



Spring Campaign 38 June 2016

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The CWRT of Eastern PA, Inc. has saddled up and moved to our new outpost

PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW MEETING LOCATION EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2016

Be prepared to muster at our new meeting location on Tuesday, June 07, 2016.

[Holiday Inn Conference Center Lehigh Valley in Breinigsville](#)

7736 Adrienne Drive Breinigsville, PA 18031 Phone 610-391-1000

About Our June Speaker, Dr. Richard J. Sommers

Dr. Richard J. Sommers served for 43+ years at the U.S. Army Military History Institute/U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center. Even after nominally “retiring” as the Senior Historian of the Center in January of 2014, he continues teaching in the U.S. Army War College, writing about the Civil War, and speaking to Civil War groups across the nation. He has published over 100 books, articles, chapters, entries, and reviews on the Civil War. His most recent book – the expanded, revised, 150th Anniversary edition of *Richmond Redeemed: The Siege at Petersburg* – was published by Savas-Beatie in September, 2014. It was honored by the Army Historical Foundation with a Distinguished Writing Award as the best expanded reprint book of 2014 on Army history. In May, 2015, he was designated a Distinguished Fellow of the U.S. Army War College, an honor accorded to only one per cent of the approximately 3400 faculty who have taught at that institution since 1950. A graduate of Carleton College with a doctorate from Rice **University**, he was born and raised in suburban Chicago. He and his wife, Tracy, reside in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Sommer's Talk will be on Fear, Honor, and Interest: Thucydides and the Outbreak of the American Civil War.

"This presentation offers a different perspective on the causes of the American Civil War -- a perspective propounded by the ancient Greek general and historian Thucydides in the 5th Century, B.C. Far from being unique to his time and place, his principles endure through the ages- right up to today. They are still studied by professional military officers at staff colleges and war colleges for their lasting lessons in leadership. They also invite consideration by students of the 1860s, for they may help us understand the outbreak of our own Civil War."

Opportunity to purchase an autographed copy: Please also note Dr. Sommers will be bringing copies of the expanded, updated 150th anniversary edition of *Richmond Redeemed: the Siege at Petersburg* to offer at a discount at the meeting. This will be a wonderful opportunity to expand your library with an autographed copy.

Brigade Call

Warren Beach

As we approach the end of my term in office, I would like to thank the board for their support; the last two years I had wanted to do more but health issues interfered. The board stepped up and took care of things nicely. It has been a pleasure serving for the last two years and I know that I leave the round table in good shape.

Winter /Spring 2016 PROGRAM REGISTRATION DETAILS

All Members and guests of the Lehigh Brigade are ordered to the Holiday Inn in Breinigsville, PA which is located at 7736 Adrienne Drive. **The deadline for accepting dinner reservations is next Thursday, June 02, 2016 which is the Thursday before the monthly meeting held on the first Tuesday of the month. Please contact our staff via e mail or by phone. *** E mails are always welcome regardless of the time of day.*****

For dinner reservations and/or information: Contact any of the following:

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In Appreciation of Herb Kaufman's Fascinating Talk on May 03, 2016



Bob McHugh

Herb Kaufman

Bob McHugh Presenting Herb Kaufman a plaque of appreciation for his talk.

Reflections on our May Meeting with Tony Major

Herb Kaufman presented an outstanding program on Hollywood and the Civil War to fifty-two members and guests. His talk was interesting, informative and humorous!

We close our 38th Campaign year with our June meeting. We have an outstanding speaker on tap, Dr. Richard Sommers - Historian, Author, and Educator. Once again I am encouraging you to join us for dinner at our new location. Hope to see you in June, and remember, bring a friend!

