



**March 2019 – Winter/Spring Campaign 41: Meeting May 07, 2019**

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

Wow, Peter Carmichael certainly gave a lively presentation on the life of the Common Soldier at the April meeting. His thoughtful analysis of the entirety of the Civil War soldier experience was both thought provoking and entertaining. If you, unfortunately, missed the meeting, we will have a few copies of his excellent new book “The War for the Common Soldier” available for sale at the May gathering.

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. Thanks to all those who participated in the raffle at the April meeting. We’re happy to report that Bill is home from rehab and continuing to recover from his surgery. It was also wonderful to see Jim Duffy again at the meeting and he has now taken back his duties as our Paymaster.

We were very happy to report at the April meeting our donation in the amount of \$1000 to the Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation for their Star Fort initiative at Winchester. Because of a 47 to 1 match our donation is very significant! These folks have done yeoman works in the Valley and all should appreciate and applaud their excellent preservation work. See [www.shenandoahatwar.org](http://www.shenandoahatwar.org)

Elsewhere on the Preservation front the Central Virginia Battlefield Trust continues to fight for all of us in the Fredericksburg area where it seems strip malls sprout faster than Spring weeds. They have recently saved 73+ acres at Myers Hill, part of the Spotsylvania Battle. See [www.cvbt.org](http://www.cvbt.org) Please remember that the cost doesn’t just stop once properties are purchased by these groups. Many times there are maintenance costs as well as costs returning the land to its battlefield appearance such as removing structures erected after the war.

At Gettysburg attempts are still being made to preserve a portion of Camp Letterman where so many suffered after that great battle. Stay tuned for further developments.

We will report at our May meeting about the April 15 Clara Barton program which we cosponsored with the Southern Lehigh Public Library as well as the results of our April 27 Gettysburg Brush cutting venture.

Sadly we received word prior to the April meeting of the passing of long time member Rev. Craig Landis. As Rev Berntsen said during his invocation Craig thoroughly enjoyed being part of our group and his smiling face and gentle manner will be missed. We also were advised that former member Stephen Herczeg also passed away.

We are fast approaching vacation time and many of you will be visiting our Civil War sites. We have a number of battlefield guidebooks and maps that have been donated over time. These items will be available for a donation at the check in table at both our May and June meetings.

Please make sure you stop by the Preservation Table as you enter the meeting room. We have some absolutely marvelous items for our annual June Preservation raffle. Don't miss out on the opportunity to win one of these great items. See Jim and Kay.

The election for Officer and Directors for the 2019-20 Campaign will be held at the May meeting. The Nomination Report for our next Campaign for Officers and Directors is as follows:

Additional nominations, if acceptable to the nominee, may also be made at that meeting.

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

Please join us on May 7th as Michael Shaffer will present In Memory of Self and Comrades.

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## **About Our May Speaker....**



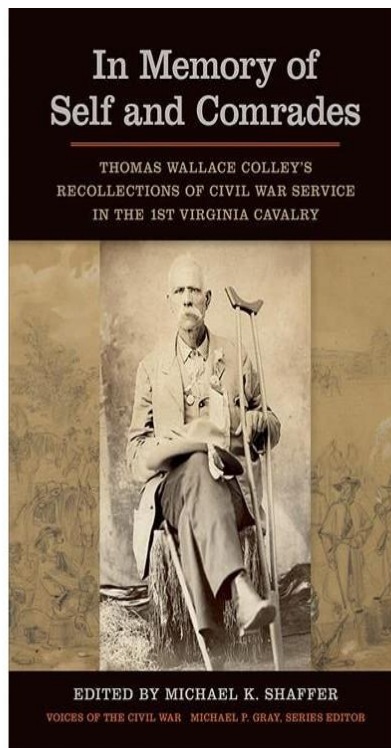
### ***Author, Historian, and Instructor: Michael K. Shaffer***

Michael K. Shaffer is a Civil War historian, instructor, lecturer, newspaper columnist, and author. He is a member of the Society of Civil War Historians, Historians of the Civil War Western Theater, Georgia

Association of Historians, and Georgia Writers Association. Shaffer teaches Civil War Courses at Kennesaw State University's College of Continuing and Professional Education, and frequently lectures to various groups across the country. After the program, he will have copies of his books available for purchase!

