

"In giving freedom to the slave, we assure freedom to the free. Honorable alike in what we give and what we preserve. We shall nobly save, or meanly lose, the last, best hope of earth."

– PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN, MESSAGE TO CONGRESS, 1862

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SEPTEMBER 26TH

The Adams County Conscientious Objector

Roger Heller is a lifelong native of Adams County. Roger is now a retired Secondary education American History teacher. He and his wife Lynn moved back to Gettysburg in 2008 and he enjoys and appreciates the area more now than when he lived here as a youngster.

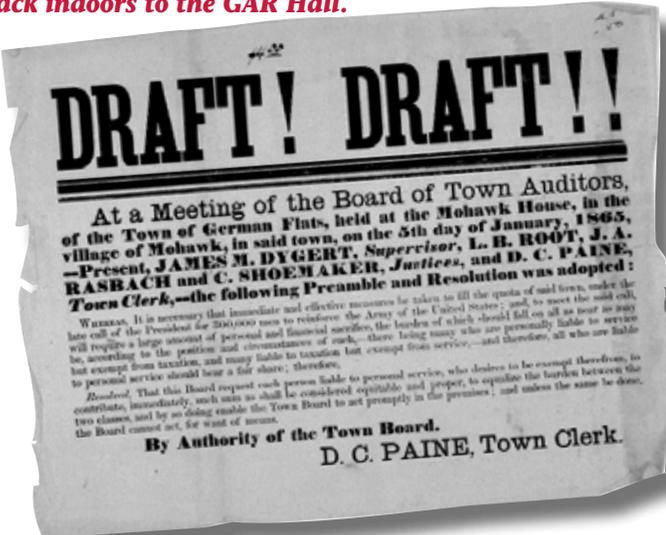
His lecture will focus on the Adams County Conscientious Objector population during the Civil War.

In order to discuss the Conscientious Objector population, he will also touch upon the Civil War military draft, the German Baptist Brethren Church, and Pennsylvania History.

His research has been conducted primarily in ACHS and the National Archives facility in Philadelphia. ☞☞☞

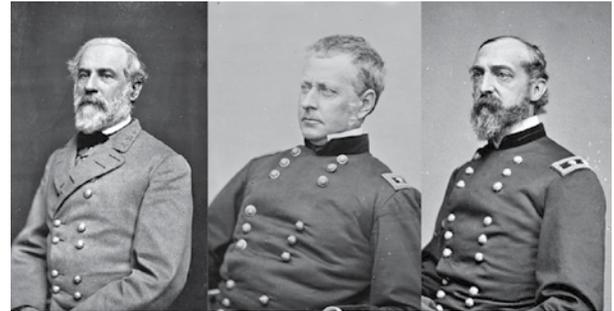


Just as a reminder...with the September meeting we move back indoors to the GAR Hall.



OCTOBER 24TH

From Fredericksburg to Gettysburg: North with Lee, Hooker, and Meade



Why did Lee go North after Chancellorsville? Was it for only one reason or for a multitude of reasons?

What incidents occurred as both armies marched north that would directly impact the outcome of those fateful three days in July?

Why did a large proportion of the Army of the Potomac believe that General McClellan was back in command?

How did Jefferson Davis cripple the Army of Northern Virginia as it started North?

What human anecdotes give added dimension to this great drama of American history?

In his presentation, Kim Holien will attempt to answer these questions and others so as to broaden everyone's understanding of the Gettysburg campaign and battle.

Kim Holien is a professional Army/military historian with over thirty-five years experience in his field. He recently retired after 41 years of professional service in the US Government in Washington, D.C. His first visit to our battlefield was in 1956 and since then he has participated in the Civil War Centennial, narrated the 125th Anniversary reenactment and been the civilian historian for a professional military Staff Ride here for the Secretary of the Army, the Chief of Staff of the Army and the Army General Staff in the Pentagon. Kim has talked to us before regarding his book, Battle at Balls Bluff. For his professional work Kim has received recognition from President Ronald Reagan, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, the current Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, three Chief of Staffs of the Army, and the Royal Norwegian Embassy Defense Staff. Kim has worked on five presidential inaugurations and two state funerals. He is past president of both the Alexandria and DC Civil War Roundtables and is a founder of The Friends of Fort Ward. His ancestors fought on both sides of the war. ☞☞☞



The Aftermath

The 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg has come and gone. Thousands of tourists came, thousands of tourists left, and life quickly returned to normal for those of us living in the town and surrounding areas. The citizens living in the area in July 1863 would not be so fortunate, as the thousands of "visitors" who descended on the town left behind reminders of their visit that would last for months.

The first day of September 1863 would find the residents

of the area still dealing with the aftermath of battle, two months after the fact. Nearly 2,000 wounded soldiers were still receiving treatment at Camp Letterman General Hospital on the York Pike, while others were still being cared for in private residences throughout the town.

