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From the Brigade Commander

Great news! The American Battlefield Trust (ABT) has once again named the CWRT of Eastern Pa., Inc. as a Color Bearer. This honor is limited to 1,400 groups/individuals which, together, raise 50 percent of funds used by the ABT for battlefield preservation. Inside this issue, we also share several examples of how individual CWRT members, past and present, are making/have made important contributions in the areas of battlefield preservation and the continued study of American history.

We are fortunate to have found an able replacement for Dennis Frye, our planned-for September speaker. Unfortunately, a pressing family matter has compelled him to cancel all of his fall speaking engagements, including his visit to the Lehigh Valley. Dr. Rev. Nancy Hill who, in her spare time, is a Civil War reenactor and novelist, will, instead, be joining us on September 7. Read more about Nancy and a summary of her presentation inside. Although Dennis will not join us as a speaker this campaign year, we hope to be able to reschedule last year's planned field trip to Harpers Ferry, which would be led by Dennis.

The hotel has made minor changes to its pandemic protocol, most of which have nothing more to do with us than a change in how our meeting space will be configured. The good news is that, as of now, the hotel is able to accommodate more than four people per dining table. We'll soon learn whether the meal will be plated or made available in buffet format. Masks are still required in public spaces but are optional in our meeting room space.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone again, and hope you—and possibly a friend or two—will join us in September.

The Civil War Round Table of Eastern Pa., Inc. is a proud leader of America's battlefield preservation movement. It has been designated by the American Battlefield Trust (ABT) as a Top 300 Lifetime Donor, a Color Bearer, and a member of ABT's 20-Year Club.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Our 44th Campaign Year! ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Karl Lehr and His Legacy of Honor, Commitment to Service and Generosity



Each September, we honor the late Karl Lehr. His bequest of \$123,955, which has influenced many battlefield preservation victories and, more than 10 years later, continues to help distinguish our Round Table as an American Battlefield Trust Top 300 Donor.

Born in Allentown, Karl was a 1936 graduate of Muhlenberg

College. During World War II, he held the rank of Technical Sergeant and helped shape history during three major invasions:

- He took part in two landings in Italy (Sicily and Salerno) in 1943.
- He was at Normandy on June 6, 1944, serving as a member of the First Signal Detachment on the *USS Ancon*, the flagship for the Omaha Beach landing.

He later became Sergeant of the Eiffel Tower Guard and was a staff member of the U.S. Army University in England.

Post-war, Karl participated in the Fulbright teacher exchange, a program of the U.S. Department of State. He also taught in Cologne, Germany, in 1957-58 and, afterward, taught for 42 years in New Jersey and Illinois.

Karl was a member of the Civil War Round Table of Eastern Pa. Inc. for about 30 years. Almost immediately after “enlisting,” he began what would become decades of dedication to our mission by:

- submitting newsletter items
- serving as field trip co-chair
- speaking in front of our group and, as a member of the Resource Committee, outside groups
- serving as a content expert for the community
- serving as a board member
- helping to form our Preservation and Restoration Committee. (Our records show his commitment by way of signed petitions to save the Grove Farm at Antietam and monetary donations to various organizations as threats to historic sites became known.)

Round Table Member Earns Distinction as History Student

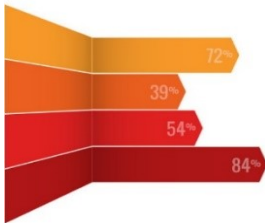


CWRT of Eastern Pa., Inc. member, Blake Barbarics (pictured above, right), recently graduated from Kutztown University. While there, he spent two years on the dean’s list and was inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, an academic honor society for colleges and universities with a mission to promote the study of history through the encouragement of research, good teaching, publication, and the exchange of learning and ideas among historians. Congratulations, Blake!

Round Table Member Recognized for Preservation Leadership



Kudos to Kay Bagenstose, who was named by the American Battlefield Trust (ABT) as a member of its Patriot Brigade for her dedication to battlefield preservation. In addition to more than 200 donations made to the ABT, she regularly makes monetary donations to our CWRT’s and other battlefield preservation efforts.



By the Numbers: The Civil War Round Table of Eastern Pa. Inc.

Membership Update (*Jeff Gates*)

Please welcome Connie Taglieber and Andrea Smitt to the CWRT of Eastern Pa., Inc. These two members come to us thanks to CWRT member, Paul Bartlett. In the area of reenlistments, we're off to a great start!

