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From the Brigade Commander

I've heard that those who attended the Lincoln Funeral Train Commemorative event were very pleasantly surprised. In fact, word has it that several people have already expressed interest in attending next year's event. Thanks to Claire Kukielka for pulling this trip together for us on fairly short notice. Speaking of Claire, it's not too late to contact her and sign up for what will be a fabulous day trip to Harpers Ferry NHP on June 4. Some trip details, which you'll find on page 4, will be useful to anyone already signed up—or thinking about signing up.

June 7 is our last Campaign 44 meeting, and we'll be welcoming back Hampton Newsome as our speaker for the evening. He will share his research about a little-remembered military action that took place in Virginia while the Battle of Gettysburg raged. Inside, on page 2, you'll find an overview of his presentation and dinner sign-up information. Prizes for our annual print raffle will be picked at the start of the meeting. There's still time for you to make a purchase through the mail OR when you arrive for the June meeting. You'll find a list of Campaign 44 prizes on page 7.

Saving the best for last ... the American Battlefield Trust (ABT), having recently celebrated its annual Victory Week, announced that, **thanks to many of you and organizations like our CWRT**, 659 battlefield acres have been saved in the last 12 months, raising the total battlefield acreage saved by the ABT to 55,000! I hope you'll consider coming out for our June meeting so that we can celebrate our role in preserving our nation's history together.

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!** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Hampton Newsome presents:
The Blackberry Raid of Union
Major General Erasmus Darwin Keyes
Tuesday, June 7, 2022, ~ 7:15 PM start



Early in July, 1863, on the same day the Union left held against Gen. Longstreet at Gettysburg, Union Maj. Gen. Erasmus Darwin Keyes advanced from White House Landing, Virginia, site of a major Union Army supply base, to demonstrate

against Bottom's Bridge on the Chickahominy River. The action was a diversionary tactic to cover a planned move against Richmond. Had Keyes been successful, he and the 6,000 men of the IV Corps would have prevented Confederate reinforcements from intercepting Lieut. Col. George Washington Getty's march to the South Anna Railroad bridge—a key component of General Lee's line of communication with Richmond.

Cautious and ineffective, Keyes seemed to spend most of his energy during July manufacturing excuses for his failure. The campaign would mark the abolitionist's last field command; he would later fade into obscurity.

Join us and help us to welcome back Civil War author, Hampton Newsome.

SIGN UP TODAY

to attend “The Blackberry Raid of Union Maj. Gen. Erasmus Darwin Keyes”

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

Delta Hotel by Marriot • 7736 Adrienne Drive • Breinigsville (formerly Holiday Inn)

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

Deadline to reserve a spot for dinner:

Friday, June 3, by/before 12:00 p.m.

To register, contact Jim Duffy (duffysocwk@aol.com) or 610-253-454 (email preferred).

Walk-in lecture reservations are NOT required!

May Book Raffle Winners



Front Row: David Hohe
Back Row (l-r): Bill Frankenfield, John Maly, Marie Maly, Laura Kleinschmidt

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

Last Chance to Purchase Campaign 44 Print Raffle Tickets

The winning tickets for the Campaign 44 print raffle will be drawn at our June 7, 2022 meeting. You have until then to purchase tickets. **The cost for a booklet of 10 tickets is \$5.** You'll find a listing of print raffle prizes on page 6. As always, proceeds benefit preservation efforts.

You will be able to purchase tickets at our June 7 meeting (before the 6:30 PM start) or by mail. If you wish to purchase tickets by mail, your check, made payable to “CWRT of Eastern Pa., Inc.” and sent to P.O. Box 333, Allentown, PA 18105 must be **RECEIVED by/before May 31, 2022.** Thanks for your support, and good luck!



Civil War Community News:

cwrteasternpa.org/news

May 11: *May Armed Forces Events in the Lehigh Valley (May 22nd)*

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May 11: *Family Day at Spangler Farm (May 28)*

May 4: *CWRT of Eastern Pa. May, 2022, Presentation and Photos*

Apr 28: *“Worm Fencing” to be Removed from Farm at Harpers Ferry NHP*

Preservation:

www.cwrteasternpa.org/preservation

May 4: *Help Save 48 Acres at Cedar Creek and Cedar Mountain*

By the Numbers

Civil War Roundtable of Eastern Pa.

REENLISTMENTS (Jeff Gates)

Since our last newsletter, Ron Hill has joined as a member, and Kay Bagenstose has renewed her membership for Campaign 44. Thank you, Kay, and welcome, Ron!

At our June 7 meeting, we will recognize and award the member who has brought in the most, new recruits during the campaign year.

PAYMASTER UPDATE (Jim Duffy)

Preservation Donations: Thanks to Kay Bagenstose for her most recent donation and to everyone else who has made a donation(s) during Campaign 44.

News from the Board of Directors, CWRT of Eastern Pa., Inc.

