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— ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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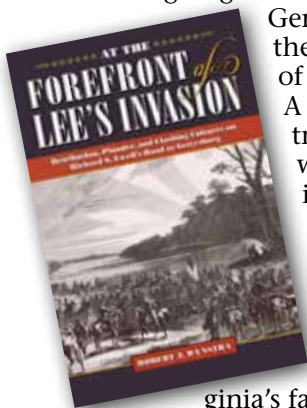
Information and details about upcoming Gettysburg Roundtable presentations. **Reminder..for all indoor meetings, doors open at 6:30 PM and the meeting begins at 7 PM.**

PLEASE NOTE: The September and October meetings will be live-streamed. An email reminder blast with all the information will be sent to the membership ahead of the meetings.

SEPTEMBER 24TH

EWELL'S CORPS IN THE GETTYSBURG CAMPAIGN

The topic for this evening will be the speaker's book, *At the Forefront of Lee's Invasion: Retribution, Plunder, and Clashing Cultures on Richard Ewell's Road to Gettysburg*. After clearing Virginia's Shenandoah Valley of Federal troops, Gen. Robert E. Lee's bold invasion into the North reached the Maryland shore of the Potomac River on June 15, 1863. A week later, the Confederate infantry crossed into lower Pennsylvania, where they had their first sustained interactions with the civilian population in a solidly pro-Union state. Most of the initial encounters with the people in the lush Cumberland Valley and the neighboring parts of the state involved the men from the Army of Northern Virginia's famed Second Corps, commanded by Lt. Gen. Richard S. Ewell, who led the way as Lee's veteran soldiers advanced north toward their eventual showdown with the Union army at the crossroads town of Gettysburg.



The move to the North lasted for nearly a month. Civilian property losses in the North amounted to several million dollars. The interactions along the way further laid bare the enormous cultural gulf that separated the two sides in the war. As Wynstra explains, Ewell and his top commanders constantly struggled to control the desire among the troops to seek retribution for what they perceived as Federal outrages in the South and to stop the plundering, working to maintain strict discipline in the army and uphold Southern honor.

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STAFF OFFICERS AND THEIR IMPACT ON THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG

"The Most Active Agents in the Command: MG George Meade's Aides-de-Camp in the Gettysburg Campaign" This is the story of those officers that belonged to George Meade's personal staff. By role and relationship, they take orders directly from the general they serve. As stated in the 1862 *Army Officer's Pocket Companion*, an aide's duties are both "difficult and delicate." In the Gettysburg campaign, most are familiar with the large muscle movements of the Army of the Potomac, but the men who helped expand George Meade's span of command and control and thought are little known, yet their presence is ubiquitous. Tonight, we will look at a sampling of Meade's aides, their background, their roles, and their careers after Gettysburg.

PROFESSOR DOUG DOUDS, a native of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, graduated from Wake Forest University in 1990 with Bachelor of Arts Degrees in History and Political Science. He was commissioned an officer of Marines in 1991 and designated a Naval Aviator in 1994.

An F/A-18 pilot, Douds joined a fighter attack squadron assigned to Navy carrier airwings. He completed two deployments flying off the aircraft carriers USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT and ENTERPRISE in support of operations over Bosnia, Kosovo, and Iraq. Douds held multiple billets while completing Weapons Tactics Instructor's course (WTI) and the Navy Fighter Weapons School (Top Gun).

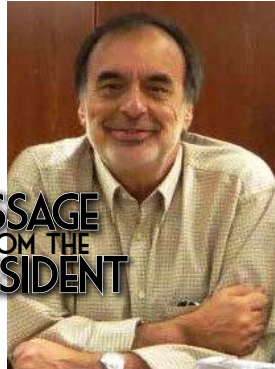
In 1999, Captain Douds earned top graduate honors from Amphibious Warfare School (AWS) in Quantico, Virginia before returning to MCAS Beaufort, SC. Douds served as Operations Of-

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Greetings to all...

...Members and Friends of the Civil War Roundtable of Gettysburg,

It occurs to me this will be the first that members without e-mail have heard from us since March. It's not that we've forgotten you; with the print shops closed, we haven't been able to run off paper copies to send in the mail. Those with whom we communicate electronically have actually heard more from the Round Table than was the pre-Covid norm, as we've tried to keep the group consistently apprised of our attempts to navigate this strange passage. If you do have e-mail, but haven't been receiving the regular updates, it probably means we have no record of your e-address, a situation easily corrected. Just shoot me a message, brdgettysburg@gmail.com and I'll direct it to our communications team.



