

## **November 2017 – Winter Campaign 40: Meeting on November 07, 2017**

### **From the Brigade Commander: Ed Root**

We're all familiar with the phrase, "an army moves on its stomach." Chris Bryce certainly expanded that truism with his wonderful presentation of Grant's crossing of the James River. The logistics of moving such a large army out of under the very gaze of Lee's Army of Northern Virginia is an amazing story largely overlooked or underplayed in the telling of the 1864 battles. Thanks to Chris we have a much better understanding of the momentous task taken by Grant and his stalwart men.

Our dinner meetings are an opportunity for folks to relax and renew old friendships and make new ones. If you have not attended the dinner portion of our meetings please consider doing so. The food and the conversation and the camaraderie are all wonderful. You won't be disappointed. Bring a friend!

We continue to celebrate our 40th anniversary all throughout this Campaign. Kay Bagenstose is doing a grand job with prizes and treats at every meeting. Please contact me if you have a particular memory or photo from our past that you wish to share with your fellow Civil Warriors.

Have you renewed your membership yet? Your support helps us continue to bring excellent speakers before you and ultimately assists in raising funds for the cause of historic preservation. Don't let Jeff Gates feel lonely at the entrance to the meeting room. He's a good fellow so stop and chat and reenlist now!

Our local preservation effort this year at Allentown's Union and West End Cemetery has been postponed due to scheduling conflicts with the cemetery folks.

Remember to stop by and see Jim Duffy and Kay Bagenstose and check out our items for our Preservation raffle. We have more prizes than ever to entice your hard earned greenbacks from you. Remember, when it comes to historic Preservation there are no losers; we all have the satisfaction of helping to Save our Historic Sites and Collections!

**SAVE THE DATE!!!! SATURDAY, April 21, 2018.** Our annual Gettysburg Brush cutting effort will be held that day. Stay tuned for details as to where we will be working and the post labor reward for service.

Don't forget to frequently check our website. There is always something informative and interesting.  
<http://www.cwrteasternpa.org/>

We are seeking help for our publicity effort. Bob McHugh will provide all the info. All we need is someone to help get that information to the various outlets. Please contact me. All members should help spread the word about our organization. The more members, the merrier!

We have a member who lives in the Catasauqua area who would love to attend a meeting, but needs a ride. Please contact me if you are able to help!

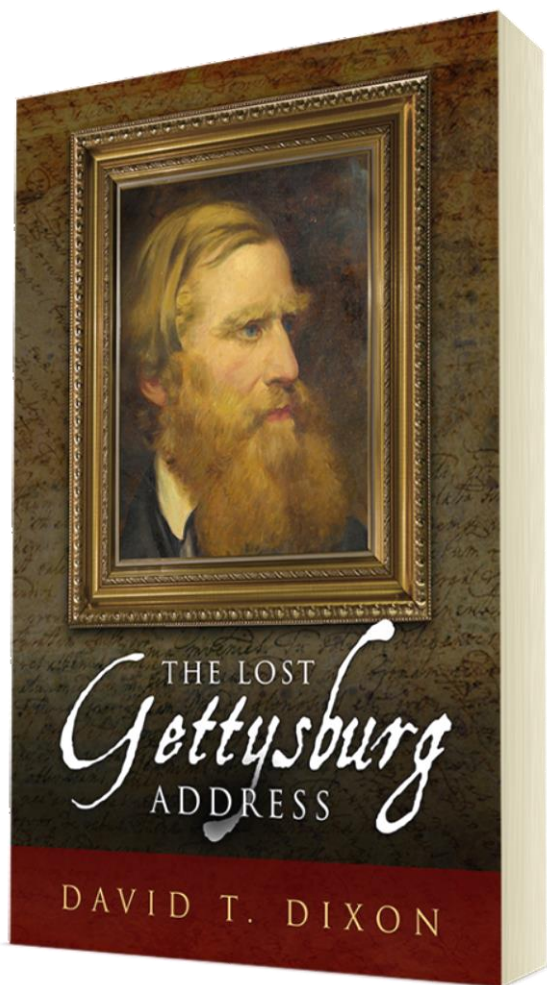
Those of you who attended our Americans at War Conference last year will remember Colonel Ward Nickisch's wonderful talk about the work of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. These amazing and dedicated people

