



Fall Campaign 38 November 2015

**ATTENTION – ATTENTION – ATTENTION**

**The CWRT of Eastern PA, Inc is preparing to saddle up and move on to a new encampment!**

Be prepared to muster at our new meeting location on Tuesday, January 5th, 2016.

The Center at Holiday Inn Lehigh Valley

7736 Adrienne Drive

Breinigsville, PA 18031

610-391-1000

The Holiday Inn is a great facility right off Rte 100 and is easily accessible from anywhere in the Lehigh Valley via Rte 22 or Rte 78 east and west or Rte 309 or NE Extension for north and south travelers.

Look for more details in our January newsletter.

### **About Our November Speaker....Bruce E. Mowday**

Bruce E. Mowday is an award-winning journalist and author from Chester County, Pennsylvania. His books on history, business, true crime and sports have been published by a number of publishing houses, including Barricade Books, Schiffer Books, Stackpole Books, White Mane Publishing, Arcadia and Squire Cheyney Books. Bruce is also contributing editor to B2B magazine. He hosted radio shows on both WCOJ and WCHE.

Bruce's latest book is *Pickett's Charge: The Untold Story*, published by Barricade Books of Fort Lee, N. J. The book looks at the Union defense of the famous charge on the last day of the Battle of Gettysburg. He was also written about Fort Delaware in the Civil War. He has a contract with Schiffer Books for a second Gettysburg book, scheduled for release next year.

For more than 20 years Bruce was a reporter, columnist, city editor and managing editor for the *Daily Local News* of West Chester. He covered the infamous Johnston brothers' murder case and wrote a book *Jailing The Johnston Gang: Bringing Serial Murderers To Justice*. The book was used as background in a September 2015 segment of *Evil Kin* on the Discovery ID channel. Bruce was featured on the show.

Bruce has appeared as a guest on C-SPAN, Pennsylvania Cable Network, Philadelphia television stations and local cable outlets. Since 1997 Bruce has been president of his own media-relations company, The Mowday Group, Inc. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Chester County Conference and Visitors Bureau and the Downingtown Main Street Association. He is a past chair of the Chester County Historical Society and the Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates.

For more information about Bruce, his company and his books, see [www.mowday.com](http://www.mowday.com).



**Bruce Mowday- November 2015 speaker**

# Brigade Call

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

### Warren Beach

It has not snowed yet but it can't be very far away. The leaves are in high color and the nighttime temps are little below freezing. I suggested to my wife that we go South for the winter and visit several civil war sites down South. It did not work, so we will be spending the winter shoveling snow and worrying about the car starting and the other usual winter time concerns. Still and a,l we are pretty lucky. We can be inside and warm during the winter - not like many of the "boys in blue" who left home and hearth to march into the unknown of battle.

While snow and ice may make it difficult to get to our meeting we should try to come "if it is safe"

### Reflecting On Our October Talk on Kurt Schweihauser by Tony Major:

Fifty-six members and guests were on hand to hear Kurt's interesting and informative talk on the role of the Navy and especially that of the Philadelphia Shipyard. I am sure that we all came away with a new appreciation for the role that each played in the conflict



Kurt Schweihauser Receiving a Plaque In Appreciation for is Presentation from Eastern PA  
CWRT by Warren Beach

# Fall 2015 & Spring 2016 PROGRAM REGISTRATION DETAILS

All Members and guests of the Lehigh Brigade are ordered to the Days Inn and Suites of Allentown, PA which is located at 3400 Airport Road. **The deadline for accepting dinner reservations is the last Thursday, October 29, before the monthly meeting held on the first Tuesday of the month unless otherwise noted.**

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

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

Carol Detweiler 215-234- 4884 [cdetweiler01@comcast.net](mailto:cdetweiler01@comcast.net)

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

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

**See Answers on Page 7**

1. “General Hood, I will take the works or fall in the attempt”. Which general uttered these words before the charge at Franklin took his life?
  - a. Patrick Cleburne
  - b. James Kemper
  - c. Harry Hays
  - d. Frasmus Keyes
2. Which general turned Arlington House, which had been Lee’s home before the war, into a cemetery?
  - a. Joseph Hooker
  - b. Irvin McDowell
  - c. Montgomery Meigs
  - d. U. S. Grant
3. Name the officer in charge of the Louisiana State Military Academy who resigned and wrote a letter to his senator brother John saying: “You politicians have made a big mess of things, I am going home and will have no more of the whole affair”?
  - a. William Tecumseh Sherman
  - b. William Hardee
  - c. Robert E. Lee
  - d. Thomas Jackson

