



November 2019 – Fall Campaign 42

Second meeting- November 05, 2019

From the Brigade Commander: Barry Arnold

We had a really good meeting for the October session of the Civil War Round Table. If you miss our meeting please, take time out and join us. You will learn a lot about the civil war and our past. Our speaker was Eric Buckland, a retired LT. COL. Of the U.S. Army. He spoke to us on his book “Mosby’s Leadership”. He explained the life of Col. John S. Mosby from boyhood up to and through the civil war and beyond the war when he died in 1916. In my opinion it was well done and gave me great insight on the man. Our next meeting is on November 5th. 2019. We will have Richard Lewis, an author and publisher of articles in the Civil War Times and Hallowed Ground magazines. He will speak on “Cloaked in Mystery” The curious case of the confederate coat. I hope to see you all there that night. I want to bring to your attention information on a news article that was written on the web. In the news article, a Virginia judge blocked the City of Charlottesville’s effort to remove the Confederate statues of Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. The judge ruled to remove the Statue violated a state law protecting war memorials. In my opinion, removing Confederate statues is erasing history. History is the roadmap to the future. Without history, we are lost. For all your college football fans that belong to our round table. The Wisconsin Badgers play their home games in Madison at a stadium called Camp Randall, a historic U.S. army site, named after Wisconsin governor, Alexander Randall. He served from 1858 to 1861. It was a training facility of the Union army during the Civil War. More than 70,000 recruits were trained there. The 6th regiment, Wisconsin infantry, was organized there in 1861. The army also established a hospital and a stockade for Confederate prisoners of war who were located at the camp. The 140 prisoners of war who died at the camp are buried at Confederate Rest Cemetery.

Barry

October 2019 Statistics by Jim Duffy

Hi, friends, I just wanted to thank you all for attending our second meeting of our 42nd campaign. We had 35 attendees for dinner and 17 walk-ins for a total of 52 attendees. I am hoping to see these numbers grow at our November meeting. Please consider bringing a friend or two to these very informative meetings.

About Our Speaker:



Richard Lewis is a native of Gulfport, Mississippi, and a graduate of Louisiana State University where he studied Civil War history under Pulitzer Prize-winner Dr. T. Harry Williams. He retired as the Director of Public Relations for the Virginia Tourism Corporation, serves as a volunteer at Richmond National Battlefield Park and is secretary of Civil War Trails, Inc.

About the Speaker's Topic:

"Cloaked in Mystery: The Curious Case of the Confederate Coat"

Could it be that familiar and seemingly mundane studio images of Civil War generals hold a long-forgotten hidden secret? A wrinkle in a sleeve sent Richard Lewis on a six-year research project that resulted in two articles in Civil War Times magazine and revealed a fascinating surprise. Not everything is as it seems in Civil War photography, even in pictures of well-known figures. Join us as Richard presents a lively and fun PowerPoint taking us step-by-step through his discoveries and enabling audience members to play "history detective" along with him.

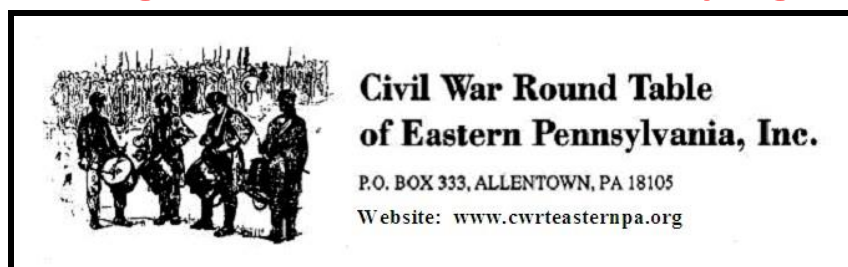
Errata

Please note an error was made last month and Tony Major was not included with the list of Officers and Support Staff. We all know that Tony does a masterful job with the accommodations and meals and has previously served as Brigade Commander amongst many other positions. Sorry, Tony, we couldn't do it without you.

List of Officers and Support Staff:

Brigade Commander – Barry Arnold
Regimental Commander and Publicity co-chair – Bob McHugh
Quartermaster- Tony Major
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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(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	TBA	TBA
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 chance to start thinking about re-joining our group. During last year’s campaign, our membership remained just shy of 90 people. I’m looking forward to your rejoining and request 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 November Dinner Meeting, please mail in your membership form and Check to the Roundtable address. (See last page for form).

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 November 05, 2019 meeting, the deadline for making dinner reservations is October 31, 2019.

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.

