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From the Brigade Commander

Campaign 45 kicked off in fine fashion, with a larger dinner and lecture audience than we've seen in a while. And, boy, did that feel good! For our October 4th meeting, our guest speaker is a historian who has accumulated a lot of knowledge on several subjects. Among his favorites? Baseball and the Civil War. Take a look inside and plan, if interested, to sign up for dinner before the reservation deadline (Friday, September 30th). Otherwise, I hope to see you later in the evening for the lecture.

Our Board met in late August to make a final decision regarding battlefield preservation initiatives to support using the Campaign 44 funds that you made possible. Inside, you'll also find a complete list of prizes for our Campaign 45 preservation raffle.

Right now, our cup runneth over as it relates to Campaign 45 fall trips. You'll find information about two great day trips and a new, temporary museum exhibit focused on men from Montgomery County who served during the Civil War. The only problem: Both day trips will happen on the same day, and both trips sound fantastic!

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 45th Campaign Year!** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

John Zinn presents:

Base Ball during the Civil War Era

Tuesday, October 4, 2022, ~ 7:15 PM start

Baseball predates the Civil War and, although it was initially most popular in the Northeast, soldiers were generally familiar with the game. Baseball became a past time for soldiers and a way to get some exercise. Officers also encouraged games as a way to foster morale and camaraderie. Meanwhile, professional ball players were elsewhere engaged. John's presentation will focus on early Pennsylvania baseball history, with a special focus on the 1866 season and the Philadelphia Athletics—one of the two championship contenders.

About Our Speaker



John Zinn is the author of several books about baseball and is a two-time winner of the Society for American Baseball Research's Ron Gabriel Award. He writes "A Manly Pastime," a blog on baseball history and is the tally keeper (scorekeeper) for the Flemington

Neshanock vintage base ball team. He is also author of "Mutinous Regiment: The Thirty Third New Jersey in the Civil War."

Since December, 2007, John has been an independent historian with special interests in the history of baseball. He currently serves as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Historical Society and previously served as the Chair of New Jersey's Committee on the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War.

SIGN UP TODAY

**to attend "Baseball during the Civil War Era"
Dinner & lecture fee: \$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 30, 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!

September Meeting Wrap Ups

Thanks to all who purchased tickets for our first **book raffle** of the campaign. A total of \$86 was collected to benefit Civil War preservation efforts.



Front: Sherri Miller
Back, l-r: Bill Frankenfield,
Barb Kreidler, Gary Schnell, David Hohe,
Marie Maly, Sam Parker, Diane French



While September's speaker, Rev. Dr. Nancy Hale (right) was in the midst of trying to wrest control away from a fractious projector, Tom Fontana (left) stepped in to perform an impromptu version of an Abraham Lincoln campaign song, "Lincoln and Liberty, Too." Meeting attendees joined in for the chorus, which included a hardy "Hurrah!" A \$50 donation will be donated by the CWRT of Eastern Pa. in Nancy's name to the American Battlefield Trust.

CWRT of Eastern Pa. Round Table News

CWRT of Eastern Pa. Inc. Announces Year-End Campaign 44 Preservation Awards

This year, our Round Table will present two awards to the American Battlefield Trust (ABT) in support of the fundraising preservation campaigns listed below. To learn more about the threatened sites and the ABT preservation campaigns listed below, visit www.battlefields.org/preserve.



Protecting 52 Threatened Acres in Virginia, Georgia, Mississippi

This campaign to raise \$160,680 would save pieces of three battlefields at three separate sites: Chancellorsville (Virginia), Gilgal Church (Georgia), and Corinth (Mississippi). Our Round Table's donation of \$1,000, matched at \$10.30 to 1, will result in a net donation of \$10,300 or six percent of the total sum needed!

Protecting 311 Acres at Four Battlefields from Development

This campaign to raise \$206,207 would save 311 acres at four battlefields: Belmont (Kentucky), Chickasaw Bayou (Mississippi), Buffington Island (Ohio), Upperville (Virginia). Our Round Table's donation of \$1,000, matched at \$13 to \$1, will result in a net donation of \$13,000 or six percent of the total sum needed!



Member News

The CWRT of Eastern Pa., Inc. ended its Campaign 44 with 78 members—a 20 percent increase over Campaign 43 and a 10 percent increase over Campaign 42. As of September 20, 2022, 18 of those individuals (or 23 percent of 2022 membership) have already renewed for Campaign 45. Thank you! We welcome back William Umland as well as several new members: Nancy Becker, Don Levick, Douglas Ryan, and Monica Stevens. A belated welcome to Tim DeMott, who joined us near to the end of Campaign 44.

