

[April 2020 – Winter Campaign 42](#)

[Eighth meeting- April 2020-CANCELLED](#)

From the Brigade Commander: Barry Arnold

Our March meeting came and **we had a little change** in our speaker. Ron Kirkwood was to come and speak on the George Spangler farm hospital and the battle of Gettysburg. Unfortunately, he came down with the flu at the last minute. I believe the flu is our biggest problem at the moment, more than the coronavirus. That may come in the future. We had a guest speaker step in and it turns out to be our very own past brigade commander Ed Root to bail us out. Yes, that's what he did...

Ed gave a great speech on Ben Butler and New Orleans. He described his life before the war. Butler was born in New Hampshire and was a successful lawyer and later, Governor. He joined the army early in the civil war. He was the administrator overseeing New Orleans after its fall to the Union in 1862. This brought him enormous dislike from the southern population. He died in 1893. We at the Round Table would like to thank Mr. Root for his last minute step in on this great topic of Ben Butler while in New Orleans.

[THANK YOU ED]

Our 2019-2020 campaign is quickly coming to an end. In April we were to have Randall Miller. A history major, editor and book writer. He was going to speak on Myths and Meanings of the Civil War. Sad we will not be meeting in April, but Robert McHugh is looking to reschedule Mr. Miller at a later date.

Here's a little info tip for you. Coming on the history channel. They're having a 3 night mini-series on Ulysses S. Grant and the American Civil War. This is to be aired in the month of March. Please watch it. It's our history.

I know you must be looking forward to this as much as I am...As we take an amazing field trip over to the George Spangler farm hospital after we perform a little work on the Codori farm on April 18, 2020. This is the hospital that General Hancock was taken after being shot off his horse on the third day of the battle of Gettysburg.

I also want to inform you of a cemetery not too far from the Leigh Valley. It is in Norristown Pa. The Montgomery cemetery where the Hancock Mausoleum is located. Also, many more heroes of the American Civil War are buried. I will mention a few notable names that are entombed there. Major General John F. Hartranft; he was part of Burnside's IX corp. He fought at South Mountain and Antietam and led the famous charge across the Burnside Bridge suffering 120 casualties. He was then sent to the western theater and

fought at Vicksburg. After the war, he became Pennsylvania's seventeen governor. Samuel K. Zook was a general and commander of the 3rd brigade at Gettysburg. While advancing toward the wheat field on horseback, he was shot in the shoulder, chest and abdomen and died on July 3rd. There is a monument on the south side of Wheatfield Road where he was shot. Colonel Edwin Schall was second in command and fought alongside Gen. John Hartranft. He led the 51st Penna. Volunteer Infantry. Brig. Gen. Adam J Slemmer was in the regular army and led the 4th U.S. infantry. He died while in command of Fort Laramie from typhoid fever that he contracted during the American Civil War. These are just a few of the notables at this cemetery. **It is an absolute must on your bucket list.**

Again, I am sorry we will not meet in April, but I am looking forward to seeing you in May, 2020.

Barry

March 2020 Statistics by Jim Duffy

Hi, friends, I just wanted to thank you all for attending our seventh meeting of our 42nd campaign. We had 33 attendees for dinner and 15 walk-ins for a total of 48 attendees. I am hoping to see these numbers grow at our May meeting. While I wish we could meet in April, May is just around the corner. When you come in May, please consider bringing a friend or two to these very informative meetings.

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 May 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 May 05, 2020 meeting, the deadline for making dinner reservations is April 30, 2020. Please note no meeting in April due to the Coronavirus.

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 March Speaker, Ed Root



Robert McHugh thanks Ed Root for his awesome talk on General Butler. Ed brought a reproduction chamber pot with the General's likeness which he purchased in New Orleans. Quite the conversation piece but undoubtedly, Butler was disliked by the denizens of New Orleans during the Union's occupation.

PLEASE NOTE THE CWRT OF EASTERN PA IS MAKING HISTORY AGAIN...KINDLY REFER TO THE NEXT PAGE.
MANY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE BY YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR CAUSE AND SPECIAL THANKS
TO MARIE MALY FOR WRITING TO SENATOR BROWNE ON OUR BEHALF.

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February 24, 2020

The Civil War Round Table of Eastern PA, Inc.

Dear Civil War Round Table of Eastern, PA:

It is my great pleasure to congratulate the Civil War Round Table of Eastern PA on being named to the American Battlefield Trust's Top 300 Lifetime Donors list. This is an extraordinary achievement which speaks to the level of commitment and dedication your organization has shown in preserving our nation's battlefields and history. Everyone involved in this effort should feel the resounding sense of pride which accompanies such a recognition.

Preserving the past is now more important than ever. Learning from and understanding the lessons offered to us during America's most trying periods can only provide guidance on how we can successfully navigate through our most important contemporary challenges. Because of the incredible efforts of The Civil War Round Table of Eastern Pennsylvania, the public will continue to learn these important lessons and partake in the rich history and heritage of this county. On behalf of the 285,000 residents of the 16th Senatorial District, thank you for your great service in helping to preserve our history.

I wish your organization only the best as you continue your mission. If I can ever be of assistance on any state-related issues, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Patrick M. Browne
Senator, 16th District
Chairman, Senate Appropriations Committee

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Gettysburg Conservation Day **Saturday, April 18, 2020**

The Codori Farm is one of the most known and recognizable sites on the Gettysburg Battlefield. It will be our honor and privilege to work with the National Park Service to help preserve this place.

As always, our tasks will be varied and should satisfy the skills and desires of all volunteers. There will be fences painting for those so inclined and well as fence removal and replacement. If you are a weed whacking specialist there will be work to keep you busy. If you wish to come just to supervise please do so.

