



**First meeting- September 03, 2019**

**September 2019 – Fall Campaign 42**



## **Reflecting On Karl Lehr, A Legacy of Honor, Commitment, and Generosity**

Karl Lehr was truly a renaissance man. He was a teacher, veteran of World War II, a preservationist and a philanthropist. During his time as a member of our Round Table he served our organization in many capacities. His commitment to historic preservation was accomplished through voice, labor and monetary contributions. Karl led a full life and his passing in 2009 at the age of 93 years generated a final gift that will continue to benefit future generations of our great land. A combination of his bequest to our Round Table and matching grants from leading Civil War preservation organizations brought \$463,000 to the cause of historic preservation in 2011. We honor Karl's memory tonight at our "Karl Lehr Memorial Dinner."

## **From the Brigade Commander: Barry Arnold**

Hi everyone, the summer has come and gone and now it's time to get back into our dinner meetings with our great topics of the civil war. We cannot forget the past as we go into the future. We at the round table, are planning great talks and trips. I think they will be fun and enjoyable for all that want to participate.

I have to share one of my summer trips with you. I always wanted to go to Gettysburg on the anniversary battlefield walks with the park rangers. I got my chance this July 1, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was enjoyable and informative to the highest. But, my old body said no. I was well out of shape and was hurting to no end. I think I am just a little old to be doing some of these type of activities. The walk through the woods and fields took its toll. But, I will recuperate and lead you at our opening September meeting. As always be safe and I'll see you then.

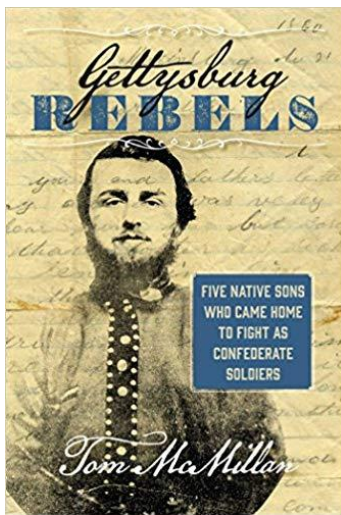
*Barry*

## About Our Speaker:



Tom McMillan works in sports but his passion is history -- and he always wanted to make a contribution to history. His most recent book is "Gettysburg Rebels: Five Native Sons Who Came Home to Fight as Confederate Soldiers" (June 2017). Three years earlier he completed a more contemporary historical work: "Flight 93: The Story, The Aftermath and The Legacy of American Courage on 9/11." McMillan serves on the Board of Trustees of Pittsburgh's Heinz History; on the board of directors of the Friends of Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pa.; on the marketing committee at the Gettysburg Foundation, and as a tour guide of the Civil War Room at Carnegie Library in Carnegie, Pa. His day job is Vice President of Communications for the five-time Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins. A former newspaper sports writer and talk show host, McMillan has covered the Olympics, the Stanley Cup Finals, the Super Bowl, the World Series, the NBA Finals, the Final Four, various major bowl games and numerous other major (and minor!) sporting events. He grew up in Bellevue, Pa. near Pittsburgh and earned a degree in journalism and communications from Point Park University in Pittsburgh. He continues to serve his alma mater as co-director of the Pittsburgh Center for Sports Media and Marketing at Point Park. He resides with his family in Kennedy Township, Pa. and is an ardent supporter of Chelsea FC.