travel the world wherever Americans have fallen and have either not been found or have been recovered, but not identified. To have died in the service of our nation is the ultimate sacrifice, but to be “lost” to family members and friends is even more tragic. My wife and I have just returned from visiting the facility in Oahu, Hawaii where incredible work is done to find and identify these American heroes and truly bring them home. As we approach Veterans Day and express our gratitude to those who have served this nation let us resolve to never forget the ones we couldn’t bring home and the never ending task to do so. I’ll tell you more about these amazing people who dedicate their days to bring them home at our November meeting. Please check out the DPAA website at [www.dpaa.mil](http://www.dpaa.mil) to learn more.

See you on November 7th when we welcome David Dixon and his fascinating account of “the Lost Gettysburg Address.”

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## Our November 07, 2017 Speaker, David Dixon



## About David Dixon and his topic, The Lost Gettysburg Address

David Dixon earned his B.A. in Political Science from the University of California and his M.A. in History from the University of Massachusetts. He spent 35 years in marketing with Fortune 500 companies. David published numerous articles in scholarly journals and magazines. Most have focused on black history and Union supporters in the Civil War South.

David's website is called "B-List History." It focuses on historical figures who were important in their time, but are all but forgotten today.

Recently, David published his first book, *The Lost Gettysburg Address: Charles Anderson's Civil War Odyssey*. The biography received widespread acclaim. David has since spoken at the 2016 Sacred Trust Talks at the Gettysburg, been interviewed on Civil War Talk Radio and has made appearances at historical societies, libraries, conferences, and private clubs across the country. He is one of the most popular speakers on the Civil War Round Table circuit.

David's book recounts the unusual life story of Charles Anderson, a slave owner who sacrificed nearly everything to help Lincoln save the Union. Anderson's speech, which followed Lincoln's at Gettysburg on November 19, 1863, remained lost for nearly 150 years until it was discovered recently. A transcript of this speech, along with rare photographs and a hand-drawn map of the Stones River battlefield, are all published in Dixon's book for the first time.

Currently, David is writing the first full-length biography of Union General August Willich, a German 48er who distinguished himself in a number of important battles.



## Happy Birthday to Us; Happy Birthday to Us

Don't forget in honor of our fortieth birthdate, Kay Bagenstose is making the festivities even grander with special prizes and treats at every meeting. Below is a picture of our October winner. Congratulations Sandra Todd. Sandra's name was drawn and she received the October special gift- a book. And remember, all you need to do is attend the meeting for your chance to win!



Sandra Todd was the lucky winner of the October drawing in honor of our 40th birthday .

## Thanks to Chris Bryce for the Great Talk on Grant's Crossing of the James River and the Battle for Petersburg



Bob McHugh presents a check to Chris Bryce for the Petersburg Battlefield Association for Chris's October presentation.

## Do You KNOW THE CIVIL WAR?

**Taken from The Civil War Quiz and Fact Book by Rod Gragg**

Answers on Page 5

1. What battle fought near Marietta, Ga resulted in defeat for General Sherman and 2700 United States casualties?  
A) Kennesaw Mountain      B) Chickamauga      C) Ezra Creek      D) Buckhead Creek
2. What battle took the life of Union General Phillip Kearny?  
A) Battle of Glendale    B) Battle of Chantilly/Second Manassas  
C) Battle of Williamsburg      D) Battle of Fair Oaks
3. What was US Grant's first battle of the Civil War?  
A) Battle of Shiloh    B) Petersburg Siege    C) Battle of Belmont      D) Battle of Vicksburg
4. Who was the first Secretary of War for the Union during the Civil War?  
A) Edwin Stanton      B) William Seward      C) Tre Hargett    D) Simon Cameron