During Campaign 44, and in accordance with the organization’s mission statement, this CWRT has thus far donated \$6,555 to various not-for-profit Civil War preservation organizations. At its next meeting, the board of directors will consider an additional donation to the American Battlefield Trust (ABT) to save three acres at Cedar Creek and 45 acres at Cedar Mountain (both in Virginia). According to the ABT, the Cedar Creek battlefield is one of the most threatened by development. You can read more about this challenge at www.cwrteasternpa.org/preservation.

At this meeting, the board will also consider expanding the scope of donations for Campaign 45 to include the provision of funds to promising high school students planning to pursue collegiate study of history.

Group Trip to Harpers Ferry: Saturday, June 4, 2022

A Message from Trip Coordinator Claire Kukielka:

A few spots are still open; if you wish to attend or bring along a friend/family member, please contact me by email **as soon as possible** at clkuk@ptd.net. If you've already signed up for the trip, carefully read the information below and, where applicable, take the appropriate action:

★ If you want to ride along (versus drive yourself), be sure to be at the former Holiday Inn (now Delta Hotel) in Breinigsville on time (between 5:40 AM and 5:55 AM). Park your vehicle in the rear of the lot.

★ If you will be driving directly to Harpers Ferry NHP, muster at the Jefferson County Visitor Center (37 Washington Court, Harpers Ferry – at the intersection of US 340 and Washington Street), and wait until the entire the group arrives. Ideally, we'll all be able to muster by 9:30 AM. This way, everyone has 30 minutes to visit restrooms, purchase beverages, etc. The tour will begin at 10 AM.

★ If you haven't given me your cell phone number, please do so immediately (use the email address above) so that I can complete my attendee phone list. **(I want to be able to complete the list BEFORE we leave on June 4.)** Your contact information will be used **ONLY** if we get separated or to check up on folks who are late in arriving to the hotel lot or Visitor Center. I will reach out to all participants to share my cell phone number prior to June 4.

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June 3, 1861

One of the First Documented Amputees of the Civil War is Wounded



Perhaps the most consequential thing to come out of the first land battle between North and South is the story of one of its participants: Confederate James Edward Hanger. (The action, called the Battle of Philippi, was also jokingly called the Philippi Races to denote the speed with which the Confederate soldiers fled the scene.)

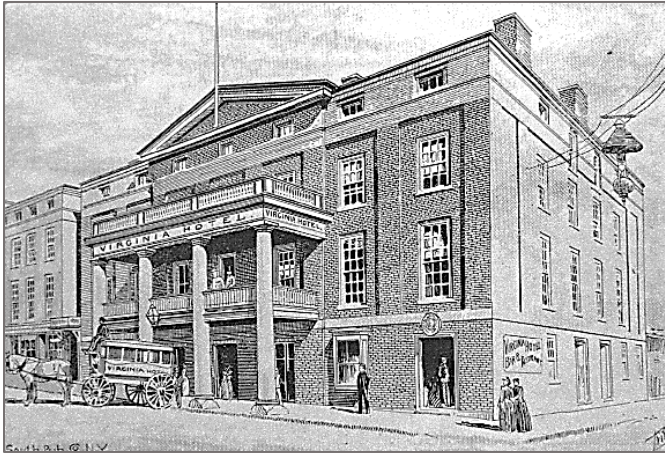
Hanger was one of 800 raw Confederate recruits camped in the town of Philippi when the Union attack commenced. In the ensuing melee, Hanger suffered a severe leg injury and was captured; his damaged leg was later amputated by Union physicians. In August, 1861, following a prisoner-of-war exchange, he was allowed to return home.

Dissatisfied with the prosthetic device he had been given, he worked to create a new, hinged artificial leg for himself using barrel staves. After the war, Hanger patented his design and founded what is today the Hanger Clinic—a leading U.S. orthotics and prosthetics company with nearly 900 locations nationwide and a team of over 1,500 clinicians treating orthotic and prosthetic patients.

June 6, 1864

Staunton, Virginia, Falls to Union Forces

On this day, Staunton, an important supply depot and war-making industrial center, was devastated by Maj. Gen. David Hunter's Army of the Shenandoah, never to regain its pivotal role as a supply and staging area for the Confederacy. He took over the Virginia Hotel for his base of operation after summarily tossing out Confederate wounded being cared for there; the destruction of Staunton commenced soon after.



By 1863, the Virginia Hotel was being used almost exclusively as a Confederate hospital. One of Hunter's officers, Col. David Strother, after befriending a townsman and disabled Confederate veteran, agreed to spare the hotel and adjacent warehouse from its planned destruction. The hotel is said to also have served as headquarters for Confederate Gen. Thomas Jackson. (Photo ca. 1890)

Multiple businesses supplying the war effort were destroyed, including the woolen factory, steam mill, shoe factory, stage depot and railroad depot. Other structures that had nothing to do with the

war effort were also looted and burned. The pillaging didn't stop there—Hunter also ordered his men to remove provisions from the homes of the town's citizenry, leaving nothing behind except three days' rations. That some of these citizens were Union sympathizers did not leave their cupboards less bare. Jessie Scouts (irregular Union soldiers dressed as Confederates) returned to the ransacked homes that night, hoping to trick people into revealing the location of hidden food.