## About Our May Topic:

Thomas W. Colley served in one of the most active and famous units in the Civil War, the 1st Virginia Cavalry, which fought in battles from First Manassas/Bull Run to the defense of Petersburg. In [May 1861](#), along with the other members of the Washington Mounted Rifles, Colley left his home in Washington County, Virginia, and reported to camp in Richmond. During the war, he received wounds on three different occasions: first at Waterloo Bridge in 1862, again at Kelly's Ford in 1863, and finally at Haw's Shop in 1864. The wound received at Haw's Shop resulted in the amputation of his left foot, thereby ending his wartime service.



## April Attendance Statistics by Ed Root and Jim Duffy

Our eighth meeting of the 41<sup>st</sup> Campaign and we had 49 attendees. That included 32 for dinner and 17 walk-ins. We were glad to see all of you and would love to have you back in May.

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

I'm hoping you all had an uneventful April Fool'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)

## **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 May 07, 2019 meeting, the deadline for making dinner reservations is May 02, 2019. Please also note starting this month, Jim Duffy may be contacted again. We are so glad to have Jim back amongst the ranks although he was always in our thoughts.**

**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	6:30-7:30
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 April Speaker, Peter S. Carmichael**

Bob McHugh thanks Peter Carmichael for his provocative program on the War for the Common Soldier. As we listened to the stories of those commonplace men, we found that their stories were anything but common. They all had their unique stories—some sad, some miraculous, but still, timeless as we compared those with soldiers from other wars.



Peter gladly accepted a check from Bob McHugh to be used for research programs at Gettysburg College.

## **Remembering Battle of Vicksburg May 18- July 04, 1863 (Wikipedia)**





## Book Winners for April Raffle Drawing



April Book winners include Lance Nothstein, Gary Schnell, David Kuykendall, Jeff Gates, and Emerson Wagner.

## Battle of Seven Pines or Battle of Fair Oaks: May 31 – June 1, 1862



(From a sketch by [Alfred R. Waud](#))

## Special Drawing for the National Museum of Civil War Medicine Donated by Bill Frankenfield



Lucky Winners Scott Hyndman and Reverend Paul Bartlett  
Each won 2 tickets Thanks again, Bill, for your generous donation.

## 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 09

1. At First Manassas which Confederate General had his horse shot out from under him?
  - a. P.T. Barnum
  - b. P.G.T Beauregard
  - c. Stonewall Jackson
  - d. Robert E. Lee
  
2. What was Bull Run?
  - a. A local cafe

- b. A paddock and fields for cattle
  - c. A series of mounds marking an Indian burial ground
  - d. A creek than ran through Manassas
3. Why was General McDowell in such a hurry to fight at First Manassas?
- a. He needed to go back and get more supplies.
  - b. He was told to fight immediately.
  - c. The 90 day enlistments of his subordinates was soon to expire.
  - d. He wanted to move West and he needed to take Manassas before he would be allowed to leave.
4. During the First Manassas, who were the three Confederate leaders who held out at Matthews Hill?
- a. Lee, Jackson, Early
  - b. Bee, Barton, and Evans
  - c. Jackson, Beauregard, and Lee
  - d. Stuart, Barton, and Bee

## New Campaign Prizes

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

<u>Prize/Title</u>	<u>Picture</u>
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1 Franklin Mint Civil War Chess set



2 Framed Sherman Autograph





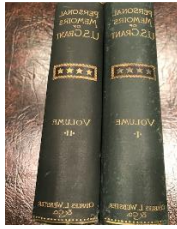
- 3 Longstreet Pocket Watch



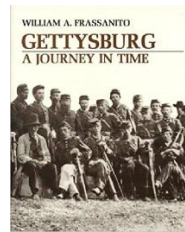
- 4 Print – “Confederate Infantry Army of Northern Virginia” – Rick Reeve (signed and numbered)



- 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 PRESERVATION, WE ARE ALL WINNERS!!!**

