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## From the Brigade Commander

Campaign 46 is drawing to a close. But just as it started off with a bang—the culmination of a triumphant campaign to bring home the officer's sword of Captain Jonathan Taylor, Campaign 46 is likewise coming to a memorable ending.

At our second-to-last meeting in May, attendees will be treated to a special Civil War display, inside our own meeting room, that will be curated by Round Table members Alan Lowcher and Jack Stanley. To me, the time and effort that something like this is going to take really speaks volumes about the way so many folks feel about the Civil War ... about not wanting to let it go away. We want it to continue to tug at our imagination. We want to continue to feel it—even though none of us were there to see it. It's why there is such a thing as the Civil War Round Table of Eastern Pa.

You can read more about the special exhibit on page 3.

I hope many of you will be able to arrange (or rearrange) your schedules to join us on May 7 so that you, too, can fire (or refire) your imagination about the extraordinary moment in history that we call the American Civil War.

*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 46th Campaign Year! ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

**Join us for:****“Hell Comes to Southern Maryland:  
The Point Lookout Confederate POW Camp”  
Tuesday, May 7, 2024**

Once the cartel governing the paroling and exchanging of prisoners ended, prisoner-of-war camps began springing up in mid-1863. The Point Lookout POW Camp in southern

Maryland was the largest Northern facility for Confederates: Over 50,000 men spent time in two pens that encompassed 30 acres. In this presentation, our speaker, Dr. Brad Gottfried, will explain how and why the camp was formed, what it was like to be a prisoner of war there, and share stories of life and death in the camp.

Upon earning a Ph.D., Brad taught full-time for 11 years at three colleges, then entered the ranks of administration, rising to President—a role he held for 17 years at two colleges. In 2017, after serving 40 years in higher education, Brad retired. He now devotes his time to writing and giving tours as a certified guide for the Antietam Battlefield and as a certified town guide for the town of Gettysburg. His strong interest in the Civil War has led to the writing of 19 books on the subject.

**SIGN UP TODAY ...**

to attend “Hell Comes to Southern Maryland: The Point Lookout Confederate POW Camp for Confederates,” Tuesday, May 7, 2024

**Dinner & lecture fee: \$30** ★ **Lecture-only fee: \$5**  
All fees are payable at the door.

**Delta Hotel by Marriot**

**7736 Adrienne Drive • Breinigsville**

Dinner start: 6:30 PM ★ Lecture start: ~ 7:15 PM

**Deadline to reserve a spot for dinner:**

**Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, before 12:00 p.m.**

To register, contact Jim Duffy

[duffysocwk@aol.com](mailto:duffysocwk@aol.com)) or 610-253-4549

**Email preferred!**

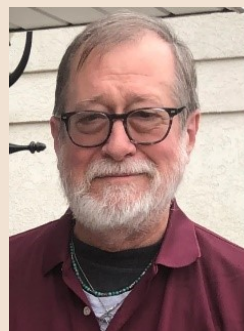
**April, 2024, meeting recaps**

- ★ **Re-enlistments:** None
- ★ **New members:** John Stanley
- ★ **Donations:** Kay Bagenstose
- ★ **Dinner attendance:** 23
- ★ **Lecture walk-ins:** 8
- ★ **Book raffle proceeds:** \$78
- ★ **Print raffle ticket sales:** \$25

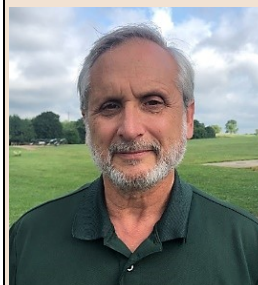
**April Book Raffle Winners**

**Front row (l-r):** Sheri Miller

**Back row: (l-r):** Kevin Sekula,  
Bill Frankenfield, Jeff Gates, Kim Jacobs,  
David Hohe, Terri Monroe



**Leon Reed** received a \$50 honorarium for address the audience at our April meeting.



**Brad Gottfried's** bio, (on the left-hand side of this page) indicates that he has authored 19 books. Space does not allow for us to list them all here. But you can find a list online by

clicking on the link below:

[brad gottfried books - Google Search](#)

