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## From the Brigade Commander

It is my great honor to welcome you to the 45<sup>th</sup> campaign year of the Civil War Round Table of Eastern Pa., Inc. You need only to read the text at the bottom of this page to appreciate the magnitude of the contributions that this organization, thanks to people like you, has made to America and Americans. This month, we take time out to honor the late Karl Lehr. His legacy gift to our Round Table, made more than 10 years ago, placed our Round Table squarely among the organizations and individuals that are leading the fight to preserve the places where crucial chapters of history were written and that serve as the final resting places for countless soldiers.

We'll be getting off to a strong start with a return visit by Nancy Hale, who will share her research results in the area of the artillerists and artillery used during the Battle of Gettysburg. You'll find more lecture details inside. This newsletter also shares news about two upcoming Civil War-related events.

Hope to see you all very soon.

*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 45<sup>th</sup> Campaign Year! ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

**Rev. Dr. Nancy Hale presents:**

**Artillery at Gettysburg: The Men and Their Guns**  
**Tuesday, September 6, 2022, ~ 7:15 PM start**

Rev. Dr. Nancy Hale opened Campaign 44 with a wonderful talk about Civil War chaplains. In a total change of pace, this year's talk finds her in Gettysburg with artillery units, sharing information about the types and numbers of guns used and the technical side of artillery as well as human interest stories about some of the artillerists, including those subsequently awarded the Medal of Honor for their actions. Tom Fontana, who will join Nancy, will provide some musical entertainment.



Nancy, a United Methodist minister, spends as much time as she can in Gettysburg. This year, she is once again serving as a participating musician in 100 Nights of Taps, an event held nightly between Memorial Day and Labor Day in Gettysburg's National Cemetery. She is currently working

to become a Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg National Military Park.

**SIGN UP TODAY**

**to attend "Artillery at Gettysburg: The Men and Their Guns"**

**Dinner / lecture fees: (~~\$25~~) \$30 ★ Lecture-only fee: \$5**

As always, 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:**

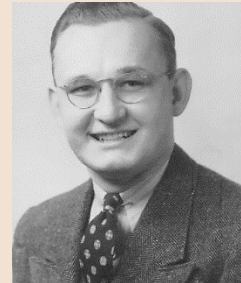
Friday, September 2, by/before 12:00 p.m.

To register, contact Jim Duffy ([duffysocwk@aol.com](mailto:duffysocwk@aol.com)) or 610-253-4549 (email preferred).

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

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

The monthly fee assessed by the hotel for Campaign 45 has increased. In response, we have needed to increase our dinner fee. Be assured that we are actively seeking alternative ways to offset the cost increase.



**Karl Lehr:  
 His Legacy of  
 Honor, Commit-  
 ment to Service  
 and Generosity  
 Lives on**

Each September, we honor former Civil War Round Table of Eastern Pa. member, Karl Lehr. His bequest of \$123,955 has influenced many Civil War 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 *cum laude* graduate of Muhlenberg College and earned a Master's Degree from Lehigh University.

As a youngster, Karl dreamed of the day he would cruise the high seas. Following two years of service with the U.S. Army Signal Corps, his dream came true: He spent 15 months aboard ship during World War II. Technical Sergeant Lehr spent three years in Army intelligence, serving in liaison with the Navy and helped shape history during three major invasions:

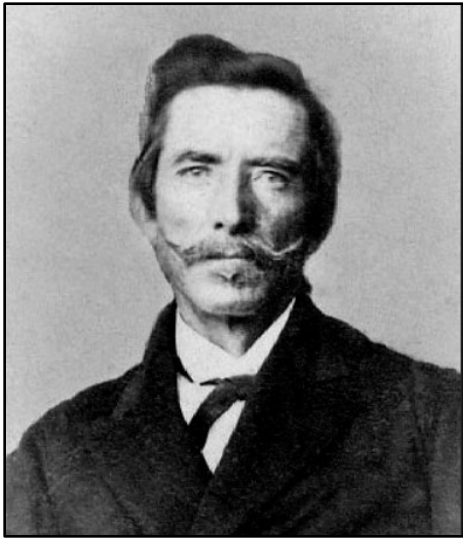
- Landings in Sicily and Salerno in 1943.
- Normandy on June 6, 1944, serving as a member of the First Signal Detachment on the *USS Ancon*, the flagship for the Omaha Beach landing.

