

"Whether the Union stands or falls, I believe the profession of arms will henceforth be more desirable and more respected than it has been hitherto."

-SENATOR
CHARLES SUMNER OF
MASSACHUSETTS,
APRIL 1861

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SEPTEMBER 22ND
THE BATTLE OF BENTONVILLE



Our speaker will be: **Perry D. Jamieson**, a historian for the Air Force History Support Office in Washington, D.C., is coauthor of *Attack and Die: Civil War Military Tactics and the Southern Heritage* and author of *Crossing the Deadly Ground: United States Army Tactics 1865–1899*. His books include *Death in September: The Antietam Campaign*.

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.cwrgettysburg.org.

Whenever treacherous weather is predicted, the CWRT President and Vice President shall determine by Noon on that day whether the program should be cancelled or not. Announcements will be made on television station WGAL and FOX Sports Radio 1320.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting begins at 6:30 PM on Thursday, September 8, 2011 at the Avenue Restaurant.

OCTOBER 27TH
STEPHEN DODSON RAMSEUR

As a brigadier in Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, Stephen Dodson Ramseur established a record second to none. This accounted in large measure for his promotion to major general at the youngest age of any West Pointer in the Confederate army. He served as a brigade commander at Chancellorsville, in the Pennsylvania campaign, at Gettysburg and its aftermath in Virginia, in the Wilderness and at Spotsylvania.



Our speaker will be **George G. Kundahl** who served as executive director of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and as a principal deputy assistant secretary of defense. He is a major general, U. S. Army Retired. A graduate of Davidson College, N.C., he received an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Alabama. In addition to *The Bravest of the Brave: The Correspondence of Stephen Dodson Ramseur*, Kundahl is the author of *Confederate Engineer: Training and Campaigning with John Morris Wampler*, and *Alexandria Goes to War: Beyond Robert E. Lee*.

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer and were able to join us for at least some of our tours. Thanks to Bill Hewitt for making the arrangements, and to all our presenters.



Message
from the
President
by
Cindy King

During the anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, I was on Pumping Station Road helping to register the reenactors. During this time, I had the honor of registering a young man, Aleš, from Prague, in the Czech Republic. As we got his information on the forms, he kept apologizing for his English. There was nothing wrong with his English once we were done, however. He pulled himself up straight and told me, "Always in my heart I have Gettysburg, and now, I am here!" With tears in my eyes I assured him that we were all quite happy that he had joined us. It never ceases to amaze me at how fortunate we are to have access to one of the most important places in our country's history, and how important our job is to keep it available to people just like Aleš.

Our regular meetings will be starting in September in the GAR Hall, and I'm looking forward to seeing all of you; hopefully we won't have any tornado warnings! While it may seem a bit early to mention, we all need to start thinking about raffle items for our Holiday Banquet – it'll be here before we know it!

Cindy

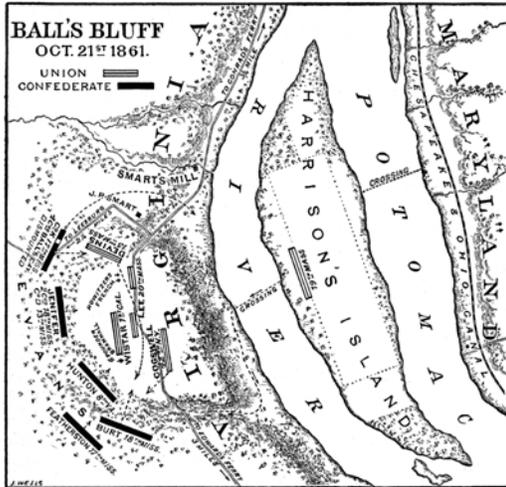
New service provides battlefield tours to wheelchair travelers

The Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania, VA area is home to four major Civil War battlefields. All-Access Battlefield Tours (LLC) are designed especially for wheelchair travelers who wish to fully explore and experience these hallowed grounds. All-accessible individual or group tours take visitors, their families and friends directly to the sites while moving at their own pace. In order to provide a comfortable expedition, visitors have the option to be transferred to custom travel wheelchairs that feature special wheels and canopies. AABT is the first and only Civil War battlefield tour service catering specifically to wheelchair travelers. Guides include local Civil War historians, authors, enthusiasts and film producers. For more information visit: www.pinstripepress.net/AABT.html.

