



March 2020 – Winter Campaign 42

Seventh meeting- March 03, 2020

From the Brigade Commander: Barry Arnold

The Union League of Philadelphia was founded in 1862 as a patriotic society to support the policies of Abraham Lincoln. The Round Table went this past Saturday to visit this place and it was an outstanding tour. The architecture was tremendous with marble floors and stained glass windows. They had paintings of Civil War generals, admirals, presidents, a statue of Lincoln and busts of generals. If you missed this trip, you missed out on a once in a lifetime tour. I want to thank Jim Duffy for arranging this tremendous tour; it was a tremendous field trip.

Our February meeting, showcased Mr. Scott Mingus who addressed the 2nd Battle of Winchester. This was the pre stage to the battle of Gettysburg. The Confederate army had to travel through Winchester on their way to Pennsylvania. At Winchester, the Union army that defended Winchester was commanded by Major General Robert H. Milroy. Mingus describes how General Milroy made a major blunder resulting in a disaster as the Union attempted to defend the city of Winchester. Gen. Milroy abandoned his men and fled the field allowing 4000 men to be taken prisoners and sent to Andersonville Prison. General Milroy was a disgrace to the Union army. This was an interesting story of the battle.

In March we will have a special guest speaker. Author Ronald D. Kirkwood is coming to our Round Table. Ron, a retired editor, newspaper and magazine writer will speak on his book, "Too Much for Human Endurance". This is a book on the George Spangler farm hospital, the army of the Potomac XI Corp hospital, and all its doctors, nurses, and suffering patients. Hope you will come and hear these stories. We hope this inspires you to come with us on April 18 and visit the farm (hospital) while we do some maintenance on the Codori farm. I hope to see you at the meeting and on our field trip to the Spangler Farm.

Barry

February 2020 Statistics by Jim Duffy

Hi, friends, I just wanted to thank you all for attending our sixth meeting of our 42nd campaign. We had 34 attendees for dinner and 16 walk-ins for a total of 50 attendees. I am hoping to see these numbers grow at our March meeting. Please consider bringing a friend or two to these very informative meetings.

About Our March Speaker:



Ron Kirkwood is retired after a 40-year career as an editor and writer in newspapers and magazines including USA TODAY, the Baltimore Sun, the Harrisburg (PA) Patriot-News, and the York (PA) Daily Record. He edited national magazines for USA TODAY Sports and was National Football League editor for USA TODAY Sports Weekly. He won numerous state, regional and national writing and editing awards during his career and managed the copy desk in Harrisburg when the newspaper won a Pulitzer Prize in 2012. Kirkwood is a Michigan native and graduate of Central Michigan University, where he has returned as guest speaker to journalism classes as part of the school's Hearst Visiting Professionals series.

Kirkwood has been a Gettysburg Foundation guide at the George Spangler Farm Civil War Field Hospital Site since it opened in 2013. He lives in York with his wife of 43 years, Barbara.

About the Speaker's Topic:

Ron Kirkwood is the author of "Too Much for Human Endurance: The George Spangler Farm Hospitals and the Battle of Gettysburg," which was published by Savas Beatie in hardcover in June 2019 and went into its second printing in October.

Kirkwood will discuss in his presentation why logistically the George Spangler farm was the most important farm in the Battle of Gettysburg. He also will tell the stories of the Spanglers and the surgeons, nurses, wounded and mortally wounded at the two hospitals on the Spanglers' land during and after the battle and reveal new information about the last three days of Confederate Brig. Gen. Lewis A. Armistead's life, which he spent at Spangler. Kirkwood also will highlight the 153rd Pennsylvania throughout his talk.

Operation Snowflake



For weather related postponements/cancellations, please visit the CWRT website - 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 February Dinner Meeting, please mail in your membership form and Check to the Roundtable address. (See last page for form).

Please note Robert McHugh has asked that you be reminded regarding our March 03, 2020 speaker:

We have a change to our March program due to a speaker cancellation. Our new speaker is Ronald D. Kirkwood who will speak about his book *Too Much for Human Endurance: The George Spangler Farm Hospitals and the Battle of Gettysburg*. The timing of his March program will serve as a good lead-in to our brush cutting at the Codori Farm in Gettysburg on **April 18th**

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 March 03, 2020 meeting, the deadline for making dinner reservations is February 27, 2020.

For dinner reservations and/or information: Contact any of the following:

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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 p.m.
Program	7:30 p.m.

Many Thanks to our February Speaker, Scott Mingus



Barry Arnold and Robert McHugh show their appreciation for a job well done. Scott was awarded \$50.00 which he asked to be donated to American Battlefield Trust.

Picture of Spangler Farm



<https://www.wanderingeducators.com/best/traveling/civil-war-field-hospital-programs-gettysburg.html>

BOOK RAFFLE WINNERS- February 04, 2020 Meeting



Congratulations to Gary Schnell , Claude Kohl Sr., Kathy Coddington, Fred Bomberger, and Gary Weaver for their winning tickets.

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.