He later served as Sergeant of the Eiffel Town Guard and a staff

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September 5, 1862

## The “Confederate Pirate” Captures First of 65 Union Ships



On this date, a ship appeared over the horizon of the Yankee whaling ship, *Ocmulgee*, flying the Stars and Stripes. Assuming it was a Navy vessel, the *Ocmulgee*'s men continued their work—until they heard the boom of a cannon, that is. They

then watched in horror as the Stars and Stripes were quickly replaced by the Bars and Stars.

In the 22 months that followed, Captain Raphael Semmes, considered to be the first and most important Confederate navel hero and most successful commerce raider in maritime history, took his ship, the *CSS Alabama*, on a rampage that captured 65 merchant ships, burned 52 merchant ships and sank one warship.

*Above: His habit of twisting his waxed mustache into jaunty angles earned Raphael Semmes the nickname of “Old Beewax.”*

For the rest of his life, Semmes railed against the notion of defeat and heartily took up the Lost Cause myth. Later in life, Semmes appears to have assumed a more philosophical attitude toward the war: “Men’s opinions are what circumstances make them, and if the people of Boston had been born in Mobile, and the people of Mobile in Boston, there can be little doubt, that they could have reciprocally exchanged opinions. This reflection should moderate our human pride and teach us charity.”

**Karl Lehr** (continued from page 2)

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, teaching American history to German students. He also taught in New Jersey and Illinois and spent one summer attending sessions at Oxford University.

Karl was a 30-year member of our Round Table. Almost immediately after “enlisting,” he began what would become decades of dedication to our mission: submitting newsletter items, serving as a board member and field trip co-chair, speaking to our group and, as a member of the Resource Committee, outside groups. He also served as a content expert for the community.

Karl also helped form our Preservation and Restoration Committee. In this role, 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.



**Civil War Community News:** [www.cwrteasternpa.org/news](http://www.cwrteasternpa.org/news)

*August 18: New Underground Railroad Statue Dedicated in York*

*August 17: Civil War Uniform Button Discovered at Little Bighorn Battlefield*

*August 6: How Weather Changed the Course of the Civil War*

**Preservation:** [www.cwrteasternpa.org/preservation](http://www.cwrteasternpa.org/preservation)

*August 16: 245 Years after Battle, State Historic Site at Bennington Grows by 23 Acres*

*August 10: Protect the Site of the Second Largest Battle Fought in North Carolina*

*August 1: No. Not now ... not ever ... not for any amount of money. Period.*

*July 30: 29 Acres Saved at Cold Harbor Tavern*



**The 28<sup>th</sup> Conference on Civil War Medicine**  
**National Museum of Civil War Medicine,**  
**Frederick Maryland**

Friday, September 30 – Sunday, October 2, 2022

**Day 1:** A reception at the museum, featuring light refreshments. View newly restored artifacts not on display, and meet the conservator, Sharon Norquest. Enjoy a tasting of Civil War-inspired spirits, talk with the staff, explore the galleries, and hear exciting, new updates on what’s next for the museum.

**Day 2:** A tour to Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Learn how the sisters there acted as nurses during several Civil War campaigns. Following lunch at the Carriage House restaurant, attendees will tour the Gettysburg Foundation’s Spangler Farm (a hospital site for the Union’s XI Core during the Battle of Gettysburg) and hear a presentation by historian Ron Kirkwood and author of “Too Much for Human Endurance: The George Spangler Farm Hospitals and the Battle of Gettysburg.”

**Day 3:** Guided tour of the Monocacy with author Ryan Quint and historian and former director of interpretation Jake Wynn.

