



September 2016 – Fall Campaign 39

**Reflecting On Karl Lehr,  
A Legacy of Honor, Commitment, and Generosity**



Karl Lehr was truly a renaissance man. He was a teacher, veteran of World War II, a preservationist and a philanthropist. During his time as a member of our Round Table he served our organization in many capacities. His commitment to historic preservation was accomplished through voice, labor and monetary contributions. Karl led a full life and his passing in 2009 at the age of 93 years generated a final gift that will continue to benefit future generations of our great land. A combination of his bequest to our Round Table and matching grants from leading Civil War preservation organizations brought \$463,000 to the cause of historic preservation in 2011. We honor Karl's memory tonight at our "Karl Lehr Memorial Dinner."

## From the Brigade Commander: Ed Root

Summer has a way of passing all too quickly and this one was no exception. Hopefully everyone is rested and ready to begin Campaign #39 on September 6th. What better way to start than with Wayne Motts and Jim Hessler and their program on Pickett's Charge. Wayne is an old friend of our group and we welcome Jim into the fold.

We've had six meetings under our belt now at the Holiday Inn and all reports have been outstanding concerning both the venue and the food. Please join us for dinner and conversation if at all possible. If not, walk-ins for just the program are always welcome with open arms. Bring a friend, acquaintance or even someone you don't know, but bring someone! He or she will certainly thank you.

We will continue to make every effort to make our Round Table maintain its stellar reputation with excellent programs and increased camaraderie. This year we are working on a number of things that will hopefully generate more interest in our group and the study of American history. We're planning on another conservation trip to Gettysburg in April as one example. We will ask for your opinion and your support. With it, we will undoubtedly succeed, without it, we're headed down a long and dismal road.

A number of you donate your time and talent to this fine organization as we are all volunteers. There are some who always send in additional financial support which can be used in so many ways to help our programs and hold costs to the membership as low as possible. This extra support in whatever form it takes is appreciated beyond measure. Thank you all and don't be shy about stepping up!!

Check our website often. Many items of interest and information are added that cannot make the newsletter due to the timetable. <http://www.cwrteasternpa.org/>

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## About Our September Topic....

Join authors and historians James Hessler and Wayne Motts as they discuss their latest work, *Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg: A Guide To The Most Famous Attack in American History*. All the questions you had about this famous assault answered in one volume. The authors will hit all the highlights and include personal stories of those who participated in the attack that fateful day.

The authors will be on hand to sign copies of their work after the presentation for a discounted rate of \$37.00 each which includes 6% sales tax. All proceed for the sales of the book this evening will benefit the National Civil War Museum.

## About Our September Speakers....

**James Hessler** has been a Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg National Military Park since 2003.

His book *Sickles at Gettysburg* (Savas Beatie, 2009) was awarded the R.E. Lee Civil War Round Table's "Bachelder Coddington Award" and the Gettysburg Civil War Round Table's "Distinguished Book Award" as the most outstanding work on the Gettysburg Campaign.

His latest book, *Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg*, was co-authored with Wayne Motts and was released in July 2015. It has been received very favorably by both readers and critics alike as the first battlefield guide ever published on the famous July 3 assault.

Jim has been a guest on Travel Channel, NPR, PCN-TV, Breitbart News, Civil War Radio, and Gettysburg Daily. He was one of the primary content designers for the Civil War Trust's mobile Gettysburg application and animated maps. Jim has written several articles for Gettysburg Magazine and other national publications. He is a frequent speaker at Civil War Round Tables and has taught courses for the Gettysburg Foundation and Harrisburg (PA) Area Community College.

**Wayne E. Motts** is the Chief Executive Officer of The National Civil War Museum, one of the largest museums in the country dedicated to the study, interpretation, preservation and exhibition of the American Civil War.

His professional resume is an impressive list of nationally recognized organizations. Wayne has served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Adams County Historical Society, the Curator of the Cumberland County Historical Society, and Senior Research Historian for the TravelBrains Corporation. Wayne has been a Licensed Battlefield Guide at the Gettysburg National Military Park since 1988. In 2013, Wayne received the Emeritus Guide designation for more than twenty-five years of service, and as such was one of the youngest guides to be so recognized with that honor.

Wayne received his Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Military History from The Ohio State University. He received his Masters of Arts in American History from Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania.

Wayne is an accomplished author, publishing books and articles about the war including *"Trust in God and Fear Nothing, General Lewis A. Armistead,"* and (with James Hessler) *"Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg; A Guide to the Most Famous Attack in American History."* Wayne can be seen on numerous television documentaries and videos produced by the History Channel, the TNT network, and the A&E channel.

An accomplished speaker, he has given hundreds of presentations about the war in 20 different states to a wide range of groups, historical bodies, and organizations including the Smithsonian Institution in D.C.