We will begin work at 9AM and hope to wrap us by 12:30. There has been construction on Rte 78 for an 8 mile stretch around mile marker 35. Take this into consideration on planning your travel time. For those of you meeting at the Holiday Inn parking lot in order to car pool I'd leave no later than 6:30 A.M. This will also allow for a bathroom break upon arrival in town.

The NPS will supply all equipment and supplies. However, since we will have around 50 volunteers bringing your own work/paint gloves is a good idea. The Park has numerous string trimmer/weed whackers for any who wish to use them. Please do not bring your own equipment. The NPS will provide fuel.

Logistics, logistics, logistics.....

- 1- We not only have CWRT members, but friends, students, scouts and historical society folks coming to volunteer. For us to reschedule on a day that would fit all and accommodate the NPS would be all but impossible. We have always been blessed with decent or exception weather so unless the NPS folks tell us NOT TO COME, we work. You are all volunteers so if for any reason you decide not to attend it's your decision. No harm no foul.
- 2- Parking is very limited at the site off the Emmitsburg Road. I am asking that only older folks or anyone with mobility issues park there. All others may drop off at the site, but park in the NPS lot right across from the National Cemetery lot or even along Cemetery Ridge if parking is available and walk to the farm.

- 3- Dress appropriately with good footwear. Work gloves, bug spray, etc. are a good idea. The farm area itself is mowed, but for those working on fences and brush cutting flip flops and shorts are at your own risk.
- 4- The CWRT will provide water and there will be a porta potty on site. The Visitor Center is only a short drive if necessary.
- 5- Feel free to bring your lunch and eat while you work or later as you wish. When finished we will all meet at Parking Lot C near the Visitor Center before carpooling to the Spangler Farm for our private tour. The farm where so many wounded were treated and died is not open to the public until June so this is a rare and special treat.
- 6- As always, we will also have our special free book raffle for all attendees.
- 7- I will be in Gettysburg on Friday to check out the site and make sure all is ready. If you have not already done so, it will be very helpful if you give me a cell phone number in the event of any last-minute issues. My number is 610-217-6172.
- 8- Any questions please call or email me at sartilly@hotmail.com

See you on the 18th.

Ed

Picture of Spangler Farm



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

BOOK RAFFLE WINNERS- March 03, 2020 Meeting



Congratulations to Bruce Rismiller, John Maly, Claire Kukielka, Fred Bomberger, and Gary Schnell for their winning tickets.

Update on Future Field Trips:

Claire Kukielka

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...

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 APRIL 1865: LINCOLN'S ASSASSINATION



TEN THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT LINCOLN'S ASSASSINATION:

<https://www.history.com/news/10-things-you-may-not-know-about-the-lincoln-assassination>

Please note, there is not enough room to include the explanation for each of these facts, but you may access by using the above link if you wish to understand the full account of this.

1. Booth initially intended to kidnap Lincoln.
2. Ulysses S. Grant was originally scheduled to be at Lincoln's side, the night of the assassination.
3. Lincoln's murder was part of a greater plot to decapitate the government.
4. The lives of the Lincolns' guests ended in tragedy as well.
5. Lincoln's death was not universally mourned in the North.
6. Mary Todd Lincoln thought that the Vice President was involved in the conspiracy.
7. Lincoln and Booth had a previous encounter at Ford's theater.
8. Lincoln's deathbed quickly became a tourist attraction.
9. Robert Todd Lincoln was in close proximity to two other presidential assassinations.
10. Another deadly tragedy struck Ford's Theater during the funeral of Booth's brother.

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

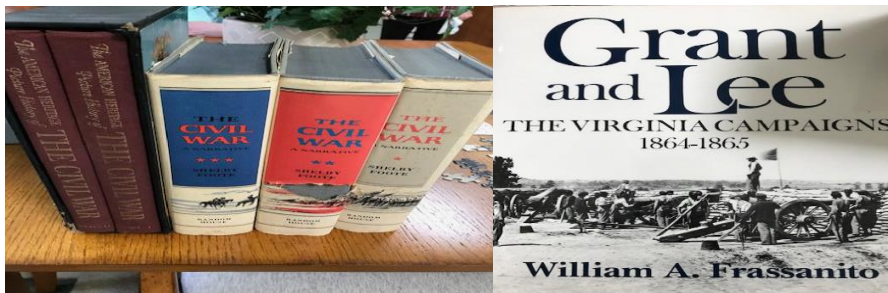
3. Union "General Service" Coat Button (mounted & donated by Barry Arnold)



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 cwrctcongress.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

REMEMBERING APRIL 10, 1865

On April 10 Lee's headquarters issued General Orders No. 9, also known as Lee's farewell to the Army of Northern Virginia. https://www.encyclopediavirginia.org/Surrender_at_Appomattox



After four years of arduous service marked by unsurpassed courage and fortitude, the Army of Northern Virginia has been compelled to yield to overwhelming numbers and resources.

I need not tell the survivors of so many hard fought battles, who have remained steadfast to the last, that I have consented to the result from no distrust of them.

But feeling that valour and devotion could accomplish nothing that could compensate for the loss that must have attended the continuance of the contest, I have determined to avoid the useless sacrifice of those whose past services have endeared them to their countrymen.

By the terms of the agreement, officers and men can return to their homes and remain until exchanged. You will take with you the satisfaction that proceeds from the consciousness of duty faithfully performed, and I earnestly pray that a merciful God will extend to you his blessing and protection.

With an unceasing admiration of your constancy and devotion to your Country, and a grateful remembrance of your kind and generous consideration for myself, I bid you an affectionate farewell.

— R. E. Lee, General, General Order No. 9

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!