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From the Brigade Commander

As is our custom, our June meeting and lecture will be dedicated to honoring George Seligman, the man most responsible for what we all know today as the Civil War Round Table of Eastern Pa., Inc. Forty-five years later, Round Table members, their guests, and members of the broader Lehigh Valley community continue to enjoy learning opportunities about the American Civil War and working together to make a real difference in the fight to preserve battlefield acreage and artifacts. We owe an awful lot to George ... and to the many other Round Table members who have followed in his fearless footsteps.

While I'm on the subject of preservation, the Board will be convening in August to discuss which of the many deserving preservation efforts our Round Table will support using the funds it accumulated throughout Campaign 45.

One last thing: Don't forget that we've got a field trip planned for mid-June; be sure to take a look inside on page 3 for details.

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 member of the Color Bearer Society, and a member of ABT's 25-Year Club, all in recognition for its loyal and general support of battlefield preservation.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **Our 45th Campaign Year!** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Join us for:**“Mourning Customs and History:
Til Death Do Us Part”****Tuesday, June 6, 2023**

Join us as Gretchen and James Kennedy share mourning customs and history:

- Victorian Mourning Customs, Jewelry and Stationery
- Post-Mortem Photography
- Dr. Thomas Holmes, the Father of Embalming, and Early Embalming Equipment

- The Civil War Coffin
- David John Kennedy, Private, 148th PA, Company H

The Kennedys were born and raised in Altoona and live there still their three children. Jim’s love of history began at age 14 as a docent at the Baker Mansion History Museum (home to the Blair County Historical Society). Jim’s thirst for history continues to grow, and he enjoys learning and teaching when given the opportunity. He is also a home healthcare aide for special needs children. Gretchen’s love of history was spawned when Jim asked her to join him for a Civil War re-enactment many moons ago. Her interest grew from there, and the Kennedys continue to enjoy learning together.

SIGN UP TODAY ...

to attend “Mourning Customs and History: Til Death Do Us Part” with speakers Gretchen and James Kennedy.

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, June 2/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!

April Meeting Recap

- ★ 25 dinner attendees and 18 lecture walk-ins
- ★ April book raffle: \$98, bringing the Campaign 45 total to \$905.
- ★ Thanks to Kay Basenstose for her most recent donation.

April book raffle winners:

I-r: Kathleen Cottington, Jeff Gates, Chuck Dzielawa, Dick Cruse, John Maly, Claire Kukielka.



May’s speaker, Ron Kirkwood, (right) with Round Table member and follow Central Michigan University alum Gary Schnell. Ron will donate his \$50 honorarium from the Round Table to the Gettysburg Foundation.

CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE OF EASTERN PA

Civil War Preservation News: www.cwrteasternpa.org/preservation

May 16: *Civil War Weekends at Adams County Museum*

May 15: *Road Paving in Gettysburg NMP Begins in May*

May 10: *Sacred Trust Talks & Book Signings Commemorating the 160th Anniversary of the Battle at Gettysburg NMP Museum & Visitor Center July 1, 2 & 3*

April 28: *Want to spend the night on the Gettysburg Battlefield?*

Still Time to Sign up and Join Us

Monocacy Battlefield and Visit to the National Museum of Civil War Medicine

Saturday, June 17, 2023



- **6:45 AM:** Carpoolers leave Delta by Marriot parking lot (Rte. 100, Breinigsville)
- **10 AM:** Muster at the Battlefield's Visitors' Center, where we will be treated to a lecture. Afterwards, participants will return to their vehicles for a drive-yourself tour of Monocacy Battlefield.
- Lunch (details TBD)
- **1 PM:** Arrive at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine; free time on your own to tour the exhibits
- **2-3:00 PM:** Lecture: [Without Concealment, without Compromise: The Courageous Lives of Black Civil War Surgeons](#)
- **3 - 4:00 PM:** Free time to further explore the museum.
- **4:00 PM:** Carpool departs for the Lehigh Valley (museum closes at 5 PM)

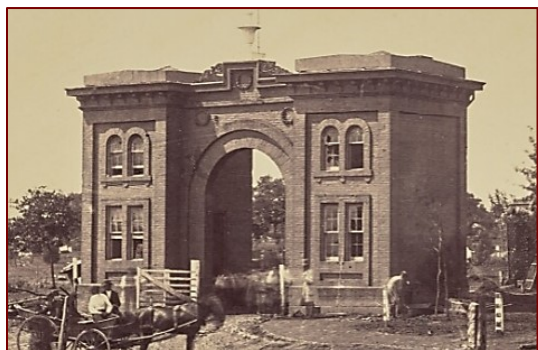
Estimated \$20 per-person for the cost of entry into the Museum and lecture.

