



**January 2020 – Winter Campaign 42**

**Fifth meeting- January 07, 2020**

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

Our December meeting had a little turn of events. Our speaker, Marc Blau, who was going to give a talk on a WWII story of Letters to the Homefront.... A love story between a community and its soldiers. He had to cancel due to the weather. He come to us from the north and the snow was the problem. Still, we had a great time and I want to thank Kathy and Neil Coddington as well as Gary Weaver for coming in period dress. They showed us what it may have looked like during the civil war era. Also, we had a great stand in. Our very own Jim Duffy.

Jim gave an outstanding account of the Battle of Monocacy. It was fought on July 9, 1864 just outside of Frederick, Maryland. The confederates under command of General Jubal A. Early and his army of the Valley clashed with Major General Lew Wallace and his small force of a hundred day men that had never seen battle before. As the battle enraged on that date, the union army lost the battle. Still they delayed Gen Early from marching to Washington DC. As reinforcements came and defended the capital at Fort Stevens. I thought Jim gave a great talk, and if you were there, I hope you thought the same.

On January 7, 2020 at our next meeting we will have Alisa Dupuy She is an extremely talented portrayer of a mother of a civil war soldier. She will render a 1<sup>st</sup> person account. It should be an outstanding performance. Until our next meeting in January, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and be safe this coming year. Please note we have a field trip planned for February 01, 2020. We will be going to the Union League. Thanks to Jim Duffy for arranging this event. This is not a museum that is open to the general public, so we are so fortunate to have the opportunity to explore the site. As I mentioned in my last letter, please save the date of April 18, 2020 for our brush-cutting at Gettysburg National Park. We are assigned to the Codori farm where we will be asked to do some painting, fence-mending, and other miscellaneous tasks. Also on that date we will be visiting the Spangler farm for a talk and exploration of the field hospital. This is a real treat as the

museum does not open again for several months and we will be rewarded for our hard work by being given a private tour. On May 30, 2020 we will be visiting Harpers Ferry in West Virginia. We will have a guided tour of this fine battlefield. We are looking forward to having Dennis Frye as our guide. For our college football followers of our round table. Tailgating is a big part of college football. When was the first tailgating event in history? The answer is not a football game. The first tailgating event started during the American Civil War. The first battle of the civil war was Bull Run. In 1861, the citizens of Washington DC came out to view the battle in their wagons with picnic luncheons. That was the first Tailgating event. Another fact in history.

*Barry*

### **December 2019 Statistic by Jim Duffy**

Hi, friends, I just wanted to thank you all for attending our THIRD meeting of our 42nd campaign. We had 26 attendees for dinner and 7 walk-ins for a total of 33 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:**

The Ladies of History is a labor of love that grew out of a desire to study history, wear



the fashions of different eras and bring history to life in a lively and fun way. History doesn't have to be boring!

Owner Alisa Dupuy began the business in 2006. It was called Historical Teas and her main clients at the time were Tea Rooms. Since then, however, Alisa has branched out

and her list of clients has grown to include historical societies, libraries, bed and breakfasts, book clubs, social clubs, church fundraisers and schools.

The main goal of The Ladies of History and Historical Teas is to make history fun, exciting and memorable for the guests who attend the shows. The Ladies of History performs all year round in various venues and is also available for private parties.

### **About the Speaker's Topic:**

Please join us as we meet Eliza Blackwell Dupree, a lady of the Civil War who lost a son at the battle of Gettysburg. She will talk a little bit about her life, the times, and some women of the Civil War whom you may or may not have ever heard of. She will also discuss fashions of the time and we will have a singing of the Battle Hymn of the Republic.”

### **Operation Snowflake**



*For weather related postponements/cancellations, please visit the CWRT website -[www.cwrteasternpa.org](http://www.cwrteasternpa.org) - where any meeting change information will be posted. If you still have doubts, please call **Barry Arnold** at 610-694-0045.*

### **Programs for 2019-2020 Campaign**

**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 January 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 p.m.
Program	7:30 p.m.		

## REFLECTIONS ON REMEMBERANCE DAY 2019



On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, members of the 153<sup>rd</sup> PA Volunteer Regiment gathered in Gettysburg, PA atop Barlowe's Knoll to conduct their annual memorial program. Formed in 2011 to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup>

anniversary of the American Civil War, this was the units 9<sup>th</sup> ceremony in front of the 153<sup>rd</sup> monument with its iconic bugler on the top. The monument is situated at the crest of the hill on what was originally called Blocker's Knoll, the site of the 153rds deployment on the 1st day of July 1863 battle. Unit member and Jim Thorpe high school history teacher, Chris Holub, organized the yearly trip of his history club to the Remembrance Day. This year nearly 40 students attended the event. Their first stop was at the monument to participate in the memorial program.

