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From the Brigade Commander

Since our last newsletter, we've received several bits of great news from the American Battlefield Trust (ABT):

- * A Campaign 44 donation (\$500) by the CWRT of Eastern Pa. helped the ABT to successfully conclude a 15-year, \$12 million effort to save the 208-acre Slaughter Pen Farm—the spot where the Battle of Fredericksburg hung in the balance and was ultimately won and lost.
- * Our CWRT is now a member of the ABT's 25-Year Club, which is comprised of dedicated battlefield preservationists who have lent their financial support for 25 years or more.
- * By the end of 2021, the ABT had acquired and preserved more than 54,000 American battlefield acres! Remember: Preservation isn't won in the courts; it's won one dollar at a time from sources like your CWRT membership dues, donations and raffle ticket purchases.

It's still not too late to sign up for our June day trip to Harpers Ferry. See page 5 for more details. CWRT members in good standing are eligible for a discounted fee (15%) to attend this year's Civil War Institute in Gettysburg, Pa., which will take place between June 10 and June 15. To receive the discount code, contact the Civil War Institute at (717) 337-6590. Learn more about the event at:

gettysburg.edu/civil-war-institute/summer-conference/

Barry

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 Brigade Color Bearer, and a member of ABT's 25-Year Club.

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

Dr. Randall M. Miller presents:
Myths and Meaning of the Civil War

Tuesday, March 1, 2022, ~ 7:15 PM start



Dr. Randall Miller, Professor Emeritus, St. Joseph's University, will share how the war shaped ideas of America as a nation (and not just a union), affected how people remembered the war, and expanded the scope of what it meant to be a democracy—and who belonged in it.

Dr. Miller has authored or edited 25 books on a variety of subjects; topics include slavery and race, religion, the American Civil War, Reconstruction, and the American South. He is also a board member of Historians against Slavery and the former editor of *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*.

Sign up Today!

“Myths and Meaning of the Civil War”
(Tuesday, March 1, 2022)

Dinner & lecture fee: \$25 ★ Lecture-only fee: \$5
 (All fees are payable at the door.)

SAME location. NEW name (again): Delta Hotel by Marriot • 7736 Adrienne Drive • Breinigsville

Dinner start: 6:30 p.m. ★ Lecture start: ~ 7:15 p.m.

Deadline to reserve a spot for dinner:

Friday, February 25, by/before 12:00 p.m. To register, contact Jim Duffy (duffysocwk@aol.com) or 610-253-4549 (email preferred).

**Walk-in lecture reservations
 are NOT required!**

February Book Raffle Winners



(l-r): Gary Schnell, Mike May, Blake Barberics, Bill Frankensfield, Paul Bartlett.

Raffle proceeds benefit preservation efforts. Thanks to everyone who “invested” donation dollars last month to help save Civil War history. Congrats to our winners!

A message from February's speaker, Tim Talbott:

Tim serves on the board of the Battle of New Market Heights Memorial and Education Association, an organization focused on commemorating and educating the public about the service and heroism of the U.S. Colored Troops that served in the 3rd Division of the XVIII Corps (Army of the James) at New Market Heights. The organization is working now to raise funds, obtain permits, etc. to erect a historical monument on the battlefield to honor these men.

To learn more or to donate funds toward the erection of a historical monument, visit the organization's website:

www.battleofnewmarketheights.org



Civil War Community News:

cwrteasternpa.org/news

Feb 13: How a Female Pinkerton Detective Helped Save Lincoln's Life

Feb 9: Abraham Galloway is the Black Figure from the Civil War You Should Know About

Feb 5: Ed Bearss Memorial Unveiled in North Carolina

Feb 3: Tree Cutting on Gettysburg's Little Round Top Announced by NPS

Feb 3: NPS Awards \$1.1 Million to Preserve Battlefields in Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina

Feb 3: Needed Roadwork Begins at Vicksburg National Military Park

Jan 29: The Civil War Comes to Schuylkill County

Jan 27: Gettysburg College's Annual Civil War Conference Set for June

Jan 19: New Book Challenges Civil War's Old Myths about Maryland

Perseveration News:

cwrteasternpa.org/preservation

Feb 17: Help Preserve 245 Acres at Williamsburg

Jan 29: Virginia Governor Calls for Creation of Culpepper Battlefields State Park

By the Numbers

Civil War Roundtable of Eastern Pa.

REENLISTMENTS (Jeff Gates)

Since our last newsletter, Michael Baker has renewed his memberships for Campaign 44. Thank you!