October 21, 1861

Battle of Ball's Bluff "Union Disaster"

Contributed by Joe Mieczkowski



ground confronted by four regiments of Mississippians and Virginians concealed in the woods on still higher ground. The Confederates had the Union troops in a situation that reminded the Mississippi boys of a down-home turkey-shoot. The Rebels laid down a galling fire that kept the Yankees disorganized. Just as Baker realized the disaster he had created, he was instantly killed by a sharpshooter's bullet through the brain. Then, with a Rebel Yell, the gray lines charged, and the panic-stricken blue troops rolled, leaped, and tumbled



Sen. Edward D. Baker of Oregon, a handsome man with a fondness for reciting poetry, vigorously supported the war against the Southern traitors. He was an intimate friend of Abraham Lincoln, who named his second son for Baker. While retaining his Senate seat, Baker obtained a commission as colonel in the Union army, but he was no warrior.

On October 21, 1861, Colonel Baker moved his 1,700-man brigade across the Potomac River from Maryland to Virginia to attack the Confederate force camped near the town of Leesburg. The crossing was slow, for the three small boats could accommodate a total of 25 men at a time. On the Virginia side was a 100-foot-high bank called Ball's Bluff that could be scaled only by a narrow cow path. Baker had not scouted the enemy, and had put his command in a position that offered no retreat should things go wrong. Nevertheless, he was confident, singing out quotations from Sir Walter Scott as he climbed the bank.

At the top of the bluff the Union troops found themselves on open

over the cliff onto the heads and bayonets of those below. The screeching men in gray fired down on the Union soldiers as they scrambled into and quickly capsized their three boats. Many drowned, and those who could swim tried for the other side of the river, the water boiling from the bullets fired at them. The rest either surrendered or tried to hide. Union losses included more than 200 killed and wounded, with more than 700 captured. Confederate losses were negligible.

Fascinating Fact: Captured Union soldiers included a grandson of Paul Revere, a son of Oliver Wendell Holmes, and a nephew of James Russell Lowell. Source: <http://civilwar.bluegrass.net/battles-campaigns/1861/611021.html>.



Balls Bluff National Military Cemetery

One of the first, and smallest, US National Military Cemeteries. The Ball's Bluff cemetery holds the remains of roughly 54 Union soldiers - all are unidentified except for one - James Allen of the 15th Massachusetts.

During the battle of Ball's Bluff on October 21, 1861 Union cannon were positioned near a clearing next to where the cemetery was placed. All three of the Union cannon were captured during the fighting.

Photo: Rob Shenk
civilwar.org/ballsbluff

HOLIDAY BANQUET JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Don't look now, but it's September; and before you know it...Halloween, then Thanksgiving, soon to be followed by the Roundtable's Annual Holiday Banquet. Enclosed with this newsletter in the banquet flyer with all the details and your first opportunity to sign up to say you're attending!

Date: Thurs., Dec. 1

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: The Dobbin House

Cost: \$25.00 per person

The entertainment is year is provided by Kent Courteny.



Kent is a true professional and has received excellent national media coverage. He

frequently appears on The History Channel, and he has been heard and seen on: The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, BBC, Good Morning America, PBS, The Travel Channel, CNN, C-SPAN and National Public Radio.

He is internationally known for his expertise on music of the 1800's and the historical genres leading up to that era, especially the Renaissance.

Kent's live shows are more than just entertainment. In a dramatic format, he relates the history of the era and the music he performs. People come away from his performances feeling enlightened, educated and entertained.

Courteny is also author of *Returning to the Civil War*, *Grand Reenactments of an Anguished Time*, and a nationally recognized authority on the Civil War, with reviews and regular advertising published in *Smoke & Fire News*, *Camp Chase Gazette*, *Citizens' Companion*, *Civil War News*, *Southern Living*, and other magazines and newspapers throughout the country.

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: jdeal@gettysburg.k12.pa.us, and the next issue will be sent right to your computer on or around November 1, 2011.

The Globe Inn

This is the eleventh in a series of articles, contributed by past roundtable president, John Winkelman, on the inns, hotels, taverns and stores that were in Gettysburg and the surrounding communities during the battle. –Ed.

Both photos courtesy of the ACHS.

In 1790 James Gettys, the founder of Gettysburg, would build a new inn on York Street, reportedly the first brick building in his new town.

