

## **October 2017 – Winter Campaign 40: Meeting on October 03, 2017**

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

Wow, we really started off our 40th Anniversary year with a wonderful meeting. Bruce Venter's program about the 1864 Kilpatrick-Dahlgren raid was both entertaining and informative. Sixty members and guests gathered to begin our Campaign year by honoring the memory of Karl Lehr, a true gentleman and scholar who supported our Round Table in thought, word and deed. Our dinner meetings are an opportunity for folks to relax and renew old friendships and make new ones. If you have not attended the dinner portion of our meetings please consider doing so. The food and the conversation and the camaraderie are all wonderful. You won't be disappointed.

We intend to celebrate our 40th anniversary all throughout this Campaign. Kay Bagenstose is doing a grand job with prizes and treats at every meeting. Please contact me if you have a particular memory or photo from our past that you wish to share with your fellow Civil Warriors.

Have you renewed your membership yet? Your support helps us continue to bring excellent speakers like Bruce before you and ultimately assists in raising funds for the cause of historic preservation. Don't let Jeff Gates feel lonely at the entrance to the meeting room. He's a good fellow so stop and chat and reenlist now!

**SAVE THE DATE!!!! SATURDAY, April 21, 2018.** Our annual Gettysburg Brush cutting effort will be held that day. Stay tuned for details as to where we will be working and the post labor reward for service. Don't forget to frequently check our website. There is always something informative and interesting.

<http://www.cwrteasternpa.org/>

We are seeking help for our publicity effort. Bob McHugh will provide all the info. All we need is someone to help get that information to the various outlets. Please contact me. All members should help spread the word about our organization. The more members, the merrier!

See you on October 3rd when Petersburg National Battlefield's Chris Bryce will bring to life "Grant's Crossing of the James and the Battle for Petersburg."

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## **Our October 03, 2017 Speaker, Chris Bryce**



### **About Chris Bryce, Chief of Interpretation, Petersburg National Battlefield**

Chris Bryce began his National Park Service Career in 1987 as a seasonal park ranger at Manassas National Battlefield Park. He became a permanent employee in 1988 as an interpretive park ranger at Independence National Historical Park.

In 1992 he returned to Manassas NBP serving as an interpretive park ranger. In 1999 he became an interpretive park ranger at Colonial National Historical Park/Yorktown Battlefield. In 2008 he became the supervisory park ranger for the Historic Jamestown unit of Colonial National Historical Park. Where he oversaw the visitor services operations of the site. He is currently the Chief of Interpretation for Petersburg National Battlefield a position he has held since 2010.

Chris holds a Bachelor's degree in History with a concentration in 18th and 19th American military history and 20th century European military history from East Tennessee State University. He resides with his family in Williamsburg, VA.

### **Chris Bryce's Addresses Grant's Crossing of the James and the Battle for Petersburg."** [Grant's Crossing of the James and the initial assault against Petersburg June 12-18, 1864](#)

On June 12, 1864, General Ulysses S. Grant, secretly withdrew the Army of the Potomac from its position's in Front of Cold Harbor. From there he and over 100,000 men of the army would embark on one of the more impressive turning movements of the war. Two days later after some

hard marching and superb logistical work, the Federals began crossing the James River. Once across the river Grant set his sights on the vital transportation hub of Petersburg. Defended by roughly 4,600 Confederate troops under the Command of General P.G.T. Beauregard, could Petersburg hold out until reinforcements arrived from General Robert E. Lee who was in the dark about the whereabouts of Grant's army.



[Petersburg, Va. Company A, U.S. Engineer Battalion]. Created-Published: August 1864. Photograph from the main eastern theater of war, the siege of Petersburg, June 1864-April 1865.

**Picture Taken from History Central: The Siege of Petersburg**



## **Happy Birthday to Us; Happy Birthday to Us**

This year is an ongoing 40th birthday party for our organization. Please help us celebrate by attending and participating. Bob McHugh has arranged a powerful panel of speakers and we plan on having not one but two drawings this year to reward our loyal members and to support preservation with monies raised. Kay Bagenstose is making the festivities even grander with special prizes and treats. You really shouldn't miss the meetings; we are having way too much fun! And speaking of fun and games. Below is a picture of our first winner of a special gift that is given each month to help celebrate our year-long birthday celebration. Congratulations Sandra Todd, our



September winner. Her gift was a book, *Confederate in the Attic*. And remember all you need to do is attend the meeting for your chance to win!



