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From the Brigade Commander

We've got a nice-sized crowd signed up for our June 4 trip to Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. But we can still squeeze in a few more attendees. The more, the merrier, I say, because this is going to be a GREAT outing! You can opt to be a part of a carpool and split the travel/parking costs or go it alone.

We're also organizing carpools for those interested in sharing the drive to attend the 157th commemorative running of the Lincoln funeral train in Elizabethtown, Pa. (Or you can opt to go it alone.) In addition to a train ride on a period-correct passenger car and a walk through the only full-scale replica of the "United States" (President Lincoln's funeral car), there will be plenty of other activities to partake in and enjoy during the day. You'll find more information about the Harpers Ferry trip on page 5 and the funeral train event trip on page 8.

Regrettably, there will be no National Park Work Day for us to participate in this year as the event at Gettysburg was cancelled due a park ranger shortage.

Switching gears to education, we've got what sounds like a great talk lined up for our April 5 meeting. I hope you will be able to come out and join us. You'll find details and sign-up information inside, on page 2.

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! ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Gordon Calhoun presents:



**His Record Lives:
William P. Randal and
the Battle of Hampton
Roads**

**Tuesday, April 5, 2022,
~ 7:15 PM start**

Learn about the Battle of Hampton Roads: The ships that sank, the ships that

prevailed and the New Bedford-born man, Acting Master William P. Randal, (inset, left) a whaleman who joined the Union Navy in 1861 and, later, gained lasting fame for the role he played during the battle—refusing to surrender and, as the on-the-sail sloop-of-war USS Cumberland sank, taking over the firing of the pivot guns.



Our guest speaker, Gordon Calhoun, has 25+ years of experience working for the U.S. Navy’s Museum system, including 20 years at the Hampton Roads Naval Museum. He specializes in 19th century naval history and U.S. Navy Museum exhibits.

SIGN UP TODAY ...

to attend “His Record Lives: William P. Randal and the Battle of Hampton Roads.”

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, April 1, 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!

March Book Raffle Winners



(l-r): John Maly, Diane French, Sherri Miller, Claire Kukielka, Chuck Dzielawa

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



American Civil War Museum - Appomattox to Celebrate 10th Anniversary

Appomattox was both an end and a beginning: It effectively marked the conclusion of the bloodiest war in American history and, at the same time, launched a struggle over the memory of that war and the new course the nation would chart.

The Museum’s inaugural anniversary event “Appomattox and its Legacies” will take place on Sunday, April 10, 2022, and feature noted historians, Drs. Carolina Janney and Elizabeth Varon. The panel discussion will be moderated by ACWM President and CEO, Dr. Rob Havers. A celebratory reception will follow. For more information, visit:

acwm.org/event/appomattox-and-its-legacies/



Civil War Community News: cwrteasternpa.org/news

- Mar 7:** Philly's Only Remaining, Exclusive Civil War Museum Faced a Choice: Sell a Jewel or Shutter
- Mar 3:** National Park Work Day is April 9
- Mar 2:** Entrance Fees Returning to Vicksburg National Military Park
- Feb 27:** Update on April Dedication of Gettysburg's Thaddeus Stevens Statue event (April 1, 2, 3)

By the Numbers

Civil War Roundtable of Eastern Pa.

REENLISTMENTS (Jeff Gates)

Since our last newsletter, Bob Ashcroft 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 \$1,276. Thanks to Kay Bagenstose for her most recent donation and everyone else who has made one or more donations during Campaign 44.

April 28, 1863

The Invalid Corps is Established by the Union Army

The Invalid Corps was a carryover from Revolutionary times and included two classes of soldiers: Those partially disabled and still in active service and those discharged due to a disability but still wanting to serve. These men served as guards in cities or escorted prisoners of war, thereby freeing up able-bodied men to fight at the front. However, when 15,000 Confederate troops approached Washington, DC in July, 1864, and every able-bodied soldier was in Petersburg, they stood as the only defense available and, for 24 hours, held General Jubal Early's forces in check—just long enough for the Sixth Corps to march in, save the day, and claim the glory. Generally treated by able-bodied soldiers with, at best, fairly veiled contempt, the name of the Corps was changed, in March, 1864, to a more respectful "Veteran Reserve Corps." Several thousand men also served in the Confederate Corps, which was formed in February, 1864.