Innkeeping probably came natural to James as his father Samuel Gettys had run a tavern here since 1762. James, whose wife Mary Todd was a relative of Mary Todd Lincoln, would own the inn until his death in 1815.

William Gillespie would buy the inn and run it until 1851 when he sells it to his son in law Harvey Wattles. When the new court house is built in 1859 Wattles will donate the clock for the tower which is still running today.

In those days the Globe was the headquarters for the Democratic Party where they would have their meetings and conventions. On Election Day a Democratic victory would be celebrated by a Parade through town which would usually end at the Globe for liquid refreshments.

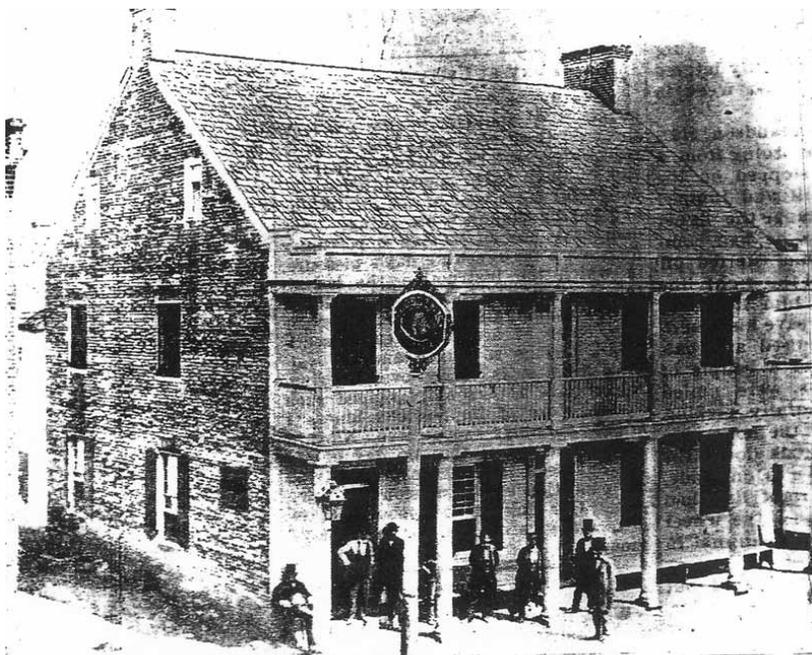
In 1860 Charles Will will purchase the inn for \$4,000 and he will be the owner and proprietor during the battle. On June 26, 1863 elements of Jubal Early's division entered Gettysburg, Charles' son John thought one of Early's staff officers looked familiar and pointed him out to his father. Charles also recognized him as a man who had stayed at the Globe three weeks earlier and who had asked many questions regarding the farms, the crops, and the financial condition of the farmers and who had also paid for his meal with silver. When John went up to the officer and told him that he recognized him as the visitor who had stayed at the inn the man laughed and rode away but did not deny it.

On the night of June 26th three Louisiana Tigers came to the inn and ordered Will to give them three barrels of whiskey, he refused so they then drew their swords and made him open the cellar. They took the three barrels but said they would return in the morning and pay for it. Later that night a Confederate Major came to the inn and gave Charles a receipt for the whiskey, this probably didn't make Charles any happier but they did keep their word. After the Confederates left Charles decided to hide some of his whiskey by burying it in the garden along with some groceries. What seemed like a good idea turned out to be a bust as water seeped through the barrels and ruined the whiskey.

On July 1st the Globe will do a booming business selling whiskey to Union soldiers as they poured through the town. Business was so good that Will got two of his friends to help out by drawing whiskey out of the barrels into the soldiers canteens. When the fighting started north of town Union officers ordered the men out and told Will to stop selling liquor. Shortly after other soldiers showed up begging for whiskey and Will started serving again until he was forced to stop again by Union officers.

After the Union Army retreated Confederate forces occupied the town and on July 2nd and 3rd Confederate officers would dine at the Globe for breakfast, dinner and supper. Seeing a good thing Will raised the price of a meal from \$.35 to \$.50 and whiskey from \$.05 to \$.10. Amazingly these officers will pay with gold and US currency. Will's thought that because these officers were from Early's division that they got this money in York. After the battle Charles Will was accused of "Harboring Rebels" for serving Confederates. He would easily clear himself of these charges but several days later would be arrested and reprimanded for selling too much whiskey to Union soldiers.