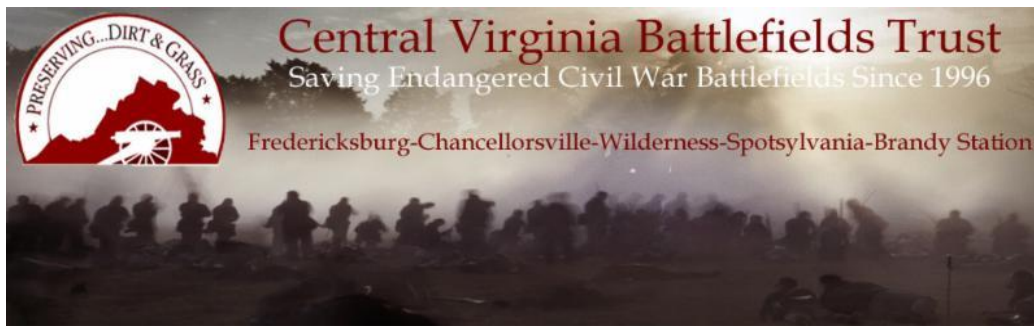
## **Save the Date for Gettysburg Brush Cutting by Ed Root**

We have had great success the past two years helping to maintain the Gettysburg National Military Park for the benefit of all who visit that sacred field. Last year though our partnership with CWRT friends and family and Boy Scout Troop 89 of New Tripoli, Saucon Valley High School students in Bob McHugh's class and friends from the Whitehall Historical Society our Round Table mustered 52 hearty souls for a grand day working near the Leister Farm.

So circle, Saturday, April 23, 2016 for this year's adventure. You will have plenty of time to get in shape so no excuses. More details will be provided as soon as we determine a work site. We are also working on a special post work program to reward our great volunteers that you will not want to miss!!!

Any questions, see Ed Root at any meeting.

## **An Update from CVBT, Central VA Battlefields Trust**



### **CVBT Expands Protection of Pelham's Corner**

A generous donation from the Silver Companies expands CVBT's holdings at Pelham's Corner from one acre to a total of 4 1/2. The area where young Major John Pelham's lone Napoleon cannon delayed the Union advance across what became known as the Slaughter Pen is now much better protected.

The action at approximately 10 a.m. on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> during the Battle of Fredericksburg cemented Pelham's reputation. Gen. Robert E. Lee while observing the fight from Prospect Hill said "It is glorious to see such courage in one so young."

The donated lands consist of 3.51 acres of valuable commercially zoned land. Adjacent to our Pelham Corner site where CVBT placed a replica Napoleon cannon, this additional land protects over 200' of road frontage. The original plan for this parcel called for a 21,600 SF multi-tenant building. Now this land is protected from any development.



CVBT is very grateful to the Silver Companies for willingness to work with us to protect this land so future generations may better see and understand what happened on this ground.

Register online at: <http://tinyurl.com/CVBTYouthDay>

Contact Eric Powell at: [majorpowellaag@gmail.com](mailto:majorpowellaag@gmail.com)

540-850-3025

[www.cvbt.org](http://www.cvbt.org)

## GAR Monument Update by Ed Root

Our Round Table continues to work with the City of Bethlehem to not only raise funds, but awareness of our local history within the Lehigh Valley Community. On October 15th, Ed Root along with City representatives Ralph Carp and Sean Dobson met with Principal Peter Mayes at the Nitschmann Middle School in Bethlehem. As most of you are aware the "Taylor" Memorial resides in the Rose Garden directly across from the school. Mr. Mayes and his entire staff are enthusiastically interested in being part of the team to refurbish the monument and restore it to its now empty pedestal in the park. Our Round Table has donated a number of books to the school to use in the 8th grade history program. Additionally we presented the extremely well done plaque made by member Barry Arnold to Mr. Mayes to use as a focal point of the project for the students. Finally, many of you are educators, authors, living history members or public speakers. Please see Ed Root at any meeting or contact him at [sartilly@hotmail.com](mailto:sartilly@hotmail.com) if you are interested in sharing your knowledge and passion for our history with our next generation.



