

July 2019 - Summer Campaign 42:

From the Brigade Commander: Barry Arnold

We ended our 41st campaign with a great performance by Ken Serfass who is a first person reenactor of General Ulysses S. Grant. His talk on the siege of Chattanooga was outstanding with a full layout map of the siege. Any one that skipped that evening missed a fantastic speech.

I am the New Brigade Commander, Barry Arnold. I think everyone knows me. I've been attending the CWRT of Eastern PA for a number of years. I look forwarding to talking to you in the upcoming season and would love to see you at the meetings. I look forward to your feed-back on ways we can better improve the CWRT experience.

We at the Round Table want to thank Ed Root for his leadership and service in these past years. "Thank you so much ED." I hope I can be a good leader as you have.

I hope everyone is having a great summer. Everyone, please be careful driving while visiting your favorite civil war sites, beach excursions, or wherever your summer fun takes you.

Just a reminder that we begin our meetings on Sept. 3^{rd, 2019} which marks our 42nd campaign of the roundtable of Eastern Pa. In September, we have Tom McMillian, a historian who will talk on the Gettysburg Rebels. Always interesting to have stories about Gettysburg.

Looking forward to seeing you at our September dinner meeting. For now, stay safe and have a great rest of the summer.

Barry

June Attendance Statistics by Jim Duffy

Our final meeting of the 41st Campaign and we had 58 attendees. That included 36 for dinner and 22 walkins. We were glad to see all of you and would love to have you back in May.

List of Officers and Support Staff:

Brigade Commander - Barry Arnold

Regimental Commander and Publicity co-chair – Bob McHugh

Company Commander – Claire Kukielka

Paymaster and Brigade Clerk - Jim Duffy

Adjutant and Brigade Librarian – Kay Bagenstose

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

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

Election Coordinator- Joseph Riggs

Recruitment Officer- Jeff Gates

Website Coordinator- Paul Bartlett

Publicity Co-chair- John Berntsen

Past Brigade Commander- Ed Root

Programs for 2019-2020 Campaign



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Programs: 2019 - 2020 Campaign

Date	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
September 3, 2019	Tom McMillan	"Gettysburg Rebels"

October 1, 2019 Eric Buckland "Mosby's Leadership"

November 5, 2019	Richard Lewis	"Cloaked in Mystery: The Curious Case of the Confederate Coat"
December 3, 2019	Marc Blau	"Letters to Homefront Magazine: A Love Story Between a Community and Its WWII Soldiers"
January 7, 2020	Alisa Dupuy	"Reflections of a Civil War Soldier's Mother"
February 4, 2020	Scott Mingus	"The 2nd Battle of Winchester: The Confederate Victory that Opened the Door to Gettysburg"
March 3, 2020	Jonathan White	"Dreams of War and Peace: The Remarkable Night Life of Civil War Americans"
April 7, 2020	Randall Miller	"Myths and Meanings of the Civil War"
May 5, 2020	Dennis Frye	"Confluence: Harper's Ferry as Destiny"
June 2, 2020	Elizabeth Varon	"Armies of Deliverance: The Union War to Save the South"

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

I'm hoping you all had a great few weeks since our June meeting. Our membership remained just shy of 90 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 2019-2020 Campaign have not changed and remain at \$25.00 (Full Time Student \$10.00). If you wish to avoid the line at the September Dinner Meeting, please mail in your membership form and Check to the Roundtable address. (See last page for form).

And in case you are

curious.....

Ed Root forwarded the prices charged at one of the New York CWRTs.

DINNER PRICES: They are **INCREASING DINNER PRICES** for their members from \$50 to \$60 and for guests from \$60 to \$75.

MEMBERSHIP DUES FEES for CWRT of NY

Here are their Membership Dues for the 69th Season:

Basic Membership Dues: \$100 Single \$120 Family
Silver Membership Dues: \$150 Single \$135 Family
Gold Membership Dues: \$200 Single \$250 Family
Out-of-Town Members: \$50 Single \$60 Family

What a bargain we are getting at \$25.00 for dues and \$25.00 for dinner. One of the best kept secrets in the Lehigh Valley. Let's not keep it so secret going forward.