The accoutrements of battle



Message from the President
by Kendra Debany

still littered the fields, and "relic hunters" were accidentally being maimed or killed while trying to disarm shells, or accidentally shooting themselves while handling loaded rifles. As yet another reminder of the battle, an order forbidding the disinterment of bodies, which began in August, re-

mained in effect throughout the month of September.

So the bodies remained where they were hastily buried two months prior, the houses and fields remained scarred, but everyday life carried on. Fences were mended, crops replanted, the bloodstained floors were washed, and life by September was starting to resume some sense of normalcy. What had taken place here had been so momentous, that no matter how much everyday life was returning to normal, the town had been changed forever.

Kendra

BOOK Chat

American Oracle — The Civil War in The Civil Rights Era

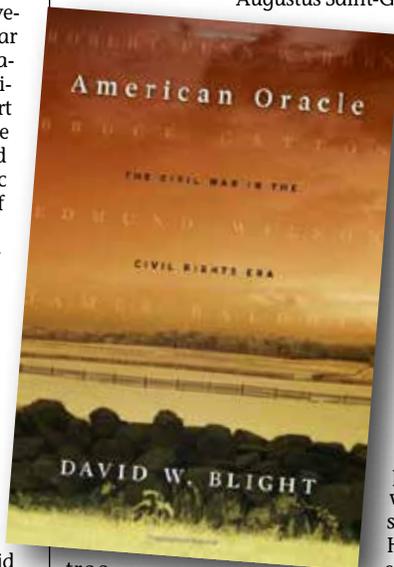
By David W. Blight

Reviewed by Pat Fairbairn

This is a book about how we remembered & celebrated the centennial of the Civil War in the early 1960's that coincided with the gathering impact of the civil rights movement. But it is also a look at the war in memory and national imagination through the works of four incisive writers: Southern reared Robert Penn Warren, 3 time Pulitzer Prize winning novelist & poet; Edmund Wilson, the great literary critic of the 20th century and author of "Patriotic Gore"; Bruce Catton, the preeminent Civil War historian and author of two trilogies of the conflict who garnered a huge popular following with his brilliant narrative skills; and James Baldwin, the African American activist and novelist. All 4 authors were engaged in a quest to know the purpose of the past in life and art, and each knew, in their own way, that the *meaning* of the war was the most divisive element in national historical memory. Robert Penn Warren said that "The American Civil War draws us as an oracle of personal as well as national fate". To anyone reared in the South, it is the "emotional furniture" of their soul. Particularly with Warren, a Kentuckian whose Grandfather rode with Nathan Bedford Forrest's cavalry, and who beguiled young Robert with stories of his experiences. And there is no deeper strain of "Lost Cause" culture than Confederate soldiers who rode with Forrest. Yet Warren had the inner strength and intellect to re-ar-

range that furniture in his own soul with a different vision. To conclude that the war was a politicians' war worked up by fools – Southern "fire eaters" and Northern abolitionists. And that for Southerners it was part of the emotional furniture of life (myth) that was "just as much about the right to lynch people or keep them as slaves as it was about any valor or devotion on the fields of Corinth or Shiloh." That peoples, and nations, make continuing moral choices in their lives, and it is best not to lie about or deny the motivations and consequences of those choices. Yet, our fragile humanity needs its denials, pleasing narratives, and self justifying stories to make the past serve the present, and allow us to feel better about ourselves and those choices. Further, that we tend to insist upon a redemptive history often without knowing that we have erased the tragedy. In Warren's view, that is a mistake, for to experience the tragedy is to gain integrity, dignity, and wisdom. And there is no more tragic event in our history than the Civil War and the 750,000 soldier's deaths attached to it.

To return to the oracle for a moment, and the title of the book: Blight says that no one knows exactly where this "American Oracle" is located, or the identity of the high priestess who speaks in its voice. "Is it on Cemetery Ridge or on Little Round Top at Gettysburg; on Monument Avenue in Richmond; at the Lincoln Memorial, at the remains of slave cabins on a decaying plantation near Charleston, at any of the hauntingly beautiful Civil War cemeteries, or at Augustus Saint-Gaudens magnificent Shaw memorial in Boston? Or in Wilmer McLeans parlor at Appomattox?" Each of us might have our personal choice, but we need help in seeing and knowing the tragedy embedded in all these remains and memorials.



Robert Warren concludes by observing that for the South, it was the GREAT ALIBI; i.e. that it was not really about slavery at all. For the North, it was the TREASURE OF VIRTUE, to take satisfaction in the righteousness of their moral superiority. In the long struggle over the memory of the Civil War, both sides developed comfortable havens of self righteousness, or morally narcissistic arguments justifying their actions.