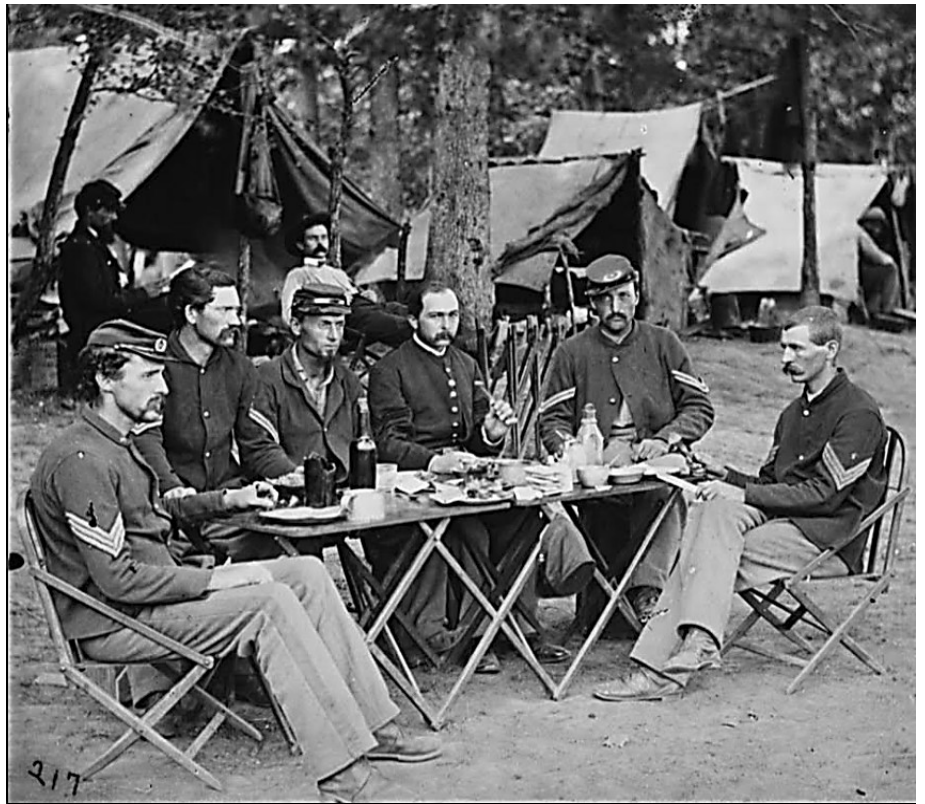


## A Special Civil War Exhibit on Display at Our May 7 Meeting

*In addition to the usual dinner option and lecture, a special exhibit, curated by Round Table members Alan Lowcher and Jack Stanley, will be set up in our meeting room.*

In keeping with the dinner theme of our meetings, the items on display will be a brought-to-life reincarnation of an 1863 photograph (right) of non-commissioned officers of Co D 93 New York infantry dinner mess. The exhibit will include a basic cooking mess exhibit using original tinware and the often-used Sibley tripod and stove.

The display will also include an original officer's campaign desk with many officer accoutrements as well as several original uniforms, field gear, and an interesting local item or two. And, of course, no display would be complete without a few regimental instruments to keep the troops marching along.



**Consider arriving earlier than usual so you'll have plenty of time to view the display before the dinner and lecture begins. And since you'll be there early, why not stay on and join us for dinner?**



### **Reminder: Final Lecture for Campaign 46**

**Tuesday, June 4 • Mark Your Calendars Now!**

#### **“Who is James Longstreet?”**

Our speakers for the evening will be Lieutenant General James Longstreet, CSA, and his second wife, Helen Dortch Longstreet, who was also known as “The Fighting Lady”. The couple met through Helen’s roommate: When they married, she was 34, he was 76.

*Pictured: Helen Dortch Longstreet and James Longstreet, in 1901.*

## Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis: Portraits in Grief

*Two men who shaped our nation's history shared a passion for their beliefs and a willingness to sacrifice all they had for their respective countries. Well, almost everything. Willie Lincoln and Joe Davis both died at a young age during the Civil War.*

Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis were born a little over 100 miles apart in Kentucky. Both served as wartime leaders for four bloody years. Both men were very human: Davis suffered from neuralgia; people often mistook his attempts to hide his pain as aloofness. Lincoln was plagued by deep depression. And both also shared a fatherly loss during the Civil War—each their favorite child.



**William Wallace Lincoln** (Willie) was described as charming and intelligent with a sensitive, tender side. One of Lincoln's favorite stories described an event at the family's breakfast table:

The family was having breakfast, and Tad (another of Lincoln's sons) was upset about something. Willie grew lost in deep thought. Then, his face brightened. Lincoln looked at his son and said, "You've got it, haven't you? You've figured out how to make Tad happy." Willie nodded.

