



Fall Campaign 38

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Format of all meetings

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

Cost per meeting

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

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."

About Our September Speaker....Terry Latschar

Terry is a Park Ranger at Gettysburg National Military Park Previously she was a Licensed Battlefield Guide for five years. She has conducted seminar programs; military staff rides, and is Co-Chair of the Women's History Symposium held annually at GNMP. Before working for the Department of Interior she was employed by the Department of Defense as a Ballistics Lab Technician testing Kevlar body armor. She received her education at Towson University and Penn State York. She has appeared on Pennsylvania Cable Network and has served as an instructor for history teachers at the Governor's Institute.

Brigade Call

Civil War Round Table of Eastern, PA, Inc.

Warren Beach

I hope you had a productive and enjoyable summer. As I write this is mid-August, the temperature is near 100. There are a number of really interesting programs lined up for the coming year. The board is actively looking for another place to hold our

meetings. No decision has been made as yet but there were several issues at the current location and we are looking at other places. More on that to come!

About the Topic of Our September Talk-Tillie Pierce:

Matilda (Tillie) Jane Pierce was born at the house on the corner of Baltimore and Breckenridge Streets in Gettysburg on March 11, 1848. She was the youngest of four children. Her two older brothers, James Shaw and William H., grew up learning their father's trade as a butcher. Mr. Pierce was one of the wealthiest men in town due to his business. It was proper and good (and typical of that time) for the boys to grow up knowing they would take over their father's work some day. Tillie and her older sister Margaret learned from their mother, also named Margaret. They became experts at cooking, sewing, cleaning, canning and drying foods, and entertaining.



The Ladies' Seminary at the Gettysburg Female Institute

Tillie and her sister also attended school. As teenagers, they went to the Young Ladies' Seminary at the Gettysburg Female Institute to learn languages, literature, needlecrafts, and etiquette. This is a photo of the building today. If you look closely, you can see a piece of artillery stuck in the brick beside a window on the second story. Below you can see a close-up of that part of the building.



Note the artillery round stuck in the bricks beside the upper window, evidence of the dangers of being in Gettysburg when the fighting broke out.

Tillie was at this school when the real trouble began at Gettysburg. She and her classmates were told to hurry home. I won't go into much detail here, because the book recounts the story of Tillie's days surrounding the Battle of Gettysburg. Thankfully, she survived the ordeal and went on to live a productive life.

A few years after the war was over, Tillie met a young man who was a student at the Lutheran Theological Seminary. Horace Alleman studied to become a lawyer, and upon graduation, he and Tillie were married on September 28, 1871. They moved to Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, where they raised a family and lived well in one of the town's most treasured homes: the Governor Simon Snyder Mansion. They had three children.

Because so many people wanted her to record her story of the events she experienced in Gettysburg, Tillie gave in and wrote her account in 1885. She entitled it *AT GETTYSBURG, OR WHAT A GIRL SAW AND HEARD OF THE BATTLE*. This hardcover edition is available online at [The Shriver House Museum](#).



Tillie Pierce Alleman died on March 15, 1914, in a hospital Philadelphia, PA. Both she and her husband are buried in the [Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Selinsgrove, PA](#). This link will take you to her gravesite online.

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, August 27, 2015 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:

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Carol Detweiler 215-234- 4884 cdetweiler01@comcast.net

Ed Oechsle – 610-882-9228 ehoechsle@ptd.net

2015 – 2016 MEETING TOPICS

September 1, 2015 – Terry Latschar

Topic: Tillie Pierce Presentation

October 6, 2015 – Kurt Schweighauser

Topic: Philadelphia Gunboats

November 3, 2015 – Bruce Mowday

Topic: Pickets Charge

December 1, 2015 – Charlie Zahm

Topic: Civil War Music Performance

January 5, 2016 – Randy Drais

Exploring Gettysburg

February 2, 2016 – Ed Bonekemper

Topic: The Lost Cause

March 1, 2016 – Rob Sorensen

Topic: The Monitor

April 5 – Malcom Gross

Topic: The Dred Scott Decision

May 3 – Herb Kauffman

December 1, 2015 – Charlie Zahm

Topic: Civil War Music Performance

June 7 – Dr. Richard Sommers

Topic: Thucydides, and The American Civil War

Our Friends From Other Round Tables Invite You to Participate in Their

Delaware Valley CWRT requested we post the following invitation.

JOIN US FOR A TRIP TO LANCASTER, PA. OCTOBER 24, 2015

THE ALL INCLUSIVE PRICE IS \$126.00

Dear Members and Friends of the Delaware Valley CWRT:

We are pleased to invite you on our trip to the Lancaster, Pennsylvania area.

We will be leaving at 7:45 AM from the Whitman Square Shopping Center on U.S. 1, Roosevelt Blvd., north of Grant Avenue. This shopping center contains a Lowe's and Wal-Mart, and HH Gregg. Park at the north end of the center.

We are using Hagey Bus Lines, so just look for this white bus.

Please park in scattered spots, NOT IN A STRAIGHT LINE.

We will make a comfort-breakfast stop on the road. We expect to arrive at Wheatland around 10:00 am.

Our first stop will be at Wheatland, the home of President James Buchanan.

<http://lancasterhistory.org/visit/wheatland>

We will see an introductory movie, have a guided tour of the magnificent fully furnished home, and a guided tour of the three exhibit galleries. You will also have time to explore the beautiful grounds.

We will then have lunch at the famous Bube's Brewery Restaurant in Mt. Joy.

<http://bubesbrewery.com/>

IMPORTANT: Alcoholic and special beverages are cash. Please bring sufficient cash to pay for your beverages.

After lunch we will travel to Bird In Hand. Here we will have a specially designed 3 hour guided tour with a period guide who will tell personal stories that focus on both the Underground Railroad and the Amish experience. www.AmishExperience.com.

At 6:30 PM we will have dinner at the fabulous Bird In Hand Family Inn & Smorgasbord.

Complete dinner includes appetizers, salad bar, and wide selection of fresh entrees, desert bar, and soft serve ice cream.

All tours, lunch and dinner, & bus driver tip are pre-paid. You only need to pay for your personal beverages.

We will leave the restaurant about 8:00 PM and expect to return to the Whitman Center around 9:30 PM. There will be a comfort stop on the road if necessary.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Herb Kaufman (shkaufman2@yahoo.com). Final payment is due by October 01, 2015.

We have also been asked to post the following: by Starr Tours

October 29 to November 1, 2015 – Thursday to Sunday – Starr Tours – Civil War Trails: Lexington and Appomattox – with Jane Peters Estes – History buffs and tourists alike will love this fascinating trip as Starr's own Civil War Historian guides you through one of the most resonant and fascinating episodes in American history. For prices and itinerary www.starrtours.com/tours/details/2489

Do You **KNOW THE CIVIL WAR?**

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

1. What was the birthplace of General John Pemberton, confederate General forced to surrender at Vicksburg?
2. Where did General G.P.T Beauregard spend the first night after the Battle of Shiloh?
3. What Union Officer and a graduate of West Point was given the rank of General but instead served in the army without rank and pay?
4. Who was Joseph Reid Anderson and why was he so important to the Confederacy?

ANSWERS FOR DO YOU KNOW THE CIVIL WAR?

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- 1. PA**
- 2. In General William T Sherman's Bed , a captured Union Bed**
- 3. General Herman Haupt**
- 4. A Confederate Brigadier General and more importantly President of Tredegar Iron works- the most important cannon and machinery in the confederacy**

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

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**

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P.O. Box 333 ALLENTOWN, PA 18105**

Dues are payable now!

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