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**Conference tickets:** \$125 for museum members; \$150 for non-members; covers admission to all programs, tours, refreshments and Saturday lunch.

**Hotel:** A block of (discounted) rooms has been reserved at the Clarion Inn Frederick Event Center.

For more information, visit the museum’s website:

<https://www.civilwarmed.org/programs/conference/>

## A Civil War Nickname Quiz

How well do you know the nicknames of Civil War officers? (Answers are listed below.)

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|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Prince John         | 10. Bull Head    |
| 2. Kilcalvary          | 11. Old Clubby   |
| 3. The Pathfinder      | 12. Bench-leg    |
| 4. The Fighting Bishop | 13. Shanks       |
| 5. Extra Billy         | 14. Shot Pouch   |
| 6. Old Pap             | 15. Rum          |
| 7. Spoons              | 16. Mudwall      |
| 8. Old Brains          | 17. Aunt Polly   |
| 9. Old Blinky          | 18. Old Straight |

1. *CSA General John B. Magruder, a resplendent man with a theatrical manner who was known for his social grace and etiquette*
2. *USA Colonel Hugh Judson Kilpatrick, for his reckless and dangerous calvary attacks*
3. *USA General John C. Frémont, an early explorer of the U.S. West*
4. *CSA Lieutenant General Leonidas, who was an Episcopal bishop before the war*
5. *CSA William Smith, who reportedly had a knack for obtaining additional government payments for his one-time mail coach postal route business*
6. *CSA General Sterling Price; his nickname was used affectionately by his troops.*
7. *USA General Benjamin Butler, due to his alleged participation in seizing a citizen's silverware as wartime contraband*
8. *USA Major General Henry Wager Halleck, because of his expertise and publications on military science*
9. *USA General William H. French, for the frenzied way he fluttered his eyes when he talked*
10. *USA Maj. Gen. Edwin Vose Sumner, after a spent musket ball had bounced off his head during the Mexican-American War*
11. *CSA General Edward Johnson, because of the hickory stick he used to move around following an injury he sustained during the Valley Campaign*
12. *CSA Brigadier General Roger Weightman Hanson, who walked with a limp from an injury received during the Mexican War*
13. *CSA General Nathan George Evans, who was reportedly knock-kneed*
14. *CSA General William H. T. Walker, who had been shot many times in the Second Seminole War and the War with Mexico*
15. *CSA John Marshall Jones, due to his fondness for alcohol*
16. *CSA Brigadier General Alfred Eugene Jackson, who slid easily through the Union force's net during a July, 1863, raid deep into West Virginia*
17. *CSA General Jerome Bonaparte Robertson, due to his unusual concern for his men's welfare*
18. *CSA Lieutenant General Alexander P. Stewart, who was a gallant fighter and a calm, confident leader*

**Fall Field Trip Opportunity****Riding with the Gray Ghost:****Mosby's Confederacy with Dennis E. Frye and Richard T. Gillespie****Saturday, October 29, 2022**

Departure points and pickup times:

6:30 AM: Lower Dauphin High School, 201 S. Hanover Street,  
Hummelstown, Pa. 170367:00 AM: Camp Hill Penn Harris Hotel, 1150 Camp Hill Bypass,  
Camp Hill, Pa. 17011**Per person cost: \$95**

The Harrisburg and Hershey Civil War Round Tables invites us to join them on a day trip through the picturesque rolling hills of Virginia's Loudoun and Fauquier Counties to chase the ghost of Colonel John S. Mosby, whose guerillas employed unconventional and controversial tactics to torment and terrorize their Union adversaries. The group will visit several of the sites where Mosby's Rangers fought and hid, including:

- Sky Meadows State Park (atop the Blue Ridge, overlooking Paris, Va., and Mosby's Confederacy)
- Mt. Zion Church (near Gilbert's Crossroads) *plus* Aldie Mill, Middleburg, Rector's Crossroads, Hathaway House (exterior only), Five Points, Ebenezer Churches, and a Mosby safe house.