Bruce Catton combined great historical accuracy with the skill of a dramatist. His period of national prominence coincided with the Civil Rights movement and he seemed not to want to "offend" either side. He wrote of it as an intersectional mutual edy with plenty of heroes on both sides and no real villains. According to Professor Blight, although Catton saw slavery as the main cause, he insisted their reasons for secession remain "riddles" to this day. Surprisingly, he embraced the "Lost Cause", that cluster of myths about a noble crusade, and did not fully grasp – or at least talk about – how the "Lost Cause" was a cover for the racial ideology of a white supremacist society determined to re-assert itself.

Edmund Wilson examines the Civil War through the literature of the major figures who lived through it, and his examination of their lives and contributions is always interesting if not entirely reliable. Wilson was

very much anti-war of almost any kind; he didn't see any "romance or redemption" in it. He felt that human beings, through nations, act out their violent aims in history. He believed that businessmen were the real "winners" and that the war ushered in the new modern money making obsession and the "gilded age" of many millionaires who "rode" to financial windfalls on the blood of the poor and lower classes. Wilson's book, a powerhouse at the time, is little read today – it's not even Kindleable – but is worth reading. Wilson was a master literary portraitist and although, in Blight's opinion, he gets much wrong, such as Reconstruction, he "nailed" Oliver Wendell Holmes and Ulysses S. Grant, concluding that Wilson's portrait of Grant is better biography than it is literary history.

Baldwin's lens into the Civil War is much influenced by his involvement in the protests of the Civil Rights era and he exploited the white guilt that was such a potent weapon in 1962-63. As Blight explains, "where Catton placed people in a national narrative of a difficult but heroic past that anticipated a better and victorious present", Baldwin "placed people in a terrible and tragic past that might explode in a horrible present." This is a very interesting book. It will educate you, and prompt you to think about the legacy of the war in a new way. If Mr. Blight is right in his contention that the task of an artist is to criticize our myths and that of a historian to make us all a little uncomfortable, he has certainly succeeded with this new book. I highly recommend it.

Published By Harvard University Press, March 2011; 328 pages; \$27.95, discounted to \$17.82 on Amazon; Hardcover. 📖

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 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 scheduled board meeting begins at 6:30 PM on Thursday, Sept. 12, 2013 at the Avenue Restaurant.

Fairfield Inn

This is an ongoing 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.

Photo courtesy ACHS



Fairfield Inn circa 1900.

John Miller purchased 247 acres of land from Charles Carroll in 1756 and will laid out the town of Fairfield in 1784. There is some discrepancy on when the town was founded, some accounts state that John's son William founded it in 1801. However John Miller was selling lots here as early as 1787 and a 1792 map of Pennsylvania clearly shows the town of Fairfield on it.

John Miller will reside in the area until his death in 1794 but he never had a tavern license. William McMunn and then David Hayes will own the property between 1787 and 1801. William Miller will acquire the property in 1801 and will then build a 2 1/2 story stone building on this site as his residence. Prior to that a small stone farm house was on this site which would be enlarged with a log and stone addition in the late 18th century. There is a possibility that William Miller, who had a tavern license, would operate his tavern here in 1795-1797 but William also owned several other locations in town and it also possible that his tavern was at one of those locations.

In 1823 Miller will sell the house to his niece and her husband Maria and James Wilson and they will add a 3 1/2 story stone addition. It appears that they did not immediately open an inn because neither James nor Maria had a tavern license and those in town who did have one were operating two nearby taverns. If they ran an inn, they did so without serving liquor.

In 1830 their son in law Isaac Robinson received his tavern license and from then on it becomes the favorite inn in Fairfield. The two nearby taverns go out of business several years later and the impressive "Mansion House" will be the place to stay. Many famous people including Thaddeus Stevens will stop here. Isaac Robinson will run the inn for many years, even owning it himself from 1845 to 1852.

However, in 1856 the Wilson's will sell the property to Peter Shively. Shively ran the inn from 1851 to 1854 and then ran the Eagle Hotel in Gettysburg for 3 years. The inn would now be known as "Peter Shively's Mansion House" and Shively would be the owner and operator during the Civil War.

Peter Shively's business will be interrupted twice during the war. First in October 1862 when JEB Stuart, on his second ride around the Army of the Potomac, will come to town. His men had been rounding up horses to take with them and they will also round up John Paxton the town's postmaster and take him south as a prisoner. On June 30, 1863 two Mississippi regiments were in town and they will have a brief skirmish with General Buford's cavalry. Other Confederates were busy requisitioning livestock and supplies

on July 1st and 2nd but on July 3rd Major Samuel Starr and his 6th US Cavalry will enter town. Starr and his men are after a Confederate wagon train that was reported to be in the area. They will find the wagon train just north of town along with General "Grumble" Jones' Virginia cavalry brigade. In the ensuing battle the 6th US cavalry will be overwhelmed and routed. Many of the wounded will be brought back to town to be treated, some at the inn.

