



## **November 2016 – Fall Campaign 39: Meeting on November 01, 2016**

### **From the Brigade Commander: Ed Root**

"It's not over until it's over", a famous quote from either Yogi Berra or maybe it was George Meade. At any rate fifty-one members and guests thoroughly enjoyed the presentation about the Battle of Falling Waters by George Franks which was indeed the last engagement of the Gettysburg Campaign. We are working on a tour of that field with George next Spring. Stayed tuned for further developments.

We continue to enjoy excellent dinners and service at the Holiday Inn. Please consider joining us. If any of you have any issues that make it difficult to navigate the buffet line please see Claire and she'll be glad to see you receive a little help.

Have you seen Jeff Gates yet to renew your membership? Jeff is a great guy and I don't want to see him lonely at the back of the room so kindly see him! We are always looking for new folks who are interested in American history so bring along a friend.

Some Important dates to remember: Saturday, April 22nd will be our next Gettysburg Brush Cutting venture. Our May 6 Seminar "Americans at War" is developing nicely. Please remember that we are looking for those who would help out as Sponsors to help defray costs. If you wish to help or know a business associate who might wish to aid us, please see Jim Duffy or me. The Lehigh Valley Veterans History Project meets monthly and is a kindred soul with our group. We have been publicizing our meetings at their gatherings on the last Thursday of the month. The following is their website. Quite a few of our members attend these meetings. [www.lvveteranhistory.org](http://www.lvveteranhistory.org) By the time you read this, we will, hopefully, have completed our October 22nd GAR cannon painting project at Nisky Hill Cemetery. I'll report at the November meeting. (For further clarification- see page 5 of this newsletter).

You will remember that in our Summer newsletter Dr. Gerry Sherwin wrote a nice column about his participation with the CWRT. In this issue you will find a column by Wade Cruse. Both of these gentlemen have been longtime supporters and members of our happy band of history buffs. I encourage any of you who are so inclined to contact me and write a little something about your personal history.

Join us on Tuesday, November 1st when Jamie Malanowski presents on Alonzo's heroic, but lesser known brother, Commander Will Cushing.

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### **About Our November Topic....**

**October 1864:** The confederate ironclad *Albemarle* had sunk two federal warships and battered seven others, taking control of the Roanoke River in North Carolina and threatening the Union blockade. Twenty-one-year-old Navy lieutenant Will Cushing hatched a daring plan: to attack the fearsome warship with a few dozen men in two small wooden boats.

What followed, the close-range torpedoing of the *Albemarle* and Cushing's harrowing escape from rebel posses, is one of the most dramatic individual exploits in American military history, and the capstone of a career full of adventures.

In *Commander Will Cushing, Daredevil Hero of the Civil War*, Jamie Malanowski brings to life a compelling and unheralded figure on the 150th anniversary of his greatest feat. Theodore Roosevelt said "(Cushing) *comes next to Farragut on the hero roll of American naval history*," but few have ever heard of him today. Tossed out of the Naval Academy for "buffoonery," frequently cautioned for headstrong and impetuous behavior, Cushing proved himself a prodigy in behind-the-lines warfare.

"Like many war stories, the tale of the young and rebellious Commander **Will Cushing** was tucked away into the dusty archives of history. **Jamie Malanowski** skillfully resurrects Cushing's courageous adventures on the high seas during the Civil War in this action-packed page-turner. Beginning with Cushing's youthful pranks at the U.S. Naval Academy and culminating with his triumphant sinking of the Confederate CSS *Albemarle*, *Commander Will Cushing* is a must-read about a daring young soldier whose extraordinary achievements have earned him a place alongside America's most celebrated naval heroes." -- Senator John McCain.

## About Our November Speaker....

Jamie Malanowski has been a writer and editor for 30 years. Currently Senior Speechwriter in the Office of Governor Andrew Cuomo of New York, he has been an editor at *Spy*, *Esquire*; *Time*; and *Playboy*. He also served as the Lead Writer for the award-winning Disunion series in *The New York Times*. He is the author of *And the War Came*, an account of the six months that led up to the attack on Fort Sumter, and *Commander Will Cushing, Daredevil Hero of the Civil War*, as well as two novels. He lives in Briarcliff, New York.



**Our November Speaker, Jamie Malanowski. We are anxiously awaiting his talk.**

## Campaign Officers 2016-2017 Campaign Year:

**Ed Root** -Brigade Commander  
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## Fall 2016 & Spring 2017 PROGRAM REGISTRATION DETAILS

**All Members and guests of the Lehigh Brigade are ordered to**  
Holiday Inn Conference Center Lehigh Valley in Breinigsville

7736 Adrienne Drive Breinigsville, PA 18031 Phone 610-391-1000

**The deadline for accepting dinner reservations is the last Thursday, before the monthly meeting held on the first Tuesday of the month unless otherwise noted. Please note the deadline for making dinner reservations for the November meeting is October, 27, 2016.**

**For dinner reservations and/or information: Contact any of the following:**

**James Duffy – 610-253- 4549** [duffysocwk@aol.com](mailto:duffysocwk@aol.com)

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**Ed Oechsle – 610-882-9228** [ehoechsle@ptd.net](mailto:ehoechsle@ptd.net)

**Please Remember To Visit Our Website:** Our website is a treasure trove of up to date information about not only our Round Table and it' activities, but links to events of interest, research aids and other organizations of merit. Website: <http://www.cwrteasternpa.org/>



## **In Appreciation of George Franks Informative Presentation: October 2016**



George Franks is being presented with a check for his talk by Bob McHugh. This check will be used for Preservation and George earmarked the monies to go to the Battle of Falling Waters 1863 Foundation, Inc.