Paymaster Update (*Jim Duffy*)

Print raffle fundraiser: Our September 7 meeting will be your last chance to purchase raffle tickets for great prizes ... and help fuel our preservation efforts. Winners will be announced at the meeting. See Page 7 for a listing of the prizes. One of these items could soon belong to YOU!

Preservation donations: The final donation figure for our Campaign 43 year is \$3,475. Many thanks to our latest donors, Nancy Keigher, David Hohe and Bill Fincke, and everyone who donated during Campaign 43!

Mark Your Calendars and Plan to Join us on September 7 as Nancy Jill Hale presents, "Faith and Duty: A Novel of the Civil War"



Reverend Dr. Nancy Jill Hale, a Civil War re-enactor and author, will share the story of a New York regiment chaplain who discovers not only the true nature of the duty to which he had been called but also the sacrifices required of him, his faith, and the men of the regiment he serves. Copies of Nancy's novel, *Faith and Duty: A Novel of the Civil War*—will be available for purchase.

Nancy has served as a Methodist minister for more than 20 years and, recently, relocated to central Pennsylvania from upstate New York. In her re-enactment life, she serves as the chaplain for the 118th New York Volunteer Infantry Adirondack Regiment.



Dinner & lecture fee: \$25 ★ Lecture-only fee: \$5

(All fees are payable at the door.)

Dinner start time: 6:30 p.m. ★ Lecture start time: 7 p.m.

The deadline to reserve your spot for dinner is Friday, September 3. To register for dinner, contact Jim Duffy at Duffysocwk@aol.com or 610-253-4549 (email preferred) prior to 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 3. **No reservations are required for walk-in lecture attendees.**

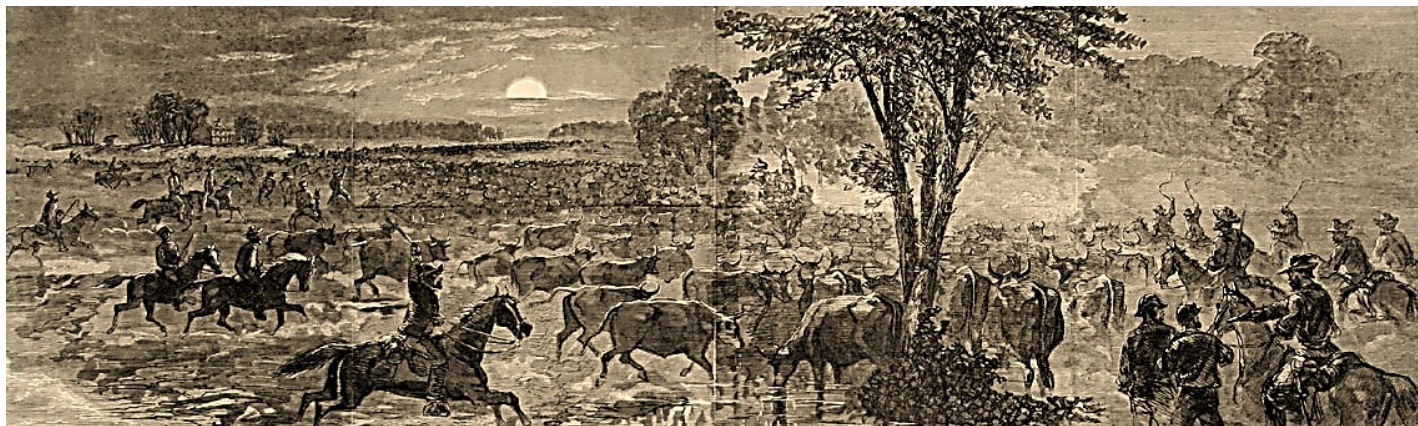
Six Great Quotes: Who Said 'Em?

Can you match each quote with its owner? See page 5 for answers.