On July 4th General Lee begins his retreat from Gettysburg and most of the army will use the Fairfield Road. The Mansion House will be a popular spot for Confederate officers to stop, rest and get out of the rain, including General Lee himself. They will also help themselves to Shively's liquor supply. There is a story that the inn also served bean soup to the retreating Confederates as well. After the war Shively will file a damage claim for \$278, of which \$200 was for the liquor but nothing was listed for the bean soup. Amazingly he will be awarded the entire amount.

Peter Shively will own and operate his inn until 1892. William Gilbach will have it from 1893-1896 and others will continue to operate it into the 21st Century. Today the inn still stands in Fairfield, providing fine food and drink to visitors just as it did 183 years ago. 🍷

Photo courtesy ACHS



Peter Shively, owner of the Fairfield Inn 1856 – 1892.

Little Bighorn, A Place of Reflection

Submitted by Joe Mieczkowski

This area memorializes the U.S. Army's 7th Cavalry and the Sioux and Cheyenne in one of the Indian's last armed efforts to preserve their way of life. Here on June 25 and 26 of 1876, 263 soldiers, including Lt. Col. George A. Custer and attached personnel of the U.S. Army, died fighting several thousand Lakota, and Cheyenne warriors. 🍷



We're wearing our roundtable shirts! Our vacation July 2013 Little Big Horn Battlefield MT.

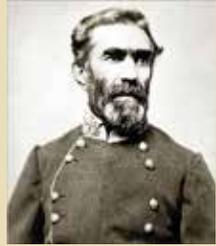
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150 years ago – 1863

September 6

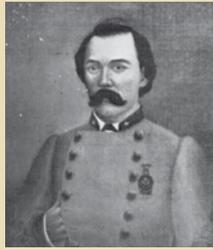
Union Campaign against Charleston, S. C. After the repulse of the Union forces at Fort Wagner in July, the Union forces settled into a long siege in positions on Morris Island. On **September 6**, Confederate General P. G. T. Beauregard orders Battery Wagner and Morris Island evacuated.

Second Battle of Sabine Pass



On **September 8**, federals mounted a massive attack on Sabine Pass, with four gunboats and 22 transports carrying an invasion force of 5,000 soldiers. They planned to seize the pass and then move overland to capture Houston and Galveston. Lieutenant Frederick Crocker commanded the naval operation. To land the troops, he first

had to get past Fort Griffin, which was manned by the Davis Guards, a Houston volunteer unit consisting of 42 Irish dockworkers commanded by saloonkeeper Richard "Dick" Dowling. Dowling's men kept up a withering cannon-fire. In less than one hour, they blew up one federal gunboat, forced another to run aground, and captured or killed 350 enemy soldiers without taking a single casualty themselves. The Union ships were forced to turn back for New Orleans.



September 15

Lincoln suspends the writ of habeas corpus.

Sept. 19 & 20 – Battle of Chickamauga

Confederates under General Braxton Bragg win a great tactical victory at Chickamauga, Georgia. The battle ended with the Union retiring to Chattanooga and the Confederates besieging the city

October 3

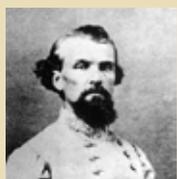
President Lincoln calls for a national day of Thanksgiving at the end of November. The proclamation was petitioned by Sarah Josepha Hale, editor of *Godey's Lady's Book*. She had been petitioning for this for 15 years.

Oct. 14 – Battle of Bristol Station

A. P. Hill strikes George Meade as he withdraws to the Rappahannock River. Meade had strongly fortified his rear guard defenses, easily repelling Hill's corps.

October 27

Union bombardment of Fort Sumter, defended by Confederate troops. The three days of pounding artillery will be the heaviest in the siege of Charleston.



October 29

Jefferson Davis grants Nathan Bedford Forrest's request for an independent command in north Mississippi and west Tennessee, freeing him from the command of Braxton Bragg.

SEPTEMBER OCTOBER

Stuff to do in the area

Ongoing Special Exhibit – Treasures of the Civil War: Legendary Leaders Who Shaped a War and a Nation. Includes unique artifacts associated with these individuals. Gettysburg National Military Park Visitor's Center. Visit gettysburgfoundation.org/137/special-exhibits.

Ongoing Special Exhibit. Visitors to the American Civil War Wax Museum will be able to view artifacts and collectibles that were part of the 50th & 75th Anniversary Commemorations of the Battle of Gettysburg. Steinwehr Avenue, Gettysburg.

Ongoing Special Exhibit – Expanded Slaves, Soldiers, Citizens: African American Artifacts of the Civil War Era. This exhibit follows African Americans from the antebellum days of slavery through the Civil War years as United States Colored Troops and freedmen to citizenship in post-bellum America. These artifacts and documents are on loan from the private collection of Angelo Scarlato. Gettysburg College Conference Department, 300 North Washington Street, Musselman Library. Hours: Tuesday through Thursday 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. or by appointment. Call 717-337-7002.

