

## December 2018 – Fall Campaign 41

Meeting December 04, 2018

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

If any of you missed our November meeting you missed an excellent evening with Gordon Rhea. He is one of the preeminent historians and authors of our day. His series of offerings on the Overland Campaign of 1864 are wonderful. Some folks are great writers but not polished speakers. Gordon tops the list on both accounts. If you don't have his most recent book, *On to Petersburg: Grant and Lee, June 4-15 1864* run out and treat yourself for the Holiday Season. Gordon's analysis of Grant and Lee was both entertaining and informative. Special thanks to those members who assisted financially in bringing Mr Rhea to the Lehigh Valley.

We have a number of items that have been donated over time that do not quite meet our book raffle guide lines so some will be available at very reasonable prices at the Sign In table. With the holidays fast approaching there are some wonderful gift choices!

At recent meeting we have encouraged those who can't attend the dinner portion of our gathering to move forward from the "walk in" section of the room to better hear and see the speaker. Once the meal is over we'll announce when it's appropriate to move your chair or find an empty spot at one of the tables. The choice is yours so sit wherever you are comfortable. We want all attendees to get the best experience from each program.

I announced at the November meeting that the site of our Gettysburg conservation work on April 27th will be at the John Snyder Farm. See information concerning this fun and important event further on in this newsletter.

Our Tri-fold Meeting and Speakers information sheets are a wonderful way to spread the word about our meetings and Programs. Please help us grow by doing your part to get our message out into the community!!!

Bill Frankenfield has graciously donated 4 general admission tickets to the National Museum of the Civil War Medicine sites. These include the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick, MD, the Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office Museum in Washington, DC and the Pry House Hospital Museum on Antietam National Battlefield. Your Board of Directors will be working on the best way to determine how this gift should be utilized.

Thanks to everyone who responded to our monthly contest on a word definition from Ambrose Bierce's *Devil's Dictionary*. Remember, the first person who finds the word and definition in our website and emails me receives 3 free book raffle tickets at our December meeting.

Dues are overdue! Send your \$25.00 check (It's ok to send more if you're so inclined!) to our PO Box 333, Allentown, PA 18105. See Paymaster Jeff Gates at the December meeting.

Please join us on December 4th when Rich Rosenthal will present, "Civil War Women of Compassion, Courage and Grit." See you then!

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## About Our December Speaker.... Rick Rosenthal



Rich Rosenthal has lectured on numerous historical subjects and is president of the North Jersey Civil War Round Table, is a board member and one of the founding members, with the pre-eminent New Jersey historian, the late John T. Cunningham, of the North Jersey American Revolution Round Table. He resides in Parsippany with his wife, Harriet; they have two daughters and three grandchildren.

## About Our December Topic.... *Civil War Women of Compassion, Courage and Grit*



A story of survival during wartime – not from cannons and bullets – but of life itself. The women who are left at home without adequate means of support and must provide the basic necessities of food and shelter and still impart their values to their children.

New Jersey's own Cornelia Hancock, rejected as a nurse by Dorothea Dix because she is too pretty, defies her, and goes to Gettysburg to assist the wounded soldiers and stays throughout the Civil War. Mary Ann Bickerdyke, who defies army red tape to care for *her boys*, the wounded, setting up hospitals and kitchens, even following Gen. Sherman through the mountains of Georgia on the way to Atlanta. Sara Pryor, living through the privation and destruction of the south, still has the courage to defy Gen. Sheridan and demand sardilly rations for the starving women and children families in her community.

## Operation Snowflake



*For weather related postponements/cancellations, please visit the CWRT website -[www.cwrteasternpa.org](http://www.cwrteasternpa.org) - where any meeting change information will be posted. If you still have doubts, please call Ed Root at 610-417-6673 or @hotmail.com.*

## November Attendance Statistics by James Duffy

Our second meeting of the 41<sup>st</sup> Campaign and we had 58 attendees. That included 41 for dinner and 17 walk-ins. We were glad to see all of you and would love to have you back in December.