As incentive to recruit **new members** for our CWRT, we're offering three framed prints to the member who brings in the largest number of new recruits **by the end of Campaign 44 (June, 2022)**. Paul Barlett continues to hold on to his lead with two new recruits.

"Erin for Glory" (14 ½" x 12"). A Gettysburg postal stamp is displayed below the print.

"Gettysburg" (14 ½" x 12"). A Gettysburg postal stamp is displayed below the print.

No Title (9 ½" x 7 ½"). Union soldier shaking his fist at Confederates at Gettysburg.

PAYMASTER UPDATE (Jim Duffy)

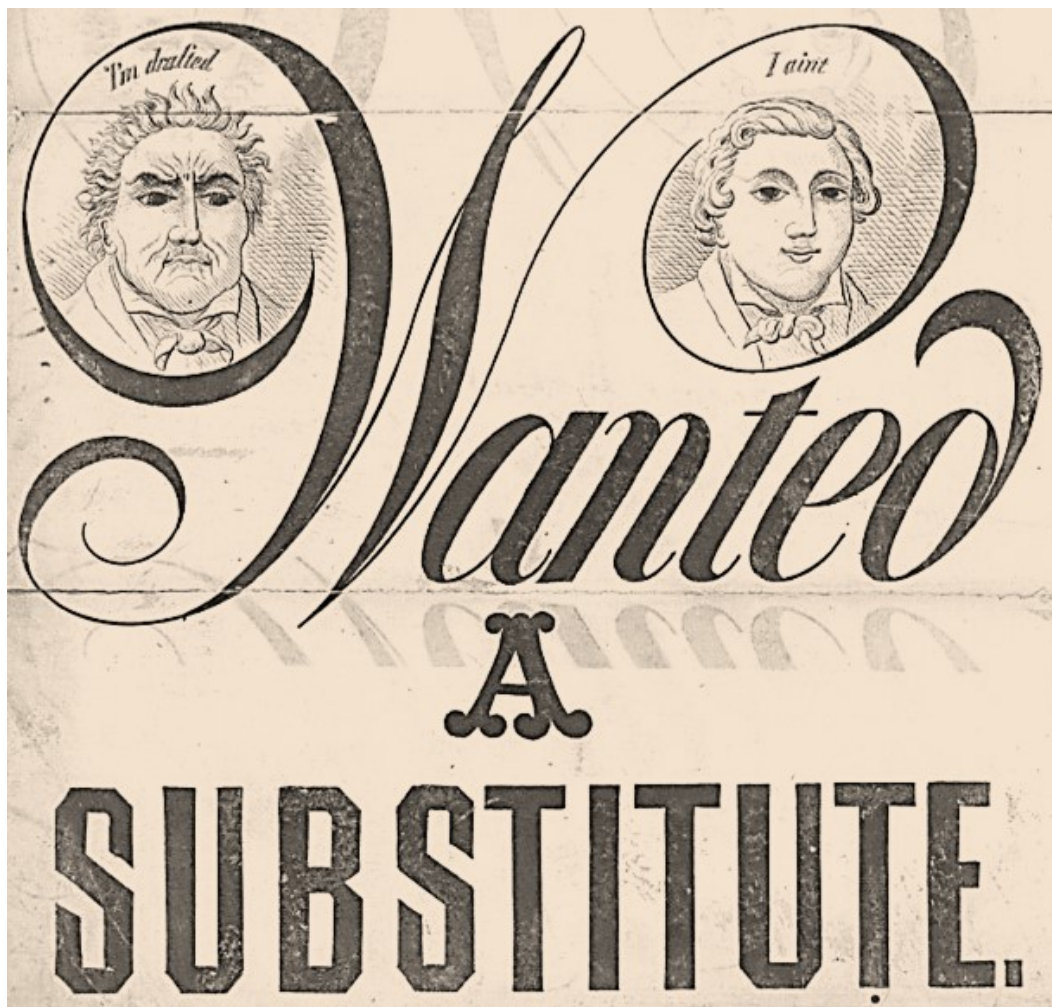
Preservation Donations: Since our last newsletter, CWRT of Eastern Pa. member donations have increased to \$1,200. Michael Baker is our latest donor. Thanks to Michael—and everyone else who has made a donation during Campaign 44. Additional donations were received from Kay Bagenstose and Barry Arnold to cover the shortfall in funds for last month's dinner meeting expenses.

Since our last newsletter, we received thank-you letters from the GAR Museum and Library in Philadelphia and the American Battlefield Trust for donations made using Campaign 43 funds.