## All Members and guests of the Lehigh Brigade are ordered to

Holiday Inn Conference Center Lehigh Valley in Breinigsville

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

**The deadline for accepting dinner reservations is the last Thursday, before the monthly meeting held on the first Tuesday of the month unless otherwise noted. Please note the deadline for making dinner reservations for the November 07, 2017 meeting is Thursday, November 2, 2017.**

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

**James Duffy – 610-253- 4549** [duffysocwk@aol.com](mailto:duffysocwk@aol.com)

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**Please Remember To Visit Our Website:** Our website is a treasure trove of up to date information about not only our Round Table and it' activities, but links to events of interest, research aids and other organizations of merit. Website: <http://www.cwrteasternpa.org/>

### October Attendance Stats by James Duffy

Great...our second meeting back and we had 49 attendees. That included 31 for dinner and 18walk- ins.  
We were glad to see all of you and would love to have you back in November.

### ANSWERS FOR DO YOUR KNOW THE CIVIL WAR?

Quiz on page 4

- 1.) A                      2.) B                      3.) C                      4.) D

### October 2017 Book Raffle Winners



Winners from L to R: Gary Schnell, Kathleen Coddington, William Frankenfield, Kim Jacobs, and Robert McHugh.

## A Woman's Place...Is in the War Taken from Wikipedia



Susie King Taylor was born a slave at a plantation in Liberty County, Georgia, on August 6, 1848, as Susan Ann Baker. When she was about seven years old, her owner allowed her to go to Savannah to live with her grandmother, Dolly. Taylor's admiration for women may have stemmed from her close relationship with Dolly. Despite Georgia's harsh laws against the formal education of African Americans, Dolly, with whom Taylor lived for much of her childhood, supported Taylor's education by sending her to an illegal school run by a free African-American woman, Mrs. Woodhouse. After learning all she could from Mrs. Woodhouse, Taylor continued her education under the tutelage of various "teachers", both white and black, including playmates, and the son of her grandmother's landlord. From them she gained the rudiments of literacy, then extended her education with the help of two white youths, both of whom knowingly violated law and custom. Her education ended when she was forced to return to her mother on the Isle of Wight after Dolly was arrested at a suburban church meeting for singing freedom hymns. Taylor had to move back with her mother in Fort Pulaski but Union took the fort not long after. Taylor fled with her uncle and his family to St. Catherine's Island, where they received Union protection and a transfer to St. Simons Island. Taylor impressed the commanding officers with her ability to read and write and was offered a

position running a school for children and adults on the island.

In April 1862, Susie Baker and many other African Americans fled to St. Simons Island, occupied at the time by Union forces. Within days her educational advantages came to the attention of army officers, who offered to obtain books for her if she would organize a school. She thereby became the first black teacher for freed African-American students to work in a freely operating freedmen's school in Georgia. She taught 40 children in day school and "a number of adults who came to me nights, all of them so eager to learn to read, to read above anything else." She taught there until October 1862, when the island was evacuated.

While at the school on St. Simons Island, Baker married Edward King, a black noncommissioned officer in the First South Carolina Volunteers of African Descent (later reflagged as 33rd United States Colored Troops February 8, 1864, which was disbanded at Fort Wagner in 1866). For three years she moved with her husband's and brothers' regiment, serving as nurse and laundress, and teaching many of the black soldiers to read and write during their off-duty hours. In 1866 she and Edward returned to Savannah, where she established a school for the freed children. Edward King died in September 1866, a few months before the birth of their first child. There are few details about his death but scholars have noted that he died in a work-related accident at the pier unloading ships. Also around this time Taylor was forced to close her school when a free school opened nearby. In 1867 she returned to her native Liberty County to establish another school. In 1868 she again relocated to Savannah, where she continued teaching freedmen for another year and supported herself through small tuition charges, never receiving aid from the northern freedmen's aid organizations. Historians say she, Taylor enrolled as a laundress at a camp named "Camp Saxton".