Your \$95 fee includes round-trip motor coach transportation from the pickup point of your choice (see options at top), driver tip, LUNCH, guide honoraria and entrance fees.

**Dennis E. Frye** is a former chief historian, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park.

**Richard T. Gillespie** is a past executive director and former education specialist for The Mosby Heritage Area Association and has taught as a Mosby County high school history teacher for more than 30 years. He has also worked as a seasonal park ranger at Harpers Ferry.

**TWO IMPORTANT NOTES:**

1. **ALL** participants will be **REQUIRED** to show proof that they are **FULLY** vaccinated against COVID-19.
2. Cancellations received **prior to** September 29 will receive a full refund. Cancellations **after** September 29 will be refunded **ONLY** if your seat(s) are resold.

**QUESTIONS?** Steve Smith 717.433.0209 [smith337@erau.edu](mailto:smith337@erau.edu) | Ricky Hollis 717.805.7502 [rickyhollissr@gmail.com](mailto:rickyhollissr@gmail.com).

**Detach and mail this form, along with a \$25 per-person deposit (to hold your seat(s)) to:**

**Norm Daniels, Harrisburg CWRT, 500 Bonnymead Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17111.**

Your per-person \$70 balance is due by/before September 29, 2022. Make checks payable to **HCWRT**.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Land line:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_ **# of seats:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pickup location** (check one):  Lower Dauphin High School  Camp Hill Penn Harris Hotel

## September, 2022, Civil War Book Releases

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



Dear Uncles: The Civil War Letters of Arthur McKinstry, a Soldier in the Excelsior Brigade, by Rick Barram | Sep 1, 2022

Between Home and the Front: Civil War Letters of the Walters Family, by Smithsonian National Postal Museum, Lynn Heidelbaugh et al. | Sep 6, 2022

Hoosiers on the Home Front, by Dawn Bakken | Sep 6, 2022

Sherman's Woodticks: The Adventures, Ordeals and Travels of the Eighth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry During the Civil War, by Paul Hodnefield | Sep 13, 2022

The Knights of the Golden Circle in Texas: How a Secret Society Helped Provoke Civil War, by Randolph W. Farmer | Sep 13, 2022

Engineering in the Confederate Heartland, by Larry J. Daniel | September 14, 2022

The 11th Georgia Volunteer Infantry Regiment, 1861-1865: A Biographical Roster, by Richard Allen | Sep 15, 2022 (*originally announced for a September, 2021, release date*).

Gettysburg in Color: Volume 2: The Wheatfield to Falling Waters, by Patrick Brennan and Dylan Brennan | Sep 22, 2022

## Civil War Round Table of Eastern Pa., Inc.

### CAMPAIGN 45 MEMBERSHIP FORM (2022-2023)

Please complete the form below and mail it along with your Campaign 45 dues to **CWRT of Eastern Pa., Inc., P. O. Box 333, Allentown, PA 18105**. Make your check payable to: "CWRT of Eastern Pa., Inc."

**Select one:**
 I am reenlisting for Campaign 45

 I am a new recruit

**Indicate your membership preference:**
 Individual: \$25

 Full-time student: \$10

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I am including a donation (in addition to my membership dues) \$ \_\_\_\_\_.**

*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.*

**(NEW RECRUITS): Please tell us about your American Civil War interests and experiences:**

How did you hear of the CWRT Round Table of Eastern Pa.?
 \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a reenactor (Yes/No)? If yes, unit(s)?
 \_\_\_\_\_

Use the space below to share name(s) and unit(s) of ancestor(s) who fought in the Civil War:
 \_\_\_\_\_

**(NEW RECRUITS AND REENLISTERS):**

Do you have a particular interest in the Civil War? If so, please note in the space provided below:
 \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to speak to groups on some aspect of the Civil War (Yes/No)?
 \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in participating in Round Table activities (Yes/No)? If yes, please specify below:

 public functions  political action  preservation  living history  other (use below):
 \_\_\_\_\_

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