Fall 2019 & Winter/Spring 2020 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 September 03, 2019 meeting, the deadline for making dinner reservations is August 29, 2019. Please also note starting May, 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

Carol Detweiler 215-234- 4884 cdetweiler01@comcast.net

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 June Speaker, Ken Serfass

Thanks again to Ken for a memorable impersonation of Ulysses Grant. It was mesmerizing to gather around the table, looking at the map, and learning so many facts, not just about Chattanooga, but about our first appointed four star general.



Book Winners for June Raffle Drawing



Congratulations to our June book winners. These include Dick Van Dias, Chuck Cannon, Bruce Rissmiller, Bill Frankenfield, and Sherry Miller.

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 08

- 1. During the Battle at Gettysburg, the Confederate general leading the brigade in Pickett's division was best friends with the Union leader. Who were these two men?
 - a. Brigadier General Louis Armistead/Major General Winfield S. Hancock
 - b. General George Picket/ General Ulysses S Grant
 - c. General Robert E. Lee/General George Meade
 - d. General Robert E Lee/General Ulysses S Grant

- 2. Who was the Northern born General for the Confederacy who commanded the Confederate Army of at Vicksburg?
 - a. General Sickles
 - b. General Pemberton
 - c. General Longstreet
 - d. General Rosecrans
- 3. What was so significant about Shiloh?
 - a. First big win in TN
 - b. The ratio of Northern casualties TO Southern casualties
 - c. First really bloody battle of the Civil War
 - d. None of the above
- 4. Which state provided the troops that Meade's division oversaw?
 - a. Ohio
 - b. Wisconsin
 - c. New York
 - d. PA

June Campaign Prize Winners



Congratulations to Gary Weaver, Bill Frankenfield, Ed Oechsle, Joe Riggs, and Gary Schnell, and Peter Angelou (not in pix) our June Preservation Raffle Winners

June 2019 Preservation Raffle Winners

Prize/Title Picture

- 1 Franklin Mint Civil War Chess set Joe Riggs
- 2 Framed Sherman Autograph Gary Schnell
- 3 Longstreet Pocket Watch Bill Frankenfield
- 4 Print "Confederate Infantry Army of Northern Virginia" Rick Reeve (signed and numbered)
 Peter Agnelou
- 5 Grant's Memoirs (Vol 1, 1885, Vol 2 1886) Ed Oechsle
- 6 Gettysburg A Journey in Time by Bill Frassanito (Signed) Gary Weaver

REMEMBER, WHEN YOU SUPPORT PRESERVTION, WE ARE ALL WINNERS!!!

ANSWERS FOR DO YOUR KNOW THE CIVIL WAR?

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



ON THE ROAD AGAIN....

As you know from time to time we get the opportunity to go on field trips. Here are several great opportunities listed below offered by other historical associations. While we have not attended ourselves, these definitely sound great!

2019 CWRT CONGRESS

Congress Lodging

1. The 2019 CWRT Congress is just weeks away, and you won't want to miss attending. We have arranged for attendees to enjoy staying at the Drury Inn & Suites St. Louis SW at the great rate of \$109.99 per night. This property is located at 5 Lambert Drury Place and is roughly 14 miles from the Missouri Civil War Museum on the grounds of Jefferson Barracks.

For information about all of the amenities of this Drury Inn, you should go to the CWRT Congress Website. I'm sure you will be more than satisfied with your accommodations. Be sure to make your reservation before the cutoff date, August 18, 2019. And, use the reservation GROUP NUMBER 2369307

American Battlefield Trust

2. "We are invited to join the American Battlefield Trust on October 18 - 20 2019 for the Grand Review in Boston MA. This INVITATION-ONLY event is open to all Brigade, Division, Corps, National Color bearers (This is US) and Founding Color Bearers. The event will include a dinner on Friday, full day tours - with Revolutionary War and Civil War Choices - and a cocktail reception on Saturday, plus a breakfast Q&A with President Jim Lighthizer followed by half-day tours on Sunday. Attendees must make their own hotel reservations - and are welcome to stay anywhere. The event will be based at the historic Omni Parker House Hotel, the heart of Boston, where there is a room block for \$299+/a night. A block of overflow rooms are at the Hilton Back Bay. Please visit the website for additional hotel and reservation information. To pre-register, make reservations and learn about the tours, visit www.battlefields.or/grandreview. If there are any further questions, please email events@battlefields.org or call 1-800-298-7878 x7229."