In the 1870s King traveled to Boston as a domestic servant of a wealthy white family. While there she met Russell L. Taylor, also a native of Georgia. She returned home to Liberty County to marry Taylor on April 20, 1879. She remained in Boston for the rest of her life, returning to the South only occasionally. Taylor still kept in contact with her fellow veterans' group, the Grand Army of the Republic.<sup>[6]</sup> After a trip to Louisiana in the 1890s to care for a dying son, she wrote her *Reminiscences*, which were privately published in 1902. She died 10 years later. She is buried next to her second husband at Mount Hope Cemetery in Roslindale, Massachusetts.

## **SAVE THE DATE: First Field Trip of the Year: 10-28-2017**

**Barry Arnold and Claire Kukielka**

Kudos to Wayne Schaeffer for locating a gem of an activity. At a recent visit to Gettysburg, Wayne gained permission to see Neill (Lost) Ave. **It is the only avenue in the park that has not been paved and it is on private property.** It is the place where the 2nd VA. Infantry fought Neill's Brigade at the extreme right end of the union line. Wesley Culp was in the 2nd VA. Infantry which adds an additional interest to this portion of the battlefield. The owner and guide, Dean Schultz suggested a start time of 9:30 because he has in mind to do a personal tour in two segments; The first takes about 2 1/2 hours and includes starting at his barn, the overall big picture for this end of the battle, Neill Ave and possibly McAllister's Mill. The second portion would continue on to the Z. Taney farm and Spangler's Spring which will be a total time of about 4 hours. If someone decides to leave after the first portion they may go back to their car and leave prior to the second portion beginning.

We are planning on leaving from the Holiday Inn at Fogelsville at 7 am on October 28, 2017 and car pooling as we usually do. If you could contact Wayne, Barry, or myself at any one of the e mail addresses below and just let us know you plan on attending. We are including the parking directions in the event that you prefer to meet us there. It would still be nice to know if you are coming so we can keep an eye out and try to not get started until everyone is there. Please feel free to bring a friend or two. We are asking a \$5.00 donation per person to present to Mr. Schultz for his favorite preservation endeavor. Also we would like your cell numbers so we can use that as a way to communicate the 3 day of the trip.

**Parking instructions/directions:** Rt. 15 to Baltimore Pike. Turn right toward Gettysburg for 1/2 mile. Look for a sign "Bridge May Be Icy" on right and park in parking lot of his business on left.

**Here are our email addresses to confirm you plan on attending:**      **Again, not a must but it does help with our planning. Any of the three can take the confirmation.**

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## **Campaign Print Raffle Prizes for 2017-2018 Campaign Season**

### **December Preservation Raffle Prize**

Framed Print of Chamberlin at Little Round Top (7/2/1863) - Framed and Donated by Barry Arnold  
See the top of page 8 for image of this fantastic prize



### **June Preservation Raffle Prizes**

**Grand Prize-** “The Grim Harvest of War” Jackson and the Valley campaign by Bradley Schmehl

**Prize 2]** Photographs of Union and Confederate Officers in the Civil War in America.  
Published by the Civil War Library and Museum, 1996