MESSAGE
FROM THE
PRESIDENT

BY BRUCE DAVIS

As many of you know, my previous life was spent in the ministry. A passage of scripture seems relevant, Jeremiah 8:20, "the summer has ended, and we are not saved"—at least not from COVID-19. I had very much hoped to return to in-person gatherings this fall. As the GAR Hall would hardly facilitate even minimal social distancing, we'd contacted Gettysburg Presbyterian, figuring we could spread out there. The Presbyterians said they would be happy to have us, but then came the state directive limiting gatherings to no more than 25 people, so we gave up on that option, as well. Bottom line: we'll be meeting online again in September and October. Frankly, things aren't looking good for gathering at the Dobbin House in December, but we continue to hold out hope

This is not to say the online meetings have been a disappointment. Far from it. Each of our scheduled presenters—Mary Turk-Meena, James Broomall, Richard Goedkoop, Jared Frederick and Charlie Fennell—has been entirely supportive and cooperative. Richard, Jared and Charlie were to have led us on the battlefield; and adapting to online presentation surely required a lot of extra preparation on their part. I'm writing this on the morning after Charlie Fennell's program on the fighting at Culp's Hill. (This will be remembered, Charlie saying he was unaware of any successful head amputations.) We had viewers turning in from Los Angeles, New York, Ohio, New Jersey, Delaware, multiple locations in Virginia, and even picked up a new member from Georgia!

Add this: we've archived each of these online presentations, easily accessed via our website (cwrtgettysburg.org) or Facebook page. A big shout-out to Pete Miele, who is producing the monthly meetings; and to the communications team of Linda Joswick, Dave Joswick, and Lynn Heller, going over and above to keep the web and Facebook sites updated in the current uncertainty. The Round Table Board has upped the frequency of our meetings, facilitated on Zoom by Michele Hessler.

Elsewhere, you'll find notice of our online/mail-in election of officers. According to our by-laws, this should have happened at our April meeting. Plan B was to elect when we next gathered in person, but who knows when that will be? As this seems the best we can do, I hope you will understand and participate.

We have not let COVID-19 halt our mission of historical preservation. This spring, we received an appeal from Civil War Trails for new sponsors and, in addition to a donation, have taken responsibility for the Wayside Marker in Littlestown. I've been down there a couple of times since; our membership roster includes a number of Littlestown residents, and if any of you would want to volunteer to help with this, let me know.

Treasurer Dave Diner reports our finances are about where they should be for this time of year. I was a little surprised that our insurance bill went up substantially, particularly as we've not been meeting in person, but the bill's been paid. We are, of course, hopeful most of our membership will reup for the coming year. Surely, at some point, we'll get back to something approaching normal. In the meantime, please know we want you to stay safe and healthy, and that the Board is doing all we can to keep the Round Table turning.

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Despite the yearly flood of books on Gettysburg, the Confederate advance has been largely ignored. Most books devote only a few pages or a single short chapter to that aspect of the campaign. In this new study, Wynstra draws on an array of primary sources, including rare soldiers' letters and eyewitness accounts published in local newspapers, manuscripts and diaries in small historical societies, and a trove of postwar damage claims from the invasion to fill in this vital gap in the historiography of the campaign.

ROBERT J. WYNSTRA is the author of *At the Forefront of Lee's Invasion: Retribution, Plunder, and Clashing Cultures on Richard Ewell's Road to Gettysburg*, which was recently awarded the Gettysburg Round Table's Distinguished Book Award. He is the first author to win this award twice.



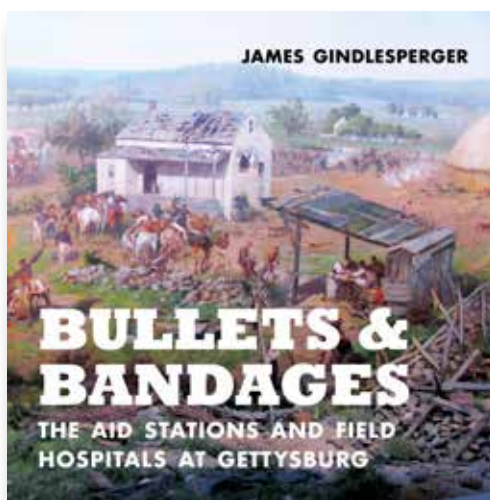
He is a retired senior writer for the News and Public Affairs Office in the College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences at the University of Illinois. Wynstra holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in history and a Master's degree in journalism, all from the University of Illinois. His previous book, *The Rashness of That Hour: Politics, Gettysburg, and the Downfall of Confederate Brigadier General Alfred Iverson*, earned three major national awards: the James I. Robertson Literary Prize, the Bachelor Coddington Award, and the Gettysburg Round Table's Distinguished Book Award.

