

March 2019 - Winter/Spring Campaign 41: Meeting April 02, 2019

#### From the Brigade Commander: Ed Root

We dodged the worst of the weather by one day last month, but unfortunately the weather did cause Ted Alexander to have to miss our meeting. Ted is a wonderful speaker and an excellent historian and preservationist, but unfortunately stuff happens. Those in attendance had to suffer through his fill in.....me. The story of the 15<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Infantry Regiments at Gettysburg has great interest for me, and I was pleased to share it with you.

Bill Frankenfield was kind enough to donate 4 tickets to the combined museums at the Pry House at Antietam, The National Museum of CW Medicine in Frederick, MD & Clara Barton's Missing Soldiers Office in Washington, DC. These will be raffled off in two different pairs at our April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. All proceeds benefit historic preservation. Bill continues to recover from surgery and appreciates all the cards and good wishes.

We have partnered with the Southern Lehigh Public Library in the past supporting their Civil War programs. On Monday, April 15 at 7PM. Alisa Dupuy will present a first-person impression of Clara Barton. The program is free, but reservations are required as seating is limited. We have partnered with the library previously to the advantage of both organizations. Claire has sent details separately. However, you may refer to page 9 of this document if you care to or you may check it out on our web page. Either way you will want to make reservations to attend this free event.

Our Gettysburg conservation work on April 27th is fast approaching and will be at the John Slyder Farm. There is something for everyone, painting, fencing, brush cutting or just standing around critiquing the work done by others. We'll have fun, learn about that portion of the battlefield and help preserve and conserve our nation's historic land! NPS Site Coordinator Caitlin Brown will speak to us about our work site and the battle. I will be emailing all those who signed up with logistics about parking etc. early next month so please make sure I have your contact information.

The Nomination Report for our next Campaign for Officers and Directors is as follows:

Brigade Commander – Open

Regimental Commander – Bob McHugh

Company Commander – Claire Kukielka & Barry Arnold

Paymaster – Jim Duffy

Adjutant - Kay Bagenstose

Directors, term ending June 2021 - Neil Coddington & Kim Jacobs

Directors, continuing, term ending June 2020 - Bill Frankenfield & Frank Whelan

The election of Officers & Directors will take place at the May 7th meeting. Nominations, if acceptable to the nominee, may also be made at that meeting.

Please join us on April 2 as Peter Carmichael, will present concerning his new book on the Common Soldier. <u>See you on the 2nd!</u> Ed Root <u>sartilly@hotmail.com</u> 610-417-6673

## **About Our April Speaker....**

Peter S. Carmichael is Robert C. Fluhrer Professor of Civil War Studies at Gettysburg College and Director of the Civil War Institute. His books include *Lee's Young Artillerist: William R. J. Pegram* and *Audacity Personified: The Generalship of Robert E. Lee.* 



Author, Historian, and Speaker Peter S. Carmichael

#### About Peter Carmichael's Book, The War for the Common Soldier

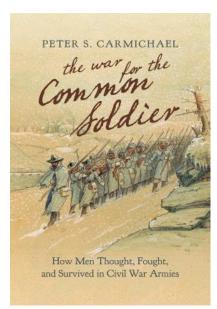
We are very fortunate that Peter has given the members of the Civil War Round Table of Eastern Pennsylvania an excellent opportunity. His new book, *The War for the Common Soldier: How Men Thought, Fought, and Survived in Civil War Armies,* sells for \$34.95. Peter is providing the attendees with a sizable discount if we purchase on the night of the April meeting. We will be selling the books that night for \$26.00. These, of course, can be personalized by the author himself. Best of all, the CWRT of Eastern PA will also make a small amount on each book that will be used towards our continued preservation efforts.

