, and times of General Dwight David Eisenhower, 34th president of the United States, and to the events of far-reaching importance that occurred on the property. Learn more at www.nps.gov/eise

NEWS from ... 'round the TABLE

- Please bring any donations you would like to offer for our Holiday Banquet Door Prize to the November meeting, or call Lynn at 717-398-2072. Accompany your donation with a description of your item/s and your name. Thanks.



- All of our upcoming speakers are now published on our website: www.cwrtgettysburg.org.
- The Cumberland Township Historical Society is proud to announce the Dedication of an Historical Plaque commemorating the Barlow Fire Company and Hall where President and Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower cast their votes while residents of Cumberland Township, Pennsylvania. We invite you to attend the ceremony on November 13, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. Location: Barlow Fire Company, 2005 Taneytown Road, Gettysburg.
- **November 19 – The 56th Annual Fortenbaugh Memorial Lecture at the Majestic Theater at 7:00 PM. The speaker will be Thavolia Glymph, Associate Professor of History at Duke University.**

- The annual GCWRT Field Trip will be held on Saturday April 28th and will take us through the Civil War History of York County, PA.



We will follow the route of Confederate General Jubal Early from Gettysburg to the Susquehanna River at Wrightsville and Columbia and then the return trip Early took back to Gettysburg.

Among the stops we will make are:

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| - Abbottstown | - Wrightsville |
| - Hanover Junction | - Columbia |
| - Penn Park | - Big Mount |

We will spend considerable time discussing and learning about the Susquehanna River Bridge from Wrightsville to Columbia, the Great Fire, and its impact on the Gettysburg Campaign.

Mark your calendar NOW!

GNMP NEWS

Hazardous trees removed from Soldiers' National Cemetery

Gettysburg National Military Park (NMP) contracted with Bartlett Tree Experts to remove several trees from the Soldiers' National Cemetery that were identified as potentially hazardous. This is one phase in a multi-phase project to en-



This Fraser Fir is one of the trees that was removed from the Soldiers' National Cemetery due to safety concerns. It had a hollow trunk and there was a crack in the trunk.

sure that the trees in the National Cemetery are preserved for as many years as possible. The ten trees identified for removal have aged beyond the point where they can be preserved and must be removed to ensure the safety of visitors, staff, cemetery infrastructure such as structures, walls, and fences, adjoining power lines, roads, and vehicular traffic. Work began on Monday, October 2, 2017 and concluded Friday, October 6, 2017.

The initial assessment and inventory took place in May, 2017. This work included identifying trees and assigning each a number identifying the trees' condition, health, and vigor recommending risk evaluations and removals of appropriate trees recommending tree care, soil care and fertilization, structural support, and pest management treatments to promote tree safety, health, appearance, and longevity mapping the trees using GPSr hardware and Geographic Information System (GIS).

The next phase (likely in late November, 2017) will include cabling of branches in several trees, pruning and thinning of canopies, and the repair and installation of lightning protection in several of the larger trees.

Plans to possibly plant new trees in the National Cemetery will be determined at a later date once the park's Cultural Landscape Report is complete. Interpretive programs in the National Cemetery will not be affected. Additionally, the honey locust witness tree, located near the southeast corner of the cemetery was not part of this study and will continue to be cared for by park staff.

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ABOVE: Doucette Achievement Award coordinator Ron Rock (right) presents the award to this year's winner, Barbara Finfrock at the September meeting.

BELOW: Ron Rock and Barbara Finfrock pose with the Award. The Cal Doucette Achievement Award, was created in memory of a CWRT Board member who felt that recognition should be given to honor people who do something special for the Park and for the study of Civil War history.

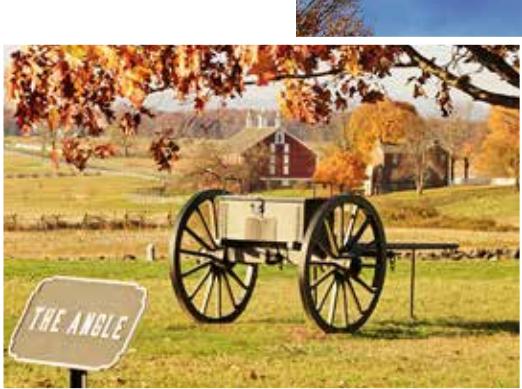


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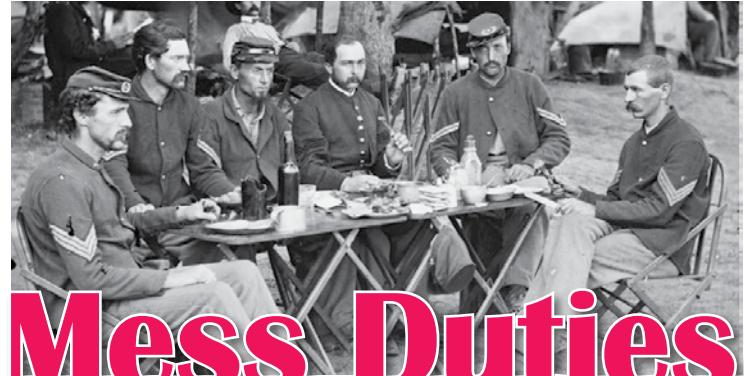
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 December Merry Christmas!