After welcoming everyone, Neil Coddington, the unit's president, gave a brief overview of the unit's history. He was followed by Jeff Stocker, author of the book, *We Fought Desperate: A History of the 153<sup>rd</sup> PA Vol. Infantry Regiment*, who spoke to the students and other visitors about 2 of the men who served in the regiment, one of whom, his great, great grandfather inspired him to write the book. Civilian Coordinator, Kathleen Coddington, gave a brief talk commemorating the contributions of civilians who served and suffered in their own way to support the war effort. After the names of the wounded and fallen members of the regiment were read, the military members offered a solemn salute as flowers and a wreath were laid in tribute to the regiment.

In addition to the students and the Stockers, Round Table members Liz and Jeff Gates, Ed Root (who provided the photographs) and Chuck Cannon, along with a number of battlefield visitors attended the ceremony. One of the highlights of the morning was meeting a gentleman who was the descendant of 2 members of the original unit. Members of the round table who are in Gettysburg next year for the 2020 Remembrance Day event are invited to join the unit at Barlowe's Knoll.

**Many Thanks to our December Speaker, Jim Duffy, Pictured below with Robert McHugh**



## **BOOK RAFFLE WINNERS- December 03, 2019 Meeting**



Congratulations to Kim Jacobs, Chuck Dzielawa, Laura Kleinschmidt, and Claude Kohl, Jr. for their winning tickets. The gentlemen each won a book and lucky Laura won two books.

### **Update on Future 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. The following trips are confirmed.

- Union League- February 01, 2020
- Spangler's Farm and Field Hospital- April 18, 2020
- Harper's Ferry with Dennis Frye- May 30, 2020

### **February Trip to the Union League of Philadelphia**

#### **About the Union League of Philadelphia**

The Union League of Philadelphia, ranked the #1 City Club in the Country, is a shining jewel of history in a city defined by such treasure. Founded in 1862 as a patriotic society to support the Union and the policies of President Abraham Lincoln, The Union League of Philadelphia laid the philosophical foundation of other Union Leagues across a nation torn by civil war. The League has hosted US presidents, heads of state, industrialists, entertainers and dignitaries from around the globe and has proudly supported the American military in each conflict since the Civil War. The Union League continues to be driven by its motto, Amor Patriae Ducit or Love of Country Leads.

The League House occupies center of Philadelphia's district. The building is French Renaissance style, façade and dramatic twin to the main entrance on the building was added to the 1979. Approximately one-size, the building is spread entrances on all sides.



an entire city block in the commercial and cultural representative of the classic with a brick and brownstone circular staircases that lead Broad Street. Built in 1865, National Historic Register in quarter million square feet in out over eight floors and has

Inside, the traditional décor is accented in rich leather, patinated wood and polished marble. The League's distinguished collection of art and artifacts adorns the walls and hallways. The collection is a rich chronicle of Philadelphia's unique imprint upon the American landscape from the 19th century to today and is recognized by historians and art experts as a valuable component of American history.

Today, the Union League is home to over 3,500 men and women who contribute to club life and keep alive the League's traditions. As they did in 1862, today's members represent the Philadelphia region's leaders in business, education, technology, healthcare, law, government, religion, art and culture. The League's civic participation and philanthropic outreach takes the form of three charitable foundations: The Youth Work Foundation, The Scholarship Foundation and The Abraham Lincoln Foundation, which educate the public about our nation's history, recognize student role models in our region's schools, and provide scholarships to deserving students.

### About the Itinerary

We may tour the Union League on February 1st (Saturday) beginning at 10AM. The cost will be \$225 for a group of 20 people. So that comes to about \$10 per person. If we have less attendees the cost will, naturally, go up. The tour itself takes about 1 hour and there is a dress code (no jeans - business casual). Parking is across the street in a garage on Samson Street (That will be an extra cost). Jim Duffy must respond by mid-January, so I am requesting you get back with me (Claire) ASAP. Certainly, no later than our January 7, 2020 meeting and preferably earlier. As Barry mentioned, Jim knows someone who agreed to have us admitted. This is not open to the public. Honestly, I can hardly wait for our tour.

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

**GETTYSBURG CONSERVATION DAY**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2020**

**Ed Root**

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 until 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>

## **May 30, 2020 Trip to Harper's Ferry with Dennis Frye**





<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=harper%27s+ferry&view=detail&mid=9E2FE7A6B514CEB3A4389E2FE7A6B514CEB3A438&FORM=VIRE>

Please note we are truly blessed to have Dennis Frye provide a tour of Harper's Ferry. As you know he is a respected author, and a historian who has tremendous expertise in this subject. Dennis will be speaking to us in the beginning of May and this will be a perfect segue way into our trip. While this is being planned as a day trip, I will look into some accommodations in the event some of you wish to stay overnight. While we have plenty of time, I need to know as soon as possible who is interested. The cost of this is dependent on the number of people who attend. If 20 enthusiasts would attend, I believe the costs would be approximately \$22.00. More to come but please let me (Claire) know if you are interested. This should be a very memorable tour.