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

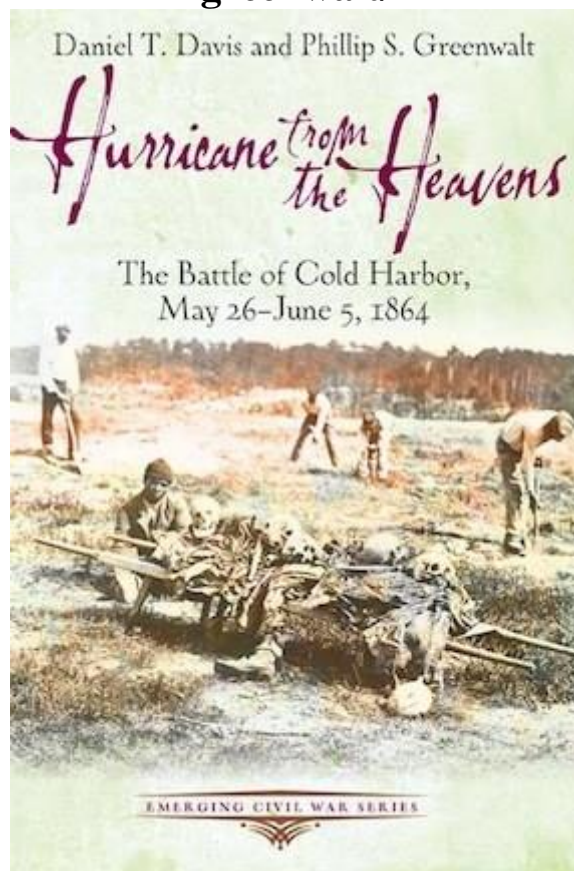
Quiz pages 7-8

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

## Good Reads....

ECW Series: “Hurricane from the Heavens” by Daniel Davis and Phillip Greenwalt

<http://emergingcivilwar.com/publications/the-emerging-civil-war-series/ecw-series-hurricane-from-the-heavens-by-daniel-davis-and-phillip-greenwalt/>



***Hurricane from the Heavens: The Battle of Cold Harbor, May 26-June 5, 1864***

by Daniel T. Davis and Phillip S. Greenwalt

[Savas Beatie](#), Spring 2014

192 pp.; 12 maps

“Lee’s army is really whipped,” Federal commander Ulysses S. Grant believed.

May 1864 had witnessed near-constant combat between his Army of the Potomac and the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia. Grant, unlike his predecessors, had not relented in his pounding of the Confederates. The armies clashed in the Wilderness and at Spotsylvania Courthouse and along the North Anna River. Whenever combat failed to break the Confederates, Grant resorted to maneuver. “I propose to fight it out along this line if it takes all summer,” Grant vowed—and it had.

Casualties mounted on both sides—but Grant kept coming. Although the great, decisive assault had eluded him, he continued to punish Lee’s army. The blows his army landed were nothing like the Confederates had experienced before. The constant marching and fighting had reduced Robert E. Lee’s once-vaunted army into a bedraggled husk of its former glory.

In Grant’s mind, he had worn his foes down and now prepared to deliver the deathblow.

Turning Lee’s flank once more, he hoped to fight the final, decisive battle of the war in the area bordering the Pamunkey and Chickahominy rivers, less than fifteen miles from the outskirts of the Confederate capital of Richmond. “I may be mistaken, but I feel that our success over Lee’s army is already assured,” Grant confided to Washington.

The stakes had grown enormous. Grant’s staggering casualty lists had driven Northern morale to his lowest point of the war. Would Lee’s men hold on to defend their besieged capital—and, in doing so, prolong the war until Northern will collapsed entirely? Or would another round of hard fighting finally be enough to crush Lee’s army? Could Grant push through and end the war?

Grant would find his answers around a small Virginia crossroads called Cold Harbor—and he would always regret the results.

*Hurricane from the Heavens* also includes:

- Appendix A: The Road to Cold Harbor: The Overland Campaign in Context *by Shawn Woodford*
- Appendix B: The Battles of the Cold Harbors *by Christian E. Fearer*
- Appendix C: The Battle at North Anna River *by Donald C. Pfanz*
- Appendix D: Cold Harbor in Memory *by Chris Mackowski and Phillip S. Greenwalt*
- Appendix E: “On to Richmond!” *by Phillip S. Greenwalt and Chris Mackowski*
- Order of Battle for Cold Harbor

## 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!**