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*"We talked the matter over and could have settled the war in thirty minutes had it been left to us."*

— UNKNOWN CONFEDERATE SOLDIER REFERRING TO A MEETING HE HAD WITH A UNION SOLDIER BETWEEN THE LINES.

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## Impending Actions

Information and details about upcoming Gettysburg Roundtable presentations.

### SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

#### The C&O Canal/Gettysburg Connection

The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal extended for 184.5 miles from Cumberland, Maryland, to Georgetown within the boundary of Washington, D.C. Although not as well known as its commercial rival, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, it was a major coal carrier during the war, supplying the Union army, navy and the public. As a result, it was repeatedly damaged by the Confederates throughout the conflict. The C&O Canal played its most significant role in any single campaign in 1863. This talk will examine the damages southern troops inflicted to the waterway and the important part the canal played on behalf of the Union army as it pursued the Confederates to and from Gettysburg. 📖📍

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**Tim Snyder on the C&O Canal at Lock No. 29, at Lander, Maryland.**

### OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>

#### Sunstroke and Ankle-Deep Mud

#### The Arduous Journey of the Union's II Corps Across Northern Virginia on its way to Gettysburg

Much has been written about the Battle of Gettysburg and Lee's Retreat, but little has been written about how the Union Army reached there in June 1863. Brian McEnany's and Jim Lewis' *Sunstroke and Ankle-Deep Mud*, a self-guided tour booklet that follows part of the Army of the Potomac across Fairfax, Prince William and Loudoun Counties, contains an untold story about that movement that few are aware of.



one soldier wrote. They will trace the movement of the Union II Corps across the byways and roads of Northern Virginia to describe how tens of thousands of soldiers, wagons and animals endured intense heat and torrential rains to cross a swollen Potomac River at Edwards Ferry. A few days later, these same soldiers fought the bloodiest battle of the Civil War at Gettysburg. 📖📍

Using material from their tour booklet, Brian and Jim will explain the plight of the soldiers in an Army "in a hurry to get somewhere", as



*Brian R. McEnany is a historical writer and active member of the Bull Run Civil War Roundtable, supporting its efforts with lectures and as a tour guide. A West Point graduate, he is an active lecturer about West Point during the Civil War at various Civil War Roundtables, government agencies, and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University. His articles on John Brown's Raid and West Point were published in The Assembly (Oct-Dec 2009) and War Comes to West Point in North & South magazine (Oct-Dec 2010). His book For Brotherhood and Duty about the West Point Class of 1862 was published in April 2015.*

*James G. Lewis is a native local Virginian and an avid historian with a particular interest in the Civil War. He was part of the core group of Hunter Mill Defense League historians who produced the acclaimed documentary entitled, "Danger Between the Lines," which was introduced to the public in June 2007. It has since been shown on WETA Public TV and won Fairfax County's most prestigious historical award. He has since compiled the Hunter Mill Road Civil War Self-Guided Tour and authored Forgotten Roads of the Hunter Mill Road Corridor. Jim has been an integral component in the research, documentation, and authoring of numerous historical markers in Fairfax County. He remains active through his association with the Bull Run Civil War Roundtable, continuing research projects, lectures and local historical bus tours.* 📖📍



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](http://www.cwrtgettysburg.org).

Whenever treacherous weather is predicted, the CWRT President and Vice President shall determine by 3:00 PM on that day whether the program should be cancelled or not. Announcements will be made on WGTY 107.7 FM and ESPN Radio 1320 AM.

The next scheduled board meeting begins at 6:30 PM on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at Dunlap's Restaurant and Bakery.

## Hello Friends!

The hot sultry summer days are on the way out, but didn't we have three awesome "in the field" events? Under umbrellas we toured the Evergreen Cemetery with LBG Tim Smith in the light rain, always learning something new about our departed Gettysburgians from Extra Timmy!