A reminder that your membership dues help fund donations to American Civil War preservation efforts. You'll find a membership enlistment/renewal form on page 8.

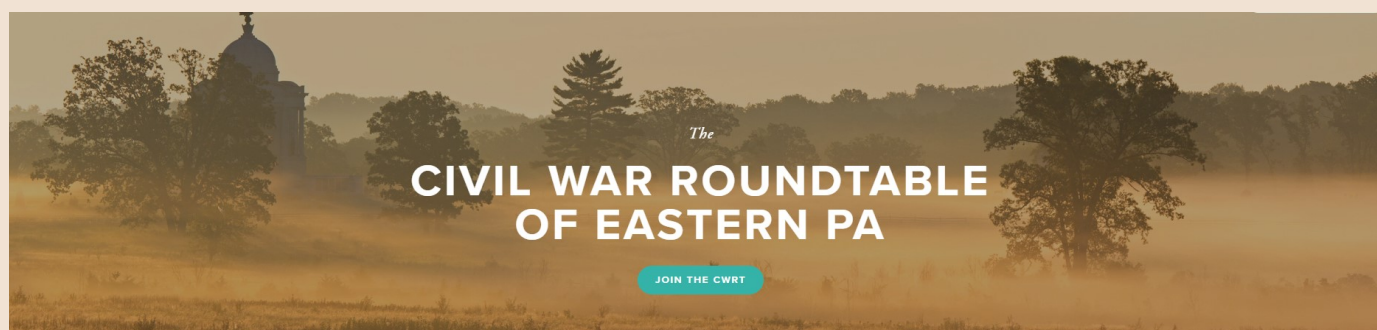
More September meeting recaps:

Dinner attendees: 34, Walk-in guests: 13

Donations made during the meeting: Kay Bagenstose, Lee Kreider, Monica Stevens and Tony Major. Thanks to all.



Special congratulations and thanks to member **Kay Bagenstose**, who, among others, was once again honored in a recent issue of the American Battlefield Trust's "Hallowed Ground" for having donated 200 or more monetary gifts. Kay also regularly donates to our Round Table and other battlefield preservation efforts.



Civil War Community News: www.cwrteasternpa.org/news

September 22: Philadelphia's Civil War Military Hospitals: Then and Now

September 21: Adams County Historical Society's New Home

August 31: Virginia Memorial Preservation and Patination Project

August 22: Developer Finds Human Remains Near Nashville Civil War Fort

August 20: Battlefield Acquisition Grants Awarded to Three Civil War Battlefields

August 20: Pa's Collection of Civil War Battle Flags Featured in New Exhibit

Preservation: www.cwrteasternpa.org/preservation

September 16: Help Save "Absolutely Incomparable" Hallowed Ground

August 31: Gettysburg Day One Battlefield Threatened

Mark Your Calendar and Plan to Join Us!

Some Upcoming Campaign 45 Presentations

Our lineup of speakers for Campaign 45 offers chances for greater understanding of the American Civil War; these presentations are sure to leave you feeling inspired.

Date	Title	Speaker
Nov 1	A two-part program: The Expulsion of Jews: Gen. U.S. Grant's Infamous Order #11 AND The Brains of the Confederacy: A Jew Named Judah Benjamin	Rich Rosenthal
Dec 6	Lincoln Lite: The Humorous Side of Mr. Lincoln (As remembered by those who knew him plus some songs that he admired)	Tom Fontana
Jan 3	Mosby's Rangers (details to follow soon)	Eric Buckland
Feb 7	An Evening with Devil Dan – American Scoundrel – Sickles the Incredible	Maj. Gen. Daniel Sickles

NOTE: Occasionally, presentations and presenters can change due to speaker conflicts. You can read each lecture synopsis at cwrteasterpa.org/calendar-1

Campaign 45 Print Raffle Preservation Fundraiser

You can purchase tickets at all Round Table meetings OR send a 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. If you mail your payment, your ticket stubs will be returned to you by return mail. We'll have photos of the prizes for you soon.

(P.S. We're off to a great start: Six booklets were purchased at our September meeting!)