March 3, 1863

America's First Compulsory Conscription Act is Signed

About a year after the C.S.A. passed a conscription law (April 16, 1862), the U.S.A. followed suit with one of its own. In the latter case, men, ages 20 to 45, including aliens with intention of becoming citizens, were conscripted, although both Union and Confederate conscription laws allowed for exemptions, including the very unpopular measure of substitutes, which allowed wealthy men to pay someone in their stead and led to draft riots in New York City. (cont →)



That same spring, the federal bounty was increased to \$300 in the hope of boosting volunteerism and reducing the number of men who might need to be drafted. As you might expect, those who responded to the bounties were primarily from the lower economic strata of society.

Conscription was not new to America. In 1792, all able-bodied male citizens were required to purchase a gun and join their local state militia. But there was no penalty for non-compliance with this

act. Congress has also passed a conscription act during the War of 1812, but the war ended before the act was ratified.

Civil War Redux: Battlefield Being Invaded by Feral Hogs

“Roan Catlett never ate hog after the Cross Keys fight. He’d vomit if he smelled it cooking. They got loose in the woods after Cross Keys and ate the Yankee dead. But that first spring of the war, when the Valley companies marched up the Shenandoah to take the arsenal at Harpers Ferry, Roan was still a powerful hog-eating man.”

“First Blood at Harper’s Ferry,” James Warner Bellah

Soldiers that survived a battle faced a host of horrors in the aftermath, including fighting off wild hogs after darkness fell. Following the Battle of Prairie Grove, Confederates piled up many of their dead on the field and fashioned makeshift barriers around the dead, hoping to keep the feral pigs from eating the corpses. Pvt. Johnny Hess, C.S.A. wrote in his diary that he would see hogs on the mountains, in the thickets, at the edge of the woods ... waiting patiently to eat the faces of the dead and wounded after darkness had covered the battlefields. At Shiloh, Johnny wrote that he’d learned the locals refused to eat hog because they knew the animals had been living off the dead.

More than 150 years later, roving wild hogs on battlefield land are once again in the news. (*cont* →)

Following last May's record cresting of the Mississippi River, wildlife was forced into new habitats, including Vicksburg National Military Park. Officials fear the hogs could undermine the national cemetery and the trenches and earthworks on the bluffs above the river and otherwise root up the landscape.

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Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

w/ retired National Park Service historian Dennis Frye

A group outing for CWRT of Eastern Pa., Inc. members, family members and friends.

Saturday, June 4, 2022

CARPOOL - OR - DRIVE YOURSELF

Our Tour Guide: Dennis Frye, former chief historian, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

- ★ **Morning:** John Brown's War, featuring U.S. arsenal and armory sites • outbreak of war and Gen. T. J. Jackson and Confederate occupation of spring, 1861 • the mystery of the U.S. Cavalry escape during the battle of September, 1862 • life in a border town, with the Potomac River serving as an international boundary between the U.S.A. and the C.S.A.
- ★ **Afternoon:** 1862 C.S.A. invasion; Jackson's siege and capture of Harpers Ferry • prelude to Antietam • battlefield site visits to Bolivar Heights, Camp Hill and School House Ridge.

A \$10, non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your place, cash or check.

(Make your check payable to "Civil War Round Table of Eastern Pa., Inc.")

★ **Other important details:**

Shuttle buses may be available to us, at least some of the time. The Park also offers some wheelchairs on a first-come, first-serve basis.

You will **not** need to provide an immunization record, but all visitors **will be required** to wear a mask in all National Park Services buildings, crowded outdoor spaces, and in all forms of enclosed, public transportation.

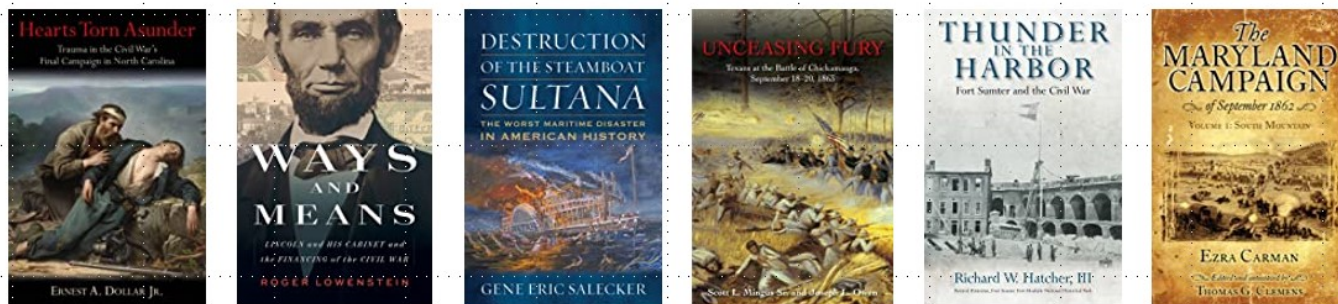
It looks like we'll brown-bag it for lunch. Don't forget to pack bottled or canned beverages for your personal consumption during the day. **NOTE:** The consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or the possession of an open container of alcoholic beverage is prohibited in the park.