A beautiful July evening found us moving around the battlefield with LBG Rich Kohr, who regaled us with the fascinating, and often humorous story of the 1922 Marine Encampment and re-enactment on the Picketts Charge fields. And speaking of Pickett's Charge, how about our August battle stomp with LBG's James Hessler and Wayne Motts, focusing on the oft overlooked Trimble/Pettigrew assault. Their excellent tour was enjoyed by all, and added to our understanding of the 'Most Famous Attack in American History.' Over the summer, the Board of Directors decided that these special summer programs will henceforth be available to roundtable members only.



You will find in this newsletter a new "Member Questionnaire", which we really hope you will take some time to fill out. We want to know how you are feeling and what you are thinking about how our roundtable is doing, and any input you care to share.

As we usher in the crisp days of autumn, there is always the possibility of that white fluffy stuff from above.

As a reminder, if our meeting must be cancelled due to weather concerns, please listen to WGTY – 107.7FM, or WGET – 1320 AM, or call me: 717-398-2072 in the afternoon around 3 PM.

As we look forward to once again reuniting in the beautiful Historic GAR Hall for our monthly indoor meetings, a great lineup of speakers awaits us! And let's be thankful that we have such a fine membership of Gettysburg/Civil War enthusiasts, with whom we can socialize, share, and learn, and who we get to call our friends. I know I am! Cheers!

*Lynn*

## Clara Barton's Missing Soldiers Office Is D.C.'s Newest Museum

By Nancy Jennis Olds

WASHINGTON — The recent dedication of the Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office Museum at 437 7th St. NW, downtown Washington, was the culmination of a discovery Richard Lyons made in 1997.

He was a carpenter for the federal General Services Administration (GSA), which planned to demolish the deteriorating building it had owned for years.

Lyons recalled that he felt a presence in a third floor room as he walked through the vacant building. Then he spotted an envelope hanging from a crack in the ceiling. He climbed up an old ladder and found the opening to the attic.

Reaching in, he first touched a tin sign reading "Missing Soldiers Office, Miss Clara Barton." Lyons shared his discovery with Gary Scott, a now-retired National Park Service historian. They realized Lyons had made a significant discovery.

The building was saved from demolition. The Barton apartment and attic yielded a time capsule of artifacts that subsequently filled more than 60 boxes. There were lists of missing soldiers' names that she and her staff had compiled, newspapers, wallpaper remnants, clothing, bloody socks and other articles.

The GSA's Center for Historic Buildings determined to preserve the building, but it wasn't until 2010 that it found a partner to operate the site as a museum — the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick, Md. Once GSA's meticulous restoration was completed the museum had to raise funds for the first-floor welcome center and third-floor interpretive area, as well as for staff and operations.

What had been a dingy space with peeling wallpaper, worn wooden floors and broken gas pipes has been fully restored.

The July 28 official dedication ceremony honored and recognized all those involved with the discovery of Clara Barton's office. Speakers included journalist Cokie Roberts, outgoing medical museum director George Wunderlich, GSA officials Michael Gelber and Julia Hudson, Destination D.C. CEO Elliott Ferguson II and Michael Hoffman who has written about Barton.

Jonny Grave, founder of "Clara Barton Sessions," which records and performs music in the museum space, played the guitar.

Lyons was honored with a plaque reading: "It is entirely due to his diligent observations and persistence that the space once occupied by Clara Barton was discovered, and that discovery shared. Without his efforts — the artifacts, this historic space, and the Missing Soldiers Office legacy — would have been lost to history."

Clara Barton moved into the boardinghouse on 7th Street in June 1861. She was a humanitarian who tended to wounded on the battlefield and provided needed supplies, food, clothing, bandages, medicines, lamps and more for surgeons and their staffs.

She was well known on the lecture circuit talking about her war experiences and received thousands of letters inquiring about lost soldiers.

She operated the Office of Missing Soldiers at her apartment from 1865-1868, supporting it with her funds and \$15,000 voted by Congress.

According to the museum her office clarified the designation of nearly 22,000 soldiers listed as missing in action and responded to nearly 63,000 pieces of correspondence.