**SAVE THE DATE..... SAVE THE DATE..... SAVE THE DATE.....**

### **Gettysburg NMP Conservation Day – Saturday, April 27, 2019**

Our annual work day will entail work at the John Snyder Farm on the southern end of the battlefield. As always there will be something for everyone including fence painting & fence rebuilding. This will be our 5th year since we've expanded our role by including partners from Saucon Valley High School, Boy Scout Troop 89 from New Tripoli & the Whitehall Historical Society. Most groups who volunteer at Gettysburg have limited numbers and have limited goals. Because our numbers have reached 40 to 50 some folks we have been able to help the National Park Service staff accomplish projects other group cannot attempt. Caitlin Brown, Park Coordinator will once interpret action that occurred on the site after our task is completed. All are welcome. Please advise me if you know of any other folks outside of our CWRT membership who may have an interest in this rewarding labor.



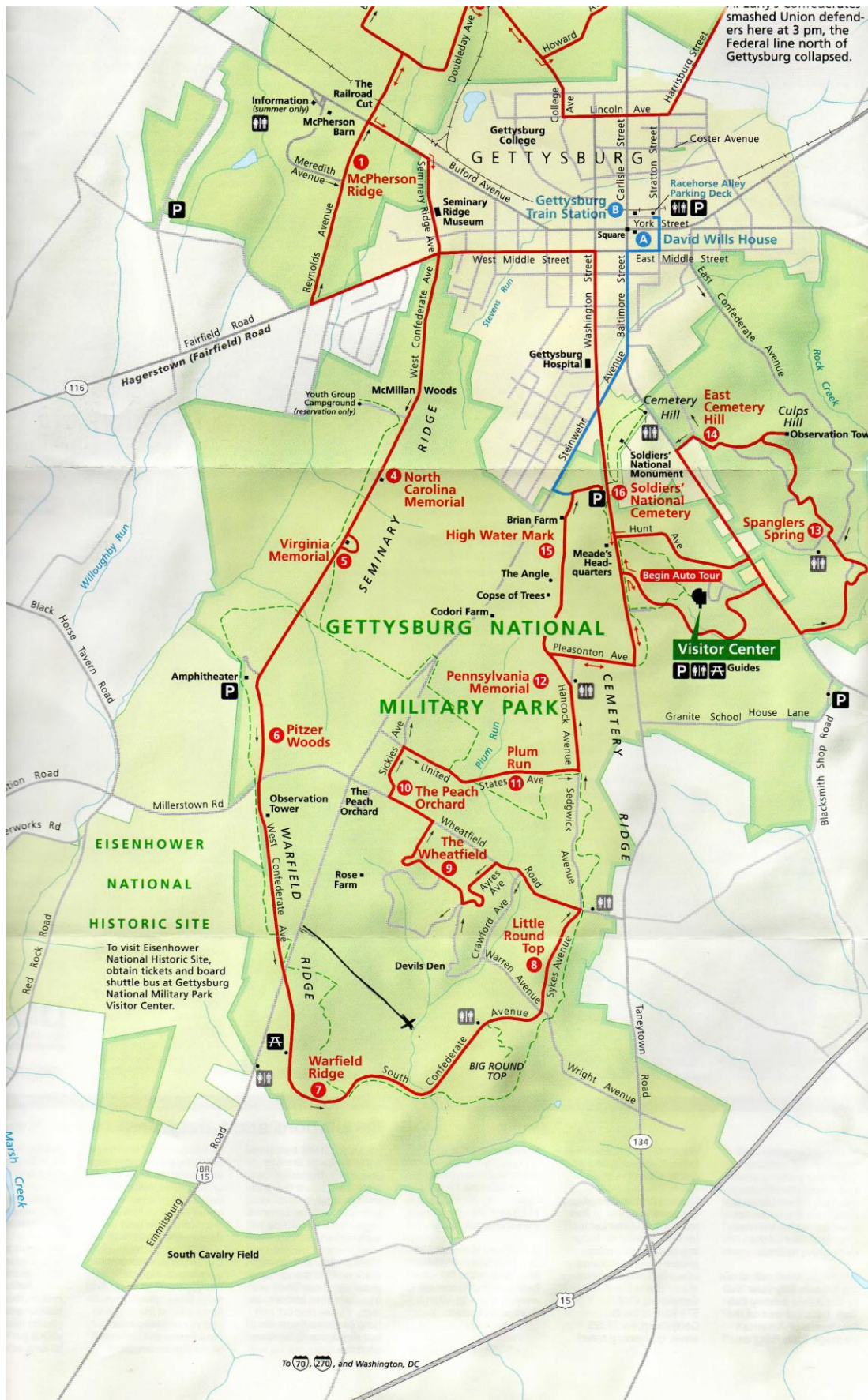
The John Snyder farm was on the western side of Big Round Top, just down Plum Run from the Devil's Den. John had moved from Maryland and bought the 75 acre farm in 1849. By the 1860's it included a two story stone house, barn, blacksmith and carpenter shops, an orchard of peach and pear trees, thirty acres of timber and eighteen acres of meadow.