## **ANNUAL APPEAL**

Dear members and supporters of the Civil War Round Table of Eastern PA, Inc,

Attached please find a letter of appeal for your support of our organization. As you all are most likely aware, the cost of "doing business" of any organization or business always seems to rise, not fall as time passes. This is true for our CWRT as well. Venue costs go up as food and staff costs increase; speaker costs rise as we do provide accommodations as needed as well as provide travel reimbursement. Our goal is always to support historic preservation and educational initiatives with whatever money we retain over expenses. None of our Officers and Board members receive payment other than occasional reimbursement for out of pocket expenses. Most of them donate more than time and energy and do it freely and passionately.

It is not our intent or desire to increase our dues or dinner costs as we wish to encourage membership and we wish to keep our dinner cost affordable. We feel strongly that our members and friends receive excellent value for both items.

We do need your help however. We realize that all of us receive pleas, especially at this time of the year, and we also realize that there are more good causes than any of us as individuals can possibly support.

This plea is definitely a soft sell as we do not wish any of you to feel that there is pressure to make any sort of a donation at this time. It is strictly up to each of you to decide if this is something you wish to do and have the resources to do.

Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated. Donations may be tax-deductible as the CWRT is a 501(C) 3 -non-profit corporation.

Sincerely,

Barry Arnold and the Officers and Directors of the CWRT of Eastern PA, Inc.

## **PRIZES for June 2020 RAFFLE**

### **June 2020 Preservation Raffle**

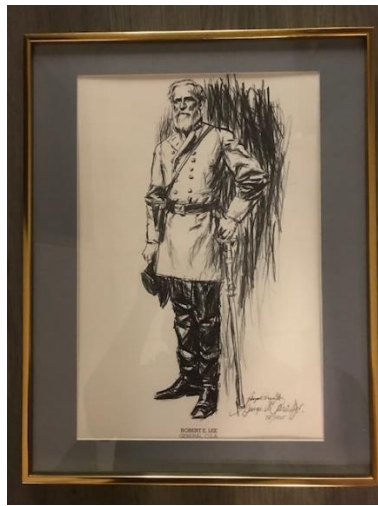
**Please note Change in Procedure of Drawing**

#### **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

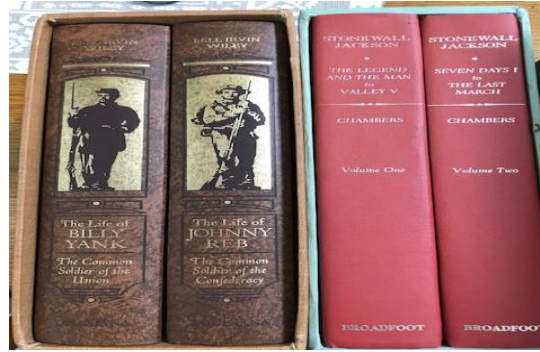


### 2. Robert E Lee print

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

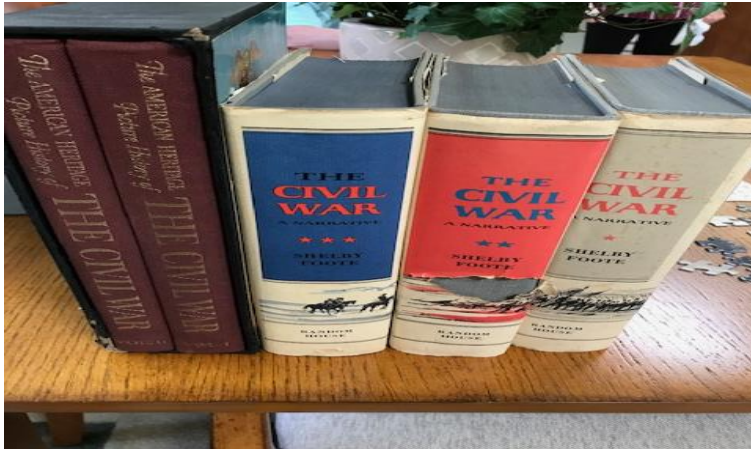


4. **The Life of Billy Yank and The Life of Johnny Reb by Bell Irvin Wiley (2 Volume Boxed Set)**



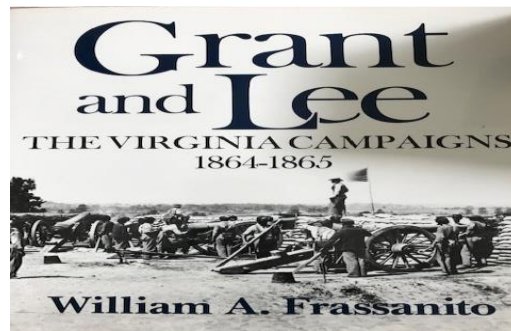
5. **Stonewall Jackson, The Legend and the Man & Stonewall Jackson, Seven Days to the Last March by Lenoir Chambers (2 Volume Boxed Set)**

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



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

## -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!**