## About the Speaker's Topic:

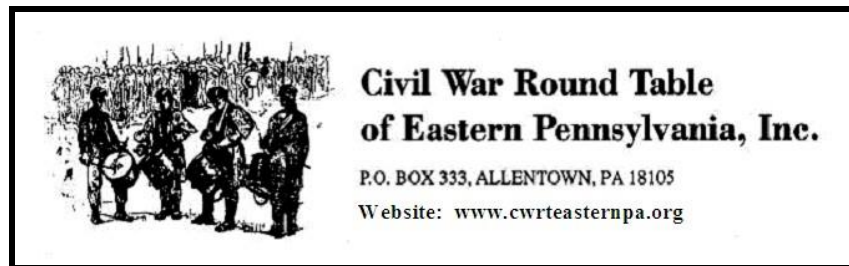


*Gettysburg Rebels* is the gripping true story of five young men who grew up in Gettysburg, moved south to Virginia in the 1850s, joined the Confederate army - and returned "home" as foreign invaders for the great battle in July 1863. Drawing on rarely-seen documents and family histories, as well as military service records and contemporary accounts, Tom McMillan delves into the backgrounds of Wesley Culp, Henry Wentz and the three Hoffman brothers in a riveting tale of Civil War drama and intrigue.

## 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  
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Directors, continuing, term ending June 2020 – Bill Frankenfield & Frank Whelan  
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Recruitment Officer- Jeff Gates  
Website Coordinator- Paul Bartlett  
Publicity Co-chair- John Berntsen  
Past Brigade Commander- Ed Root

## Programs for 2019-2020 Campaign



**Holiday Inn Conference Center Lehigh Valley**

**7736 Adrienne Drive, Breinigsville, PA 18031**

**(I-78 & Route 100, Exit 49A)**

## Programs: 2019 – 2020 Campaign

<u>Date</u>	<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 months 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 69<sup>th</sup> 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](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.

### **Errata in Summer 2019 newsletter:**

**Please note in the summer edition at least 2 errors were noted. They are listed below:**

1. The membership form should have said 2019-2020 rather than 2018-2019.
2. The quiz asked: 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? This question should have read leading a brigade not the brigade. Note this did not change the answer but was not as precise as many of you would expect.

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

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

Taken from The American Battlefield Trust web page See below

1. During the Battle at Gettysburg, what was the largest and costliest day of battle?
  - a. Day One
  - b. Day Two
  - c. Day Three
  - d. Each day had approximately equal casualties
  
2. Of the 120 generals at Gettysburg, how many were killed or mortally wounded?
  - a. 3
  - b. 9
  - c. 20
  - d. 30
  
3. The battle of Gettysburg was the largest battle of the Civil War?
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
4. How many Medal of Honor Winners were awarded to Union troops as of 2014?
  - a. 20
  - b. 64
  - c. 200
  - d. 1000

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

**Quiz pages- see above**

**1. B    2. B    3. B    4.    B**



## **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.org/grandreview](http://www.battlefields.org/grandreview). If there are any further questions, please email [events@battlefields.org](mailto: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 [gfranks3@yahoo.com](mailto:gfranks3@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>

Shippen, Margaret. Letters  
*Shippen Family Papers*  
Collection No. 595B, Box 2

This collection includes correspondence between Margaret Shippen and several of her family members. Shippen, 1799-1875, lived primarily in Philadelphia and a family summer retreat in Lancaster County. Most of the letters are those sent to Shippen at these two locations by various family members.

Many of the letters consisted of daily news and family affairs. On June 25, 1861, for example, Mary Shippen, Margaret Shippen's niece, wrote of her Aunt Margo's accident in a buggy. "The horse took fright at something," she wrote, "and it took six hours to set her bones." Such family news pervades the majority of the letters.

There are some letters concerning war news and family members involved in the war effort. On July 1, 1861, her niece Mary Shippen wrote, "our country is truly in a precarious state and we want true patriotic men to fight for their independence and rights. Their cause is noble and I hope they may be victorious."

On July 6, 1863, Shippen's nephew Franklin Shippen wrote from Meadville, PA of the battle of Gettysburg. He had gone out to the battle site to help in any way that he could in the days after the battle was fought. He wrote of women helping in various ways, both as nurses and through donated contributions, and noted that "the patriotism of those who could not go was well shown by generous contributions to those who went." Later in the letter he wrote that "this morning came the call for nurses and at noon several persons went in answer to it."