1. "Highlanders, my Highlanders, follow your general!"	Lieutenant General Jubal Early
2. The shot that struck me down was the best ever fired for the Confederacy."	General Nathan Bedford Forest
3. "Major, we haven't taken Washington, but we scared Abe Lincoln like hell."	Joseph E. Johnston
4. "I'm a one-armed Jersey son-of-a-gun, follow me!"	General Philip Kearny
5. "The President is no more than a well-meaning baboon."	General George McClellan
6. Boys, do you hear that musketry and that artillery? It means that our friends are falling by the hundreds at the hands of the enemy, and here we are guarding a damned creek! Let's go and help them. What do you say?"	General Isaac Stevens

September 16, 1864

The Beefsteak Raid a.k.a. The Great Cattle Raid at Harrison's Landing



The great cattle raid, a 100-mile ride to acquire cattle intended for consumption by the Union Army, was led by Major General Wade Hampton. The raid took place during the combined siege of Richmond and Petersburg. Several certified Texas cattle thieves were reportedly among the 3,000 troopers under Hampton. About 2,500 of the beeves were captured, as were 11 wagons and 304 prisoners. Total Confederate losses during the raid included 10 killed, 47 wounded and 4 missing; the official cattle count after successfully reaching the Confederate line was 2,468. During the raid, a Union force was immediately dispatched under General David McMurtree Gregg to pursue the "saucy rebs," but did not succeed in overtaking them.

Although the raid was a success, the Confederates lacked the hay and grain to feed the cattle and so, were forced to slaughter the entire herd almost immediately. Local southerners, who also partook in the feast, were known to have traded some meat with Union sentries in return for items that, by now, were considered by them to be luxuries.

September, 2021, Civil War Book Releases

We share, for informational purposes only, what is most certainly a partial listing of books earmarked for a September, 2021, release.



“The Longest Siege: Port Hudson, Louisiana, 1863,” Russell W. Blount Jr. | Sep 5

“General Grant and the Verdict of History: Memoir, Memory and the Civil War,” Frank P. Varney | Sep 7

“The Military Memoirs of a Confederate Line Officer: Captain John C. Reed’s Civil War from Manassas to Appomattox,” William R. Cobb | Sep 7 (*originally scheduled for a June, 2021, release*)

“Books on the American Civil War Era: A Critical Bibliography,” Walter Westcote | Sep 7

“Their Maryland: The Army of Northern Virginia From the Potomac Crossing to Sharpsburg in September 1862,” by Alexander B. Rossino | Sep 7

“The 7th Georgia Volunteer Infantry Regiment, 1861-1865: A Biographical Roster, Richard Allen | Sep 8 (*originally scheduled for an August, 2021, release*)

“The 11th Georgia Volunteer Infantry Regiment, 1861-1865: A Biographical Roster,” Richard Allen | Sep 11 (*originally scheduled for an August, 2021, release*)

“The Petersburg Campaign Volume 2: The Western Front Battles, September 1864 – April 1865,” Volume 2, Edwin C. Bearss and Bryce A. Suderow | Sep 15

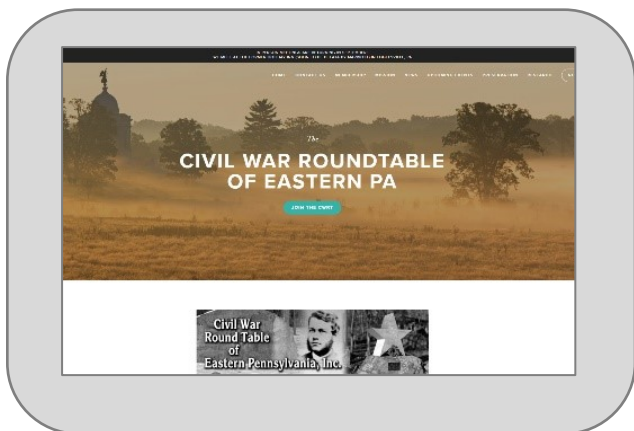
“Ends of War: The Unfinished Fight of Lee’s Army after Appomattox,” Caroline E. Janney | Sep 21

“Hearts Torn Asunder: Trauma in the Civil War’s Final Campaign in North Carolina,” Ernest A. Dollar Jr. | Sep 22

“Robert E. Lee: A Life,” Allen C. Guelzo | Sep 28, 2021

Six Great Quotes: Answers to the quote quiz on page 4:

1. U.S. General Isaac Stevens; 2. CSA General Joseph E. Johnston; 3. CSA Lieutenant General Jubal Early;
 4. U.S. General Philip Kearny; 5. U.S. General George McClellan; 6. CSA General Nathan Bedford Forest
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Recent CWRT Website Postings

Webmaster Paul Bartlett does a great job of combing the internet to bring you relevant Civil War news and also shares recaps of presentations made by our speakers.