A small fighting force, assembled prior to Hunter's entry into Staunton, had been able to spirit away railroad trains and wagonloads of food before Hunter's men arrived. Two days after the initial attack, the *Staunton Vindicator* was back up and running, its type also having been squirreled away before the Union forces arrived:

"To the enemies of our country, the vile Yankees, we desire, in closing, to say that what they have done to us, in common with our neighbors, has not varied the tone of our feeling towards them one iota. We have always hated them and what we have seen (or felt), of them in their late raid through our valley could not possibly have lowered them in our estimation, but has served simply to prove conclusively to us that we were not wrong in the estimate we placed upon them many years ago."

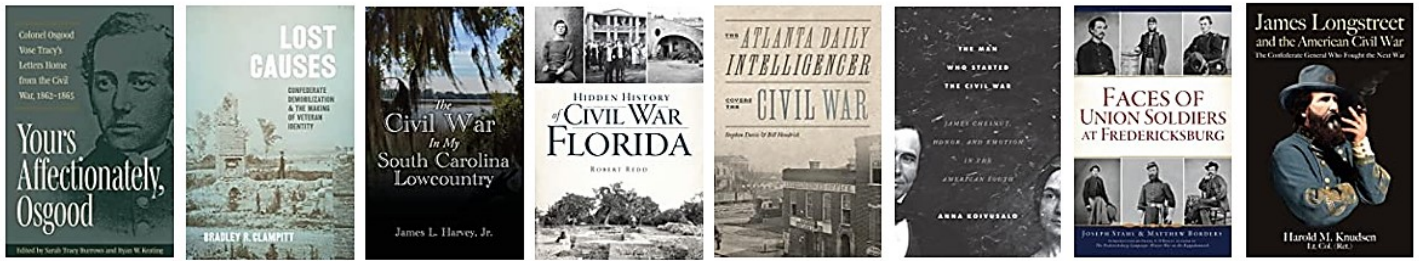
Hunter and his men left Staunton on June 10. Others later visited (Union Gen. Alfred T. A. Torbert in September, 1864, and Gen. Phillip Sheridan's men in 1865). Because the latter's visit left behind silent tracks and telegraph wires, details of Lee's surrender, later that year, took five days to reach Staunton. The news turned the townspeople into looters. They took everything from wagons to iron picks from the military warehouses. Other marauders, including newly surrendered Confederate soldiers, drove off the sheep of the former quartermaster.

Staunton citizen and diarist Joseph Waddell commented on these last acts:

"Such is the state of society amongst us at present. We shall be ready soon to entrust the Yankees to come in and restore order."

June, 2022, Civil War Book Releases

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



“Yours Affectionately, Osgood: Colonel Osgood Vose Tracy's Letters Home from the Civil War,” 1862-1865, by Ed. Burrows, Sarah Tracy | Jun 1, 2022

“Lost Causes: Confederate Demobilization and the Making of Veteran Identity,” by Bradley R. Clampitt | Jun 1, 2022

“The Civil War In My South Carolina Lowcountry,” by James L Harvey Jr | Jun 8, 2022

“Hidden History of Civil War Florida,” by Robert Redd | Jun 13, 2022

“The Atlanta Daily Intelligencer Covers the Civil War,” by Stephen Davis and Bill Hendrick | Jun 17, 2022

“The Man Who Started the Civil War: James Chesnut, Honor, and Emotion in the American South,” by Anna Koivusalo | Jun 20, 2022

“Faces of Union Soldiers at Fredericksburg,” by Matthew Borders and Frank A O'Reilly | Jun 20, 2022

“James Longstreet and the American Civil War: The Confederate General Who Fought the Next War,” by Harold M. Knudsen LTC (Ret.) | Jun 22, 2022

Harpers Ferry Trip (con't)

- ★ Outstanding balances will be due on the day of the trip. I'll leave it to carpoolers to work out an equitable cost-sharing arrangement for the cost of the gasoline and the park entrance fee.
- ★ You will be able to take bottled water and sunscreen into the park. You may also wish to consider bringing along a hat and wearing comfortable shoes and clothing.
- ★ I have been investigating the possibility of a pre-arranged group lunch (to speed the meal process); unfortunately, this effort is still a work in progress. When I contact trip participants with my cell phone number, I will also provide more details regarding lunch arrangements.

I hope everyone is excited for the trip. I sure am! In fact, I can hardly wait.

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.

NOTE: The drawing for Campaign 44 print raffle prizes will be held at the Tuesday, June 7, meeting. You will have an opportunity to purchase tickets prior to the drawing date (before the meeting begins at 6:30 PM).

NOTE: All payments by check (sent via U.S. Mail) must be received by May 31.



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:</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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