James Rowan O'Bierne: The Invalid Corps Member Who Got This Close to Capturing Fugitive John Wilkes Booth

Soon after the Civil War broke out, Irish-American James O'Bierne left his job as an attorney and joined the New York Militia. Three months later, he was discharged so that he could join the Irish Rifles (37th New York Volunteer Infantry). In 1863, he

joined the Invalid Corps after having sustained numerous injuries at the Battle of Chancellorsville: One bullet had ricocheted off of his head while a second bullet had lodged in his leg; he had also been shot through the right lung, which also caused him to permanently lose the use of his right arm.

O'Bierne was detailed to the Provost Marshall's Office and put in charge of getting arms and ammunition for the men who fought at the Battle of Fort Stevens. In the battle's aftermath, he oversaw the care of the wounded, burial of the dead, and care of prisoners. During his military career, O'Bierne had two close encounters with President Abraham Lincoln: First, at Fort Stevens, where O'Bierne watched bullets scorching the earth where Lincoln stood as he watched the battle, and later, when he escorted Vice-President Johnson from the Kirkwood House to Lincoln's bedside at the Petersen House and took charge of protecting the president's deathbed.

Clues thought to have been left behind by the perpetrators of the plot to assassinate Lincoln were found in a Kirkwood House guest room and included a map of lower Maryland and personal items thought to have belonged to John Wilkes Booth. O'Bierne relayed this information to Secretary of War Stanton, who soon responded:

Major O'Bierne:

You are relieved from other duty at this time and directed to deploy yourself and your detective force in the detection and arrest of the murderers of the President and the assassins who attempted to murder Mr. Seward, and make report from time to time.

Yours,

Hot on the trail of Booth and his accomplice, David Herold, O'Bierne and his men had already determined the fugitives had fled into Virginia; they even discovered the boat the two men had used. O'Bierne also claimed to have seen marks made in the dirt by Booth's crutches and followed that trail for miles. He got to within 10 miles of Booth and Herold, at which point Secretary Stanton pulled him off the case in favor of Lafayette C. Baker, chief of the national detective police, and O'Bierne was denied a moment of national glory. Of some consolation, perhaps, he was brevetted to the rank of Brigadier General in September, 1865. Then, in January, 1891, he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for having "gallantly maintained the line of battle until ordered to fall back" while serving at the rank of captain at the Battle of Seven Pines on June 1, 1862.



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

6 AM – 4:30 PM (times are approximate)

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.

Each attendee will pay an additional \$15 to cover the guide fee.

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

NOTE: A park entry fee (\$20 per car) is payable at the park entrance.

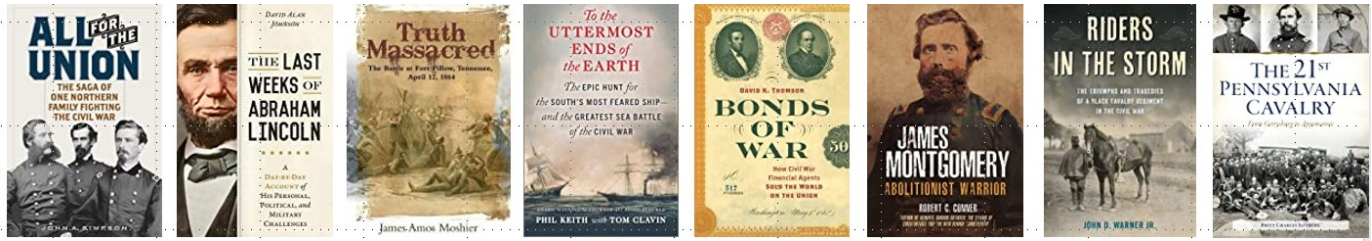
- **Departure time for carpoolers:** Between 6 and 6:30 AM from the parking lot of the Delta Hotel at Marriot (the former Holiday Inn at Breinigsville).
- **Arrive time for all attendees:** Between 9 and 9:30 AM. We will pick a muster point and share that information with all who sign up to attend.
- Shuttle buses may be available to us, at least some of the time; some wheelchairs are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Currently, all visitors are **required** to wear a mask in all National Park Services buildings, crowded outdoor spaces, and in all forms of enclosed, public transportation. (Currently, proof of immunization currently **NOT** required.)
- We'll be brown-bag it for lunch. **NOTE:** Consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or the possession of an open alcoholic beverage container is prohibited in the park.
- **Park 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.