In 1864 Samuel Wolf will purchase the inn, he will add a third story, change the front of the building, and rename it the Globe Hotel in 1890.



(ABOVE) The Globe as it appeared in 1863 at the time of the Gettysburg battle.

(BELOW) The Globe Inn after Samuel Wolf added the 3rd floor, changed the front facade, and renamed it the Globe Hotel in 1896.



On May 30, 1906 the first murder in Gettysburg Boro (at least according to the newspapers) occurred at the Globe. William Eyler and Howard Miller had been drinking at the bar when they got into an argument. The fight moved out to the lobby when Eyler hit Miller over the head with a pump handle killing him.

In 1928 the name is changed to the Hoffman Hotel and the facade on York Street is changed. Over the next several decades it will known as Hoffman House, Sach's Apartments, and Sherman's Store and on March 21, 1968 the old inn will be destroyed by fire. Today a modern building is on the site, only a marker on the sidewalk is left to tell the visitor of the famous inn that once stood here.

SEP OCT Stuff to do in the area

September 10-11, Summersville, WV; Reenactment. Reenactment, *Battle of Carnifex Ferry*, at the State Park near Summersville, WV. Living history camps and demonstrations all weekend. Battle at 2 p.m., Sunday. For information, 304-872-0825 carnifexferry-battlefieldstatepark.com.

September 17-18, Sharpsburg, MD. Anniversary activities at the Pry House Field Hospital Museum on the Antietam National Bat-

tlefield (MD). Focus on Civil War medicine with living history. 11 am-5 pm. Free with admission. civilwarmed.org.

September 20, 7 PM; Tour. Dan Mazzotti, *Return to The Klingel Farm*. Historic Gettysburg-Adams County Educational Speaker program returns to the newly restored Klingel Farm. Dan Mazzotti will share the history and efforts made by the GNMP to bring back the log cabin and surrounding land to July 1863. Included in the tour will be the 1880 forebay ground barn. The Klingel Farm is located on Steinwehr Ave/Emmitsburg Rd. For more information, visit www.hgaonline.org or call 717-334-8312; rain or shine.

September 29-October 2. Seminar and Tour. Chambersburg, PA. *The Opening Guns: War Comes to Maryland and Washington DC*. Some of the nation's top historians will be coming to Chambersburg to provide an in-depth look at how the Civil War impacted Baltimore and the nation's capital. In addition to seminar discussions, there will be a day-long tour.

A bus trip on Oct. 1 to Fort McHenry, Federal Hill, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum, the Maryland Historical Society, Edgar Allen Poe's grave and the Lee/Jackson Monument.

People can sign up for the entire seminar, the bus tour or particular sessions. For information, contact Cindy Baker at the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce or see the brochure at www.chambersburgcivilwarseminars.org.

September 30-October 2. Recreation. Carlisle, PA. *Civil War 150: Going to Winter Camp* recreating winter 1861 at U.S. Army Heritage & Education Center, Carlisle. Demonstrations, lectures, programs, construction of new winter cabin on the Army Heritage Trail. New Civil War photo exhibit. Participants paid. Sutlers welcome. For information, registration, www.uahec.org to reenactor registration button.

October 15 & 16. Living History and Ranger Programs. Harper's Ferry. "In the Shadows of John Brown: The 1861 Battle of Bolivar Heights," at the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. 11 am-5 pm. Free with park admission. www.nps.gov/hafe.

October 19. Lecture. Carlisle, PA. The US Army Heritage and Education Center; Perspectives in Military History Lecture Series with Dr. Lewis Sorley presents *Westmoreland: The General Who Lost Vietnam*. For information: usahec.org.

October 22 & 23. Reenactment. Leesburg, VA. *The Battle of Ball's Bluff*, at the NVRPA park and Morven Park near Leesburg. Saturday includes march to the battlefield from Morven Park at noon, reenactment at 2:30 pm with evening activities at the battlefield and Morven Park. Living history with camps and demonstrations 9 am-noon Sunday. Tickets, more info: www.150thballsbluff.com.