#### **About Our Speaker's Topic:**

Peter Carmichael's talk will be about his most recent book: *The War for the Common Soldier: How Men Thought, Fought, and Survived in Civil War Armies* 

#### **Summary of Presentation:**

How did Civil War soldiers unpredictable existence of question is at the heart of new study of men at war. letters and records left behind North and the South. the Civil War experience--the boredom, the idealism, the the frustrations of being away own dire circumstances. soldiers thought but rather how reveals how, to the shock of of duty or disobedience. disloyalty, and bravery or Digging deeply into his the idea that there was "a their own words to find



endure the brutal and army life during the conflict? This Peter S. Carmichael's sweeping Based on close examination of the by individual soldiers from both the Carmichael explores the totality of marching, the fighting, the exhaustion, the punishments, and from families who often faced their Carmichael focuses not on what they thought. In doing so, he most men, well-established notions morality or immorality, loyalty or cowardice were blurred by war. soldiers' writing, Carmichael resists common soldier" but looks into common threads in soldiers'

experiences and ways of understanding what was happening around them. In the end, he argues that a pragmatic philosophy of soldiering emerged, guiding members of the rank and file as they struggled to live with the contradictory elements of their violent and volatile world. Soldiering in the Civil War, as Carmichael argues, was never a state of being but a process of becoming.

### **March Attendance Statistics by Ed Root**

Our seventh meeting of the 41<sup>st</sup> Campaign and we had 46 attendees. That included 34 for dinner and 12 walk-ins. We were glad to see all of you and would love to have you back in April.

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

I'm hoping you all had a fantastic Saint Patrick's Day! 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 February Dinner Meeting, please mail in your membership form and Check to the Roundtable address. (See last page for form)

#### **Operation Snowflake**

For weather related postponements/cancellations, please visit the CWRT website -<u>www.cwrteasternpa.org</u> - where information regarding any meeting change will be posted. If you still have doubts, please call Ed Root at 610-417-6673 or sartilly@hotmail.com.

# SAVE THE DATE...... SAVE THE DATE...... SAVE THE DATE....... CONSERVATION OPPORTUNITY

#### <u>Gettysburg NMP Conservation Day – Saturday, April 27, 2019</u>

Our annual work day will entail work at the John Slyder 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 Slyder 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 <u>Confederate General John B. Hood's Division</u> swept across Slyder'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 Slyder family had connections with other Gettysburg families. John's wife Catherine was the sister of <a href="Lydia Leister">Lydia Leister</a>, 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 <a href="Peter and Susan Rogers">Peter and Susan Rogers</a>, whose farm lay on <a href="Email: Email: E

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 <u>monument to Companies E & H, Second United States Sharpshooters (Vermont Sharpshooters)</u> is beside the driveway in front of the farmhouse.



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

## Fall 2018 & Winter/Spring 2019 PROGRAM REGISTRATION

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. For the April 02, 2019 meeting, the deadline for making dinner reservations is March 28, 2019. Please also note for this month, Ed Root should be contacted rather than Jim Duffy. We are hoping that Jim will be back in the very near future.

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

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Ed Oechsle - 610-882-9228 ehoechsle@ptd.net

#### **Format of all meetings:**

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

Mess Call 6:30-7:30 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.

## A Special Thank You to Our March Speaker, Ed Root

Bob McHugh thanks Ed Root for his informative program on the Fifteenth, Nineteenth and Twentieth Massachusetts Infantry at Gettysburg. It was awesome to learn about their roles at Gettysburg and how the monuments were set up after the American Civil War concluded. It was a special treat to learn what became of some of those heroes after the War.



## **Book Winners for March Drawing**



 $March\ Book\ winners\ include\ Chuck\ Dzielawa,\ Blake\ Barbarics,\ Glenn\ Baumer,\ John\ Maly,\ and\ Claude\ Kohl.$ 

## **Clara Barton** from <a href="https://www.battlefields.org/">https://www.battlefields.org/</a> learn/biographies/clara-barton



Born in Massachusetts in 1821, Clara Harlowe Barton was the youngest of five children. Barton supplemented her early education with practical experience, working as a clerk and book keeper for her oldest brother. She worked for several years as a teacher, even starting her own school in Bordentown, New Jersey in 1853. In 1854 she moved south to Washington, D.C. in search of a warmer climate. From 1854 to 1857 she was employed as a clerk in the Patent Office until her anti-slavery opinions made her too controversial. When she went home to New England she continued the charity works and philanthropy she had begun in Washington.