[Click here](#) or visit www.cwrteasternpa.org/news to view details about the items listed below:

August 3: Gettysburg Civil War Institute Returns Live—“North Carolinians at Gettysburg,”
October 8-10, 2021

July 22: Walking Tours at Gettysburg by Adams County Historical Society

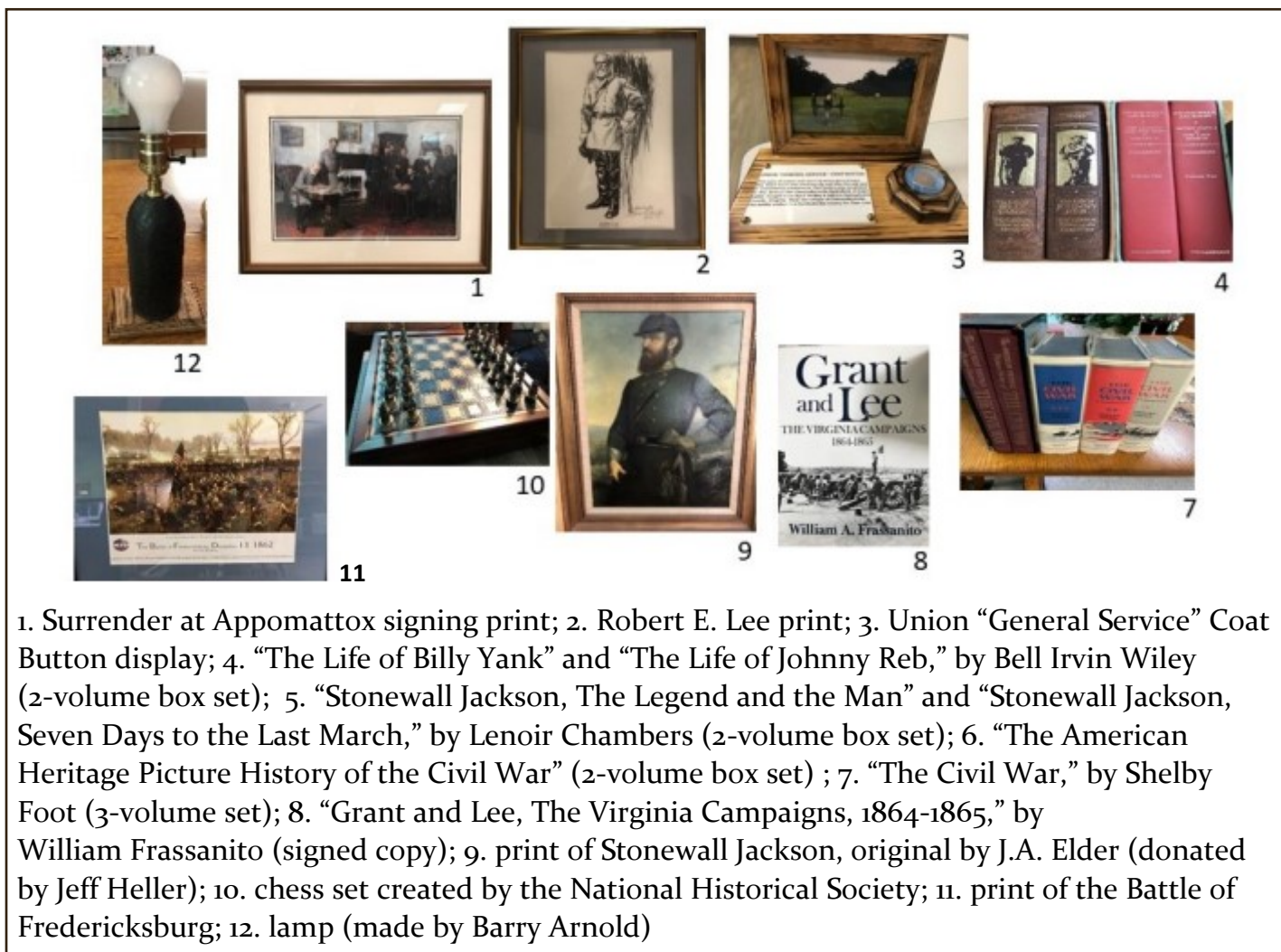
Campaign 44 Presentations

Our lineup of speakers for Campaign 44 offers you the chance for greater understanding of the American Civil War and are sure to leave you feeling inspired.