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 Quiz Book by William Terdoslavich. See page 6

1. This breech-loading carbine was widely used by the Cavalry during the Civil War, name it.
 - a. Burnside carbine
 - b. Henry repeating rifle
 - c. Sharp's Carbine
 - d. Spencer Carbine

2. Over 200,000 .44 revolvers of this type were made and used during the Civil War. What was it?
 - a. Remington revolver
 - b. North model flintlock navy pistol
 - c. Pettengill revolver
 - d. Colt revolver- 1860 model

3. The first successful repeating rifle ever made was used by the Union army. A brigade of cavalry from Michigan under Custer used these guns at Gettysburg. What were they?
 - a. Spencer carbine
 - b. Starr carbine
 - c. Henry repeating rifle
 - d. Burnside carbine

4. This physician preferred to work on inventions rather than treating patients. What was the 6-barreled machine gun he invented?
- a. Williams gun
 - b. The Gatling Gun
 - c. Agar gun
 - d. Vandenberg gun

ANSWERS FOR DO YOUR KNOW THE CIVIL WAR?

Quiz - See pages 5-6

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

BOOK RAFFLE WINNERS- October 01, 2019 Meeting



Congratulations to David Hohe, Sam Parker, Joe Riggs, Gary Schnell, and Wayne Schaeffer.
They each won a book at the October raffle.

Many Thanks to our October Speaker, Eric Buckland, Pictured below with Robert McHugh



Many thanks to a fantastic talk on John S Mosby. The check Eric received from the CWRT of Eastern PA will be given to the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society.

Update on Potential Field Trips:

Claire Kukielka

Many thanks for your input at our September meeting giving me an idea of where you would like to go. Please note I took your ideas and coupled them with availability and practicality. (Sorry to disappoint you survivalists but no treks through Valley Forge during winter. That has already been done, anyway).

These projections are tentative but here goes:

- Union League- January 2020
- Spangler's Farm and Field Hospital- April 16, 2020
- Harper's Ferry with Dennis Frye-April/May, 2020



Spring 2019 Gettysburg Clean Up

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

GETTYSBURG CONSERVATION DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2020

Ed Root

Our conservation work at Gettysburg NMP began in 1991 under the leadership of Mike Snyder who worked with Scott Hartwig to plan our first “Brush Cutting” venture. It wasn’t until 1995 that the Park formally initiated a preservation and conservation program. On November 1, 1995 then, Superintendent John Latschar wrote the following to our Round Table:

“This letter is a long overdue thank you for the hard work and generosity of the Civil War Round Table of Eastern Pennsylvania in clearing trees and brush at Stewart’s Battery at Gettysburg National Military Park. The work of volunteer groups like yours is extremely vital to the future of the Gettysburg battlefield. Partly due to your inspirations we are launching a new program on November 18 to ask groups to formally adopt regimental or brigade positions on the battlefield, and to help us with the care and restoration of monuments and the historic surroundings. The dedication and work of your Roundtable is such an excellent example of group volunteer efforts that we are using it as a success story in our promotional materials. I know we can count on your continued support, and I hope you will consider formally adopting one or more of the positions at Gettysburg National Military Park that you have helped us with so much in the past.”

When the “Adopt a Position” was formally announced later that month we were listed as one of two success stories.” The Civil War Roundtable of Eastern Pennsylvania has donated thousands of hours of labor, clearing overgrown vegetation on the battlefield, including the Wheatfield and the Loop. Currently they are removing the dense, non-historic vegetation in front of the tablet to Battery B, 4th United States Artillery, which played a crucial role in the afternoon fighting on July 1, 1863.”

While we never adopted one place, we did become a “Fire Brigade” and worked with Park officials to labor at different sites all over the battlefield where we were needed most. That work continues today. Over the past number of years, we have partnered with Bob McHugh’s High School students, Jim Duffy’s brother John’s Boy Scout Troop 89, Dave Hunsicker’s Boy Scout Troop 786, members of the Whitehall Historical Society and friends and family of Round Table members to continue that work. Last year some 50 volunteers painted, cut brush or built fences at the Slyder Farm. Most of those volunteers weren’t even born in 1991.

We have a legacy of volunteerism to preserve and protect our historic sites. Be part of that legacy on April 18, 2020. Stay tuned for further developments at next year’s site is yet to be determined.

PRIZES for June 2020 RAFFLE

June 2020 Preservation Raffle

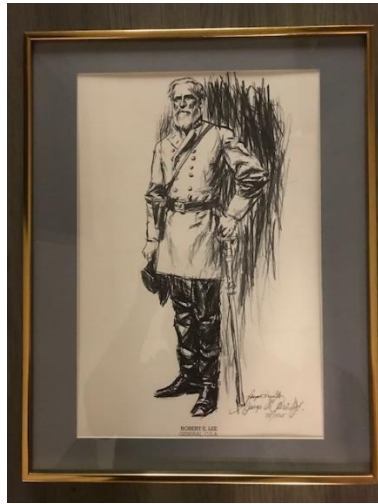
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CWRT of Eastern PA, Inc. Preservation Raffle

Once again, we have an excellent array of 8 prizes which will be awarded at our June 2, 2020 meeting. We will follow last year’s format in which the first winner gets to select from all eight items. Each additional winner will then select from the items remaining. Our Board felt that this was a better method rather than assigning prizes to each drawing. Historic Preservation of our sites and collections is a significant part of our Mission as an organization. There are no losers when one donates to the cause of Historic Preservation. Tickets are sold in booklets of ten for \$5.00 and are available at every meeting.