For questions, or to sign up, contact Claire Kukielka (clkuk@ptd.net).

NOTE: If you will attend, please be sure to provide Claire with your cell phone number.

April, 2022, Civil War Book Releases

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



All for the Union: The Saga of One Northern Family Fighting the Civil War, by John A. Simpson | Apr 1, 2022

The Last Weeks of Abraham Lincoln: A Day-by-Day Account of His Personal, Political, and Military Challenges, by David Alan Johnson | Apr 1, 2022

Truth Massacred: The Battle at Fort Pillow, Tennessee, April 12, 1864, by James Moshier | Apr 1, 2022

To the Uttermost Ends of the Earth: The Epic Hunt for the South's Most Feared Ship—and the Greatest Sea Battle of the Civil War, by Phil Keith and Tom Clavin | Apr 12, 2022

Bonds of War: How Civil War Financial Agents Sold the World on the Union (part of the Civil War America series), by David K Thomson | Apr 12, 2022

James Montgomery: Abolitionist Warrior, by Robert C Conner | Apr 12, 2022

Riders in the Storm: The Triumphs and Tragedies of a Black Cavalry Regiment in the Civil War, by John D. Warner Jr. | Apr 15, 2022

21st Pennsylvania Cavalry, The: From Gettysburg to Appomattox (part of the Civil War Series), by Britt Charles Isenberg | Apr 18, 2022



Upcoming Campaign 44 Presentations and Field Trips

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. And our planned field trips offer the chance for greater learning, understanding and camaraderie. For your planning purposes, we share our schedule for the remainder of Campaign 44:

Date	Title	Speaker
Apr 23	(Group Outing): 157 th Commemorative Lincoln Funeral Train event	N/A
May 3	Vivandieres: The Forgotten Women of the Civil War	Jane Peters Estes
June 4	(Group Outing): Harpers Ferry National Historical Park	Dennis Frye
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).



157th Lincoln Funeral Train Commemoration Event

Saturday, April 23, 2021, 11:00 AM – 7 PM

Take a step back in history to April, 1865, and be a part of the commemoration of 157 years since the Lincoln Funeral Train crossed Stone Gables Estate.

- Commemorate 157 years since the original Lincoln funeral train crossed the Stone Gables Estate property.
- Ride aboard narrated and period-correct passenger car replicas on the Harrisburg, Lincoln & Lancaster Railroad. Walk through the world's only full-scale replica of the "United States" (President Lincoln's funeral car).

Train tickets may be purchased at the train site on the day of the event:

\$15 (adults) \$10 (ages 3 – 17) \$10 Free: (ages 2)

Times: Every 40 minutes, from 1:00 to 6:20 p.m. (The last ride is at 6:20 p.m.)

- Hear the roar of an authentic Civil War-era cannon.
- Visit a Civil War encampment and learn what life was like for Civil War soldiers and civilians from presenters, reenactors, and historians.
- Dressed soldiers on war horses.
- Photo opportunities with Abraham Lincoln and U.S. Grant throughout the day.
- Food vendors
- Historical exhibits and craft vendors
- Performances by The New Holland Band (founded in 1829 as part of a militia unit and served during the Civil War as the 203rd Regimental Band of the Pennsylvania Volunteers).
- Sutler's village in the encampment
- Stone Gables Estates' very own Steam Cream ice cream
- Souvenirs and gifts available for purchase in The Sower & The Seed Shoppe.
- Walk through the Carriage House where John Diener's Village of historic Lancaster County buildings will be on display.
- Explore the estate at Ironstone Ranch, St. Michael's Vineyard, Herr's Mill Covered Bridge and more.
- Pony rides for all.
- Fun activities for the children to see and participate in.

Entrance fee:

- Online parking pass \$25 (per car fee for up to 8-passenger vehicles)
- At-the-gate parking pass: \$30 (per car fee for up to 8-passenger vehicles)

Event entrance: Brittany's Hope, 1160 N. Market Street, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. Staff will direct you to parking. Handicap parking is available.

For questions, or to sign up, contact Claire Kukielka (clkuk@ptd.net).

Event webpage: <https://stonegablesestate.com/event-calendar/>

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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) \$ _____.</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>_____</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>_____</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>_____</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 <input type="checkbox"/> other (use below):</p> <p>_____</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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