**Prize 3]** A Great Civil War by Russell Weigley, signed.

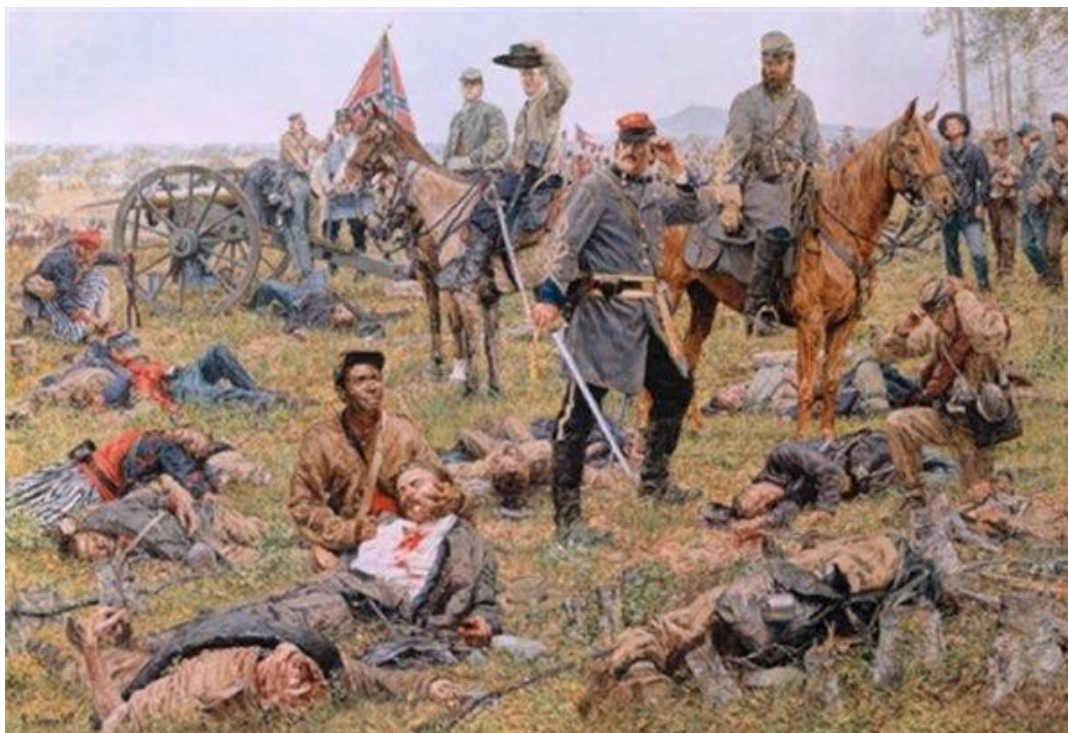
**Prize 4]** The Gleam of Bayonets by Jim Murfin, signed

**Prize 5]** Time detailed maps of the Chancellorsville Campaign, done by the National Park Service

**Prize 6]** The South to Posterity by Douglas Southall Freeman

**REMEMBER, WHEN YOU SUPPORT PRESERVATION, WE ARE ALL WINNERS!!!**





The Grim Harvest of War

## ROAD TRIPS....



Reminding all of our members to consider writing an article based on their own trips. Thanks to Reverend Paul Bartlett for doing just that.

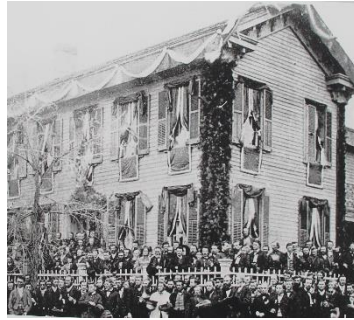
See pages 9-11 of this edition for  
The details of this trip

### **Lincoln Sites in Springfield, Illinois by Paul Bartlett**

Abraham Lincoln, the President who led the nation during the years of the Civil War, had deep roots in Illinois. On a recent trip to that state, my wife and I had a chance to visit a few of the sites in Springfield, which featured prominently in Lincoln's life and death.



The Lincoln Home National Historic Site preserves the Springfield, Illinois home and the historic move to Springfield from New Salem at the start of his self-educated law career. He met his wife, Mary Todd, at her sister's home in Springfield and married there in 1842.



The historic-site house, purchased by Lincoln and his wife in 1844, was the only home that they ever owned. Their children, four there. Located at the corner of Eighth and Jackson Streets, the house contains twelve rooms spread over two floors. During the time he lived here, Lincoln was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1846, and in 1860. At this time, he was elected President in 1860. At this time, he was elected President in 1860.

house, friends and neighbors gathered to celebrate his election death.

The homes in the surrounding blocks have also been preserved and visitors can read descriptions of residents who were not only neighbors, but friends and even political opponents, in this integrated and diverse community.

In the adjacent Visitor's Center, the film, "Abraham Lincoln: A Journey to Greatness," plays every half-hour and describes Lincoln's rise to power and his pre-Civil War efforts to resist the expansion of slavery in the United States.