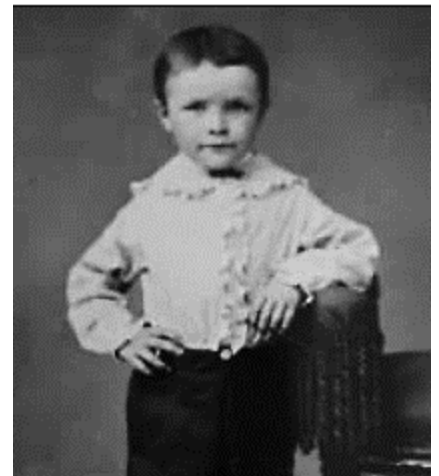
Lincoln turned to Mary, beaming with pride as he said something along the lines of, 'I can tell you every step he went through to reach his decision because our minds work so much alike.'

**Joseph Evans Davis** (Joe) was described as exceptionally bright and the best behaved of all of the Davis children. His life ended tragically following a fall from the Confederate White House's back porch on April 30, 1864. (Joe died from a skull fracture.) Little Joe, who was five years old at the time of his death, had been named for his father's brother and grandfather.

Following Willie's burial (who died from typhoid), his "ever-mourning" father returned to the boy's marble vault, again and again, to weep and mourn his loss—even as he was trying to hold the country together. Immediately following Joe's death, Davis was inconsolable. All that night, Jefferson's footfalls were reportedly heard through the ceiling as he paced the floors of his study.

Jefferson may also have had other things on his mind: like the heating up of the Wilderness Campaign, which ended with a strategic Union victory.

Little else is available in the public domain about Joe's death or any long-term effects Joe's death may have caused his father, but secondhand reports indicate Davis was never the same after



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Joe's death.

Conversely, Joshua Wolf Shenk, who researched and authored a book about Lincoln's melancholy, believes "whatever greatness Lincoln achieved cannot be explained as a triumph over personal suffering. Lincoln didn't do great work because he solved the problem of his melancholy. Instead, the problem of his melancholy was all the more fuel for the fire of his great work ... and his transcendence over his personal crises."

**North-South Skirmish Association (N-SSA) to Host Regional Competitive Shooting Event at the Springtown Gun Club ([www.N-SSA.org](http://www.N-SSA.org))**

**Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9**

Springtown Gun Club, 3146 Route 212, Springtown, Pa. (Rain or Shine)



*(Photo used with permission from the N-SSA)*

This competitive team shooting event of N-SSA members, with participants garbed in Civil War era attire and using reproduction Civil War weaponry, will be shooting against the clock using live fire. Onlookers will be treated to the sounds—and smells—of a Civil War battlefield. FREE to observers.

**Saturday, June 8: Individual Shooting** ~9:00 AM start (until 1 PM)

**Saturday, June 8: Carbines: Team competition (against the clock)** ~1 PM start

**Sunday, June 9: Muskets: Team Competition (against the clock)** ~10:00 AM start

**Sunday, June 9: Smoothbore Team Competition (against the clock)** (will begin approximately 30 minutes following the end of the Musket competition)

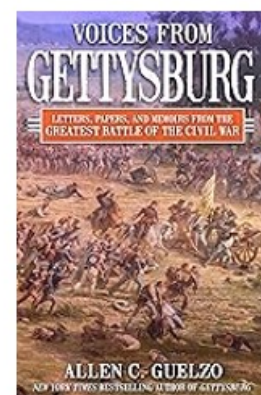
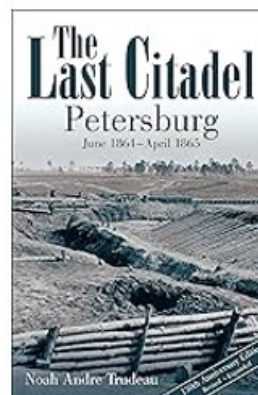
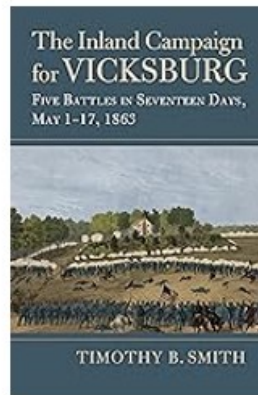
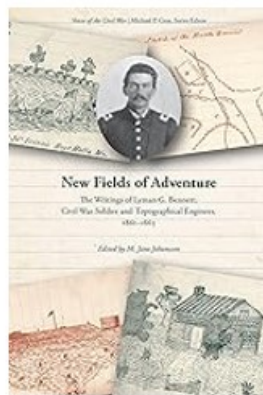
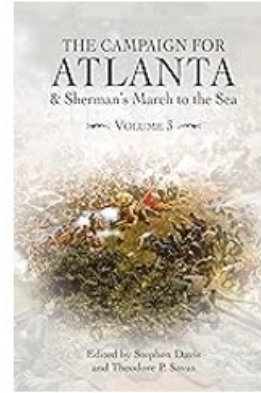
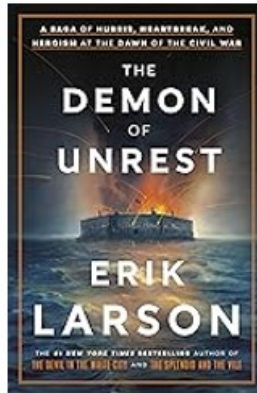
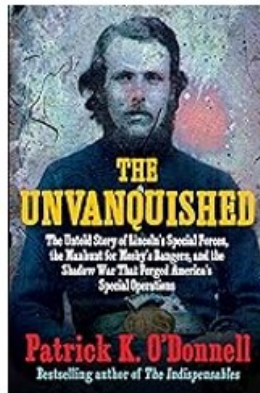
**NOTE:** At approx. 15 mins. prior to the first June 9 match, all teams will stand in formation to give tribute to all fallen members and our forefathers of the Civil War.