- ★ Framed print (38" x 29 1/2") of Gettysburg Battlefield addressed to General Meade with signatures of Union generals
- ★ Framed print (27 1/2" x 24") of Abraham Lincoln
- ★ Framed (24 1/2" x 18 1/2") front page of New York Tribune dated Wed., Apr. 19, 1865 - comes with certification papers
- ★ Small framed letter from D.S. Roth to Peter S. Hamilton dated 11/16/1864 (11" x 9")
- ★ Union General Service Button found at Harper's Ferry with a picture of a cannon on Bolivar Heights (donated by Barry Arnold)
- ★ Tie with Confederate flag
- ★ 2-volume set: Lincoln's Speeches and Writings (Vol 1: 1832-1858; Vol 2: 1859-1865)
- ★ "The Campaign of Chancellorsville - A Strategic and Tactical Study" by John Bigelow Jr. (1910 edition)
- ★ "Antietam - The Photographic Legacy of America's Bloodiest Day," by William A Frassanito
- ★ "The Civil War Dictionary" - signed by Mark M. Boatner III (1959 edition)
- ★ 2-volume set - "Abraham Lincoln - The Prairie Years" by Carl Sandberg (1929 edition)
- ★ 4-volume set - "Abraham Lincoln - The War Years" by Carl Sandberg (1939 edition)
- ★ 2-volume set - "Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant" (1885 edition)
- ★ 2-volume set "Lincoln Finds a General: A Military Study of the Civil War;" first edition by Kenneth P. Williams
- ★ Small framed Print of Ben Crippen of the 143rd PVI shaking his fist at Confederates of the 1st Day at Gettysburg
- ★ 2-volume set = "Stonewall Jackson" by Lenior Chambers (Vol 1: The legend and the Man to the Valley; Vol 2: Seven Days to the Last March (1956 edition)
- ★ 3-volume set - "Lee's Lieutenants" by Douglas Southall (Vol 1: Manassas to Malvern Hill - 1942 edition); Vol 2: Cedar Mountain to Chancellorsville - 1943 edition; Vol 3: Gettysburg to Appomattox - 1944 edition



Exhibit Opens September 24, 2022

J. F. Hartranft and the Schwenkfelder Experience in the Civil War
*Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center, 105 Seminary Street,
 Pennsburg, Pa. 18073*

Learn about the experiences of Medal of Honor recipient John Frederick Hartranft and other Schwenkfelder descendants and Perkiomen Valley residents who served during the American Civil War. Post-war, Hartranft served as special provost marshal of Washington D.C. and warden of the Washington Arsenal, which once held the Lincoln assassination conspirators! Admission to the museum is **always free!**

Museum website: 222.schwenkfelder.org/

Two Fall Field Trip Opportunities

(both events will occur on Saturday, October 29, 2022)

The Harrisburg and Hershey Civil War Round Tables present:

Riding with the Gray Ghost: Mosby's Confederacy (Cost: \$95 per person)

Departure points and pickup times:

6:30 AM: Lower Dauphin High School, 201 S. Hanover Street, Hummelstown

7:00 AM: Camp Hill Penn Harris Hotel, 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill

Enjoy the picturesque rolling hills of Virginia's Loudoun and Fauquier Counties and chase the ghost of Colonel John S. Mosby, whose guerillas employed unconventional, controversial tactics to torment and terrorize their Union adversaries. Along the way, you will visit several of the sites where Mosby's Rangers fought and hid. Fee includes round-trip motor coach transportation from the pickup point of your choice, driver tip, lunch, guide honoraria and entrance fees.

Tour guides: Dennis E. Frye and Richard T. Gillespie.

For more details and a registration form, visit <https://harrisburgcwrt.org/events/>.



The Civil War Round Table of Eastern Pa. Inc. presents:

A Private Tour of Laurel Hill Cemetery and the Union League of Philadelphia

Laurel Hill and other Victorian cemeteries became America's first public parks and is home to hundreds of Civil War heroes, incl. Maj. General George G. Meade and Gen. John C. Pemberton. After touring the cemetery, we will lunch at Mission Barbeque, and then we'll visit the Union League of Philadelphia.

Tour Guide: Andy Waskie

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by/before 8:00 AM: Arrive at the Delta Hotel in Breinigsville.

8:15 AM: Depart from the Delta Hotel. (Arrive at Laurel Hills Cemetery East at approximately 9:45 AM.)

10-12:30 PM: Tour of historic Laurel Hill Cemetery (*Established 1836*)

1-2 PM: Lunch at the Mission Barbeque (11000 Roosevelt Boulevard)

2:45 PM: The Union League of Philadelphia (*Established 1862*)

(*Park at Holiday Inn Express on 13th & Walnut Sts. and walk one block to the Union League*)