The Lincoln-Herndon Law Offices – Lincoln rented offices for his law firm in the commercial building across the street from the Illinois State House. The Tinsley building is the only surviving structure in which Lincoln maintained a law office. He partnered here with two others over the years and even argued cases before the federal courts which heard cases in a second floor courtroom. The building is not open for tours, but the exterior is preserved as it was in the days of Lincoln.

The Old State House was built from 1837-1840 when the state capital was moved from Vandalia to Springfield. The building contained chambers for both houses of the General Assembly, offices for the Governor of Illinois and other executive officials, and a chamber for the Illinois Supreme Court. It was in this building that Lincoln served his final term as a state lawmaker in 1840–41. It was here, as a lawyer, that he pleaded cases before the state supreme court in 1841–60. It was here, in the Illinois House chamber, that he made his "House Divided" speech in June 1858, announcing his candidacy for the U.S. Senate; and it was to the same chamber, in May 1865, that his body was returned, arriving from Washington, D.C. prior to final burial in Springfield's Oak Ridge Cemetery.





The Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site is the final resting place for Lincoln, his wife Mary, and three of their four sons: Edward, William, and Tad (Robert is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.) It has a huge granite base supporting an obelisk over 100 feet tall. At the corners of the shaft, there are four bronze sculptures representing each of the four Civil War military services—infantry, artillery, cavalry, and navy. The Gettysburg Address is inscribed on a bronze plaque above the entrance.

Visitors enter into a rotunda, where hallways lead to the burial chamber in the rear. Along the way are scale versions of important Lincoln statues, as well as plaques with excerpts from Lincoln's farewell address to

Springfield, the Gettysburg Address. Lincoln's remains the marble floor of the burial marking the gravesite is the flags of states in which Lincoln himself resided. The because of security concerns President's body in 1876), final resting place, below the

Address, and his Second Inaugural rest in a concrete vault ten feet below chamber. A massive block of granite flanked by the presidential flag and Lincoln's ancestors and Abraham tomb has been rebuilt twice and (thieves attempted to steal the Lincoln's remains were moved to their floor of the burial chamber.



(Credit for some of the above details go to the NPS, Illinois Historical Society, and Wikipedia)

## REENLISTMENT REPORT

It is re-enlistment time for the 2017-2018 campaign. Again, our numbers have decreased over the past year and the Roundtable can use your help in acquiring some new recruits. If you know of anyone who has an interest in the Civil War, please pass his or her name and

address along to me. I will send them a few complimentary newsletters and an introductory letter to the Round Table. Better yet, bring them to a dinner meeting. The dues are \$25.00 for individuals, \$10.00 for full-time students. To avoid standing in line at the meeting, please fill out the form below and mail it with your check payable to CWRT of Eastern PA, Inc. Thanks for your support. Jeff Gates (610) 966-5773 or jefgates@ptd.net

## CWRT of Eastern PA ---REENLISTMENT FORM

Name\_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been a member? \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address\_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear of this organization?

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What is your occupation/profession?

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Reenactor?\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Please give name and unit of ancestor who fought in the Civil War \_\_\_\_\_

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My major interest is:

\_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to speak to groups on some aspect of the Civil War?

Would you be interested in participating in round table activities? \_\_\_\_\_(yes or no) Here are just a few of the ways you could get involved: \_\_\_public functions \_\_\_political action \_\_\_preservation \_\_\_living history \_\_\_\_\_

Other:\_\_\_\_\_(Please specify)

**Dues (Please make checks payable to CWRT of Eastern PA, Inc.)**

\_\_\_Individual (\$25.00) \_\_\_Full-Time Student (\$10.00)\_\_\_Tax Deductible Donation

**Please fill out the Enlistment Form above for our next Campaign and mail FIRST CLASS to CWRT of Eastern PA, Inc., P.O. Box 333 ALLENTOWN, PA 18105**

**Dues are payable now!**