Early in 1861 Barton returned to Washington, D.C. and, when the Civil War broke out, she was one of the first volunteers to appear at the Washington Infirmary to care for wounded soldiers. After her father's death late in 1861, Barton left the city hospitals to go among the soldiers in the field. Her presence—and the supplies she brought with her in three army wagons—was particularly welcome at the Battle of Antietam (Sharpsburg) where overworked surgeons were trying to make bandages out of corn husks. Barton organized able-bodied men to perform first aid, carry water, and prepare food for the wounded. Throughout the war, Barton and her supply wagons traveled with the Union army giving aid to Union casualties and Confederate prisoners. Some of the supplies, like the transportation, were provided by the army quartermaster in Washington, D.C., but most were purchased with donations solicited by Barton or by her own funds. (After the war she was reimbursed by Congress for her expenses.)

In 1863, Clara Barton would travel to the Union controlled coastal regions around Charleston, South Carolina. On July 14, 1863 Barton moved from Hilton Head Island to Morris Island to tend the growing number of sick and wounded soldiers - a list that would greatly expand after the failed Union assault on Fort Wagner on July 18, 1863.

Later in the Morris Island campaign, Clara Barton, working out of her tent, would seek to address the growing problem of sickness on the island by passing out fresh food and mail to the troops in the trenches. Despite her great efforts, Barton herself would become gravely ill and would be evacuated to Hilton Head island.

"We have captured one fort - Gregg - and one charnel house - Wagner - and we have built one cemetery, Morris Island. The thousand little sand-hills that in the pale moonlight are a thousand headstones, and the restless ocean waves that roll and breakup on the whitened beach sing an eternal requiem to the toll-worn gallant dead who sleep beside."

- Clara Barton on Morris Island

In January 1865, Barton returned to the North when her brother and nephew died. In March, President Abraham Lincoln appointed her General Correspondent for the Friends of Paroled Prisoners. Her job was to respond to anxious inquiries from the friends and relatives of missing soldiers by locating them among the prison rolls, parole rolls, or casualty lists at the camps in Annapolis, Maryland. To assist in this enormous task, Barton established the Bureau of Records of

Missing Men of the Armies of the United States and published Rolls of Missing Men to be posted across the country. It was at her insistence that the anonymous graves at Andersonville prison were identified and marked.

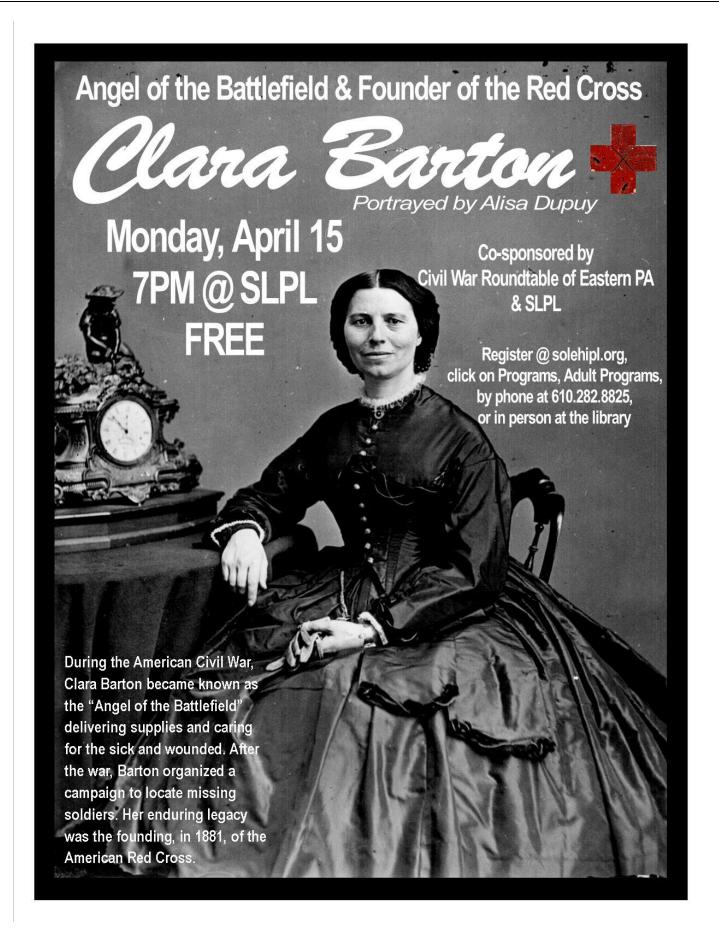
In 1869 Clara Barton traveled to Geneva, Switzerland as a member of the International Red Cross. In 1880 the American Red Cross was established, the culmination of a decade of work by Barton. She served as the organization's first president until 1904 and continued her tradition of philanthropy as a volunteer in Cuba during the Spanish-American War.

