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From the Brigade Commander

It's time to mark your calendars and plan to join us on Tuesday, November 1st for our next Civil War Round Table dinner, meeting and lecture. Our November lecturer, Rich Rosenthal, has organized his talk into two sections, each part covering different Civil War era topics unified by a common thread—most of the principals involved were men of the Jewish faith. As always, if you can't fit the dinner into your schedule, consider joining us later for the lecture.

Inside, you'll find a great example of satire—an age-old form of humor that intends to make fun of people or the ills and errors of the time. Round Table member Ed Root recently found a Civil War era gem that's too good not to share. You'll also read about a man who purportedly served as inspiration for the character of Captain Ahab in Herman Melville's novel, "Moby Dick."

Also, take a look at the second, special print raffle we've launched to coincide with our planned January, 2023 lecture.

Hope to see you on the 1st.

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!** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Rich Rosenthal presents:

“The Expulsion of Jews: General Grant’s Infamous Order No. 11” AND “The Brains of the Confederacy: a Jew Named Judah Benjamin.”

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

Part I: With intent to enforce the Lincoln administration’s blockade to cut off the Confederacy from all trade with the North, General Grant issued General Order #11, which stated: “The Jews, as a class, violating every regulation of trade established by the Treasury Department, and also Department orders, are hereby expelled from the Department.”

Part II: As Jefferson Davis’s right-hand man, Judah P. Benjamin was quite possibly the most important Jew of the 19th century. He was also the most widely hated one in the North and in portions of the South.



Rich Rosenthal is the President of the North Jersey Civil War Round Table and worked closely with pre-eminent historian and author, John T. Cunningham, a founder of the North Jersey American Revolution Round Table. Rich has presented numerous

lectures on a wide variety of historical subjects and is making a return to speak at our Round Table meeting. He resides in Parsippany, NJ, with his wife, Harriet.

SIGN UP TODAY

to attend “The Expulsion of Jews: Gen. Grant’s Infamous Order No. 11” and “The Brains of the Confederacy: A Jew Named Judah Benjamin”

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, October 28, by/before 12:00 p.m.

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

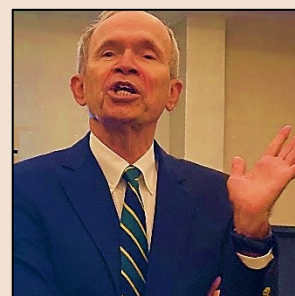
Walk-in lecture reservations are NOT required!

October Meeting Wrap Ups

Thanks to all who purchased tickets for our October **book raffle**.



I-r: Claire Kukielka, Tom Gauntner, Chuck Dzielawa, John Maly, Alan Lowcher, Monica Stevens



John Zinn, a baseball and Civil War historian, shared a wonderful story at our October

meeting about the early days of baseball (two words back then), which was not only entertaining but also showed just how much the game has changed since its inception ... a game, by the way, that was not invented based on anything Union General Abner Doubleday did or said!

Mr. Zinn will donate the \$50 honorarium received from the Civil War Round Table of Eastern Pa. to the New Jersey Historical Society.

CWRT of Eastern Pa. Round Table News

October Meeting Recaps

- Twenty-eight people attended the October meeting dinner with an additional 11 individuals attending the lecture.
- Since our last newsletter issue, donations have been received from the following members: Kay Bagenstose, Andrea Schmitt and Bill Frankenfield. Re-enlistments for the month include Andrea Schmitt and Laura Kleinschmidt. We thank these folks for their continuing support of our Round Table's efforts to aid in Civil War conservation of artifacts and preservation of battlefield land.
- The CWRT received a donation from Round Table member Alan Lowcher of a Don Troiani print ("Ranger Mosby"). This print will be raffled at our January, 2023, meeting, which will feature speaker Eric Buckland, who will share a presentation on a Mosby's Rangers topic. Tickets for the January raffle are being sold at \$5 per ticket; funds will go toward preservation. Read more about the special raffle on page 6.