Date	Presentation Title	Speaker
September 7	Faith & Duty: Role of a Civil War Chaplain	Nancy Jill Hale
October 5	Surrenders of the Civil War	Robert Dunkerly
November 2	Veterans' Reunion of 1913 at Gettysburg	Michael Jesberger
December 7	Armistead and Hancock	Tom McMillan
January 4	Judah Benjamin and Grant's Order #11	Rich Rosenthal
February 1	We Fight for Our Rights, Liberty, Justice, and Union: The Battle of New Market Heights (U.S. Colored Troops)	Tim Talbott
March 1	Myths and Meanings of the Civil War	Randall Miller
April 5	His Record Lives: William P. Randal and the Battle of Hampton Roads	Gordon Calhoun
May 3	Lest We Forget: Origin and Traditions of Memorial Day	Jane Peters Estes
June 7	Blackberry Raid During Gettysburg Campaign	Hampton Newsome

LAST CHANCE to Buy a Winning Ticket!!**Drawing for Campaign 42/43 Print Raffle Preservation Fundraiser Will Happen on September 7, 2021**

We'll be drawing winning tickets for the Campaign 42/43 Print Raffle at our September 7, 2021, meeting. You will have until then to take a chance to win some great prizes. Send your check (\$5 per booklet), payable to "Civil War Round Table of Eastern Pa., Inc.," to: P. O. Box 333, Allentown, PA 18105. Your ticket stubs will be returned to you by mail **OR** you can purchase tickets when you come out for our Campaign 44 opener on September 7!



1. Surrender at Appomattox signing print; 2. Robert E. Lee print; 3. Union "General Service" Coat Button display; 4. "The Life of Billy Yank" and "The Life of Johnny Reb," by Bell Irvin Wiley (2-volume box set); 5. "Stonewall Jackson, The Legend and the Man" and "Stonewall Jackson, Seven Days to the Last March," by Lenoir Chambers (2-volume box set); 6. "The American Heritage Picture History of the Civil War" (2-volume box set) ; 7. "The Civil War," by Shelby Foot (3-volume set); 8. "Grant and Lee, The Virginia Campaigns, 1864-1865," by William Frassanito (signed copy); 9. print of Stonewall Jackson, original by J.A. Elder (donated by Jeff Heller); 10. chess set created by the National Historical Society; 11. print of the Battle of Fredericksburg; 12. lamp (made by Barry Arnold)

Campaign 44 raffle items are planned for an October, 2021, newsletter issue introduction.

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CAMPAIGN 44 MEMBERSHIP FORM (2021-2022)

Please complete the form below and mail it along with your Campaign 44 dues to **CWRT of Eastern Pa., Inc., P. O. Box 333, Allentown, PA 18105**. Make your check payable to: "CWRT of Eastern Pa., Inc."

<p>Select one:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am reenlisting for Campaign 44</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am a new recruit</p>	<p>Indicate your membership preference:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Individual: \$25</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Full-time student: \$10</p>
<p>Name: _____ Email address: _____</p> <p>Mailing address:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Phone number: _____</p> <p>I am including a donation (in addition to my membership dues) in the amount of \$ _____. <i>Your donation will be used by the CWRT of Eastern Pa., Inc. to benefit preservation efforts related to the Civil War, i.e., supporting the vital work of museums and saving battlefield acreage from development.</i></p>	
<p>(NEW RECRUITS): Please tell us about your American Civil War interests and experiences:</p> <p>How did you hear of the CWRT Round Table of Eastern Pa.?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Are you a reenactor (Yes/No)? If yes, unit(s)?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Use the space below to share name(s) and unit(s) of ancestor(s) who fought in the Civil War:</p>	
<p>(NEW RECRUITS AND REENLISTERS):</p> <p>Do you have a particular interest in the Civil War? If so, please note in the space provided below:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Are you willing to speak to groups on some aspect of the Civil War (Yes/No)?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Are you interested in participating in Round Table activities (Yes/No)? If yes, please specify below:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> public functions <input type="checkbox"/> political action <input type="checkbox"/> preservation <input type="checkbox"/> living history other (use space below)</p>	

Sending newsletters and other information to our members via email speeds the distribution process and allows us to divert more funds to preservation and conservation. By providing us with your email address, you are giving the CWRT of Eastern Pa., Inc. permission to contact you and/or send information to you via email. We rarely have a need to contact our members by phone but having this information on file is occasionally very helpful. The CWRT of Eastern Pa., Inc. will NEVER share your contact information unless it has obtained your permission in advance to do so.

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