**Thanks to Bruce Venter for the Great Talk on Kill Jeff Davis**



Bob McHugh presents a check to Bruce Venter for the Richmond Battlefield Association for his September presentation

# Do You KNOW THE CIVIL WAR?

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

Answers on Page 6

1. What was the Dictator? It was effective in the Siege of Petersburg.  
A) 17,000 Pound Mortar    B) Flank Offensive    C) Jeff Davis    D) Bayonet Charge
2. What wartime economic event occurred on August 2, 1861?  
A) National income tax on incomes over \$800 a year    B) World's Fair with Surcharge  
C) Expanded trade with Europe    D) War bonds initiated
3. What Union general was executed by Confederate guerillas in Tennessee?  
A) John Mosby    B) Robert McCook    C) Oliver Howard    D) William Quantrill
4. Who was the only Russian General of the Civil War  
A) Xavier Dubray    B) John Basil Turchin    C) August Willich    D) Waldimir Krzyzanowski

## 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 October 03, 2017 meeting is Thursday, September 28, 2017.**

**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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**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/>

## MEMORY LANE

From the archives of October 1994 from a previous brush cutting Can you identify some or all of the members?



## ANSWERS FOR DO YOUR KNOW THE CIVIL WAR?

Quiz on page 5

- 1.) A      2.) A      3.) B      4.) B

## September Attendance Stats

James Duffy

Wow...our first meeting back and we had 60 attendees. That included 41 for dinner and 19 walk- ins. We were glad to see all of you and would love to have you back in October.



## September 2017 Book Winners



Winners from L to R: Claude Kohl, Claire Kukielka, John Maly, Ed Oechsle Frank Whelan, Paul Bartlett, and Gary Schnell.

## Restoration Project- Date to Be Determined

Our local preservation effort this year will be at Allentown's Union and West End Cemetery. This local historical gem is the final resting place for over 700 Union Civil War Veterans. We will be painting the two cannons at the GAR plot on a Saturday in the near future. We had wanted to do in October, but, unfortunately, we were forced to cancel but be assured we will reschedule. We also need volunteers to place flags on graves of Veterans so if you're not up to painting we can still use your help! Once finished we'll take a break for lunch and Barbara Miller will then provide a tour of some of the most interesting folks who reside there. All members and friends are invited for the tour even if you are unable to participate in the painting or flag placing effort. The cemetery is located at 326-348 N 10th St in Allentown. The cemetery fronts on Chew Street.

## SAVE THE DATE: First Field Trip of the Year: 10-28-2017

### **Barry Arnold and Claire Kukielka**

Kudos to Wayne Schaeffer for locating a gem of an activity. At a recent visit to Gettysburg, Wayne gained permission to see Neill (Lost) Ave. **It is the only avenue in the park that has not been paved and it is on private property.** It is the place where the 2nd VA. Infantry fought Neill's Brigade at the extreme right end of the union line. Wesley Culp was in the 2nd VA. Infantry which adds an additional interest to this portion of the battlefield. The owner and guide, Dean Schultz suggested a start time of 9:30 because he has in mind to do a personal tour in two segments; The first takes about 2 1/2 hours and includes starting at his barn, the overall big picture for this end of the battle, Neill Ave and possibly McAllister's Mill. The second portion would continue on to the Z. Taney farm and Spangler's Spring which will be a total time of about 4 hours. If someone decides to leave after the first portion they may go back to their car and leave prior to the second portion beginning.

We are planning on leaving from the Holiday Inn at Fogelsville at 7 am on October 28, 2017 and car pooling as we usually do. If you could contact Wayne, Barry, or myself at any one of the e mail addresses below and just let us know you plan on attending. We are including the parking directions in the event that you prefer to meet us there. It would still be nice to know if you are coming so we can keep an eye out and try to not get started until everyone is there. Please feel free to bring a friend or two. We are asking a \$5.00 donation per person to present to Mr. Schultz for his favorite preservation endeavor.

**Parking instructions/directions:** Rt. 15 to Baltimore Pike. Turn right toward Gettysburg for 1/2 mile. Look for a sign "Bridge May Be Icy" on right and park in parking lot of his business on left.

