

**December 2019 – Winter Campaign 42**

**Fourth meeting- December 03, 2019**

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

Our November meeting was a blast with Richard Lewis presentation on Confederate uniforms he calls “Cloaked in Mystery”. His presentation was in pictures of Confederate generals all in the same uniform. The mystery was, how was this possible? It turns out that they were all post war images Also, Mathew Brady took those pictures in his New York Studio. I enjoy it very much and it was very amusing. If you were there, I hope you enjoyed it too. If you were not there, you missed a terrific presentation.

At our next meeting in December we will take a break from the Civil War and look into a World War II story. Marc Blau will come to the round table to share stories of letters first published in Homefront, a Bangor magazine sent around the world to keep its sons and daughters connected to their hometowns. So please join me to hear this presentation of a love story between a community and its WWII soldiers.

I have been informed that our annual brush cutting at Gettysburg National Park is on April 18, 2020. Please save this date and come with us for the fun and camaraderie of your fellow Round table members. Facts in history. ..The real story behind all those Confederate statues. Most of their monuments were not erected right after the Civil War. In fact, all the way to 1890 there were very few monuments dedicated to the Confederate leaders. Most of them were built much later in 1895 to 1915. There was the erection of confederate statues and monuments in large numbers. Also, from 1955 to 1970 southern whites mount violent Resistance and started putting up confederate monuments again. Monuments were put up to honor confederate leaders and soldiers. But the timing makes it clear, the real motivate was white terror against blacks. It was to maintain white supremacy in the south. It is that reason the blacks consider these statues as bigotry and terror.

*Barry*

## November 2019 Statistics by Jim Duffy

Hi, friends, I just wanted to thank you all for attending our THIRD meeting of our 42nd campaign. We had 37 attendees for dinner and 14 walk-ins for a total of 51 attendees. I am hoping to see these numbers grow at our December meeting. Please consider bringing a friend or two to these very informative meetings.

### About Our Speaker:



Retired history teacher Marc Blau shares stories of letters first published in *Homefront*, a Bangor magazine sent around the world to keep its sons daughters connected to their hometowns. He was a teacher in the Bangor School District for 33 years. He has appeared as the Keynote speaker at the New Jersey State Teachers Conference and Morristown District Awards dinner. He is a Board member and Vice President of the Slate Belt Heritage Center. He is a public speaker on the Holocaust and the World War II Project. He is a co-author of the heritage Tour Map. He is a co-author of three books: *A Miracle happened Here*, *Letters to Homefront Magazine*, and *Textile Mills of Slate Belt*. He is also a Board Member of the Bangor Educational Foundation.

### About the Speaker's Topic:

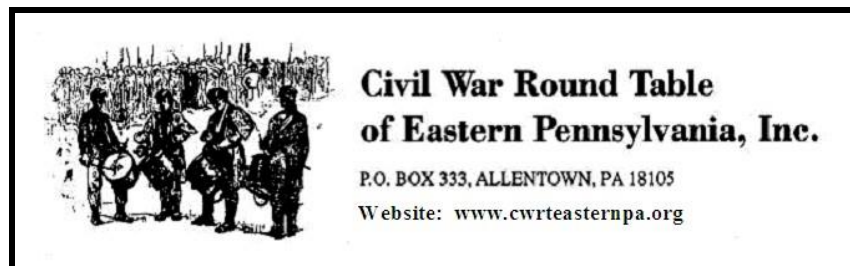
**This is A Love Story between a Community and Its WWII Soldiers.** It is a book that will take you back to a time in America when community and country were on the top of every Americans list. The book is a labor of love that took 3 years to research and write. It is one of the best WWII letters books ever written. *Homefront Magazine* was written and published in the Slate Belt and a copy was mailed to every Slate Belt soldier wherever they were stationed throughout the world, a uniquely one-of-a-kind morale booster in the nation. The authors from the Slate Belt Heritage Center, a 9-room museum located in Bangor, Pa., read, scanned and summarized over 3200 letters sent home by soldiers. The book is comprised of these letters featuring the actual letter in the soldier's own words. The book has sold over 600 copies and it has become a fixture on many coffee tables in the area. ***Marc will be bringing books for sale the evening of his presentation.*** The donation can be made payable to the Slate Belt Heritage Center.