The Camp Curtin Historical Society and
AMART – Association of Mid-Atlantic Civil War Round Tables
are pleased to announce the

2011 AMART Civil War Symposium

9:00AM to 4:00PM - Saturday, October 1, 2011

at the

U. S. Army Heritage and Education Center, 950 Soldiers Drive, Carlisle, Pa.

Join us for an informative day with distinguished speakers and the opportunity to visit AHEC's living history encampment "Civil War 150: Entering Winter Camp" - September 30 to October 2

After the first campaigns of 1861, both Union and Confederate armies went into winter quarters for the first time. See Union and Confederate Winter Camps, Drilling Competitions for Infantry, Artillery and Cavalry, Large Sutler's Row, Special Civil War Exhibits from the USAHEC Collections, Period Baseball Game, Victorian Dancing, and Much, Much More !!!

SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

- 8:00-9:00AM - Registration & Continental Breakfast, with fruit juices, pastry, yogurt, coffee, tea
During this time, the Visitor and Education Center exhibit, "A Great Civil War, 1861: The Union Dissolved," will be open to AMART attendees (it will not open to the public until 9:00AM).
- 9:15-10:15AM - Dr. Richard J. Sommers, Senior Historian, Army Heritage Center, speaking on
South-Central's Celebrated Soldiers: Civil War Generals from Our Part of Pennsylvania
- 10:30-11:30AM - Robert Lee Hodge, Civil War preservationist and historian, speaking on
Remembering "The War of the Rebellion"
- 11:30AM-1:45PM Lunch on your own from the food vendors at the living history encampment and an opportunity to see the demonstrations and special exhibits
- 1:45-2:45PM - Scott L. Mingus, Sr., author of seven books on the Civil War, speaking on
Flames Beyond Gettysburg: The Confederate Expedition to the Susquehanna River, June 1863
- 3:00-4:00PM - Jeffrey D. Wert, author of nine Civil War books, speaking on
The Army of Northern Virginia From the Seven Days to Gettysburg

Speakers' books will be available for sale & signing

★ Cost is only \$10.00 per person ★

Reservations must be received in advance.

Special parking and seating will be provided to symposium attendees.

Complete and return attached registration form.

For more information, contact James Schmick, 717-732-5115 or genjenkins@aol.com

MUST SEE'S AT THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MUSEUM[®] IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Governor Tom Corbett Announced as Keynote Speaker for Museum Gala

The National Civil War Museum announced today that Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett will be this year's keynote speaker for the 5th annual Blue & Gray Gala on Wednesday, October 5, 2011. Traditionally held in October, the Blue & Gray Gala has received the support of more than twenty corporate and individual sponsors this year.

Governor Corbett served his country as a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard 28th Infantry Division from 1971 until 1984, rising from private to captain. He received his undergraduate degree from Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pennsylvania, and taught high school civics and history before earning a law degree.

A life-long Pennsylvania resident, Corbett has been a key advisor to U.S. Presidents and Governors, including President Ronald Reagan, President Bush and Governor Ridge. Most recently, he was elected Pennsylvania Attorney General for two terms.

Reservations for the Blue & Gray Gala are available for \$125 per person & can be made by calling Lynn Smolizer 717.260.1861 x. 1108 or lsmolizer@nationalcivilwarmuseum.org by September 26, 2011. Registration begins at 6pm and includes a cocktail hour and silent auction with a variety of premier items, a 3-course dinner and keynote speech. Funds raised from the event go directly to support Museum operations.

A War of Firsts:

New Exhibit to Focus on Inventions & Innovations in the Civil War

The origins of many modern day practices and inventions can be traced to the American Civil War and will be the focus of The National Civil War Museum's latest changing exhibit. The exhibit, *To Further Their Cause: Inventions and Innovations of the Civil War* is scheduled to open on Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 5:30 PM, with a preview reception on Wednesday, September 14, 2011.

The time period during the Civil War resulted in the advent of new technology and innovation, including using hot air balloons for aerial reconnaissance, the beginning of a trans-continental railroad, wartime photography, the practice of embalming, standard sized clothing and much more. These topics and many more will be highlighted in this fascinating new exhibit. Artifacts will include repeating rifles, the Medal of Honor, various battlefield photographs, and clothing made from large-scale uniform manufacturing.

"The American Civil War was considered a war of firsts in many regards. Although many things had been developed prior to the war, the ways in which they were utilized changed and altered the course of war," commented Brett Kelley, curator of collections at the Museum. Kelley continued, "For example, railroads had been in existence for many years, but it was during the Civil War that railroads were first used to transport troops from one front to another."