- **Spangler's Farm and Field Hospital- April 18, 2020**

Here is what we have planned so far. We will work at the Codori Farm in the morning (see page 7 of this newsletter for more details on that). We will drive to the Visitor's Center and park at Lot 3. We will enjoy a tail gate lunch so bring a little extra and we can all share. Paul Semanek is our contact and the only thing he asked is that we make sure and take our debris from our tailgate with us. We can use the facilities at the Visitor Center and then carpool to the Spangler Farm. The Spangler Farm cannot accommodate large numbers of cars. We will break into groups of 20 and each group will be assigned a tour guide. The guides will provide each group a tour of the farm. We will then go back to lot C, get in our respective cars, and leave for the day. The Park Services is looking forward to having us, and I think we will really look back and think we had a wonderful experience. This is a rain-or-shine event, so please plan accordingly.

- Harper's Ferry with Dennis Frye- May 30, 2020- More details to come next month in the newsletter. While this is being planned as a day trip, Claire is collecting some information on hotels if anyone is interested in staying overnight. There is also a potential option to have a dinner meeting or discussion with some members from the CWRT of Harper's Ferry. More to come...

Pictures from our Feb. Trip to the Union League of Philadelphia

We had a wonderful time at The Union League of Philadelphia, ranked the #1 City Club in the Country, as 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 Union League continues to be driven by its motto, Amor Patriae Ducit or Love of Country Leads.

Our docent, Carrie, heaped a generous portion of history and anecdotes to guarantee we had a delightful experience. Thanks to Carrie. Thanks to Jim Duffy for arranging and thanks to the Union League for hosting us. Thanks to all 17 who came out. Looking forward to our next field trip. As you can see, we had a lot to admire.



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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.....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.

REMEMBERING MARCH 1861: LINCOLN'S INNAGURATION FROM HARPER'S MONTHLY



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

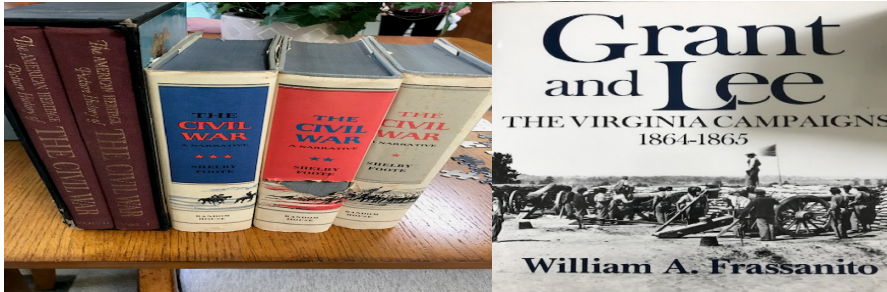
3. Union "General Service" Coat Button Display (mounted & donated by Barry Arnold)



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!!!

Information on Conferences & Seminars through the CWRT Congress

- **Bachelor Papers** (signed and numbered) – there are 3 volumes for \$165 plus \$15 shipping beginning in June of this year
Call 916-941-6896 or contact sales at savabeatie.com
- **Civil War Institute Summer Conference** – June 12 – 17, 2020
Register at www.gettysburg.edu/civil-war-institute/summer-conference/
- **American Battlefield Trust**
June 4 – 7, 2020 Annual Conference – Chantilly VA
October 23 – 25, 2020 Grand Review – Richmond, VA
More info at www.battlefields.org/events
- **CWRT Congress 2020 – Philadelphia PA**
Sept 18 – 20

More info at CWRT Congress

or cwrtcongress.org

2502 Caitlin Ct SE

Olympia, WA 98501-7621

- **Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation**

A National Civil War Conference

April 16 – 18, 2020

“Our Hour Had Come” – New Market, Piedmont and Fall of Staunton”

Register at www.ShenandoahAtWar.org or info@svbf.net or

540-740-4545

- **The National Civil War Museum (Harrisburg, PA)**

“From Gettysburg to Little Bighorn” – the George Armstrong Custer, Civil War and Indian Wars 2020

Symposium

March 28, 2020 (deadline March 13, 2020)

NCWM member - \$35 non-NCWM member - \$45

Register at www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org

- **CWRT Congress :** Gettysburg Licensed Battlefield Guides

May 1 and May 2, 2020

See the Battlefield with Licensed Guides

For more info: cwrtcongress.org

GLORIETA PASS: March 26-March 28, 1862 : Wikipedia

The **Battle of Glorieta Pass**, fought from March 26–28, 1862, in the northern New Mexico Territory, was the decisive battle of the New Mexico Campaign during the American Civil War. Dubbed the "Gettysburg of the West" (a term that "serves the novelist better than the historian") by some authors, it was intended as the decisive blow by Confederate forces to break the Union possession of the West along the base of the Rocky Mountains. It was fought at Glorieta Pass in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in what is now New Mexico, and was an important event in the history of the New Mexico Territory in the American Civil War.

There was a skirmish on March 26 between advance elements from each army, with the main battle occurring on March 28. Although the Confederates were able to push the Union force back through the pass, they had to retreat when their supply train was destroyed and most of their horses and mules killed or driven off. Eventually the Confederates had to withdraw entirely from the territory back into Confederate Arizona and then Texas. Glorieta Pass, thus, represented the climax of the campaign.

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

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!