Ongoing Fridays and Saturdays. Miracles Amid the Firestorm. Take a guided tour of the grounds to learn how the Sisters and Daughters of Charity served the soldiers during the Civil War. Visit the site where Union officers conducted a war council to prepare for the battle of Gettysburg. Hear first hand accounts of rescues, healing, and even miracles on the battlefield. National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. Suggested donation \$5 per person. Contact bbassler@setonheritage.org, or call 301-447-6606.

Throughout September and October. Gettysburg National Military Park. Many activities and programs, with living history camps, special ranger tours and talks, family programs and more. Visit nps.gov/gett.

September 7. Voices of the Confederacy. General Lee's Headquarters. History from the Southern perspective, military & civilian portrayals, shooting demonstrations. 9 AM to 3 PM. Free. For information, call 717-334-3141.

September 13-15. Retreat & Aftermath. Association of Licensed Battlefield Guides Annual Fall Seminar in Gettysburg. Friday night reception & seminar; \$340, includes Saturday meals, Sunday breakfast & optional lunch, Friday reception, transportation, maps & materials. For information, registration, (717) 337-1709, seminar@gettysburgtourguides.org; visit gettysburgtourguides.org.

September 13-15. Anniversary Weekend. Tours and living history at the Antietam National Battlefield. Free with park admission. Visit nps.gov/anti/planyourvisit/events.htm.

September 14. Caroline's Tea on the tented lawn at the historic Rupp House. Enjoy living history with 1863 period characters, authors and circa 1800s fashion show; *Victorian's Secret: A Civil War Woman's Wardrobe*. A high tea lunch menu complete with an assortment of tea sandwiches, seasonal scones, gourmet sweets and artisan teas; noon-2:00 PM. Tickets for high tea lunch are \$28.95 per person and available by calling 877-874-2478, at the ticket counter at Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center, or by visiting gettysburgfoundation.org.

September 18-20. The Congressional Medal of Honor Society Annual Convention. Gettysburg was chosen to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the awarding of the first Medal of Honor in March of 1863, the

Battle of Gettysburg (63 Medals). Select events will be open to the public, including autograph signing, Town Hall meeting, etc. Call 202-587-2724 and request to speak with Samantha Meyer, or email at meyer@cmoh2013.org. For further information visit: www.cmoh2013.org.

September 21, 28. John Scott Adams Seminar. *If History is Written Truthfully. Artillery-Union at Gettysburg, 2nd Day.* A full-day program consisting of a half day indoor and a half day battlefield tour, with Licensed Battlefield Guide Christina Moon. Begins at 9 a.m. in the Ford Education Center, at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. Bus departs at approximately 1 p.m. for the battlefield tour and returns around 4 p.m. The Gettysburg Foundation and the Friends of Gettysburg. Cost is \$70 members and \$95 non-members. Registration deadline is September 6, 2013. Contact Ann Swade, aswade@gettysburgfoundation.org or call 717-339-2148.

September 21-22. Civil War Remembered. Reenactment. 13th annual train event at the Middletown & Hummelstown Railroad in Middletown. Encampment, living history scenarios, skirmishes, train rides through a Civil War battle at 11 am and 2:30 pm Saturday, 11 am Sunday. Fee for train ride. For information, Frankie, (717) 944-4435 Ext. 101, e-mail: traingal@mhrrailroad.com, or visit mmrrailroad.com.

October 4-6. The Cavalry at Gettysburg, Civil War Seminar & Tour based in Chambersburg with Ed Bearss, Eric Wittenberg, Jeffrey Wert & others. Includes East Cavalry Field, Farnsworth's Attack & Buford's Cavalry. For information, Chambersburg Civil War Seminars & Tours, (717) 264-7101; visit chambersburgcivilwarseminars.org.

October 5. 4th Annual Civil War Barn Dance at Beech Springs Farm, Orrtanna. 5 PM-10 PM. Supper, music, timber framing demonstrations, barn tours, and dance with the Susquehanna Travellers. Only 100 tickets. Proceeds for Historic Gettysburg Adams County Preservation Society barn preservation project. Visit HGAConline.org.

October 12-13. Antietam Morning. Antietam Battlefield Guides inaugural Autumn Symposium in Sharpsburg. Program, guided tours/hikes of battlefield, lunch at historic Mumma Farm, Friday evening mixer, Saturday dinner & speaker, optional tours of Bloody Lane, West Woods, Burnside Bridge & other areas available. Space limited. For information, registration, 866-461-5180; visit antietamguides.com.

October 19. Hancock the Superb – Hancock at Gettysburg. Association of Licensed Battlefield Guides 150th Anniversary Seminar Series in Gettysburg. Includes transportation, boxed lunch, maps & materials, several-hour guided tour. \$90. For information, registration, 717-337-1709, e-mail: seminar@gettysburgtourguides.org; visit gettysburgtourguides.org.