3:15 PM: Tentative departure for return trip

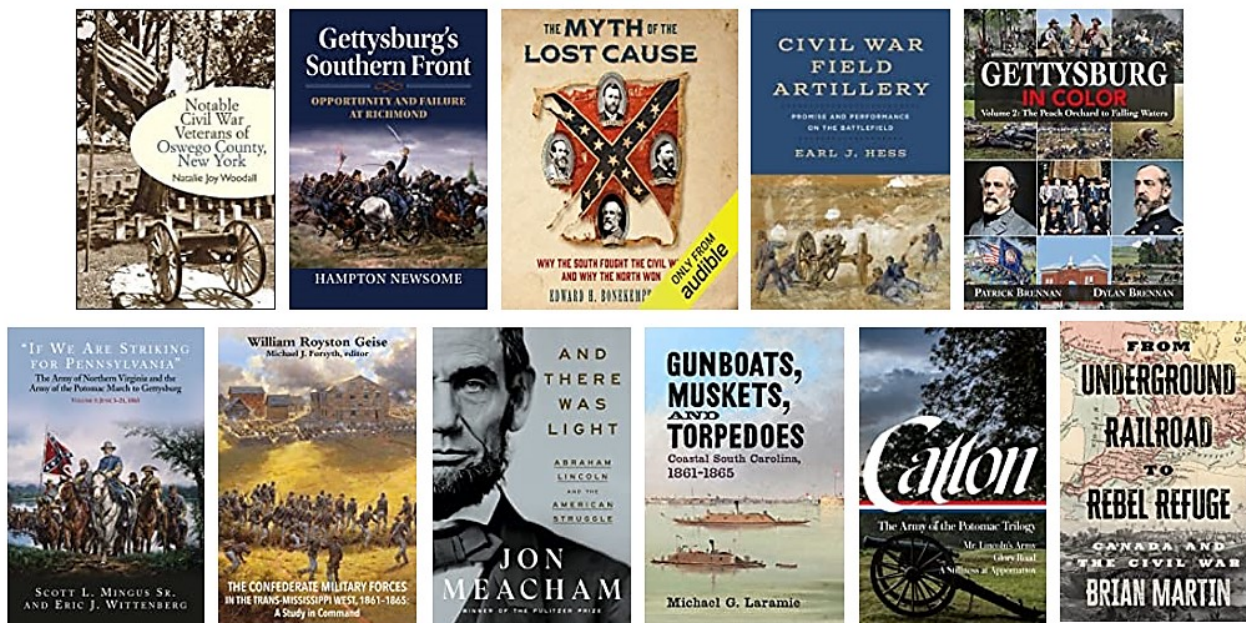
Per person cost: Tentatively \$16 per person. (Final cost will depend on size of group.)

IMPORTANT NOTE: *Lunch and any parking fees are NOT included in the cost of the trip.*

Andy Waskie is a Civil War historian, battlefield guide, active living historian, and author of "Philadelphia and the Civil War: Arsenal of the Union." In lieu of an honorarium, field trip fees will be donated to the Friends of the Union League and Laurel Hill Cemetery. A \$10 deposit will reserve your place. Make your check payable to "CWRT of Eastern Pa., Inc. and bring it with you to the October 4 meeting (cash works if you'll be paying at the meeting) or send your check to "CWRT of Eastern Pa., Inc.," P. O. Box 333, Allentown, PA 18105.

October, 2022, Civil War Book Releases

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



Notable Civil War Veterans of Oswego County, New York (Excelsior Editions), by Natalie Joy Woodall | Oct 1, 2022

Gettysburg's Southern Front: Opportunity and Failure at Richmond, by Hampton Newsome | Oct 3, 2022

The Myth of the Lost Cause: Why the South Fought the Civil War and Why the North Won, by Edward H. Bonekemper III, C.J. McAllister, et al. Oct 4, 2022

Civil War Field Artillery: Promise and Performance on the Battlefield, by Earl J. Hess | Oct 5, 2022

Gettysburg in Color: Volume 2: The Wheatfield to Falling Waters by Patrick Brennan and Dylan Brennan | Oct 7, 2022

"If We Are Striking for Pennsylvania": The Army of Northern Virginia and the Army of the Potomac March to Gettysburg - Volume 1: June 3-21, 1863, by Scott L. Mingus Sr. and Eric J. Wittenberg | Oct 11, 2022

The Confederate Military Forces in the Trans-Mississippi West, 1861-1865: A Study in Command, by William Royston Geise and Michael J. Forsyth | Oct 11, 2022

And There Was Light: Abraham Lincoln and the American Struggle, by Jon Meacham | Oct 18, 2022

Gunboats, Muskets, and Torpedoes: Coastal South Carolina, 1861-1865, by Michael G. Laramie | Oct 20, 2022

The Army of the Potomac Trilogy: Mr. Lincoln's Army / Glory Road / A Stillness at Appomattox, by Bruce Catton and Gary Gallagher | Oct 25, 2022

From Underground Railroad to Rebel Refuge: Canada and the Civil War, by Brian Martin | Oct 25, 2022

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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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