On July 2nd [Confederate General John B. Hood's Division](#) swept across Snyder's farm in its advance toward the Devil's Den and Little Round Top. The crops and orchards were trampled and destroyed and the farm buildings became a Confederate field hospital, with the family's possessions looted or spoiled. Two months after the battle, in September, John sold the farm and moved to Ohio. The Snyder family had connections with other Gettysburg families. John's wife Catherine was the sister of [Lydia Leister, whose house](#) became General Meade's headquarters during the battle. And in October of 1863 John's son William married Josephine Miller, the granddaughter of [Peter and Susan Rogers, whose farm lay on Emmitsburg Road](#).

The farm passed to the Snyder family, who owned it around the turn of the century. It is now owned by the National Park Service. The [monument to Companies E & H, Second United States Sharpshooters \(Vermont Sharpshooters\)](#) is beside the driveway in front of the farmhouse.

X marks the Snyder Farm on the map below. The entrance is off of the Emmitsburg Road (also known as Business Rte 15 & Steinwehr Ave) Logistical details to as we get closer to April 27.







**Pictures for our Upcoming Conservation Excursion in April 2019**



**Vermont Sharpshooters Monument with Jeff Gates, Tony Major, Caitlin Brown, and Chuck Cannon**

**As you can see there is something for everyone. Whether you prefer painting a fence or rebuilding a fence, we need you.**



If you remember this house from the movie, Gettysburg, you will recall that the meeting between Robert E. Lee and J.E.B. Stuart was filmed here.



## Fall 2018 & Spring 2019 PROGRAM REGISTRATION DETAILS

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 06, 2018 meeting is November 01, 2018.**

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

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

Carol Detweiler 215-234- 4884 [cdetweiler01@comcast.net](mailto:cdetweiler01@comcast.net)

Ed Oechsle – 610-882-9228 [ehoechsle@ptd.net](mailto:ehoechsle@ptd.net)



**Format of all meetings:**

Sutler's Call	6:00-6:30 p.m.
Mess Call	6:30-7:00 p.m.
Program	7:30 p.m

**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.



We were thankful for the provocative talk by Gordon Rhea. Bob McHugh is pictured here thanking Gordon for his visit and his program. We were all better informed after his visit. It is nice to have back our old friends.

## Book Winners for November Drawing



November Book winners include Bob McHugh, Jeff Gates, Claire Kukielka, Maria Maly, Dick Cruse, and Kathy Coddington.

### Director, Membership Request– Jeff Gates, 610-966-5773...Please read.....

I'm hoping you all had a wonderful summer and were able to visit your favorite Civil War Sites! Our membership remained just shy of 100 this past campaign. I'm looking for your assistance in our endeavor to find new members. Bring a friend, co-worker, family member to a meeting as we try to break back into the triple digits of membership.

It's that time of year again to renew your membership to the Civil War Roundtable. The Dues for the 2018-2019 Campaign have not changed and remain at \$25.00 (Full Time Student \$10.00). If you wish to avoid the line at the October Dinner Meeting, please mail in your membership form and Check to the Roundtable address.

