



July 2016 – Summer Campaign 39

From the Brigade Commander: Ed Root

Our last Campaign was indeed an excellent one filled with wonderful speakers, comradeship and a new venue with excellent service and very good food. If you missed Dr. Richard Sommers at the June Seligman Memorial Dinner you should feel shame. Always gracious, always informative, Dr. Sommers is the very definition of Class. It is always great to see him and his lovely wife Tracy.

Speaking of comradeship and our new venue, I want to encourage all to join us for dinner every month. Over the years close friendships have been formed and many of those friendships began over a meal and conversation. Certainly not everyone's schedule allows one to arrive in time for dinner and all are welcome whenever he or she arrives, However, I feel those who do partake of dinner will find the experience quite rewarding. You might be surprised to find that the person next to you shares your passion for a particular engagement, personality or historic site.

Speaking of members, Dr. Gerry Sherwin has been one from our earliest days. He has always been a loyal supporter in word and deed of our group. I've asked him to share some of his thoughts about the CWRT which you'll find elsewhere in this newsletter. I hope to continue such commentary in each succeeding newsletter. We'll all learn more about each other and our common interest in this fascinating period of American history. Thanks Gerry for leading off!

I hope you are all having a grand summer visiting our many history related sites. Please drop a line or two to me about where you went, who you saw and anything you recommend others to do. We are all resources, some may have more knowledge than others, but we all have something to offer and something to share.

Have you checked out our new and improved website recently? You'll find lots of good information and timely news on events that can't always be included in the newsletter. Tony Major and Peter Detweiler did a magnificent job putting it together. Check it out often!

Our new membership drive begins now. Please reenlist ASAP or risk being demoted to buck private.

Please join us on September 6 as our 39 Campaign begins with the Karl Lehr Memorial Dinner. What better way to begin a new season than with a Gettysburg program on Pickett's Charge presented by Wayne Motts and Jim Hessler.

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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)

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.

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

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CWRT of Eastern PA 2016 – 2017 MEETING TOPICS

Date:	Speaker/Speakers	Topic
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"

Reflecting On Our June Meeting

Tony Major

We ended our awesome campaign year with our discussion by Dr. Richard Sommer's on *Fear, Honor, and Interest: Thucydides and the Outbreak of the American Civil War*.

There were 68 members and guests on hand to hear our speaker, Dr. Sommers.

Looking forward to a new campaign year starting in September.



Dr. Sommers and his lovely wife receiving a plaque for a well-executed talk from Bob McHugh.

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.



Congratulations to Our June 2016 Book Winners



The book raffle winners for the June 2016 meeting were (left to right-Jim Banks, Frank Whelan, Russell Brewer, Gary Schnell, Sam Parker, and Neil Coddington. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone for supporting the preservation cause!

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

Reflections on Our Annual Drawing (June Meeting) Which Contributes to Preservation:

June Print Raffle Winners



Ed Oechsle

Joe Riggs

Dan Johnson

Terri Lynn Monroe

Congratulations to the winners of our 2016 Preservation Raffle. First prize -Terri Lynn Monroe, Second prize-Ed Oechsle, Third prize - Terri Lynn Monroe, Fourth prize - Joe Riggs, Fifth prize - Dan Johnson

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 nickname did General Longstreet's troops refer to him as?
a) Old Pete b) Old Faithful c) Gentle Giant d) Louisiana's finest
2. Where were the worst draft riots in the North during the Civil War?
a) Boston b) New York City c) Philadelphia d) Racine
3. Who were the Redeemers?
a) Northern doves b) British Sympathizers to the Confederacy c) White Supremacists
d) Whigs

The Rehab of Cemetery Ridge will begin July 11, 2016



NPS announces detours, temporary parking and cemetery access

The parking area and sidewalks for the Soldiers' National Cemetery at Gettysburg National Military Park along Taneytown Road will close on July 11 for up to six months for a construction project, National Park Service officials have announced. To accommodate national cemetery visitors during the project, a number of detours and temporary access points have been established.

Parking - Temporary grass and gravel parking lots for the National Cemetery will be designated on the east side of Taneytown Road, across from the existing lot, and at the intersection of Taneytown Road and Hunt Avenue.

Pedestrian Access - Because of sidewalk closures on the west side of Taneytown Road, pedestrian access to the national cemetery will be through a new gate through the stone wall on the south side of the cemetery, directly accessible from the temporary parking area. All existing cemetery gates will remain open during cemetery hours. Pedestrians using the trail from the park Museum and Visitor Center will be rerouted onto a new temporary grass trail on the east side of Taneytown Road.

Handicapped accessibility - Visitors with mobility impairments may obtain special permission from Park Rangers in the Museum and Visitor Center to drive into the Soldiers' National Cemetery.

Auto Tour Route - Cars following the Gettysburg National Military Park's auto tour route will be directed from Hancock Avenue to Steinwehr Avenue to Taneytown Road to the temporary parking lot for the cemetery (Auto Tour stop 16). Buses, RVs and large vehicles will follow detour signs on a special route via Steinwehr Avenue to Queen Street, to Fairview Avenue, to Gettys Street, to Washington Street, to Taneytown Road to the Hunt Avenue temporary parking area. These large vehicles must take special care when parking at Hunt Avenue due to wet areas on the left and right side of the entrance.

Local traffic detour - Local traffic that uses this area for access between Taneytown Road and Steinwehr Avenue will be redirected to the intersection of Taneytown Road and Steinwehr Avenue or Wheatfield Road.

Freedom transit – The Gold Line shuttle's cemetery stop will be relocated to the temporary parking lot.