The National Civil War Museum will host a reception to preview the exhibit on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Admission to the reception is \$10 per person with complimentary admission for Museum members. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Lynn Smolizer at 717.260.1861 x. 1108 or lsmolizer@nationalcivilwarmuseum.org by September 9. "To Further Their Cause: Inventions and Innovations of the Civil War" will open to the public on September 15, 2011 and be on display through March 4, 2012.

DID YOU KNOW...? Samuel Colt patented the first of many revolvers in 1836, but his manufacturing company floundered, then failed. Revived by the Mexican War, in 1861 and 1862 his Patent Arms Manufacturing Company sold 107,000 .44 caliber weapons to the U.S. War Department. These sales alone netted \$1,375,000 for the inventor/manufacturer.

Colt's revolving rifle brought \$50 in 1857. Although the Colt rifle usually cost \$45, many who used this splendid weapon considered it worth twice as much.



150
years ago

September 10, 1861

Battle of Carnifex Ferry, WV

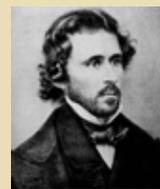


Confederate forces in the south of West Virginia defeated by General Rosecrans

The Confederacy appointed General Albert Sidney Johnston as commander of the Confederate Armies of the West.

September 11, 1861

President Lincoln revokes Gen. John C. Frémont's unauthorized military proclamation of emancipation in Missouri. Later, the president relieves Gen.



Frémont of his command and replaces him with Gen. David Hunter.

September 10-15, 1861

Battle of Cheat Mountain, VA

A Confederate defeat in West Virginia, notable as the first battle commanded by General Lee.

October 21, 1861



Battle of Ball's Bluff, VA

Defeat of a Union attempt to capture Leesburg (Virginia), forty miles up-river from Washington.

November 1, 1861

President Lincoln appoints McClellan as general-in-chief of all Union forces after the resignation of the aged Winfield Scott. Lincoln tells McClellan, "...the supreme command of the Army will entail a vast labor upon you." McClellan responds, "I can do it all."



George and Sharon Miller; Joe and Chris Mieczkowski took these pictures at the 150 Manassas re-enactment July 21-23. Joe reports that the heat index was 116!!!



*From the Office of
the Town Guides...*

Gettysburg History Primer

Come and immerse yourself in Gettysburg's rich history! If you are a buff, live or work in town, a visitor, or are planning to take the Licensed Town Guide exam on November 12th; this seminar is for you. We will examine the founding and development of the town, the passionate and often contentious politics, religious diversity, the importance of education, the town's industry, and many other topics that delve into the fascinating and long history of the town we all love!

Date: Fri., Sept. 16, 2011 - Sun., Sept. 18, 2011

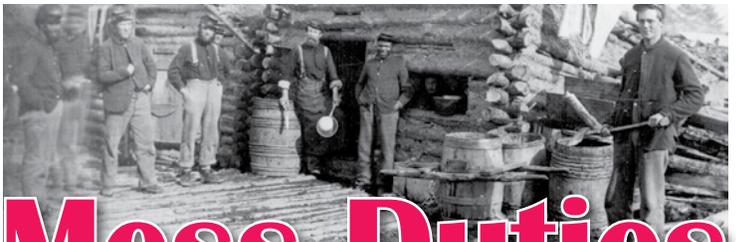
3rd Annual Licensed Town Guide Town Symposium

GETTYSBURG 1861, A COMING STORM

Join the Licensed Town Guides of Gettysburg for our annual symposium. This year's topic will be the response of Gettysburg to the events of 1861 as war fever builds. We will look into the political feelings in the town as well as how the town prepared for the impending conflict. We hope you'll join us for this intriguing chapter in Gettysburg's long and compelling history.

- When Saturday, October 8, 2011
- Where..... G.A.R. Building - East Middle Street
- Time 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
- Cost \$75 includes all lectures, a walking tour, continental breakfast, and lunch.

Details for both events at cwrgettysburg.org



Mess Duties

- Sept. 26 meetingPat & MaryEllen Fairbairn
- October 27 meeting Lynn Heller
- November 17 meeting Barbara Burkman
- January 26 meetingCheryl Winkelman
- February 23 meetingCindy King
- March 22 meetingKathy Rock
- April 26 meeting Open
- May 24 meeting Open