October 19. Battlefield Hikes at 9, 11:30 AM & 2 PM. Monocacy National Battlefield, Frederick. Two-hour Ranger-led to separate areas of July 9, 1864, battlefield. From visitor center. Free. For information, 301-662-3515. Visit: nps.gov/mono.

October 26 & 27. Gettysburg Collector's Show. Firearms, swords, uniforms, buttons, documents, books, photographs, personal effects, relics and more – for sale and trade from the country's leading dealers of militaria memorabilia. Saturday, 9 AM-5 PM and Sunday 9 AM-3 PM. Thomas Publications. AllStar Events Complex, 2638 Emmitsburg Road. Contact 717-642-6600; e-mail: info@thomaspublications.com, thomaspublications.com.

October 26 & November 2. John Scott Adams Seminar. Human Behavior in the Civil War and Combat. A full-day program consisting of a half day indoor and a half day battlefield tour, with Licensed Battlefield Guide Fred Wieners. Begins at 9 AM in the Ford Education Center, at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. Bus departs at approximately 1 PM for the battlefield tour and returns around 4 PM. The Gettysburg Foundation and the Friends of Gettysburg. Cost is \$70 members and \$95 non-members. Registration deadline is October 11. Contact Ann Swade, e-mail aswade@gettysburgfoundation.org, or call 717-339-2148.

October 26. Historic Period Suppers. A unique opportunity to enjoy a Civil War period-themed dining experience. Meals prepared using mid-nineteenth century cooking utensils and methods, served on antique dinnerware, and presented on period table dressings, amidst historic surroundings. Middlekauff Manor, Historic GAR Building, Cashtown. Time: 5-8 PM. Cost is \$150 per person (tax-deductible donation to the extent allowable by law) to HGAC. Pay securely online or by sending a check to HGAC and marked Period Dinner to PO Box 4611, Gettysburg PA 17325. E-mail Judy Pyle at jpyle302@centurylink.net, or visit HGAConline.org.



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The Battle was on June 25-26, 1876 between US 7th Cavalry and Lakota Sioux in Montana. The Indians won a great victory. Custer was killed.



Indian Monument at Little Big Horn

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Announcing the 150th Civil War Fall Lecture Series

The National Civil War Museum announces a full complement of speakers for our 150th Civil War Fall Lecture Series beginning on September 7, 2013 and appearing every Saturday through September, 2013. Each lecture is scheduled from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. in our Education Gallery and is included in the cost of admission and *Free* to members.

- **September 7, 2013 – *The Irish Brigade at Gettysburg*** presented by Gettysburg Licensed Battlefield Guide John J. Fitzpatrick, Jr., Esq. He is a former Marine officer who served in Vietnam, and host for a series on the Irish Brigade at Gettysburg.
- **September 14, 2013 – *Securing the Unions Right Flank*** presented by Dr. Terry Breckenbaugh, an assistant professor of Military History at the U. S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He received his Bachelors and Masters degrees from Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, and his Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas.
- **September 21, 2013 – *Confederate Battle Flags*** presented by Historian Greg Biggs. Greg, an amateur military historian for over 30 years, first became interested in the study of Confederate flags about 10 years ago. Greg was also an Associate Editor for *Blue & Gray Magazine* for a few years and has written articles both for that magazine and *Civil War Regiments*.
- **September 28, 2013 – *Preserving the USS Monitor: Insight from the Conservation Lab***, presented by David Kropp, Monitor Collection Conservation Project Manager. David Kropp has a Masters in underwater studies from East Carolina and a degree in History from James Madison.

The 150th Civil War Lecture Series is sponsored by PPL, M&T Bank, Highmark, Centric Bank, and UGI. ☞☞☞

Living History Events Continue Through Sept.

Encampments include Confederate dismounted cavalry, Confederate & Union infantry units, loading and firing demonstrations and much more!

- Sept. 7-81st Maryland Battalion
 14-15Confederation of Union Generals – No Firing Demos
 21-22Blue Gray Hospital Association
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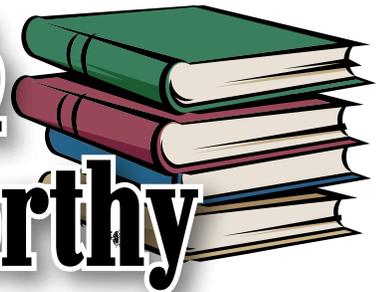
Museum visitors will see the flash and smell the smoke of Civil War muskets and rifles. Visitors are encouraged to visit the camps and ask living historians questions about their attire, food rations and daily life. Most infantry groups perform loading and firing demonstrations each day. Saturday demonstrations are at 11am, 1pm & 3pm and Sunday demonstrations are at 1pm & 3pm.