Joseph Shippen, another relative, wrote her of his work with the Christian Commission and the women he encountered while working for the organization. These women, he wrote, were excellent workers

and he frequently praised their efforts. On June 6, 1864, he noted his work teaching both young men and women. "Under my influence a Soldier's Aid Society had been formed. Our young people have been inspired with a sympathy for the suffering and a love for the country which is beautiful to behold."

“The Hand that Rocks the Cradle Rules the World”

William Ross Wallace 1865

## **REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER: Battle of Chickamauga: Winning Chattanooga**

In the western theater of the Civil War, during the late summer and autumn of 1863, Union and Confederate forces were struggling over control of the key railroad center of Chattanooga, Tennessee. By mid-September, Union General William Rosecrans had pushed Braxton Bragg’s Army of Tennessee out of Chattanooga and gathered his army of some 60,000 at Chickamauga, Georgia, located 12 miles southwest of Chattanooga. Though Confederate morale in the region was at a low point, the imminent arrival of reinforcements led by James Longstreet helped shore up Bragg’s forces, and the general decided to go on the offensive.

Did you know? The West Point-educated George Thomas, known as the "Rock of Chickamauga" for his steadfast performance in that battle, remained loyal to the Union despite his Virginia birth.

After his subordinates failed to follow through with a series of initial attacks, the first of Longstreet’s troops arrived. With some 65,000 men at his disposal (either on the field or on the way), Bragg was assured that he would enjoy a numerical advantage over Rosecrans. On the early morning of September 19, the two armies met in the woods lining the banks of Chickamauga Creek.

## **The “Rock of Chickamauga”**

On the first day of battle, Bragg’s men repeatedly attacked the Union left, anchored by a large Union corps led by George Thomas. With reinforcements sent in by Rosecrans, Thomas was able to hold his position for the most part, with heavy losses on both sides. That evening,

Longstreet arrived with two more brigades. Bragg decided to split his army into two wings, with Longstreet in command of the left and Leonidas Polk leading the left.

Though Polk frustrated Bragg with his delays, Longstreet advanced around 11:30 am on September 20. In a stroke of luck for the Confederates, the advance occurred just at the point when Rosecrans was shifting his troops. As a result, the rebels were able to burst through a gap in the Federal lines and send the Union troops into a chaotic retreat north towards Chattanooga. Even as Bragg refused Longstreet's call for reinforcements, Thomas organized the remaining Federals in a desperate Union stand, earning a lasting reputation as the "Rock of Chickamauga" for his efforts. A reserve division arrived in time to aid Thomas, and the last of Rosecrans' troops were able to make an orderly retreat to Chattanooga that night.

## Impact of the Battle of Chickamauga

Though Longstreet and his fellow general Nathan Bedford Forrest wanted to pursue the enemy the following morning, Bragg was preoccupied with the toll taken on his army by the battle at Chickamauga. Ten Confederate generals had been killed or wounded, including the fiery Texan John Bell Hood (whose leg was amputated), and overall Confederate casualties numbered close to 20,000. The Union suffered some 16,000 casualties, making the Battle of Chickamauga the costliest one in the war's western theater.

Bragg's inaction turned a tactical triumph for the South into a strategic defeat, as Union forces were allowed to get safely to Chattanooga. The Confederates subsequently put that city under siege, but in October General Ulysses S. Grant arrived with reinforcements and took over the Union command in the region. Promoted to brigadier general after his service at Chickamauga, Thomas received command of the Army of the Cumberland, succeeding Rosecrans. In November, Thomas helped Grant's forces reverse the results of Chickamauga with a decisive victory over the Confederates in the Battle of Chattanooga.

<https://www.history.com/topics/american-civil-war/battle-of-chickamauga>

## REENLISTMENT REPORT

It is re-enlistment time for the 2019-2020 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](mailto:jefgates@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!**