**Here are our email addresses to confirm you plan on attending:      Again, not a must but it does help with our planning. Any of the three can take the confirmation.**

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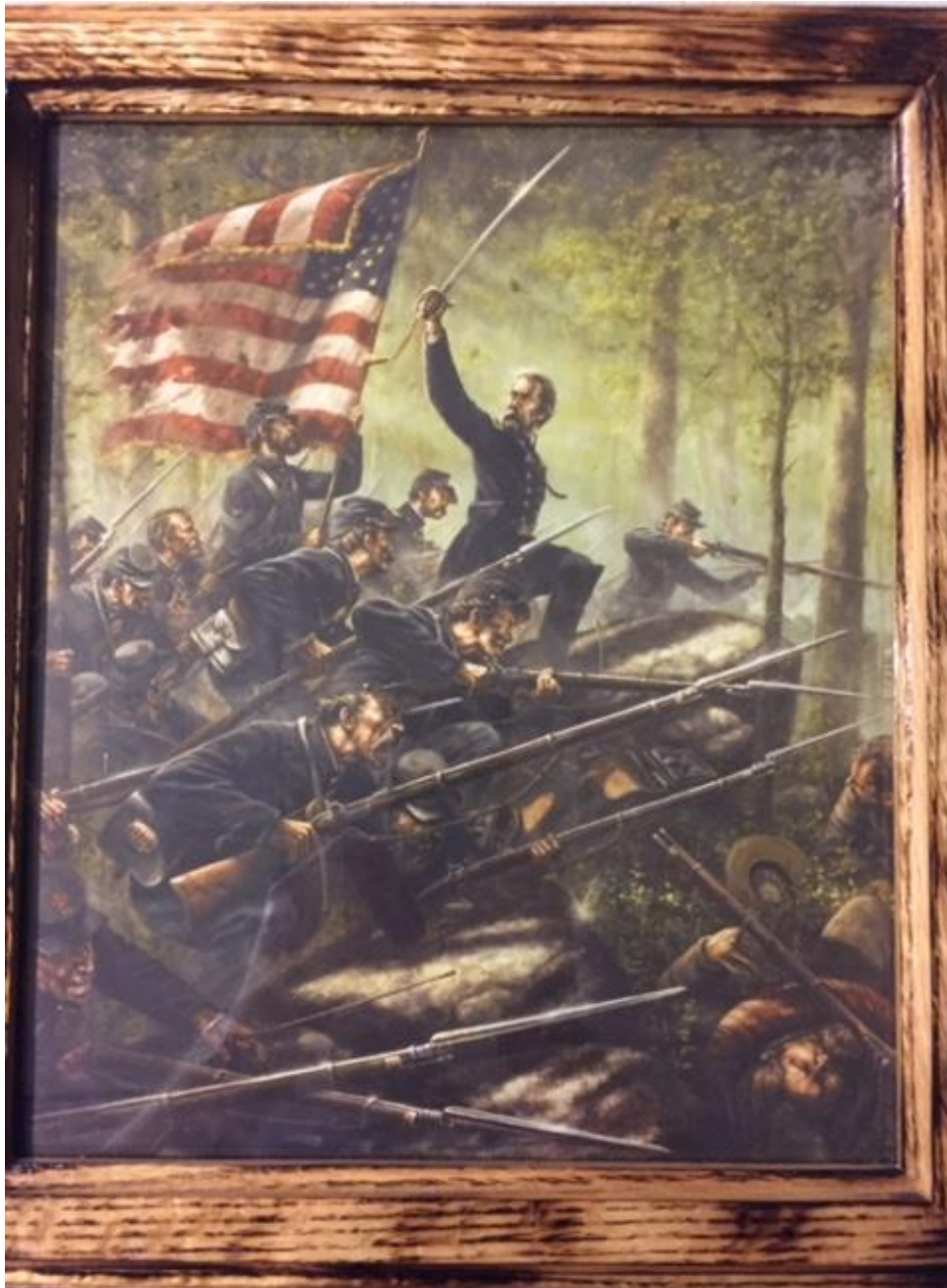
Claire Kukielka



## Campaign Print Raffle Prizes for 2017-2018 Campaign Season

### **December Preservation Raffle Prize**

Framed Print of Chamberlin at Little Round Top (7/2/1863) - Framed and Donated by Barry Arnold



## June Preservation Raffle Prizes

**Grand Prize-** “The Grim Harvest of War” Jackson and the Valley campaign by Bradley Schmehl



**Prize 2]** Photographs of Union and Confederate Officers in the Civil War in America.  
Published by the Civil War Library and Museum, 1996