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

**Continued from page 4**

1. a. Patrick Cleburne
2. c. Montgomery Meigs
3. a. William Tecumseh Sherman

### **Recognizing the Generous Contribution of former CWRT member, Richard C Thomas and His Family by Ed Root**

Dick Thomas was a long time and faithful member of our Civil War Round Table. He could always be found trekking battlefields on his own or as a part of many tours. He was an avid reader and after he passed away his daughter in law, Joan and grandson, Ross contacted our group and donated his fine collection of books. Some of these books are first editions and many are signed by the author or editor. His family was pleased that we will remember and honor him by utilizing this kind donation by raising money for historic preservation through our monthly raffles. We shared some of his books with the Old Baldy and Delaware Valley CWRTs to assist in their preservation projects. In addition, we are working with local schools to assist a new generation of young people to grow in knowledge and appreciation of our nation's history. It is our belief that these students will become better citizens by understanding our collective past.

### **A Message From The ListServe**

**To:** [CIVILWARPHILA@LISTSERV.TEMPLE.EDU](mailto:CIVILWARPHILA@LISTSERV.TEMPLE.EDU)

**Subject:** CIVILWARPHILA Digest - 2 Oct 2015 to 3 Oct 2015 (#2015-179)

**Reply-To:** Civil War History in Philadelphia <[CIVILWARPHILA@LISTSERV.TEMPLE.EDU](mailto:CIVILWARPHILA@LISTSERV.TEMPLE.EDU)>

There is 1 message totaling 44 lines in this issue.

Topics of the day:

1. Grave of first male slave freed by Lincoln rediscovered, experts believe

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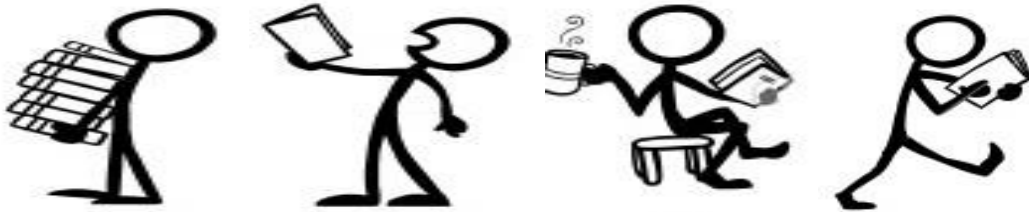
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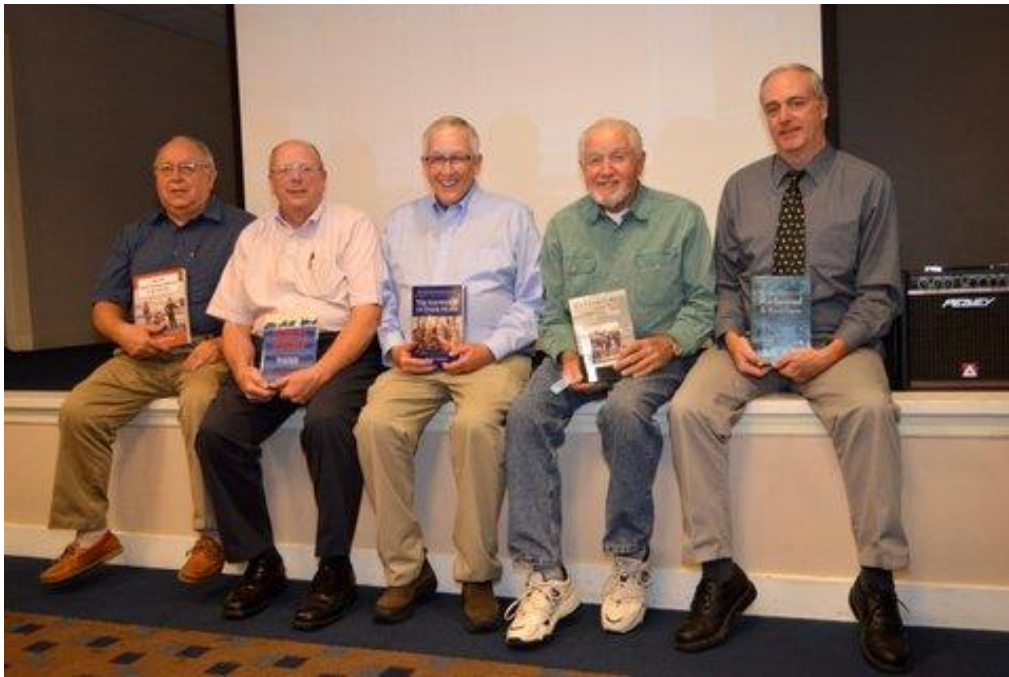
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experts believe | US news | The Guardian\_  
(<http://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2015/jul/18/abraham-lincoln-slavery-grave-minnesota>)



## Book Raffle Winners for October 2015



The book raffle winners for the October 2015 meeting were (left to right) Gary Snell, Paul Bartlett, Kurt Schweighauser, Dick Vas Dias and Bob McHugh. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone for supporting the preservation cause!