*Programs are weather contingent. Visitors should check the Museum's website for more information and updates to this schedule, as they are subject to change. ☞☞☞

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NEW & Noteworthy



The Battle of Mill Springs, Kentucky

by Stewart W. Sanders

This book examines an important battle that helped keep Kentucky under Union control. Fought near Somerset, Kentucky, on a foggy January 19, 1862, many of the Confederates' antiquated flintlock muskets failed to fire in the rain. The Southerners' poor weaponry, coupled with fragmented unit cohesion, the death of Confederate General Felix Zollicoffer, and a Union counterattack, ultimately led to the rebels' defeat.

The Federal victory at Mill Springs broke a Confederate defensive line across Kentucky, opened large sections of Tennessee to Union invasion, and provided a boost for flagging Northern morale at an important period. It was also Union General George Thomas's first victory.



The Battle of Mill Springs, Kentucky, is available through Amazon.com, from the History Press, and local bookstores.

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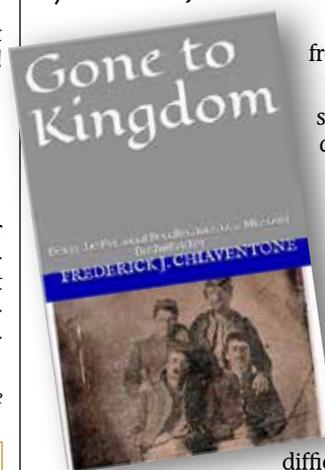
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Excerpts of interest as printed
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Compiled by Kendra Debany

A Square Ornament

In the absence of anything else in our Public Square, (as the old Liberty Pole, which has been worn out in the service, was yesterday leveled with the ground) we suggest that a new and superior one be at once prepared, with as elegant a Streamer and "Stars and Stripes" Flag, as the country can produce, to float over the town, which has become memorable as the name of the battle ground which gave so glorious a check to the proud Rebels. We hope some of our patriotic young friends will "put the ball in motion" at once, and roll it on to a beautiful, splendid conclusion.

The Adams Sentinel
September 1, 1863

A Warning

On Wednesday last, whilst Mr. Michael Crilly, of this place, was engaged in an effort to unload a shell, it exploded, and seriously injured his hand, requiring the amputation of three fingers. The accident is much to be regretted, more especially as Mr. Crilly is a poor man and has a family dependent upon him for support.

The Adams Sentinel
September 1, 1863

The Battlefield of Gettysburg

To the Editor of the Press: Sir: Immediately after the battle of Gettysburg, the thought occurred to me that there could be no more fitting and expressive memorial of the heroic valor and signal triumphs of our army, on the first, second, and third days of July, 1863, than the battlefield itself, with its natural and artificial defenses, preserved and perpetuated in the exact form and condition they presented during the battle.

Acting at once upon this idea, I commenced negotiations, and have secured the purchase of some of the most striking and interesting por-

tions of the battleground, embracing among these the heights of Cemetery Hill, on the centre, which resisted the fiercest assaults of the enemy; the granite spur of Round Top, on the left, with its massive rocks and wonderful stone defenses, constructed by the Pennsylvania Reserve; and the timber breastworks, on the right, extending for a mile upon the wooded heights of Wolf Hill, whose trees exhibit the fearful effects of our musketry fire.

In pursuance of the original purpose, I now propose to the patriotic citizens of Pennsylvania to unite with me in the tenure of the sacred ground of this battlefield. In order that all may participate who will, at its actual cost, the amount of a single share will be limited to ten dollars.

Committees may be named in the cities and large towns, throughout the State, to whom reference and application can be made.

I respectfully submit the subject to your consideration and, should it meet the approval of your judgment, invite your active co-operation and influence, with your subscription to the battlefield fund.

It is in contemplation to procure an act of incorporation from the Legislature, granting powers similar to those of a Monument Association. It is not designed to limit the number of shares which any citizen may subscribe, as the more generous the fund the more liberal the bounds of this sacred patrimony which it is proposed to perpetuate.

Very respectfully, etc.,
D. McConaughy

The Adams Sentinel
September 8, 1863

Another Warning

A terrible accident occurred last Wednesday evening in opening a shell found on the battlefield, resulting in the death of James M. Culp, an interesting son of Daniel Culp, of this place. The deceased had opened a number of shells with impunity, that evening, while at work upon another on the Cemetery grounds the shell exploded, fearfully lacerating his hands and legs, and a piece entering his abdomen. Some gentlemen at work in the Cemetery grounds had their attention attracted by the explosion, and discovering the nature of the accident, the body was immediately carried to the residence of his afflicted parents. Dr. Horner was at once called in, but death relieved the sufferer in an hour or so. The deceased was in his 17th year. It is to be hoped that this terrible accident will

put an end to this business of opening shells. Several accidents have already occurred, and the wonder is that many more have not been killed.