**Errata** Please note an error was made last month and the date of our field trip to Spangler’s Farm and Field Hospital should be on April 18, 2020, the same date as our Gettysburg Conservation project. We will just visit the farm after our conservation efforts.



**Dress Code for the December meeting...** Well not sure if any of you played dress up as kids, but just reminding you that at our December meeting if you have period garb, you are very welcome to wear it. It certainly adds to the festivities. Just leave the horses and cannons at home.

## 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	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 December 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 December 03, 2019 meeting, the deadline for making dinner reservations is November 28, 2019.**

**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.

## 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. At the beginning of the Civil War, can you name the most populous Northern state?
  - a. Ohio
  - b. Oregon
  - c. New York
  - d. Massachusetts
  
2. At the beginning of the Civil War, can you name the least populous Northern state?
  - a. Ohio
  - b. Oregon
  - c. New York
  - d. Massachusetts
  
3. At the beginning of the Civil War, can you name the most populous Southern state?
  - a. Virginia
  - b. Florida
  - c. South Carolina
  - d. Tennessee
  
4. At the beginning of the Civil War, can you name the least populous Southern state?
  - a. Virginia
  - b. Florida
  - c. South Carolina
  - d. Tennessee
  
5. Which southern state had the most slaves?
  - a. Virginia
  - b. Florida
  - c. South Carolina
  - d. Tennessee

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

**Quiz - See page 5**

**1. C    2. B    3. A    4. B    5. A**

## **BOOK RAFFLE WINNERS- November 05, 2019 Meeting**



Congratulations to Kevin Gates, Laura Kleinschmidt, Sherry Miller, Matt Pollard, and Gary Schnell.  
They each won a book at the November raffle.

**Many Thanks to our November Speaker, Richard Lewis, Pictured below with Robert McHugh**



## 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 18, 2020
- Harper's Ferry with Dennis Frye- May 30, 2020



Spring 2019 Gettysburg Clean Up

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

**GETTYSBURG CONSERVATION DAY**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2020**

**Ed Root**

**Gettysburg Conservation Day**

**Saturday, April 18, 2020**

There are few sites, if any, on the Gettysburg Battlefield that are more recognizable or iconic than the Codori Farm buildings on the Emmitsburg Road. It will be our honor to work there next year. As always, there will be a multitude of tasks such as fence painting, post and rail fence destruction and rebuilding, flat board fence destruction and rebuilding and the never-ending brush cutting. So, whatever your skill level, flexibility level, strength and endurance level there is something for you. Without volunteers, our friends at Gettysburg National Military will never be able to keep up with all the necessary work to keep this place as it should be kept to honor those who fought and suffered here so long ago. The work never ends even

with all the volunteer effort so your contribution is extremely important and necessary. We'll begin at 9AM and work til 12:30 or so. Spread the word to family and friends as we will have enough work to keep all busy. We expect our school, community and scout partners to join us as well. Logistical details will be forthcoming as we get closer to the date.

We are also working on a special tour for our volunteers once our work is complete. Stay tuned for details.

The Codori Farm is just south of Gettysburg on the east side of Emmitsburg Road. It was the scene of heavy fighting on July 2nd and was at the center of Pickett's Charge on July 3rd. General Pickett remained near the farm buildings during the attack. The current farmhouse was there at the time of the battle, although a two story brick addition was added to its rear in 1877. The current barn is a replacement for the original that was torn down in 1882.

The farm was owned by Nicholas Codori, who came to America from Alsace, France, in 1828 at the age of 19. He bought the 273 acre farm in 1854, replacing the original log house with today's two story frame building. A butcher, Nicholas lived in town at 44 York Street (now the The Brafferton Inn Bed and Breakfast ) and rented the farm to tenants. One of the original parishioners of St. Francis Xavier Church, Nicholas offered his home on York Street for Mass while the church served as a hospital from the time of the battle until January of 1864.

Nicholas died in July of 1878 after a horrific accident with a mowing machine, losing his foot and suffering several other serious cuts. An article from the Gettysburg Times tells how as he was being driven into town to the doctor he remained seated, "saluting with his usual pleasant greeting acquaintances met on the way."