Wunderlich said, "Don't think that this is about a museum of history. This museum is for anyone who was touched by Clara Barton. Who should come to the Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office Museum? Everybody. Today, Clara came home."

Details about the restoration can be read in the January 2014 *Preservation News* column at [www.civilwarnews.com](http://www.civilwarnews.com). Museum information is at 202-824-0613 and [www.clarabartonmuseum.org](http://www.clarabartonmuseum.org).

## Street repair update

As of this mailing, E. Middle Street repairs look to be halfway done, with work scheduled to continue into November. Right now, the street is opened for traffic, but no parking. The sidewalks are unfinished but walkable. Both parking lots near the GAR Hall are open for parking. This may all change by the time of our meeting, so perhaps add a little extra time into your arrival plans.

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## 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](mailto:jdeal@gettysburg.k12.pa.us), and the next issue will be sent right to your computer or mobile device on or around November 1, 2015.

# GETTYSBURG CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE MEMBER SURVEY

We value your thoughts and comments!

A big thank you to you all for supporting our roundtable by attending meetings, field trips, the holiday banquet, bringing refreshments, preservation donations, and so much more. You are a very special group and YOU are what make our roundtable great.

We would like to hear your thoughts on how our roundtable is doing, and to give you an opportunity for feedback and to make suggestions for changes or improvements. The Board of Directors thanks you so much for taking the time to fill our the survey below. No names necessary! Please return to President Lynn Heller, Vice President Roger Heller or any Board Member.

How satisfied are you with:

1. The speakers for our meetings? NOT SATISFIED SATISFIED VERY SATISFIED

2. The organization of the meetings? NOT SATISFIED SATISFIED VERY SATISFIED

3. Do you usually attend our Spring Field Trip?  YES  NO  
 If no, do you have any suggestions that would encourage you to attend? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. How satisfied are you with the summer "in the field" programs?

NOT SATISFIED SATISFIED VERY SATISFIED

5. Do you have suggestions for future preservation projects? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Is there anything that you would like to see added or subtracted from...  
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**Sept. 1 & 8, Gettysburg, Evening Walks.** 5:50 – 8:30 p.m. Various specific topics. \$30 per session. Sponsored by Association of Licensed Battlefield Guides. For information, [www.gettysburgtourguides.org](http://www.gettysburgtourguides.org).

**Sept. 4, Frederick, MD Program.** *A Night at the Museum – Peleg Bradford – One Man’s Story* at the Museum of Civil War Medicine. For information, Kyle Wichendahl, 301-695-1864 ext. 1013, [kyle.wichendahl@civilwarmed.org](mailto:kyle.wichendahl@civilwarmed.org).

**Sept. 5, Frederick, MD Lecture.** *Civil War Ballistics: A Dirty War* by George Wunderlich at the Museum of Civil War Medicine. Free; 2:30 p.m. For information, [www.civilwarmed.org](http://www.civilwarmed.org).

**Sept. 17, Sharpsburg, MD. 153rd Antietam.** 153rd Battle of Antietam anniversary at Antietam National Battlefield. Sunrise in the Cornfield program at 7 a.m., all-day hike of battlefield at 9:30 starting at the Visitor Center. For information, 301-432-5124; [www.nps.gov/anti](http://www.nps.gov/anti).

**Sept. 18 & 19, Gettysburg. Luminary.** Seminary Ridge Luminary at Seminary Ridge Museum. Lectures, period music, outdoor programs, evening luminary. For information, 717-339-1300, [www.seminaryridgemuseum.org](http://www.seminaryridgemuseum.org).

**Sept. 19, Gettysburg. Living History.** Voices of the Confederacy Living History Encampment at Federal Points Inn, Gettysburg, 9–3. Living history, discussions, handouts, music, antiques & artifacts, activities for children. For information, [ckinan@aol.com](mailto:ckinan@aol.com); facebook at Voices of the Confederacy.