(See last page for form)



### **The Devil's Dictionary**

was written by former Civil War soldier and writer Ambrose Bierce. He served in the 7th Indiana Infantry Regiment and on the staff of General William Hazen. Bierce fought in the Western Theater at such places as Shiloh, Stones River, Chickamauga and was wounded at Kennesaw Mountain. His work was first published as The Cynic's Word Book in 1906 and then a more complete version in 1911 as The Devil's Dictionary. His satirical and humorous word definitions have made folks laugh and perhaps think ever since. Some of the definitions ring as true today as they did over 100 years ago. We have a tendency these days to believe that the foibles of our contemporaries are unique and new. A few examples follow that prove otherwise:

Alone, adj – In bad company

Prejudice, n – A vagrant opinion without visible means of support.

Rear, n – In American military matters, the exposed part of the army that is nearest to Congress.



What, dear reader does this mean to you? As we wish to encourage all of you to visit our website often **we will hide one of Bierce's gems within it. Check our website and be the first person to find the word and send an email to me with it will receive 2 of the 3 following prizes: 1) My undying gratitude, 2) a year's subscription to Amazon Prime, 3) three free tickets to the book raffle at the December meeting. It's my choice which 2 of the 3 will be forthcoming.....**

So all you need to do is find the word and attend the meeting!

[www.cwrteasternpa.org](http://www.cwrteasternpa.org)

Have fun!!

Ed Root: sartilly@hotmail.com

## New Campaign Prizes

### Civil War Roundtable Prizes for 2018 – 2019 Campaign Season

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Title</u>
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| 1 | Franklin Mint Civil War Chess set |
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| 2 | Framed Sherman Autograph |
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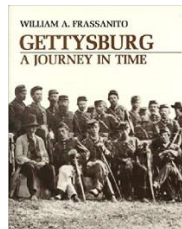


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| 3 | Longstreet Pocket Watch |
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| 4 | Print – “Confederate Infantry Army of Northern Virginia” – Rick Reeve (signed and numbered) |
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| 5 | Grant’s Memoirs (Vol 1, 1885, Vol 2 1886) |
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| 6 | Gettysburg – A Journey in Time by Bill Frassanito (Signed) |
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## June 2019 Preservation Raffle

Please note Change in Procedure of Drawing

(Since we have such an eclectic array of prizes it is suggested that the first winner will have the pick of the six prizes and continuing until all prizes are given. If someone will not be available to attend the June meeting he or she can assign a proxy. If not, a prize will be assigned)

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

## Do You **KNOW THE CIVIL WAR?**

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

Taken from The Civil War Trivia Book by William Terdoslavich

See answers below.

1. A prominent leader of the German community, Union General who had a New York City Park named after him?  
a) General Carl Schurz      b) General Franz Siegel      c) General Osterhaus      d) General August Kautz
2. A noted diarist from the Civil War who originated from Charleston?  
a) Belle Boyd  
b) William Hazen  
c) Mary Chestnut  
d) Mary Todd Lincoln
3. A former Confederate guerilla who became a diplomat to Hong Kong after the Civil War?  
a. John Singleton Mosby  
b. General James Rain  
c. General Roger Hanson  
d. General Patrick Cleburne
4. A former Union general and a major stockholder in the building of the Brooklyn Bridge?  
a. General Slocum  
b. General Carl Schurz  
c. General Ulysses Grant  
d. General Reynolds
5. Which side sang a favorite song, "Lula, Lula, Lula is Gone"?  
a. Confederate  
b. Union

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

**Quiz above**

**1. A                      2. C                      3. A                      4. A                      5. A**

## REENLISTMENT REPORT

It is re-enlistment time for the 2018-2019 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 [jeffgates@ptd.net](mailto:jeffgates@ptd.net)

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_ How did  
you hear of this organization? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your occupation/profession? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_public functions \_\_\_political action \_\_\_preservation \_\_\_living history

**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!**