Breakfast and lunch food items (and beverages) will be available for purchase both days. Free parking in the gun club's LARGE lot. (Handicapped parking will be available.) A large pavilion on the property will allow you to get out of the weather. The property is large enough to pitch your own canopy, if you wish. Restrooms available. No seating is provided, but you may bring your own chair.

**Questions?** Contact Gun Club President Pat McGinness [patmmcginness@gmail.com](mailto:patmmcginness@gmail.com) or 610-248-4672.



## May, 2024, Civil War Book Releases



(Hardcover) *The Unvanquished: The Untold Story of Lincoln's Special Forces, the Manhunt for Mosby's Rangers, and the Shadow War That Forged America's Special Operations*, by Patrick K. O'Donnell | May 7, 2024

(Paperback) *The Campaign for Atlanta & Sherman's March to the Sea: Essays on the American Civil War, Volume 3*, by Theodore P. Savas and Stephen Davis | May 15, 2024

(Hardcover) *The Inland Campaign for Vicksburg: Five Battles in Seventeen Days, May 1-17, 1863*, by Timothy B. Smith | May 16, 2024

(Paperback) *New Fields of Adventure: The Writings of Lyman G. Bennett, Civil War Soldier and Topographical Engineer, 1861-1865*, by M. Jane Johansson | May 19, 2024

(Hardcover) *The Last Citadel: Petersburg, June 1864-April 1865*, by Noah Andre Trudeau | May 20, 2022

(Hardcover) *Voices from Gettysburg: Letters, Papers, and Memoirs from the Greatest Battle of the Civil War*, by Allen C. Guelzo and Recorded Books | May 21, 2024

(Hardcover) *The Demon of Unrest: A Saga of Hubris, Heartbreak and Heroism at the Dawn of the Civil War*, by Erik Larson | May 30, 2024

May 15, 1862

## The “Beast” Is Turned Loose in New Orleans



(Image source: Library of Congress)

New Orleans’ high-society women, having already borne what must have been, for them, the unthinkable—struggling to fill the void, with many menfolk gone off to war, to provide the most basic of necessities for their families *and* living on the front line of their enemy. Apparently, they determined to get revenge by fighting their own war, using every device in their power to show their displeasure with General Benjamin Butler having been placed as military commander of New Orleans—and bringing his men with him.

Women took to exiting streetcars or leaving churches when Union officers or soldiers entered. They taunted and encouraged their children to

sing Confederate songs, pinned small Confederate flags to their clothing and deliberately chose to walk in the middle of the street or avoid acknowledging their occupiers. One particularly brazen woman allegedly opened her second-floor window and emptied her chamber pot just as Union General Farragut was passing by.

It seems a bit ridiculous that Butler would have expected acquiescence and civility in the face of the terrifying reality of war and all that occupation brings with it. But then again, Butler was a known as quite the self-aggrandizing sort of fellow. On July 12, 1862, *Harper’s Bazaar* published the image above, entitled “Before General Orders 28,” which depicts Southern bells spitting on Union soldiers and officers (which some women had been accused of doing). A second image (not shown here) depicts the women behaving “properly,” even coquettishly, following the issuance of the Order (in May). And no wonder. The order, in essence, gave Butler’s men the right to treat, at their pleasure, the ladies of the South as common harlots.

Many historians believe the “Woman Order” was never truly enforced but claim it did have the intended effect of intimidating the locals. Other accounts claim that the Woman Order led the loss of Butler’s New Orleans command.

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

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**Select one:**

- I am reenlisting for Campaign 46  
 I am a new recruit

**Indicate your membership preference:**

- Individual: \$25  
 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) \$ \_\_\_\_\_.**

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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:

public functions  political action  preservation  living history  other (note below):

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