May 03, 2016 Election Results:

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Do You KNOW THE CIVIL WAR? Taken From The Civil War Trivia Quiz Book See Answers on Page 5

A brain-stretching quiz about the historic struggle between the blue and gray

1. What was the first big, bloody battle of the Civil War?
 - a. Gettysburg
 - b. Shiloh
 - c. Manassas
 - d. Vicksburg

2. Who commanded the Confederate Army at Shiloh? Who commanded the Union army?
 - a. Albert Johnston/Ulysses Grant
 - b. Braxton Bragg/William Sherman

b. Robert E. Lee/George A. Custer

d. Stonewall Jackson/John Pope

3. At the Battle of Shiloh- How many troops did the Confederates have and how many did the Union have?

a. 40,000 CS/35,000 US

c. 35,000 CS/40,000 US

b. 10,000 CS/10,000 US

d. 20,000 CS/30,000 US

4. What Confederate general at Shiloh was a former VP of the United States?

a. Hannibal Hamlin

c. Andrew Johnson

b. Schuyler Colfax

d. John C. Breckenridge

Reflecting on Our Gettysburg Brush Cutting by Ed Root

Gettysburg Brush Cutting

Saturday, April 23rd, 2016

Kudos to all those who worked!

The day dawned with drizzle, but as our thirty-nine intrepid volunteers arrived at the Leister Farm/Meade's Headquarters site on April 23 the rain stopped and the weather just kept improving. In only 2 and ½ hours we dismantled historically inaccurate fencing on the west side of the Taneytown Road from Meade's Headquarters all the way to the Hummelbaugh Barn. We trimmed brush away from the stone wall on which that fence was placed for the entire length of that fence line. We also trimmed another hundred yards or so of brush away from an east-west stone and rail fence line. On the east side of the Road we replaced portions of the fence. It was a daunting endeavor and I would have been happy had we completed the task in 3 ½ hours if at all. Park Service Supervisory Facility Operations Specialist Randall Hill stated that we did a wonderful job!

Give the following Round Table troopers a pat on the back and maybe an adult beverage when you next see them; Paul Bartlett, Chuck Cannon, Mike Cavanaugh, Jim Duffy, Jeff Heller, Kim Jacobs, Dick Jacoby, Tony Major, Bob McHugh, Ed Oechsle, Sam Parker and Dr. Gerry Sherwin,

In addition to our members, John Duffy brought 14 scouts from Troop 89 in New Tripoli and Bob McHugh brought 5 Saucon Valley High School students to swell our ranks. Members of the Weaver, Root and Schenkel families rounded out our platoon of workers.

After a short break we headed in bright sunlight to the Cannon Restoration facility on Seminary Ridge where Lucas Flickinger gave us an informative tour. We came away with an enhanced appreciation for the ongoing never ending maintenance and restoration work that the folks at Gettysburg National Park do every day. We really appreciate his taking time from his weekend to give our volunteers a special treat.

Special thanks go to Dick Jacoby who coordinated the fence crews, Bob McHugh who brought ice water to keep us all going, Mike Cavanaugh for traffic duty and Tony Major and Jeff Heller, aka Mathew Brady for making a photographic record of the day.

In addition to helping Gettysburg National Park tell the story of this historic event the most gratifying part of the day was the inclusion of 18 young people in our number. Some folks today are dismissive of our young as lazy with no interest in our common past. We are happy to report that the torch of historic preservation is being passed to some exceptional young people.

Please check our CWRT web site for pictures of the volunteers in action and the results of their hard work!

ANSWERS FOR THE QUIZ, DO YOUR KNOW THE CIVIL WAR? (Pages 3-4)

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Bethlehem Moving Ahead With Repair of Civil War Monument by Ed Root



An award-winning preservation firm has been hired to restore Bethlehem's Civil War Monument, though the city is still soliciting contributions to pay for the work. (MORNING CALL FILE PHOTO) By Daryl Nerl for The Morning Call 4-25-16.

BETHLEHEM — An award-winning preservation company has been hired to restore Bethlehem's Civil War [Monument](#), though the city is still soliciting contributions to pay for the work.