Clara Barton died in 1912 at the age of ninety-one.

## 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 page 11

- 1. What regiments made up the Stonewall Brigade?
  - a. Army of Northern VA.
  - b. Second and fifth Infantry North Carolina
  - c. First Tennessee
  - d. Fourth, Fifth, Twenty seventh and Thirty third Regiment of Va
- 2. What was the nickname of the First Brigade, First Division, I Corps?
  - a. Irish Brigade
  - b. Iron Brigade
  - c. Flying Artillery
  - d. Siege Engineers
- 3. What type of regiment was the 1st District of Columbia?
  - a. Infantry
  - b. Marauders
  - c. Artillery
  - d. Cavalry
- 4. What was the designation of the Orphan Brigade and which army did it fight for?
  - a. First Tennessee, Union
- c. First Kentucky, Confederate
- **b.** First Kentucky, Union
- d. First Tennessee, Confederate



## **New Campaign Prizes**

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

## **Prize/Title Picture**



1 Franklin Mint Civil War Chess set



2 Framed Sherman Autograph



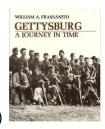
3 Longstreet Pocket Watch



4 Print – "Confederate Infantry Army of Northern Virginia" – Rick Reeve (signed and numbered)



5 Grant's Memoirs (Vol 1, 1885, Vol 2 1886)



6 Gettysburg – A Journey in Time by Bill Frassanito (Signed)

#### **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 PRESERVITION, WE ARE ALL WINNERS!!!

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

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1. D 2. B 3. D 4. C

## Remembering April 1865: Appomattox Court House https://www.battlefields.org/learn/civil-war/battles/appomattox-court-house

Harried mercilessly by Federal troops and continually cut off from turning south to reach Gen. Joseph Johnston's army in North Carolina, General Robert E. Lee headed west along the Appomattox River, eventually arriving in Appomattox County on April 8th. His objective was the South Side Railroad at Appomattox Station where food supplies awaited. Union cavalry under Brig. Gen. George A. Custer reached them first, capturing then burning three supply trains. Lee hoped for more supplies further west at Lynchburg, so he refused written requests by Grant to surrender his army. On the morning of April 9th, Maj. Gen. John B. Gordon's corps attacked Union cavalry under Maj. Gen. Phil Sheridan not far from the county court house. Realizing the cavalry was supported by two Union army corps, and unable to link up with Lieut. Gen. James Longstreet's corps, Gordon stopped. Lee's army was trapped. Messages were soon exchanged and Lee and Grant agreed to meet at the Wilmer McLean home at Appomattox Courthouse that afternoon. There, the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia was signed. Three days later, a formal ceremony marked the disbanding of Lee's army and the parole of his men, ending the war in Virginia. The events here triggered similar surrenders across the south, ending the fighting of the Civil War.

#### 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 jefgates@ptd.net

Name	How long have you been a member?	
Address		How did
you hear of this organization?		
What is your occupation/profess	ion?	
Phone	E-mail address	
Reenactor?Unit		
Please give name and unit of and	estor who fought in the Civil War	
Would you be willing to speak to	groups on some aspect of the Civil War?	
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Dues are payable now!

Please fill out the Enlistment Form above for our next Campaign and mail FIRST CLASS to CWRT of Eastern PA,

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