### **FINAL NISKY HILL REMINDER...HOPING TO SEE YOU THERE**

We will be at Nisky Hill Cemetery on Saturday, October 22 at 10am.

The GAR Plot is near the intersection of Center and Church Sts. Parking is along Church or you can park on High St. (Center is one way north and Church is one way west in case you're not familiar with Bethlehem)

We'll be painting the large Rodman Cannon and 3 small stacks of Cannon balls. The Cemetery staff has prepped, but we might have to do some light sanding.

I will supply the paint and brushes so kindly let me know if you can participate so I know what to bring.

I don't envision this taking a long time, but it should be fun. I've started doing research on the men buried in the GAR Plot which surrounds the cannon and I'll share what I've discovered thus far.

Thanks, Ed : phone 610-217-6172



### Book Raffle Winners for November 2016



The winners of the October 2016 book Raffle are (From left to right) Bill Frankenfeld, Frank Whelan, Thomas Johnson, Kim Jacobs, Chuck Cannon and Carl Barna.

**Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone for supporting the preservation cause.**

## Campaign Print Raffle Prizes

### Civil War Roundtable Prizes for 2015 – 2016 Campaign Season

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Artist</u>
<b>Grand</b>	<i>Jackson and His Archangels</i>	Bradley Schmehl
<b>Second</b>	<i>The Vicksburg Campaign</i>	Ed Bearss
<b>Third</b>	<i>The Gettysburg Papers</i> 2 vols	Bandy & Freeland
<b>Fourth</b>	<i>The Civil War - A Narrative</i> 3 vols	Shelby Foote
<b>Fifth</b>	Mounted Artillery Artifact from Petersburg	Barry Arnold

**REMEMBER, WHEN YOU SUPPORT PRESERVATION, WE ARE ALL WINNERS!!!**

## Do You **KNOW THE CIVIL WAR?**

A brain-stretching quiz about the historic struggle between the blue and gray

Taken from The Civil War Quiz and Fact Book by Rod Gragg

Answers on Page 8

1. What Union officer was both a general in the Army and an Admiral in the Navy?  
A. Samuel Carter      B. Henry Bell      C. Henry Davis  
D. Louis Goldsborough
2. What was the 6<sup>th</sup> PA Calvary known as?  
A. Dragoons      B. Irish Legion      C. Rush's Lancers      D. Swallow Tails
3. What Union general left his name to posterity by the style of whiskers he wore?  
A. General Magruder      B. General Burnside      C. General Grant  
D. General Pegram

### **My Years as a member of the Civil War Roundtable of Eastern PA**

In the early 1970's I noticed a small article in the Morning Call which described a group of individuals who were meeting monthly for the purpose of studying the Civil War and were seeking new members. The

article provided a date, time, and location for the next meeting and after a few weeks I attended my first meeting in the basement of the Brass Rail on Lehigh Street in Allentown. The Brass Rail was to be the meeting place for many meetings thereafter until the membership grew in number and the cigarette smoke became overbearing. The speaker that evening was a gentleman who was not only very knowledgeable, but very entertaining in his approach to his topic. His name was George Seligman, to whom our June meeting is dedicated.

As time went by, I became Adjutant, a position I held for a number of years and during which time I got to know many men who were to become not only speakers, but officers as well. Some of these men authored books on various aspects of the Civil War. As the Roundtable grew, there developed an interest in providing funds for the preservation of battlefields and the maintaining of various monuments along with other Civil War related projects. Funds came from memberships and raffles and over the years have provided a substantial part of the money used to achieve the Roundtable's goals.

Unfortunately, due to a variety of factors, our enrollment has seen a decline and it is up to our present members to do what they can to bring about meaningful change. We need to actively seek out new members young and old to continue our dedication to the study of the Civil War and the important part it played in the growth of our country.

Wade H. Cruse, II

## **ANSWERS FOR DO YOUR KNOW THE CIVIL WAR?**

### **Quiz on page 7**

1.     **A)     Samuel Carter**
2.     **C)     Rushes' Lancers**
3.     **B)     General Ambrose Burnside**



## REENLISTMENT REPORT

It is re-enlistment time for the 2016-2017 campaign. Again, our numbers have decreased over the past year and the Roundtable can use your help in acquiring some new recruits. If you know of anyone who has an interest in the Civil War, please pass his or her name and address along to me. I will send them a few complimentary newsletters and an introductory letter to the Round Table. Better yet, bring them to a dinner meeting.

The dues are \$25.00 for individuals, \$10.00 for full-time students. To avoid standing in line at the meeting, please fill out the form below and mail it with your check payable to CWRT of Eastern PA, Inc. Thanks for your support. Jeff Gates (610) 966-5773 or [jefgates@ptd.net](mailto:jefgates@ptd.net)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you been a member? \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ How did  
you hear of this organization? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your occupation/profession? \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Reenactor? \_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Please give name and unit of ancestor who fought in the Civil War \_\_\_\_\_

My major interest is: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to speak to groups on some aspect of the Civil War? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in participating in round table activities? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_public functions \_\_\_political action \_\_\_preservation \_\_\_living history

**Dues** (Please make checks payable to **CWRT of Eastern PA, Inc.**)

\_\_\_ **Individual (\$25.00)** \_\_\_ **Full-Time Student (\$10.00)** \_\_\_ **Tax Deductible Donation**

**Please fill out the Enlistment Form above for our next Campaign and mail FIRST CLASS to CWRT of Eastern PA, Inc.,  
P.O. Box 333 ALLENTOWN, PA 18105**

**Dues are payable now!**

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