Carpool departure time: The current estimated departure is **no later than** 4:30 p.m. so those driving back the same day can at least get close to home before dark.

QUESTIONS? Contact Claire Kukielka (clkuk@ptd.net).

March, 2022, Civil War Book Releases

We share, for informational purposes only, what is most certainly a partial listing of books currently earmarked for a March, 2022, release.



Hearts Torn Asunder: Trauma in the Civil War’s Final Campaign in North Carolina by Ernest A. Dollar | Mar 8, 2022

Ways and Means: Lincoln and His Cabinet and the Financing of the Civil War by Roger Lowenstein | Mar 8, 2022

Destruction of the Steamboat Sultana: The Worst Maritime Disaster in American History by Gene Eric Salecker | Mar 15, 2022

Unceasing Fury: Texans at the Battle of Chickamauga, September 18-20, 1863 by Scott L. Mingus Sr. and Joseph L. Owen | Mar 22, 2022

Thunder in the Harbor: Fort Sumter and the Civil War, by Richard W. Hatcher III | May 22, 2022

The Maryland Campaign of September 1862, Volume I: South Mountain by Ezra Carman and Thomas G. Clemens | May 22, 2022 (paperback edition)

Upcoming Campaign 44 Presentations

Our lineup of speakers for Campaign 44 offers multiple chances for greater understanding of the American Civil War; these presentations are sure to leave you feeling inspired. For your planning purposes, we share the presentation schedule for the remainder of Campaign 44:

Date	Title	Speaker
April 5	His Record Lives: William P. Randall and the Battle of Hampton Roads	Gordon Calhoun
May 3	Lest We Forget: The Origin and Traditions of Memorial Day	Jane Peters Estes
June 7	Blackberry Raid during Gettysburg Campaign	Hampton Newsome

You can read each lecture synopsis at www.cwrteasterpa.org/calendar-1

Campaign 44 Print Raffle Preservation Fundraiser

Proceeds from our Print Raffle go to preservation efforts. Please send your check (\$5 for a 10-ticket 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 return mail. You can also purchase booklets at every monthly meeting.



Prizes presented above in counterclockwise order:

1. Three books by FTC attorney and Civil War author Hampton Newsome (all signed by the author): "Civil War Talks", "Richmond Must Fall," and "The Fight for the Old North State."
2. Framed facsimile of "Gettysburg Address" (16 ½" x 13 ½").
3. Original pencil drawing, Winter Quarters of General Miles (Mar 21, 1865), by William Lydston, Jr.
4. Framed 16 ½" x 14 ½" statement about pin hole photo with \$100 U.S. Confederate note.
5. Civil War Centennial teacup and saucer. (Jefferson Davis' picture on teacup.)
6. Glass tray adorned with portrait of U.S. Grant.
7. Black tray adorned with picture of Abraham Lincoln and the words, "Springfield Illinois."
8. Framed 14 1/2" x 11" print of Gettysburg with a Gettysburg postal stamp.
9. Civil War Battle Flags of the Union Army and Order of Battle (oversize book, 177 pp).

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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: <input type="checkbox"/> I am reenlisting for Campaign 44 <input type="checkbox"/> I am a new recruit</p>	<p>Indicate your membership preference: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual: \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time student: \$10</p>
<p>Name: _____ Email address: _____</p>	
<p>Mailing address: _____ _____</p>	
<p>Phone number: _____</p>	
<p>I am including a donation (in addition to my membership dues) \$ _____.</p>	
<p><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>Are you a reenactor (Yes/No)? If yes, unit(s)? _____</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 <u>AND</u> REENLISTERS):</p>	
<p>Do you have a particular interest in the Civil War? If so, please note in the space provided below: _____</p>	
<p>Are you willing to speak to groups on some aspect of the Civil War (Yes/No)?</p>	
<p>Are you interested in participating in Round Table activities (Yes/No)? If yes, please specify below: <input type="checkbox"/> public functions <input type="checkbox"/> political action <input type="checkbox"/> preservation <input type="checkbox"/> living history <input type="checkbox"/> other (use 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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