All photos by Lynn Heller

June tour of Evergreen Cemetery with Tim Smith (ABOVE)

Revisiting the 1922 Marine Encampment with Rich Kohr in July (RIGHT & BELOW)



# THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR

M U S E U M

in association with the Smithsonian Institution

## 2015 150th Civil War Fall Lecture Series

**Saturday, September 5**

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Education Gallery – First Floor\*

**1865 and Beyond:**  
*The people, places and events  
that created the legacy  
of the Civil War*



**Garry Adelman**  
is the Director of History  
and Education for the  
Civil War Trust

\*Entrance is included in the cost  
of admission and free to Museum  
members

**Saturday, September 12**

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Education Gallery – First Floor\*

**The 13th Amendment –  
The Second Step of the  
Ongoing Journey to  
Full Citizenship**



**Carl Westmoreland**  
is the curator and senior  
advisor at the National  
Underground Railroad  
Freedom Center in  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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of admission and free to Museum  
members

**Saturday, September 19**

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Education Gallery – First Floor\*

**The War Over the Peace –  
Reconstruction  
After the Civil War**



**Dr. Brian Mathew Jordan**  
teaches history at  
Sam Houston  
State University,  
Huntsville, Texas.

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of admission and free to Museum  
members

**Saturday, September 26**

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Education Gallery – First Floor\*

**Black Confederates  
Out of the Attic and  
Into the Mainstream**



**Kevin M. Levin**  
is an independent historian  
in Boston, Massachusetts.  
You can find him online at  
his blog, *Civil War Memory*.

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of admission and free to Museum  
members

## DUES NEWS

Membership Dues should be paid in January! Our dues are: \$20.00 per person/year; \$30.00 per family, for a calendar year membership: January 1 – December 31.

You may pay your 2016 dues at any monthly meeting, or send a check, made out to **Gettysburg CWRT** and mail to **Gettysburg Civil War Roundtable, PO Box 4236, Gettysburg, PA 17325**.

All members need to renew each year before March, with the exception of Life Members. (\$300.00)

According to our By-Laws, only those members who have paid their dues by the March monthly meeting will continue to receive the bi-monthly newsletter.

If you have questions about the status of your membership, please contact Linda Seamon by email: [lseamon@aol.com](mailto:lseamon@aol.com) or phone: 717-359-7339.

New members may join at any time, and the pro-rated dues schedule can be found on our website: [www.cwrtgettysburg.org](http://www.cwrtgettysburg.org).

PS: Bring a friend to a meeting! 🍷🍷

Our final *In the Field* walk for 2015 was held on August 27. LBGs Wayne Motts (left) and Jim Hessler based their presentation on their recently published book *PICKEETT'S CHARGE at Gettysburg: A Guide to the Most Famous Attack in American History*. A large crowd was on hand for the walk across the battlefield accompanied by expert commentary. We ended up at the Bryan Farm with the light was fading fast. Oh, by the way, that's roundtable president, Lynn Heller in the center.



# September October

# Stuff to do

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**Sept. 19 & 20, Sharpsburg, MD. Antietam Anniversary.** Battle Anniversary Weekend at Antietam National Battlefield. Ranger-guided tours & hikes, living history, artillery & infantry firing demonstrations. For information, 301-432-5124, [www.nps.gov/anti](http://www.nps.gov/anti).

**Sept. 19 & 20, Keedysville, MD. Living History.** 153rd Battle of Antietam anniversary living history program at the Pry House Field Hospital Museum 10-5. Suggested donation \$5. For information, [www.civilwarmed.org](http://www.civilwarmed.org).

**Sept. 19 & 20, Middletown, PA. Train Event.** 15th Annual *Civil War Remembered* train event, Middletown & Hummelstown Railroad. Encampment, living history scenarios, skirmishes. Train rides Saturday 11 & 2:30, Sunday 11 a.m. Reenactors & civilians invited, no fee. Spectator fee for train. For information, Frankie Wiseman, 717-944-4435 ext. 101, [traingal@mhrailroad.com](mailto:traingal@mhrailroad.com).