City Council recently voted unanimously to authorize the administration to enter into a contract with Conservation Solutions Inc., Washington, D.C., to make the needed repairs to the statue honoring Capt. Jonathan K. Taylor. The cost of repairs is estimated at \$20,000.

The 129-year-old statue was removed from Bethlehem's Rose Garden a year ago because it had begun to lean backward and city Parks Department officials feared that it might topple.

Conservation Solutions has a world of experience in preservation, having won awards for its work in restoring the D.C. War Memorial in Washington; Cleopatra's Needle, an Egyptian obelisk located in New York's Central Park; and the exterior of the New York Public Library.

Capt. Taylor was a Bethlehem resident who fought with Company C of the 129th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, in the Civil War. He was gravely wounded when he was shot through the lung during the Battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia on Dec. 13, 1862.

He died more than three months later on March 28, 1863, and was buried in God's Acre, the Central Moravian Church Cemetery, on West Market Street between Main and North New streets.

Cast of 99.3 percent zinc by the Monumental Bronze Co. of Bridgeport, Conn., the statue was shipped in pieces by train to Bethlehem before its dedication on Oct. 11, 1887. The ceremony was preceded by one of the largest parades in the city's history, including more than 3,000 Civil War veterans, numerous regional civic societies, 18 brass bands and then Pennsylvania Gov. James A. Beaver.

Initially erected on West Market Street, next to the cemetery where Capt. Taylor was buried, the statue was moved to the Rose Garden in 1967 when city officials became concerned about vehicular traffic downtown.

In 1994, when the city did a \$40,000 facelift of the monument, it was given an appraised value of \$250,000.

As it turns out, the statue was one of more than 100 Civil War era monuments cast from the same mold. The statues were commonly known as "The American Soldier." But the base of these monuments are prone to failure under the weight of the soldiers atop.

Taylor's statue began to lean, prompting city officials to remove it from the Rose Garden last year.

The Civil War Roundtable of Eastern Pennsylvania, a local group that has done conservation work in Gettysburg and in more nearby places, contributed \$2,000 to the project, but the city continues to solicit contributions.

Donations, which are tax deductible, can be sent to City of Bethlehem, Department of Parks & Public Property, 10 E. Church St., Bethlehem, PA 18018.

Note: we are working with City officials and hope to announce plans to hold a re-dedication ceremony for the Monument in the Fall of 2016.



Book Raffle Winners for May 2016



The winners of the May 2016 book Raffle are (From left to right): Alan Whitcomb, Shawn Glancy, Sam Parker, Daniel Johnson, and Gary Weaver. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone for supporting the preservation cause.

Members Enjoying the Informative Talk by Herb Kaufman at the May meeting



Campaign Print Raffle Prizes

Civil War Roundtable Prizes for 2015 – 2016 Campaign Season

Grand Prize

“Battery Longstreet (Battle of Antietam, September 17, 1862) – Numbered Print and Framed

2nd Prize

“General Meade’s Headquarters – Mrs. Lydia Leister House; Gettysburg, PA.) Ink drawing print

3rd Prize

“Stonewall Jackson (2 volumes) – Lenoir Chambers

4th Prize

“Battle of Bull Run (collector’s edition) – William C. Davis

5th Prize

“Brawling Brass North and South – The Most Famous Quarrels of the Civil War” – Harold B. Simpson

CIVIL WAR MUSEUM OF PHILADELPHIA ANNOUNCES HISTORIC AGREEMENT TO SHOWCASE WORLD CLASS COLLECTION

*Agreement with the Gettysburg Foundation and the National Constitution Center Will Provide Future
Generations With Access To World Class Collection*

PHILADELPHIA – May 4, 2016 – The Civil War Museum of Philadelphia Board of Governors and the Gettysburg Foundation today announced an historic partnership to ensure that the largest collection of Civil War artifacts, not under government stewardship, will be cared for at the highest possible standards, will be maintained in perpetuity, and will be exhibited in venues where millions of visitors will have expanded access to it.