Our September Speakers, Jim Hessler and Wayne Motts reflecting on the famous battle of Pickett's Charge



## Campaign Officers 2016-2017 Campaign Year:

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### **Format of All Meetings:**

Sutler's Call	<b>6:00-6:30 p.m.</b>
Mess Call	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
Program	<b>7:30 pm</b>

### **Cost Per Meeting:**

Dinner and Program	\$25.00 per person (Reservation required)
Program only	\$5.00 (No reservation required)

## **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 September meeting is September 01, 2016.**

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

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

## CWRT of Eastern PA 2016 – 2017 MEETING TOPICS

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Speaker/Speakers</b>	<b>Topic</b>
September 6, 2016	Wayne Motts & Jim Hessler	"Pickett's Charge"
October 4, 2016	George F. Franks	"The Battle of Falling Waters: The End of the Gettysburg Campaign"
November 1, 2016	Jamie Malanowski	"Will Cushing"
December 6, 2016	Charlie Zahm	Civil War Music
January 3, 2017	Timothy Sedore	"Virginia's Confederate Monuments"
February 7, 2017	Paul Kahan	"Simon Cameron: Amiable Scoundrel"
March 7, 2017	John Pettegrew	"Light_It_Up: The Marine Eye for Battle in the War for Iraq"
April 4, 2017	Tom Huntington	"Searching for George G. Meade: The Forgotten Victor of Gettysburg"
May 2, 2017	Kathleen Thompson	"To the Breaking Point: The Toll of War on the Civil War Soldier"
June 6, 2017	Eric Campbell	"Jubal Early's Army in the 1864 Shenandoah Campaign"

**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.

## 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> 3 vols	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 boxed	Shelby Foote
<b>Fifth</b>	Mounted Artillery Artifact from Petersburg	Barry Arnold

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

### Donations for Battlefield Preservations – 2015 – 2016 Campaign Season

James Duffy

On behalf of the members of the CWRT of Eastern PA, Inc., the following funds were donated for the preservation of Civil War battlefield sites with the purpose of the continuing education of the American public and the honoring of those who gave their lives for the preservation of this nation:

- \$1500 to the Civil War Trust toward the purchase of 202 acres at Appomattox Court House. With the matching funds offered, this amount converts to \$16000.00 toward the preservation of this land.
- \$500 to the Central Virginia Battlefield Trust toward the purchase of 1 acre on the eastern edge of “Tapp Field” opposite to the famous “Lee to the Rear” cry by Confederate soldiers from Texas Brigade during the fight in the Wilderness in 1864.
- \$102 to the Civil War Trust for the purchase of land at the Perryville KY battlefield. This amount was raised at the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CWRT of Eastern PA from donations by members present and an anonymous matching donation.
- \$135 to the Civil War Trust for the purchase of land on the Union left at the Battle of Fredericksburg. Again, this amount was raised at the February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the CWRT of Eastern PA from donations by members present and an anonymous matching donation.

The Board of the CWRT of Eastern PA thanks everyone who contributed toward this successful campaign and urges all to continue this Roundtable’s tradition of battlefield preservation during the upcoming 2016- 2017 campaign season.

## Summer Ramblings by Ed Root



Where did you travel this summer? On July 29, my wife and I headed north to visit the Revolutionary War Battlefield of Saratoga in upstate New York. Not far south of the battlefield is the small town of Mechanicville where in the Hudson View Cemetery lies Elmer Ellsworth, first martyr of the Union. I'm sure the story of the 24 year old Colonel Ellsworth is known to most all students of the Civil War. He was shot at point blank range on May 24, 1861 by James Jackson, owner of the Marshall House in Alexandria as he walked down the stairs after taking a large Confederate Flag down from the roof of that building. Jackson was immediately killed by one of Ellsworth's men. That banner had been viewed from Washington and after Virginians approved succession Union troops landed in Alexandria. A grieving Abraham Lincoln, personal friend of the young man since before leaving Springfield, ordered his body to be brought to the East Room of the White House. Ellsworth was born in Malta, NY and buried in the town where he grew up. His death touched and angered many in the North and became a

rallying cry. Jackson became a martyr for many in the South. The dying and the suffering and crying had just begun. See *1861 The Civil War Awakening* by Adam Goodheart for an excellent account.

Please share your travels; drop me your story at [sartilly@hotmail.com](mailto:sartilly@hotmail.com), so we can all share and learn from each other.



Colonel Ellsworth's grave site: First Union Martyr of the Civil War



Ed Root next to the Ellsworth Monument



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

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

Taken from The Civil War Trivia Book by William Terdoslavich

1. What state invasion was the objective of Red River Campaign?  
a) Texas b) New Mexico c) Maryland d) Colorado
2. Which Union General lead the Red River Campaign?  
a) Armstrong Custer b) William T. Sherman c) Ulysses Grant d) N.P Banks
3. What was the name of Admiral Porter's flagship in the Red River Campaign?  
a) Kearsarge b) Black Hawk c) Galena d) Monitor

## **Wanted: A Few Volunteers by Ed Root**

Our Round Table has for many years been recognized for our conservation work on the Gettysburg battlefield. It is only logical that additionally we should also look to accomplish good deeds closer to home. Nisky Hill Cemetery on Church Street in the Historic District of Bethlehem is home to the GAR Post 182 Veterans plot. This is the same GAR Post for which there is a monument in Bethlehem's Rose Garden that is currently undergoing restoration.

As you can see in the accompanying photograph the cannon is in need of a fresh coat of paint. The folks at the Cemetery will be power washing the cannon and granite base in September and our organization has volunteered to paint the cannon. We will also be doing research on the men buried around the cannon. Some of the tombstones are quite worn and can be read only with difficulty if at all. We hope to honor these soldiers who helped save the Union by sprucing up their final resting place as well as documenting their lives so they can be viewed as humans and patriots and not just pieces of faded stone. Please contact me at [sartilly@hotmail.com](mailto:sartilly@hotmail.com) or 610-417-6673 if you wish to join our happy band of preservationists.



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

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1. a) Texas
2. d) N.P. Banks
3. b) Black Hawk

**Civil War Reenactment: July 01- July 03, 2016 Gettysburg, PA**  
Hugh J Kelly



## 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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