It is not clear who occupied the farm at the time of the battle. One story is that was Nicholas' niece, Catharine Codori Staub, and her husband John Staub, who took refuge in the basement during the fighting. According to Jane Riley, who was a toddler at the time of the battle, it was her parents, John and Talitha Riley.

It was estimated that over 500 Confederate soldiers were buried on the farm after the battle. The farm today is owned by the National Park Service and the farmhouse is a residence for park personnel. (Farm history taken from stonesentinels.com) [gettysburg.stonesentinels.com/battlefield-farms/codori-farm/](http://gettysburg.stonesentinels.com/battlefield-farms/codori-farm/)

Use the link to our newsletter for more details (scroll down to locate):  
<http://www.cwrteasternpa.org/calendar-1>





# PRIZES for June 2020 RAFFLE

## June 2020 Preservation Raffle

**Please note Change in Procedure of Drawing**

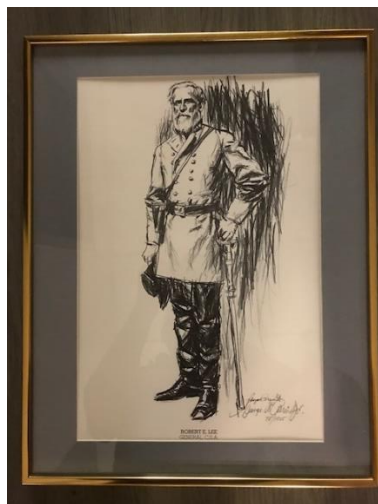
### **CWRT of Eastern PA, Inc. Preservation Raffle**

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)

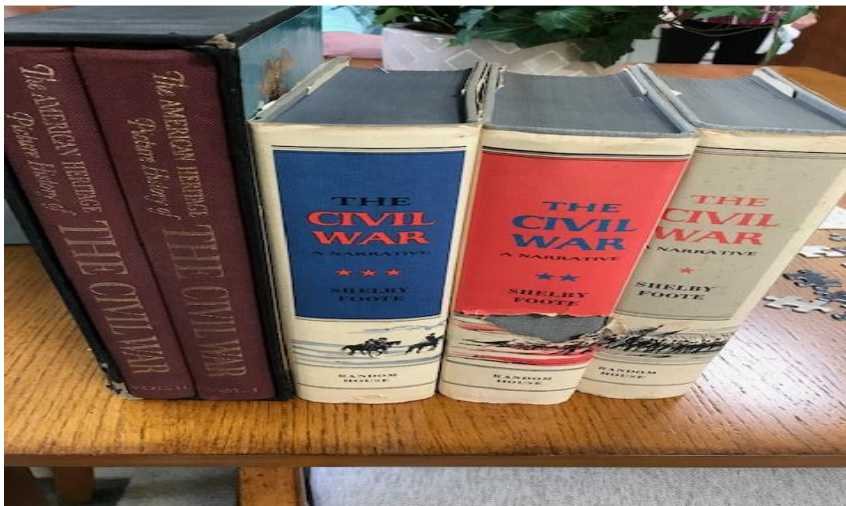


4. The Life of Billy Yank and The Life of Johnny Reb by Bell Irvin Wiley (2 Volume Boxed Set)



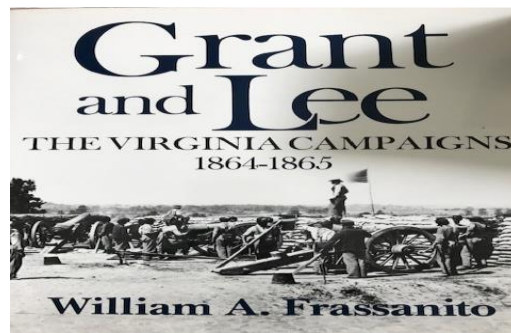
5. Stonewall Jackson, The Legend and the Man & Stonewall Jackson, Seven Days to the Last March by Lenoir Chambers (2 Volume Boxed Set)