The Adams Sentinel
September 15, 1863

Consecration of the Soldiers' National Cemetery

We are informed by David Wills, Esq., agent for Governor Curtin, for the arrangement of the Soldiers' Cemetery at this place, that the ground will be consecrated and set apart to this sacred purpose on *Thursday the 19th of November next*, by imposing ceremonies suitable to the occasion.

Hon. Edward Everett has been

invited to deliver the Oration, on this occasion, and has accepted the invitation. His acknowledged and unselfish patriotism, and his years of toil to rescue the grave of Washington from neglect and decay, and make it the common property of the Union, render him one of the fittest men in the nation for this portion of these ceremonies. The time for these exercises has been delayed longer than was originally intended, in order to secure the services of Mr. Everett, whose engagements prevent him from attending at an earlier day.

Col. William Sanders, the Government Rural Architect at Washington, is here now plotting and laying out the grounds."

The Adams Sentinel
October 6, 1863

A digital compilation you may find interesting

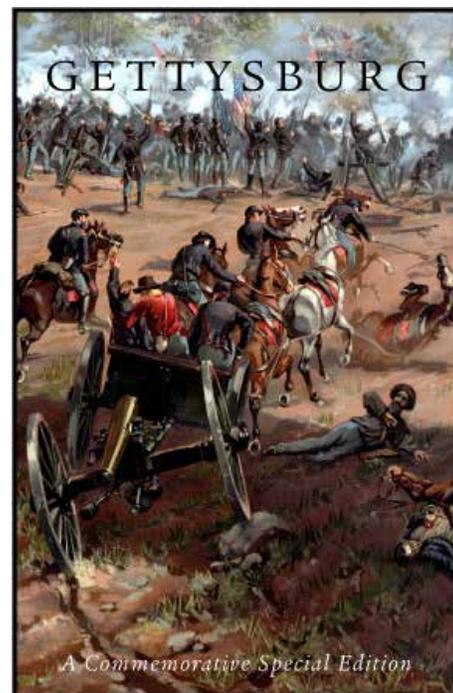
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Events from the Friends of Gettysburg

- First Corps Event 9/6 & 7
- Volunteer Service Vacation..... 9/5-19
- Adams Seminar 9/21 & 28, 10/26
- Fall Muster 10/11-12

For more information on any of the events immediately above, go to friendsofgettysburg.org. ☞



HGAC Events – Gettysburg GAR Hall

September 17th – Battlefield Guide and lecturer, Mike Vallone, through his years of research recounting of Lee’s retreat, the battles fought here, controversies, results, “what ifs,” Meade not actively pursuing Lee and preventing the departure of the Southern army, mistakes made by Kilpatrick and Buford.

October 15th – Licensed Battlefield Guide, Deb Novotny, “takes” us back in time to Gettysburg’s civilian Evergreen Cemetery through her commentaries on those buried in the cemetery, including the Thorn Boys, Jack Skelly, Jim Getty, Jennie Wade, Elizabeth Thorn and other civilians resting still in their beloved town. ☞

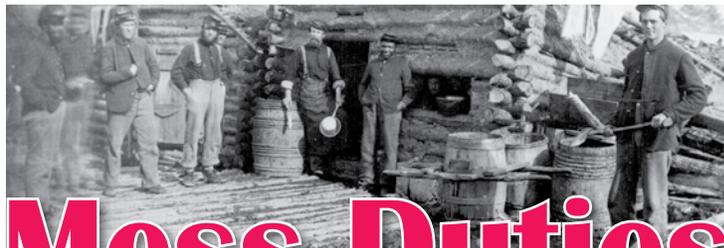


HOLIDAY BANQUET 2013 TO HOST SPECIAL GUESTS



General and Mrs. Robert E. Lee (aka Frank and Bonnie Orlando) will be joining us for the Gettysburg Civil War Round Table Christmas Banquet. They will share their experiences and subjects of great interest.

The Banquet will be held on Thursday, December 5 beginning at 6 PM at the Dobbin House. Please see the attached flyer for all the details. The menu will be announced in the November/December newsletter.



Mess Duties

- September 26..... Cindy King
- October 24 Douglas Henry
- November 21 Lori Korczyk
- Holiday Banquet in December**
- January 23 Len Seamon
- February 27 Chris Mieczkowski
- March 27 Doug & Reneé Cooke
- April 24..... Open
- May 22..... Dale Molina

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Cumberland Valley Civil War Roundtable in Chambersburg, PA. is hosting a **special speaker**, Mr. Ed Bearss, at their **September 10, 2013** meeting. He will be talking about *Chambersburg and the Cumberland Valley during the Gettysburg Campaign*.

Meeting place is the **Franklin Fire Hall, in Chambersburg** at 7:00 PM. All are welcome. ☞

Notable Quotables

from Pat Fairbairn

“We should never underestimate the ‘HOMERIC’ appeal of the Civil War to generations of modern Americans. It is our Iliad.”

David W. Blight,
from his book, *American Oracle*