1. Appomattox Surrender Signing Print



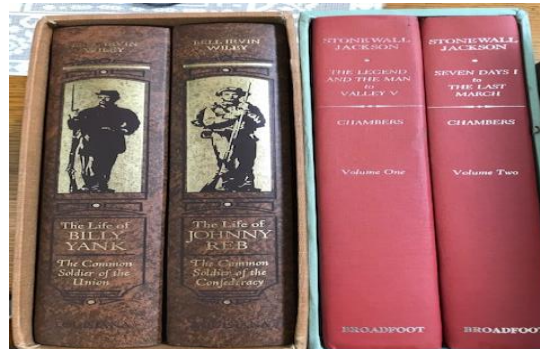


2. Robert E Lee print

3. Union "General Service" Coat Button Display (mounted & donated by Barry Arnold)

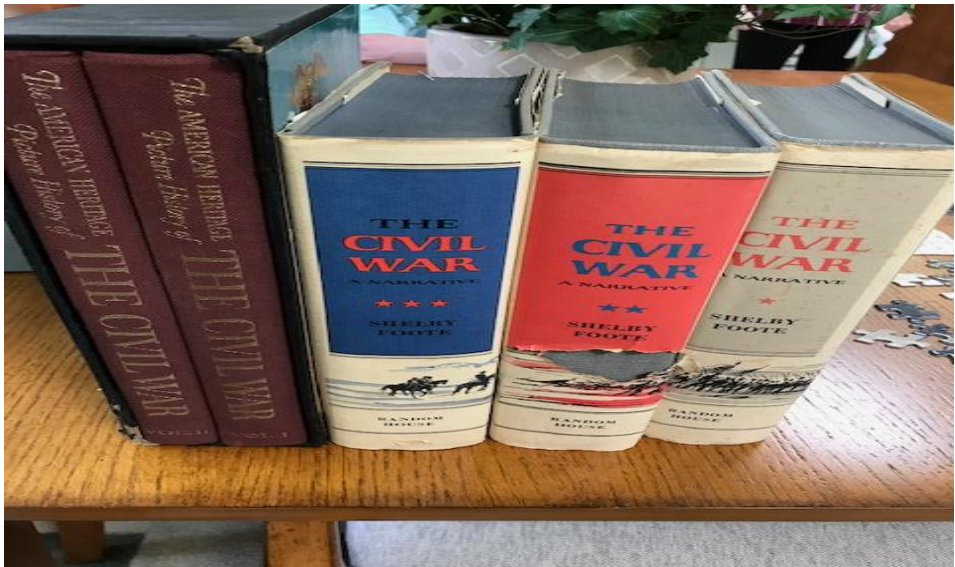


4. The Life of Billy Yank and The Life of Johnny Reb by Bell Irwin Wiley (2 Volume Boxed Set)



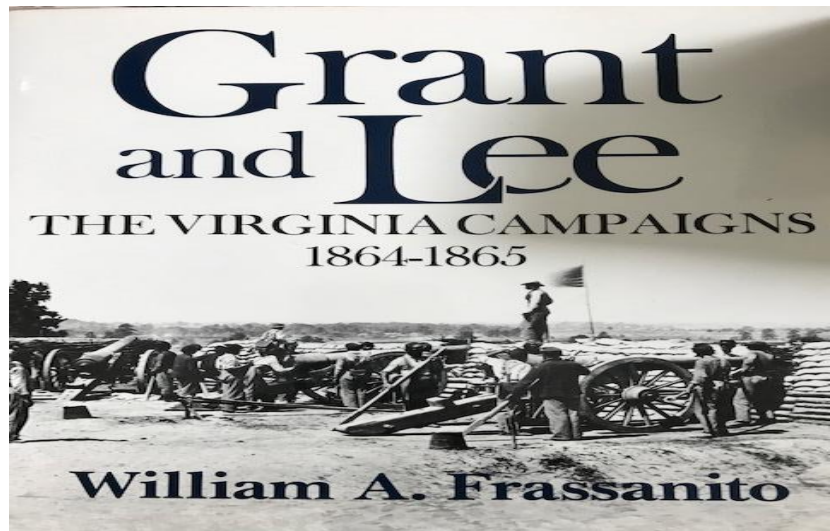
5. Stonewall Jackson, The Legend and the Man & Stonewall Jackson, Seven Days to the Last March by Lenoir Chambers (2 Volume Boxed Set)

6. The American Heritage Picture History of the Civil War (2 Volume Boxed Set)



7. The Civil War by Shelby Foote (3 Volume Set)

8. Grand and Lee, The Virginia Campaigns, 1864-1865 by William Frassanito (Signed Copy)



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

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

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!