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

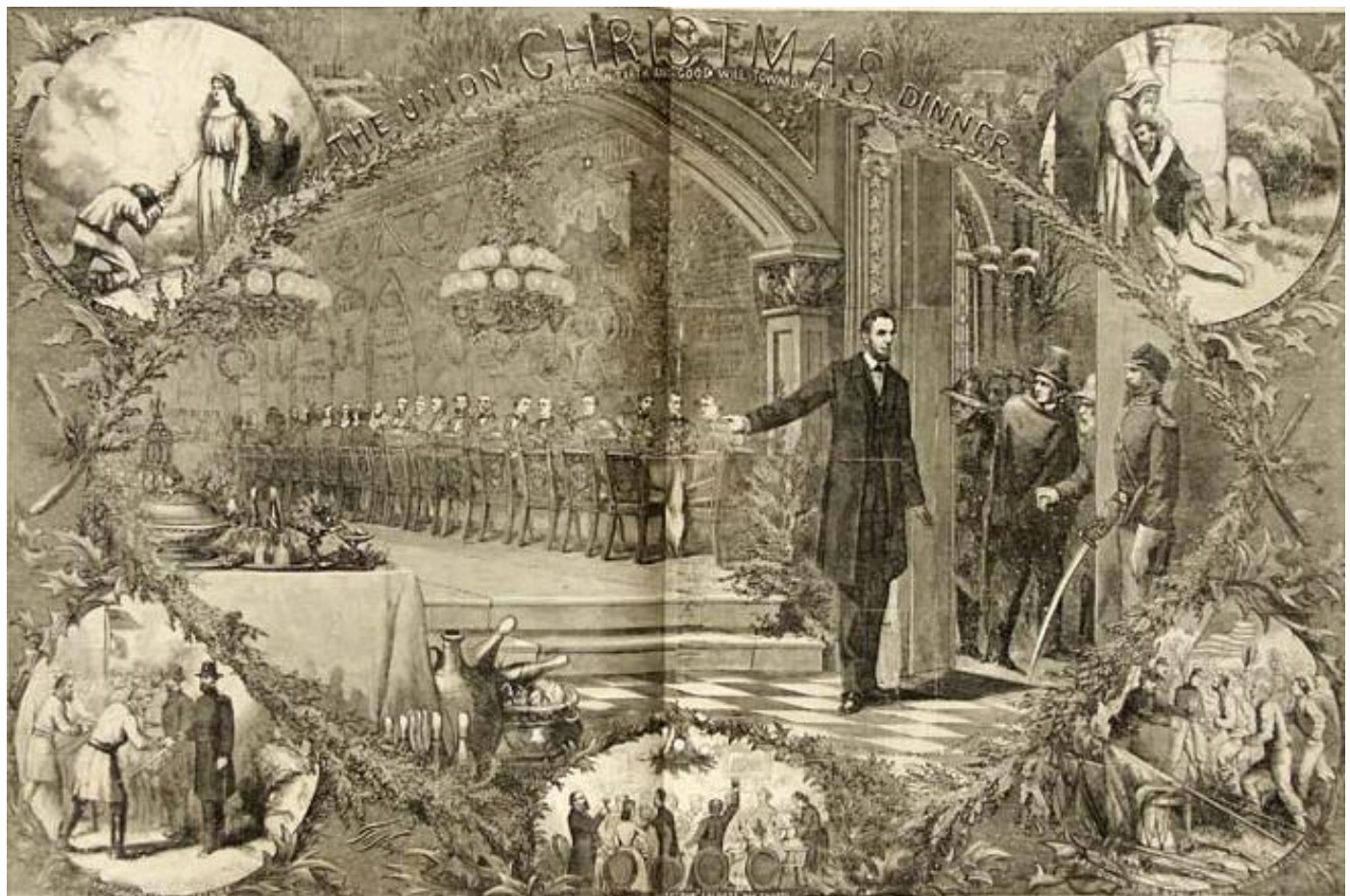


7. The Civil War by Shelby Foote (3 Volume Set)

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



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



*"The Union Christmas" illustration of Abraham Lincoln inviting Confederate soldiers to Christmas dinner, by Thomas Nast, published in Harper's Weekly in 1864*

# RENLISTMENT 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!**