(NOTE: Entry into the battlefield park is free.)

Interested? Contact Claire at clkuk@ptd.net

Barbeque Lunch and Tour: Evergreen Cemetery, Gettysburg, Pa.

Saturday, October 7, 2023



Here's a great chance learn more about the history of the Evergreen Cemetery and nearby Soldiers' National Cemetery—the latter being the place where President Abraham Lincoln delivered his Gettysburg Address. Following a BBQ lunch, hosted by Evergreen Cemetery superintendent Brian Kennell, our journey back in time will begin by passing through the historic gateway to the Evergreen Cemetery, which played a role during the Battle of

Gettysburg.

11:00 AM: Carpoolers to leave Delta by Marriot parking lot (former Holiday Inn, Rte. 100, Breinigsville)

1:00 PM: BBQ lunch on the lawn of the Gatehouse

2 - 4:00 PM: Walking tour of the Evergreen Cemetery and (if you like) the nearby National Cemetery

Copies of "Beyond the Gatehouse: Gettysburg's Evergreen Cemetery," will be available for purchase, as will music written by the book's author, Brian Kennell. All proceeds will be used for cemetery preservation and repairs to the Gate House.

Interested? Contact Claire at clkuk@ptd.net



One of several battle-damaged graveyard markers at the Evergreen Cemetery.



June 9, 1863: Calvary Charge - Battle at Brandy Station

Artist: Edwin Forbes ★ Library of Congress

Campaign 45 Print Raffle Preservation Fundraiser

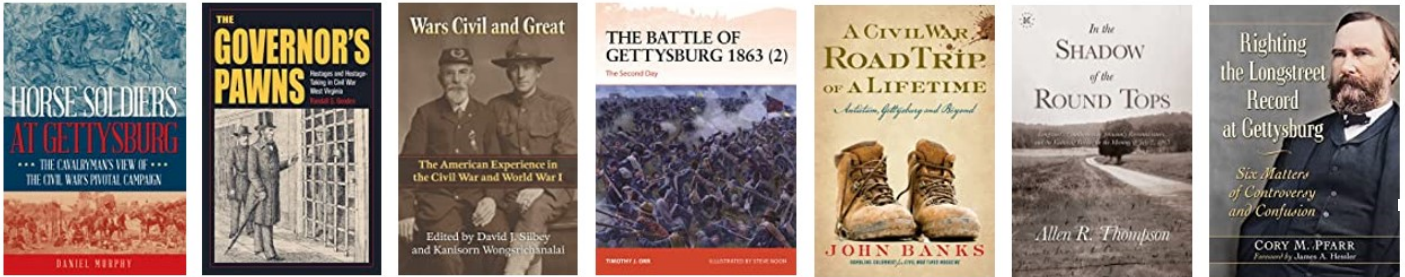
Time is running out to purchase tickets for Campaign 45. Tickets will be sold at the June Round Table meetings OR you can send a check (\$5 for a 10-ticket booklet), payable to "Civil War Round Table of Eastern Pa., Inc.," to: P. O. Box 333, Allentown, PA 18105.

Your last chance to purchase tickets will be prior to the drawing at the opening meeting of Campaign 46 (September 5, 2023).

(NOTE: If you mail your payment, your stubs will be returned to you by return mail.)

- ★ Framed print (38" x 29 ½") of Gettysburg Battlefield that was addressed to General Meade and signed by Union generals
- ★ Framed print (27 ½" x 24") of Abraham Lincoln
- ★ Framed (24 ½" x 18 ½") front page of *NY Tribune*, Wed., Apr. 19, 1865 (incl. certification paper)
- ★ 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
- ★ Framed print (size) 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

June, 2023, Civil War Book Releases



Horse Soldiers at Gettysburg: The Cavalryman's View of the Civil War's Pivotal Campaign, by Daniel Murphy | Jun 1, 2023

Heavy Marching: The Civil War Letters of Lute Moseley, 22nd Wisconsin, by Lucius S Moseley and Sara de Luca | Jun 1, 2023