**Prize 3]** A Great Civil War by Russell Weigley, signed.

**Prize 4]** The Gleam of Bayonets by Jim Murfin, signed

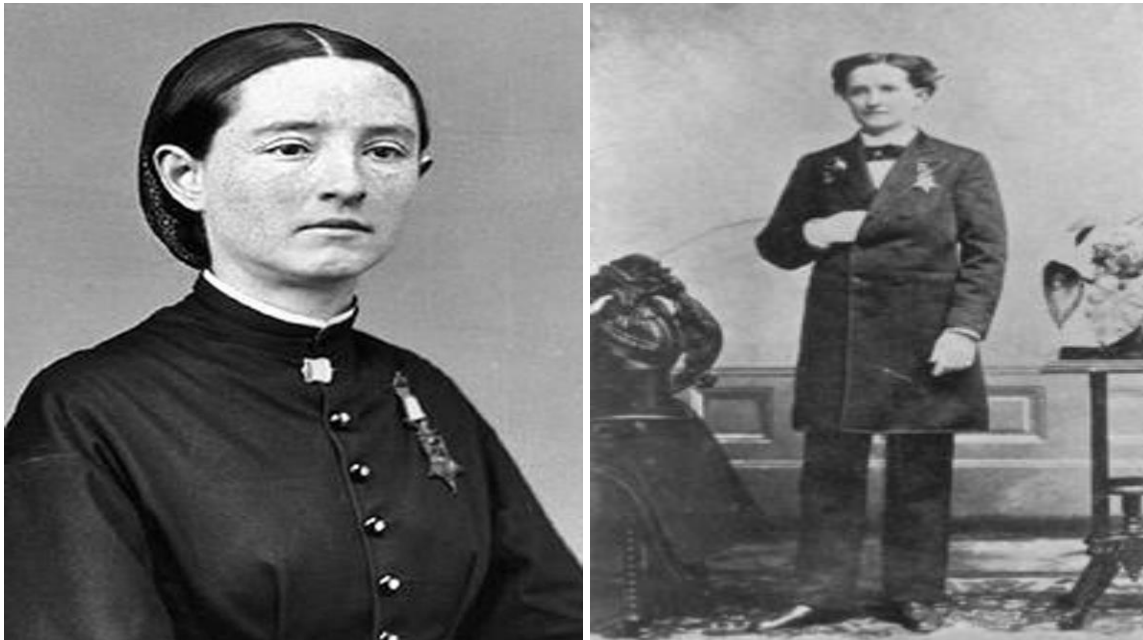
**Prize 5]** Time detailed maps of the Chancellorsville Campaign, done by the National Park Service

**Prize 6]** The South to Posterity by Douglas Southall Freeman

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

## A Woman's Place...Is in the War Taken from Wikipedia

**Mary Edwards Walker** (November 26, 1832 – February 21, 1919) was an American abolitionist, prohibitionist, prisoner of war and surgeon. As of 2017, she is the only woman ever to receive the Medal of Honor. In 1855, she earned her medical degree at Syracuse Medical College in New York, married and started a medical practice. She volunteered with the Union Army at the outbreak of the American Civil War and served as a surgeon at a temporary hospital in Washington, DC, even though at the time women and sectarian physicians were considered unfit for the Union Army Examining Board. She was captured by Confederate forces<sup>[2]</sup> after crossing enemy lines to treat wounded civilians and arrested as a spy. She was sent as a prisoner of war to Richmond, Virginia, until released in a prisoner exchange. After the war, she was approved for the highest United States Armed Forces decoration for bravery, the Medal of Honor, for her efforts during the Civil War. She is the only woman to receive the medal and one of only eight civilians to receive it. Her name was deleted from the Army Medal of Honor Roll in 1917 (along with over 900 others); however it was restored in 1977. After the war, she was a writer and lecturer supporting the women's movement until her death in 1919.



Picture on left during war and picture on right after war

## REENLISTMENT REPORT

It is re-enlistment time for the 2017-2018 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)



## CWRT of Eastern PA ---REENLISTMENT FORM

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? \_\_\_\_\_(yes or no) Here are just a few of the ways you could  
involved: \_\_\_public functions \_\_\_political action \_\_\_preservation \_\_\_living history \_\_\_ Other:\_\_\_\_\_  
specify)

**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  
Box 333 ALLENTOWN, PA 18105**

**Dues are payable now!**