Member News



We are saddened to report the recent death of Round Table member Emerson W. Wagner. Graveside services with military honors will be held on Sat., Nov. 5, 2022 at 11:00 AM in Western Salisbury Cemetery, Allentown. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you donate to a cause of your choice.

Reasons Why an Officer May Fairly Remain on Leave of Absence (Satire)

- If he has lost both arms and both legs.
- If he has lost all self-respect.
- If he has a conical shell lodged in any part of his body, and can't get it out in time.
- If he objects to serve with artillery on account of the liability of guns to burst.
- If he objects to serving with Cavalry on account of the liability of horses to fall.
- If he objects to serving with real soldiers at all, on account of the liability of real soldiers to get shot.

This latter objection, however, is greatly weakened since the extensive use of the "Bullet Proof Vest" sold at CHAS. STOKES' military and citizens' clothing store, under the Continental Hotel.

The Philadelphia Inquirer, Philadelphia, PA • Friday, July 25, 1862

The Trent Affair: The Respected Navy Navigator and Explorer Who Nearly Plunged the Union into War with Britain



Fifteen-year-old Charles Wilkes entered the U. S. Navy in 1818 as a midshipman. By 1826, he had been promoted to the rank of lieutenant. In 1838, he was selected to lead the first U.S. Exploring Expedition to the Pacific Ocean, an event also known as the “Wilkes Expedition.”

By any measure of the day, the Expedition was a rousing success. He and his fleet of six vessels surveyed Antarctica and Hawaii; his crew included experts in the fields of botany, philology (study of language), horticulture, conchology (study of shells) and mineralogy. His fleet later explored Puget Sound and then the “river of the west” (the Columbia).

Apparently, naming (or renaming) everything in sight served as great amusement for Wilkes. So was excessive use of the cat-o’-nine-tails on members of his crew. Harsh treatment that resulted in the death of several crew members ultimately led to his first court-martial. One year later, however, he was promoted to commander. In 1855, he would be promoted to the rank of captain.

The outbreak of the Civil War brought an interruption to Wilkes’ scientific work.

One month after being detached from expedition program duty, he received orders to take command of the steam-powered frigate *San Jacinto*. He arrived on board his new command at Monrovia, Liberia, and set sail for the U.S. by way of the West Indies, in search of the Southern commerce raider, *CSS Sumter*. During a stop in Cuba to take on a supply of coal, Wilkes learned that Confederate commissioners to France and England were in Havana, awaiting transport to Europe aboard the British mail steamer *Trent*. Their purpose: lobbying for the Confederacy. It’s been suggested that, Wilkes, while in a state of tipsiness, had tipped his hand to dining partners while still in Cuba, saying that he intended to catch up with the commissioners. And Wilkes did just that on November 8: He forced the ship to stop by firing two shots across the *Trent*’s bow and seized the commissioners and their secretaries. The *San Jacinto* and its prisoners then headed home to Boston, where the commissioners were taken to Fort Warren and imprisoned.

News of the capture raised furious rage within the Confederacy and equal levels of enthusiasm in the North, which was still smarting from the summer’s loss at Bull Run. But soon, everyone realized that Captain Wilkes’ act of seizing a neutral ship was in violation of a principle that had led the United States to declare war against England in 1812. Fortunately, more sober-minded citizens were able to prevail, with some just-in-time aid from a fortunate communications malfunction that delayed Britain’s initial reaction from reaching Washington for a month. By then, emotions on both sides had cooled, and a well-worded apology from Secretary of State William Seward, following a meeting with the British minister to the U.S. in December, settled the matter.

In January, the commissioners were set free. For his offense, Wilkes was once again court-martialed, suspended and placed on the retired list. Two years later, still on the retired list, he was promoted to the rank of rear admiral.