NEW & Noteworthy

BULLETS & BADGES: The Aid Stations and Field Hospitals at Gettysburg

by James Gindlesperger, 316pp., November 2020 • \$29.95 • *see page 4 for special offer for our Roundtable members*

At Gettysburg, PA, during three days of July 1863, 160,000 men fought one of the most fierce and storied battles of the US Civil War. Nearly one in three of those men ended up a casualty of that battle, and when the two armies departed a few days later, 21,000 wounded remained. This book is the story of how those soldiers were cared for in a town of 2,500 people. Historian and author of several other guides to Gettysburg, James Gindlesperger provides a context for the medical and organizational con-



straints of the era and then provides details about the aid stations and field hospitals created in the aftermath of the battle. Filled with historical and contemporary photos, as well as stories about the soldiers and their healers, this book is a detailed guide for visitors to the site as well as others interested in American Civil War history.

James Gindlesperger is the author of multiple successful guides to Civil War battlefields as well as a guide to Arlington Cemetery. Fans of Civil War history will be interested in this new guide, the subject of which is not well covered within the huge volume of books about the Gettysburg battle. *Bullets and Bandages* features 150 full-color photographs, along with the descriptions and locations of various farms, field hospitals, taverns, and seminaries.

John S. Heiser, a Gettysburg historian, says that Gindlesperger has “provided the reader with a more complete understanding of the complex story of the aftermath of the Battle of Gettysburg.”

James Gindlesperger is the author of several books about the Civil War, including *Escape from Libby Prison and Fire on the Water*. He and his wife, Suzanne, also coauthored *So You Think You Know Gettysburg?* and *So You Think You Know Antietam?*, which were both honored as Foreword Reviews’ Book of the Year finalists in the travel category. They live in Johnstown, PA.

OFFICIAL GETTYSBURG ROUNDTABLE 2020 BALLOT

Due to the restrictions on meetings this year, our elections that are normally in April have been delayed. Please use the link below to place your vote for Recording Secretary, Treasurer and two Board Members, each for a three-year term.

Ballots must be returned by Tuesday, September 22nd to be counted.

The Nominations Committee put forward these nominees:

Recording Secretary	Incumbent Ellie Bilz
Treasurer.....	Incumbent Dave Diner
Board Members.....	Michele Hessler Abbie Hoffman

MICHELE HESSLER has lived here in Gettysburg with her husband and two children for almost twenty years. She has attended countless talks, walks and programs about the battle and the town in that time. She loves learning new things and always looks forward to the Gettysburg CWRT programming.

ABBIE HOFFMAN holds the title of Leadership Program Associate for the Gettysburg Foundation’s *In The Footsteps of Leaders’ Program*, responsibilities including *An Evening with the Painting — that being the cyclorama, of course*. When she’s not engaged with the Foundation work, you may find Abbie working as a docent at the Shriver House Museum.

Current Board Member Fred Hawthorne has consented to remain on the Board to fill a two-year vacancy.

Recording Secretary	Ellie Bilz
Treasurer.....	Dave Diner
Board Members.....	Michele Hessler and Abbie Hoffman

Yes, I vote for the slate No, I vote against it.

Mail in your ballot to Civil War Roundtable of Gettysburg • PO Box 4236 • Gettysburg, PA 1732

or you can vote online at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQ0jef0E6WKDXsEic0nM584j3Yvqe17Szl2bxuuTKEB7MzLw/viewform?usp=sf_link

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ficer, Aircraft Maintenance Officer, and Executive Officer of an F/A-18C squadron, and participated in a 13-month Western Pacific Deployment.

In 2004, Douds checked into Marine Corps Headquarters Aviation at the Pentagon. He served as the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Coordinator, aide-de-camp to the Deputy Commandant of Aviation, and the F/A-18 and air-to-air missile requirements officer.

Returning to Beaufort, South Carolina in 2007, LtCol Douds took command of VMFA-122. During his tenure, the Werewolves made their first combat deployment in 37 years in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. Upon their return, the squadron won Marine Fighter Attack Squadron of the Year and the CNO's Safety Award. During his time in aviation, Colonel Douds logged approximately 3,000 flight hours, 135 combat missions, and nearly 350 arrested landings on aircraft carriers.

In 2010, Lt Col Douds earned a Master of Strategic Studies degree as a member of the Advanced Strategic Art Program from the U.S. Army War College. He joined the Joint Staff and served in the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs Chairman's Action Group




(CAG) as a strategist for Admiral Mullen and General Dempsey and as General Dempsey's senior speechwriter.

Currently, Colonel Douds serves as a U.S. Army War College faculty member teaching the Advanced Strategic Art Program seminar. In the summer of 2017, he joined a team that helped the nation of Georgia craft its first national defense strategy. An avid writer and learner, he spent four years on the editorial board, two as Chairman, for Proceedings Magazine. Presently, he is working on his doctorate in military history from Leeds University in England. He is also a Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg.

Colonel Douds lives with his wife and son in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

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The retail price of the book is \$29.95 and will be available everywhere on November 24, 2020. We would be pleased to offer roundtable members a discount code for 10% off preorders of the book through our website. Simply go to www.blairpub.com/shop/bullets-and-bandages. The code to enter at checkout is **CWRT-GB** and is valid from 9/01/2020 until 11/23/2020.