The Gettysburg Foundation, the Gettysburg National Military Park, and the Civil War Museum have worked together to care for the artifacts since 2010. In seeking a strategy to protect the collection for the long-term, the Museum Board recognized that Gettysburg was the ideal partner for CWMP in its efforts to preserve this historic collection.

“There is no more iconic and authentic place for learning about the Civil War,” said Oliver St. Clair Franklin, chair of the Museum Board. “Millions of people visit each year from across the country and across the world. The staff at Gettysburg knows better than anyone else how to care for and preserve these artifacts.”

Since 2010, the Gettysburg Foundation and Gettysburg National Military Park have not only cared for the collection, but has also exhibited artifacts in the galleries of the Museum and Visitors Center and in special exhibits, such as the one commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War, “Treasures of the Civil War”.

“The Civil War Museum collection complements our own holdings in important ways,” said Robert A. Kinsley, chairman of the board, the Gettysburg Foundation. “These artifacts are intimately connected to specific individuals and their roles in the war. These objects, used by those whose service shaped this conflict, will enhance our ability to connect visitors to the story of the Civil War on a personal and emotional, as well as an intellectual level. All the artifacts in the collection are significant to the history of our nation. In particular, the General George Meade Collection evokes stories and imagery of his leadership at Gettysburg during the battle that changed the course of history. When you see the American flag that was flown over Meade’s headquarters at Gettysburg, or see the bullet hole in his campaign hat, you can feel the passion, the courage and the conviction of the men who bravely fought to preserve our nation.”

Ed Clark, Superintendent of the Gettysburg National Military Park, added, “These amazing objects will enable us to better tell the story of the Battle of Gettysburg and the American Civil War. They will inspire our visitors now and for generations to come.”

The Board of the Civil War Museum approached Gettysburg after it evaluated its prospects for building a new museum for the collection in Philadelphia and it became clear that it would be both a challenge to build it and an even bigger challenge to sustain it over time. “As stewards of this world class collection, the Board of the Civil War Museum felt a strong ethical and historical responsibility to developing a partnerships that would both protect this collection and ensure that it is accessible to the public and researchers in both Gettysburg and Philadelphia into the future, said Franklin”

The National Constitution Center will play an important role in this partnership, as well. While the Civil War Museum will transfer ownership of the artifact collection to the Gettysburg Foundation, Gettysburg has agreed to loan the National Constitution Center artifacts from the collection. If funding is secured, the Center will create the first permanent exhibit in America dedicated to the constitutional legacy of the Civil War and the passage of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments. This will keep a significant part of the collection in Philadelphia, expand the number of people who can will see it, and enhance the National Constitution Center’s role as America’s only museum of the U.S. Constitution.

“We are thrilled about the possibility that the National Constitution Center will create America’s first and only exhibit about the constitutional legacy of the Civil War,” said Jeffrey Rosen, President & CEO of the National Constitution Center. “The creation of a Civil War exhibit would help us tell the story of how Thomas Jefferson’s promise in the Declaration of Independence, that all men are created equal, wasn’t vindicated until Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address and the passage of the Reconstruction Amendments.” The agreement does not include the archives and books of the Civil War Museum. This important two-dimensional material, which will remain the property of the Museum is subject to a separate long-term stewardship agreement, is housed at the Heritage Center of the Union League of Philadelphia where researchers and others can access it.

About the Civil War Museum of Philadelphia

The Civil War Museum of Philadelphia, the oldest Civil War museum in the country, was chartered in 1888 by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States as the War Library and Museum. The museum’s artifact collection is one of the most historically significant and largest in the country outside of government hands with more than 3,000 items.

About the Gettysburg Foundation and Gettysburg National Military Park

The Gettysburg Foundation is a non-profit educational organization working in partnership with the National Park Service to enhance preservation and understanding of the heritage and lasting significance of Gettysburg. The Foundation raised funds for and now operates the Museum and Visitor Center at Gettysburg National Military Park, which opened in April 2008. In addition to operating the Museum and Visitor Center, the Foundation has a broad preservation mission that includes land, monument and artifact preservation and battlefield rehabilitation—all in support of the National Park Service’s goals at Gettysburg.