Hagerstown Civil War Roundtable

3. The Hagerstown Civil War Roundtable is hosting a tour on October 26, a Saturday. It will be run by us. If any of your members are interested please contact me, George Franks, at gffranks3@yahoo.com. The Hagerstown Civil War Round Table will sponsor a tour of the South Mountain Battlefield. This program will explore the events that caused Robert E. Lee to reconsider his plans for the continued 1862 Maryland Campaign and to concentrate his army at Sharpsburg, thus setting the stage for the Battle of Antietam three days later. We will visit Turner's, Fox's, and Crampton's Gaps, examine the terrain, and discuss the situation on the night of September 13, the major combat on September 14, and the far reaching consequences of the battle. Updates on battlefield preservation and newly acquired property will also be provided.

The National Civil War Museum

4. Back by popular demand, join CEO Wayne E. Motts and the staff of The National Civil War Museum on a tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield on October 12, 2019. . This tour will consist of stops on the Gettysburg Battlefield and will feature new artifacts of those who fought in the struggle, some that haven't been on the Gettysburg Battlefield since 1863. Tour participants will be able hold historical treasures used and/or associated with men of the Union and Confederate Army engaged at Gettysburg... Cost for NCWM members \$150.00; non-members\$175.00. Non-refundable payments post September 13, 2019. For more information call 717.260.1861

WOMEN IN THE CIVIL WAR ERA Taken from Historical Society of PA

https://hsp.org/collections/catalogs-research-tools/subject-guides/women-during-the-civil-war

Payne, Mary Clendenin. Letters Call No. Am .12358

This collection consists of correspondence between Sarah Miller Payne and her cousin, Mary Payne, who lived in Philadelphia and later in Cecil County, Maryland. Sarah Miller Payne had been living in Virginia during the time of the Civil War and did not know her cousin very well, as they had only met a few times before the war began. The first of this series of letters was written on September 30, 1865.

Only the first letter discussed to the Civil War. Sarah Miller Payne noted in this lengthy letter that northern cities such as Philadelphia must not have felt many repercussions from the war and she thought northerners could not imagine the conditions of people in the South, where the bulk of the fighting had taken place.

"I often wondered," she said, if "Cousin Mary felt any sympathy for us away down South, or if she, like many others, thought we were terrible sinners." Sarah noted how she would love to meet Mary again for a visit. Unfortunately, though, Sarah's "dear old state presents anything but a pleasing appearance at this time."

In the South, she wrote, the society had changed drastically because of the war. They were "deprived of property" and left without money because of the heavy taxes of financing the war. They had lost their servants and were now surrounded by "indolent sets of persons" that were freed and thought they could "live without work."

Of Sarah's four boys who went to fight for secession, two did not come home: Sam (killed at Seven Pines) and John (killed at Gettysburg). Their regiments were not mentioned. Overall, a total of five of her twelve children had passed away when this letter was written.

The remainder of the collection is letters written to Mary describing how Sarah and her family began to reestablish themselves after the war.

"The Hand that Rocks the Cradle Rules the World"

William Ross Wallace 1865

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/profession	n?	
Phone	E-mail address	
Reenactor?Unit		
	stor who fought in the Civil War	
Would you be willing to speak to g	roups on some aspect of the Civil War?	
Would you be interested in particip	pating in round table activities?	
public functionspolitical a	ctionpreservationliving history	
Dues (Please make checks payable	to CWRT of Eastern PA, Inc.)Individual (\$25.00)	Full-Time Student
(\$10.00)Tax Deductible Donati	on	

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!