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

October 18: *Ball's Bluff Battle 161st Anniversary (Saturday, October 29th)*

October 12: *Historians to Speak at Dedication Day Events in Gettysburg (Sat., Nov 19)*

October 7: *Shenandoah Battlefields Foundation Receives NPS Grant for New Civil War Exhibit*

October 2: *CIA Honors Underground Railroad and Civil War Hero Harriet Tubman*

September 29: *Gettysburg NMP Deer Management Program to Run October, 2022 through March, 2023*

Preservation: www.cwrteasternpa.org/preservation

October 16: *Preserve Acres at Antietam and Shepherdstown*

October 13: *Let's Keep the Antietam Battlefield Intact for Future Generations*

September 28: *137 Acres Saved at Todd's Tavern!*

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
Dec 6	Lincoln Lite: The Humorous Side of Mr. Lincoln <i>(As remembered by those who knew him and songs he admired)</i>	Tom Fontana
Jan 3	Mosby's Rangers <i>(details to follow soon)</i>	Eric Buckland
Feb 7	An Evening with Devil Dan – American Scoundrel – Sickles the Incredible	Maj. Gen. Daniel Sickles
Mar 7	The History of the Grand Army of the Republic	Andy Waskie
Apr 4	The Victorian Historian: Victorian Life in the 1860s	Adam Shefts

You can read preliminary lecture synopses at cwrteasterpa.org/calendar-1 and more expansive synopses in the newsletter that precedes each lecture. **NOTE:** Occasionally, speaker conflicts cause presentations/presenters or presentation dates to change.

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.

- ★ Framed print (38" x 29 ½") of Gettysburg Battlefield addressed to General Meade with signatures of Union generals
- ★ Framed print (27 ½" x 24") of Abraham Lincoln
- ★ Framed (24 ½" x 18 ½") 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" 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, 143rd PVI, shaking his fist at Confederates of the first 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

A Special January, 2023, Raffle



In conjunction with the planned lecture for our January 3, 2023, meeting, Round Table member Alan Lowcher has generously donated a print entitled "Ranger Mosby," rendered by artist Don Troiani. Raffle tickets can be purchased at our November, December, and January meetings - **OR** - you can send a check to cover the number of tickets you wish to purchase to: CWRT of Eastern Pa., Inc., P. O. Box 333, Allentown, PA 18105.

(All payment must be received by December 31, 2022.)

Tickets are at priced at \$5 each. Proceeds will benefit preservation efforts.

November, 2022, Civil War Book Releases

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



Heroes by Force: A list directory of African-Americans who served the Civil War Confederacy and past life regression artwork and stories, by Gregory G Newson | Nov 1, 2022

Vigilance: The Life of William Still, Father of the Underground Railroad, by Andrew K. Diemer | Nov 1, 2022

Lady Rebels of Civil War Missouri, by Larry Wood | Nov 7, 2022

Gettysburg in Color: Volume 2: The Wheatfield to Falling Waters by Patrick Brennan and Dylan Brennan | Nov. 7, 2022 (originally scheduled for an October, 2022, release)

Civil War Generals of Indiana, by Carl E. Kramer | Nov 7, 2022

Jewish Soldiers in the Civil War: The Union Army Hardcover, by Adam D. Mendelsohn | November 15, 2022

The Campaign for Atlanta & Sherman's March to the Sea: Volume 2, by Theodore P. Savas and David A. Woodbury | Nov 22, 2022

The Eighth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry in the Civil War, by William A. Liska and Kim L. Perlotto | Nov 29, 2022

Abraham Lincoln, 2nd Edition: Redeemer President (Library of Religious Biography) by Allen C. Guelzo | Nov 29, 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: <input type="checkbox"/> I am reenlisting for Campaign 45 <input type="checkbox"/> I am a new recruit	Indicate your membership preference: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual: \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time student: \$10
(Please print clearly, ESPECIALLY your email address!!)	
Name:	
Mailing address:	
Email address:	Phone number:
I am including a donation (in addition to my membership dues) \$ _____. <i>Your donation will be used by the CWRT of Eastern Pa., Inc. to benefit preservation efforts related to the Civil War, e.g., supporting the vital work of museums and saving battlefield acreage from developers.</i>	
(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)/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 yes, please elaborate 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? 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 (note below):	
<i>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. IMPORTANT NOTE: The CWRT of Eastern Pa., Inc. will NEVER share your contact information unless it has obtained your permission in advance to do so.</i>	

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