The Governor's Pawns: Hostages and Hostage-Taking in Civil War West Virginia, by Randall S. Gooden | Jun 6, 2023

On a Great Battlefield: The Making, Management, and Memory of Gettysburg National Military Park, 1933–2023, by Jennifer M. Murray | Jun 8, 2023

Wars Civil and Great: The American Experience in the Civil War and World War I, by David J. Silbey and Kanisorn Wongsrichanalai | Jun 13, 2023

Faces of Union Soldiers at Culp's Hill: Gettysburg's Critical Defense, by Joseph Stahl and Matthew Borders | Jul 17, 2023

The Battle of Gettysburg 1863 (2): The Second Day, by Dr. Timothy Orr and Steve Noon | Jun 20, 2023

A Civil War Road Trip of a Lifetime: Antietam, Gettysburg, and Beyond, by John Banks | Jun 21, 2023

In the Shadow of the Round Tops: Longstreet's Countermarch, Johnston's Reconnaissance, and the Enduring Battles for the Memory of July 2, 1863, by Allen R. Thompson | Jun 27, 2023

Righting the Longstreet Record at Gettysburg: Six Matters of Controversy and Confusion, by Cory M. Pfarr | Jun 30, 2023

Help Bring Home the Sword of Jonathan K. Taylor



Born in Carbon County in 1842, Jonathan Taylor and his family moved to Bethlehem, Pa. in 1858. When war came, and still a pupil, Jonathan enlisted in Co. A, 1st PA Volunteers on April 12, 1861, for three months as a private. The unit was mustered in at Harrisburg on April 20th, the day before his 19th birthday and just eight days after the firing on Charleston's Fort Sumter. After mustering out on July 27th, he returned home to Bethlehem. He would be among the early responders, in 1862, to President Lincoln's call for more men. Before the year was out, now-Captain Taylor would be felled during the Battle of Fredericksburg, his sword reportedly held in his hand. He would die 24 days before his 21st birthday, on March 28, 1863.

One hundred and sixty years later, the CWRT of Eastern Pa., Inc., working in partnership with the GAR Civil War Museum of Philadelphia, Historic Bethlehem's museums and sites, and the Bethlehem Area School District, are working to raise the \$9,000 needed to acquire Captain Taylor's sword. Should the money can be raised, Taylor's sword will become the focal point of a larger display located at Bethlehem's Nitschmann Middle School.

Here, students from all over the school district will have the opportunity to learn of an intimate connection between the Civil War and Bethlehem and of the Bethlehem native who first volunteered for the Union cause when he was only a few years older than the students. Interested students will also enjoy the opportunity to engage in research projects that go deeper than normal classroom study.

Ownership of the sword will pass to the GAR Museum.

Right: Scabbard of the sword that belonged to Captain Taylor.

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If you'd like to a part of the effort of bringing Jonathan Taylor's sword home to Bethlehem, send your check, payable to the "CWRT of Eastern Pa., Inc., to P. O. Box 333, Allentown, PA 18015 OR bring a check along with you to the June 6 Roundtable meeting at the Delta by Marriot Hotel in Breinigsville.

At the time of publication of the June newsletter, nearly 30 percent of the needed funds have been raised, thanks to donations from Paul Bartlett, Neil Coddington, John Robal, Ed Root and Barry Arnold.

IMPORTANT: Be sure to indicate "Sword" in the lower left "For" or "Note" section of your check.

REMINDER: *The Civil War Roundtable of Eastern Pa., Inc. operates under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code (EIN #23-2660123). All donations are tax deductible.*



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."

<p>Select one: <input type="checkbox"/> I am reenlisting for Campaign 45 <input type="checkbox"/> I am a new recruit</p>	<p>Indicate your membership preference: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual: \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time student: \$10</p>
<p>(Please print clearly, ESPECIALLY your email address!!)</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Mailing address:</p> <p>Email address: _____ Phone number: _____</p>	
<p>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></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>Are you a reenactor (Yes/No)? If yes, unit(s)?</p> <p>Use the space below to share name(s)/unit(s) of ancestor(s) who fought in the Civil War:</p>	
<p>(NEW RECRUITS <u>AND</u> REENLISTERS): Do you have a particular interest in the Civil War? If yes, please elaborate in the space provided below:</p> <p>Are you willing to speak to groups on some aspect of the Civil War (Yes/No)?</p> <p>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):</p>	
<p><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></p>	

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