**Sept. 24 – 27, Chambersburg, PA. Seminar, Tour.** *Lincoln* with Ed Bearss and others, a Chambersburg Civil War Seminars & Tours program. Bus tours of Gettysburg & John Wilkes Booth Escape route, sessions with Lincoln historians. For information, 717-264-7101; [www.civilwarseminars.org](http://www.civilwarseminars.org).

**Sept. 27, Oct. 11 & 25, Bel Air, MD. House Tours.** House and grounds tours of Booth family home, Historic Tudor Hall. 1 and 2 p.m. \$5 age 13 and older. For information, 443-619-0008; [spiritoftudorhall@gmail.com](mailto:spiritoftudorhall@gmail.com); [spiritoftudorhall.blogspot.com](http://spiritoftudorhall.blogspot.com).

**Oct. 3, Frederick, MD. Lecture.** *Unsuspected Heroines: Female Spies in the Civil War*. Free. Hilda Koontz lecture at National Museum of Civil War Medicine, 2:30 p.m. For information, [www.civilwarmed.org](http://www.civilwarmed.org).

**Oct. 10 – 12, Washington, D.C. 150th Tour.** Meade Society 150th anniversary *Lincoln Assassination and the Pursuit of John Wilkes Booth* tours of assassination sites in Washington, D.C. and following the route of conspirators. For information, reservations, Jerry McCormick, [gedwinmc@msn.com](mailto:gedwinmc@msn.com).

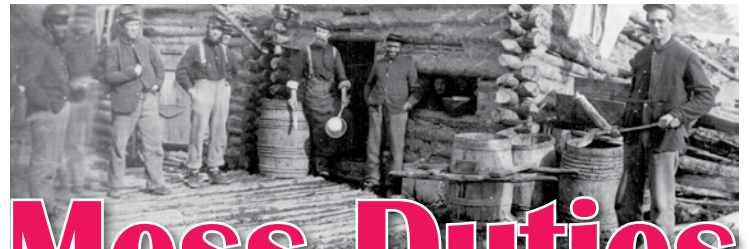
**Oct. 16 – 18, Manassas, VA. Photo Seminar.** Center for Civil War Photography's 15th Annual Photographic Seminar. Battlefield tours, wet plate photo demonstrations, indoor presentations. Speakers include: William C. "Jack" Davis, Bobby Krick, Garry Adelman, Bob Zeller. For information, [www.imageofwar.org](http://www.imageofwar.org).

**Oct. 24, Frederick, MD. Battlefield Hikes.** Battlefield hikes at Monocacy National Battlefield, 9, 11:30 & 2 from Visitor Center. Three ranger hikes to different areas highlighting tactics & troop movements of July 9, 1864 battle. For information, 301-662-3515; [www.nps.gov/mono](http://www.nps.gov/mono).

**Oct. 24, Gettysburg. Civil War Show.** Autumn Civil War Antique & Militaria Show at AllStar Events Complex, Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-2. Under 16 free. Hosted by North South Trader's Civil War & Thomas Publications. For information, 717-642-6600; [www.gburgshow.com](http://www.gburgshow.com).

## Mess Duties UPDATE

Having some munchies and tasty sweets at our monthly meetings is always a special treat. Here is some GOOD NEWS! The Board of Directors has voted to provide all those volunteering to bring refreshments with a check for \$20.00 to help defray the cost. The roundtable provides coffee, tea, & the fixings, cold & hot cups, paper plates, napkins, & tablecloths. Currently we have volunteers signed up for September, October, and November. We still need Jan. through May. As you know, a sign up sheet is passed around at our meetings. The goodies you bring need not be fancy or expensive. You will have to arrive before 7 P.M. to set them out. We will have the table prepared for you. Thanks to all of the refreshment volunteers that help make our meetings extra special! 🍪



## Mess Duties

September 24..... Kathy Rock  
 October 22 ..... Gail Underwood and Richard Mancini  
 November 19 ..... Lori Korczyk

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