Gettysburg National Military Park preserves, protects, and interprets for this and future generations the resources associated with the 1863 Battle of Gettysburg during the American Civil War, the Soldiers’ National Cemetery, and their commemorations. The Eisenhower National Historic Site preserves and interprets the home and farms of the Eisenhower family as a fitting and enduring memorial to the life, work, and times of General Dwight David Eisenhower, 34th president of the United States, and to the events of far-reaching importance that occurred on the property. www.nps.gov/eise

About the National Constitution Center

The National Constitution Center in Philadelphia inspires active citizenship as the only place where people across America and around the world can come together to learn about, debate, and celebrate the greatest vision of human freedom in history, the U.S. Constitution. A private, nonprofit organization, the Center serves as America’s leading platform for constitutional education and debate, fulfilling its Congressional charter “to disseminate information about the U.S. Constitution on a non-partisan basis.” As the **Museum of We the People**, the Center brings the Constitution to life for visitors of all ages through interactive programs and exhibits. As **America’s Town Hall**, the Center brings the leading conservative and liberal thought leaders together to debate the Constitution on all media platforms. As a center for **Civic Education**, the Center delivers the best educational programs and online resources that inspire, excite, and engage citizens about the U.S. Constitution. For more information, call 215-409-6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org

History of the Civil War Museum of Philadelphia

The Civil War Museum of Philadelphia, the oldest Civil War museum in the country, was chartered in 1888, but its collection was begun in 1865 by the members of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (M.O.L.L.U.S./Loyal Legion). When the body of President Lincoln lay in state in Independence Hall in April 1865, it was a group of Philadelphia's veteran Federal Army and Navy officers who served as the honor guard. Afterward, these men decided to establish an organization, M.O.L.L.U.S., to commemorate the sacrifices and the meaning the war.

The collection was begun soon after the end of the War when MOLLUS members began to donate important personal belongings and other items to preserve them and to create a place where the story of the war could be told. In the 1880's, the era of commemorations began in earnest with the building of memorials and the work to preserve battlefield's like Gettysburg. M.O.L.L.U.S. provided leadership for these efforts, as well, with Col. John Nicholson, a M.O.L.L.U.S. founder, the chair of the Gettysburg commission. In 1888, in recognition of the scale and significance of the collection, M.O.L.L.U.S. chartered the museum and library as a separate organization, the War Library and Museum.

The Museum had a series of temporary homes and, from 1922 until its closing in 2008, was housed in a townhouse at 18th and Pine Streets. It closed in anticipation of moving to a new museum facility. With the assistance of the experts at the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts in Philadelphia, a plan was created for the preparation, preservation and move of the collection to Gettysburg. The William Penn Foundation and the Exelon Foundation provided major funding to support the implementation of the plan. The Museum also received a prestigious "Save America's Treasures" grant, a collaborative program of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Park Service, and the Institute for Museum and Library Services, designed to support conservation of the most important collections in the country. This allowed conservation work to be done to major components of the collection.

- The artifact collection of the Civil War Museum of Philadelphia's (CWMP) is one of the most historically significant and largest in the country outside of government hands with more than 3000 items. The museum was chartered as the War Library and Museum in 1888 by its founders, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (M.O.L.L.U.S. or the Loyal Legion).
- Harold Holzer, a noted Civil War historian and Co-Chair of the United States Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, pointed out the collection's singular importance:

"The Civil War Museum's collection is unique in that it is the product of the personal records, possessions and memories of the Union officers who founded the institution in the 19th century. It is rare to have such important documents, artifacts, and cultural materials from so many individuals together in a single collection that tells the complex story of an era, especially one as important to our history as the Civil War. This is truly an American treasure that needs and deserves the investment of funds and expertise to preserve it."

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