Bicycle traffic – Bicyclists, including users of the Gettysburg Inner Loop bike trail, will stay on Steinwehr Avenue to the intersection with Taneytown Road and proceed to the bike racks inside the Taneytown Road entrance to the cemetery.

Project background – This \$1.5 million dollar project will rehabilitate Cemetery Ridge at Gettysburg National Military Park, bringing back missing features on the historic landscape at the center of the Union Army's battle line and reduce the size of a parking area at Ziegler's Grove. The nonprofit Gettysburg Foundation provided a grant of \$900,000 to match National Park Service funding of \$600,000. Special funding from the National Park Service was made available as a National Park Service Centennial initiative.

Details about the project are available on "From the Fields of Gettysburg," the official blog of Gettysburg National Military Park, ([click here](#)) or go to: <https://npsgnmp.wordpress.com/2015/05/21/gettysburg-details-rehabbing-cemetery-ridge/>.

Our Member, Gerald P. Sherwin Reflects on his Fifty Year Fascination with the Civil War and the Value of the CWRT of Eastern PA

My interest in the Civil War began about the time of the hundredth anniversary of the war. I bought many books and visited many sites and when I moved to Allentown in the early 1970s I met David Valuska and under his direction a Civil War Round Table was formed. At first, we met at Kutztown University in the evening and had a meeting only. As time went on, we moved to Allentown and had a dinner meeting at various restaurants in the area. At one point, we had 280 members. That was a great time and dinners were well attended. Our round table has invited many nationally recognized speakers as well as home-grown speakers from our own round table and those in nearby areas. We can start with Edwin Bearss who is nationally known and has written 10 books and more than 100 articles and is recognized as the senior Civil War scholar in the country. We've also had historians from Gettysburg including Scott Hartwig, Timothy Smith and others. They have come to our round table and given interesting talks on many subjects. We have members of Our Round Table who have published books and articles and have shared their knowledge with our Round Table at our monthly meetings. As time went on our members dwindled and the attendance became less in number. However, there was no less enthusiasm about learning the history of a very important and significant time in our country's history. As a round table we support the efforts of both sides and support the heroism of the individual soldiers. One of the many things that personally interests me is raising money for Battlefield preservation. I find it very satisfying knowing that funds raised by our Round Table are being used for preservation of many battlefield sites that otherwise would disappear. My grandchildren have come to enjoy the sites that are of local interest. Knowing that many battlefields have been protected by funds that we have raised is very exciting and very rewarding. I always look forward to our meetings and very much enjoy the camaraderie at dinner with other people who enjoy history and particularly the history of the Civil War: it would be nice to see our numbers start to grow again.

ANSWERS FOR DO YOU KNOW THE CIVIL WAR?

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1. a) Old Pete
2. b) New York City
3. c) White Supremacists determined to oppose Reconstruction

For Those of You interested in Day or Weekend Excursions:

Consider typing in civilwar.travel/mobile in your browser

You should then see several options including one that says Civil War Travel-On the Road. If you click on that link, you should be able to look at events by month and focus on the month in question. The information below is just one of the many opportunities in August that can be found by drilling down into the month of August.

**THE FRIENDS OF CEDAR MOUNTAIN BATTLEFIELD INVITE YOU TO THE 154TH
COMMEMORATION OF THE BATTLE OF CEDAR MOUNTAIN on Saturday August 6, 2016
and Sunday August 7, 2016.**

Saturday's activities will begin at 10:00 a.m. with Cavalry demonstrations followed by Federal Infantry Demo at 11:00 a.m. Real time tours are scheduled during the day and ending at 4:00 p.m. with Jackson's rally in the Wheatfield.

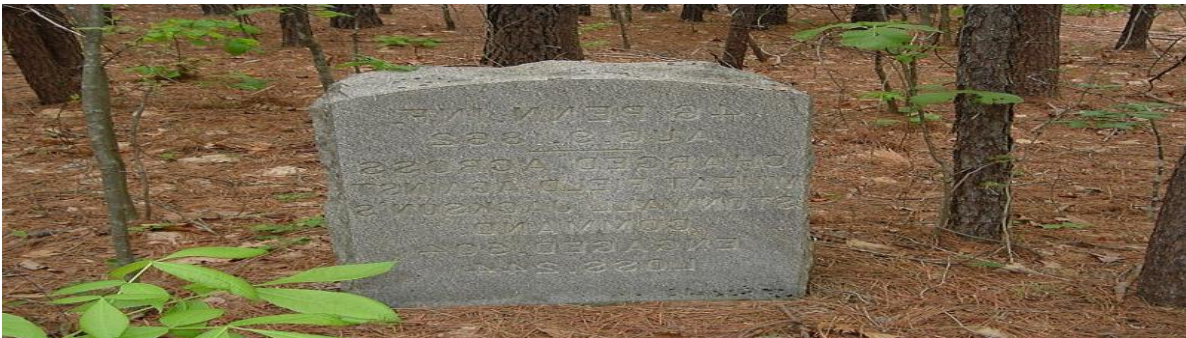
Music by 2nd Maryland Fife and Drums begin at 4:00 p.m. with Jackson's Rally. Saturday's program concludes with the Ancestor Commemoration at 6:00 p.m.

Bring your chairs and join us for a day of history, music and Remembrance.

Sunday, August 7, camp opens at 9:00 a.m. Cavalry, Infantry and Artillery demonstrations are from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

All activities will take place on the Cedar Mountain Battlefield.

For further information, contact [Diane Logan- diane.logan@gmail.com](mailto:diane.logan@gmail.com)



Monument to the 46th PA for their Valiant Efforts at Cedar Mountain

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

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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Dues are payable now!

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