## 2014-2015 Campaign Print Raffle Prizes

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

#### Grand Prize

“Battery Longstreet (Battle of Antietam, September 17, 1862) – Numbered Print and Framed

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

“General Meade’s Headquarters – Mrs. Lydia Leister House; Gettysburg, PA.) Ink Drawing print

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

“Stonewall Jackson (2 volumes) – Lenoir Chambers

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Prize

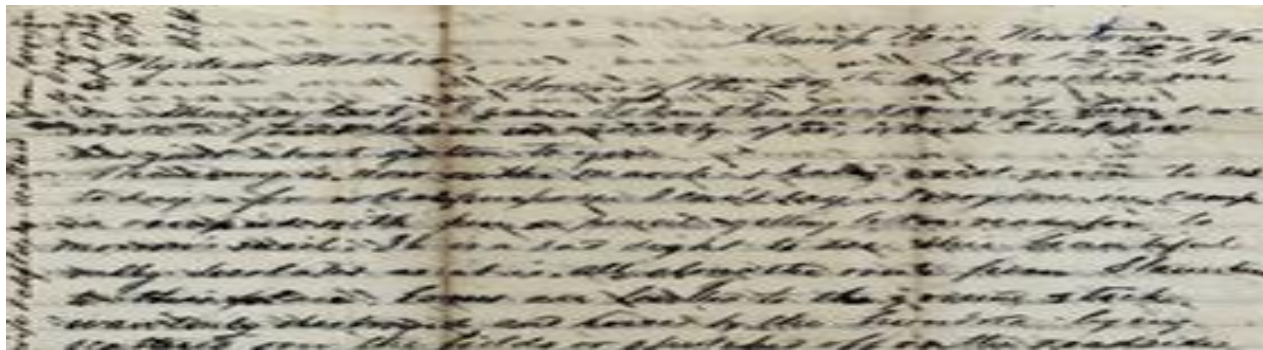
“Battle of Bull Run (collector’s edition) – William C. Davis

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Prize

“Brawling Brass North and South – The Most Famous Quarrels of the Civil War” – Harold B. Simpson

### **Destruction in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley**

Virginia’s Shenandoah Valley was the scene of Stonewall Jackson’s brilliant 1862 Valley campaign. It was also the breadbasket of Lee’s army. As part of his combined strategy in 1864, Grant consolidated his forces and put General Philip H. Sheridan in command of the valley, with orders to defeat Confederate general Jubal Early and lay waste to this important rebel resource. According to Confederate Richard W. Habersham of Company C, Manning Guard, from South Carolina, Sheridan was very thorough in carrying out Grant’s orders.



Richard W. Habersham (ca. 1844–?) to Harriett E. Habersham, November 12, 1864. Page 2 of his letter. Habersham Family Papers, [Manuscript Division](#), Library of Congress (161.00.00) [Digital ID# cw0161, cw0161p1]

### *Transcription*

It is a sad sight to see this beautiful valley desolated as it is. All along the route from Staunton to this place houses are leveled to the ground and tack wantonly destroyed and horses by the hundreds lying scattered over the fields or stretched off on the roadside either killed in Early's last fight or died and left unburied. . . . Marching on the turn pike which is as hard as flint blistered my feet and made them so sore as to be very painful. Our infantry is now in line of battle the bugle is sounding for the horses to be taken up and we are—I think about to have a little excitement of some kind, probably a battle, as the sharpshooters are all in the front ready for action. By Richard W. Habersham, CSA

## **Staunton, VA During the Civil War**

Contributed by [Catherine M. Wright](#)

Staunton, Virginia, the seat of Augusta County, was a key target in two major campaigns during the American Civil War (1861–1865), and remained strategically important throughout the entire war. With a population of about 4,000 in 1860, Staunton was situated at a vital transportation crossroads in the Shenandoah Valley, and the Confederacy sought to utilize and protect its infrastructure and wealth from the recurrent threat of destruction by Union forces. Various Confederate leaders, including the generals Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson and Richard S. Ewell, used the town as their headquarters, and it served almost continuously as an army depot, quartermaster and commissary post, and training camp. Union troops targeted Staunton for more than two years before they were able to break the Confederates' protective hold and lay waste to much of the town and miles of nearby railroad track.



**Civil War Reenactors, Staunton, VA**

### **REENLISTMENT REPORT**

It is re-enlistment time for the 2015-2016 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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