



April 2017 – Winter Campaign 39: Meeting on April 04, 2017

From the Brigade Commander: Ed Root

Milt Diggins brought alive a story that all too often gets lost in the telling of the stormy years leading up to the beginning of armed warfare. It's a fascinating and disturbing one that needs to be told. It is difficult to understand the thought process and belief systems of those who lived so long ago. While the faults of the belief systems of many in the 19th century are obvious to us today, it obviously was not so obvious to many during those terrible years.

The LV Active Life Center programs delivered by Ed Oechsle, Dick Jacoby and yours truly were well received and helped spread the word about our Round Table. Good job gentlemen!!

Things YOU need to know

Saturday, April 1, By the time you read this newsletter we will be ready to meet George Franks for our April 1 tour of the Falling Waters battlefield and the post Gettysburg river crossings. .

Saturday, April 22. We will be helping the Gettysburg NPS by painting new fences at the Eisenhower Farm. Alyce Evans, NPS Coordinator, will provide a program for all volunteers on the history of the family and the farm as well as a tour of the house. Join us for a few hours of work and lots of fun and fellowship! Meet at the Holiday Inn parking lot and leave by 7AM in order to arrive at the site by 9AM. We will work until 12 or 12:30. Bring your lunch and you can eat while you work or wait until finished when Alyce will present her program. There will be restrooms near the work site. You may bring brushes and rags if you wish, but the Park will provide all materials and weather will be perfect.

Monday, May 01. We will be co-sponsoring a Lehigh Public Library a program on Ulysses Grant. See page 10 of this newsletter for more information.



There will be Interest sheets at the April meeting with Jim Duffy and Kay Bagenstose for all those who wish to participate or email me at sartilly@hotmail.com. I'll have a map at the meeting showing where to enter the property and will email to any not in attendance.

Wednesday, May 3 The unveiling of the refurbished Post 182 G.A.R. Monument will take place in Bethlehem's Rose Garden at 2PM. It will be a grand event with Mayor Donchez, City and School District officials and the Nitschmann Middle school students and band in attendance. Peter Maugle, Bethlehem native and NPS ranger at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania NMP will be our keynote speaker and I will present about Captain Jonathon Taylor for whom the Post was named. The public is invited.

Saturday, May 6. Our Americans At War Seminar. Join us for this event representing the different eras of U.S. Military History. You have all received the event Flyer and extras will be available at the April meeting. Spread the word! Please sign up sooner rather than later as we will only be able to accommodate a finite number of attendees. We will again have a Book Sale table outside our meeting room on April 4th. All sales go toward defraying Conference costs.

Stop by and see Jim Duffy and Kay Bagenstose on your way into the room on every meeting night. Check out Jim's graph on the progress of this year's preservation fund raising effort and make sure to purchase your raffle tickets for our big June Preservation Raffle.

I am sorry to report the passing of long time member Ben Pattison on March 9th at 84 years. Ben could be found on our many trips and also participated in our brush cutting ventures.

Don't forget to check out our website www.cwrteasternpa.org

See you on April 4th for Tom Huntington's Searching for General Meade!!

About Our April Speaker, Tom Huntington



Tom Huntington is the author of *Searching for George Gordon Meade: The Forgotten Victor of Gettysburg*, as well as *Guide to Gettysburg Battlefield Monuments*, *Pennsylvania Civil War Trails*, and *Ben Franklin's Philadelphia*. He is also the former editor of *American History* and *Historic Traveler* magazines, and his writing has appeared in many publications, including *Smithsonian*, *Air & Space*, *American Heritage*, *Invention & Technology*, *British Heritage*, and *Yankee*. Although a Maine native, he now lives in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Beth Ann, and two children. He is currently working on a book about the Maine soldiers who fought at Gettysburg.

My Search for Meade....About General George Gordon Meade

Tom Huntington called his book *Searching for George Gordon Meade: The Forgotten Victor of Gettysburg* (Stackpole Books, 2013) because it seems the history books have largely overlooked the man who led the Army of the Potomac for the final two years of its existence.

Born in 1815 in Spain (where his father, from Philadelphia, served as a merchant and a commercial agent for the U.S. Navy), Meade graduated from West Point, fought in the Mexican-American War and built lighthouses. He received command of the dysfunctional Army of the Potomac only three days before winning the pivotal battle of Gettysburg, and he remained the army's leader until it was dissolved on June 28, 1865. Meade died in 1872, helped to his grave by wounds he received ten years earlier.

Huntington wanted the book to reflect his own journey of discovery as he investigated Meade's disappearing reputation. He told the story of Meade's life, but also wrote about his own visits to Civil War battlefields to see what was there now. He visited museums and talked to park rangers, curators, preservationists and people who have found their passion in Civil War history. Along the way, he visited a horse's head, an amputated arm, and a severed leg.

The resulting book is a compelling mash-up of history, biography, travel and journalism that touches both past and present.



General Meade pictured above- it is notable that he is one of three Union generals recognized by the US Congress after the Battle of Gettysburg. The other two were general Winfield Hancock and General Oliver Howard.

Do You **KNOW THE CIVIL WAR?**

Answers on Page 8

1. What was the name of General Meade's horse during the Civil War?
A) Baldy B) Trigger C) Don Juan D) Daniel Webster
2. What high ranking general was referred by his men as an old snapping turtle?
A) Armstrong B) Early C) Meade D) Sherman
3. Which Civil War General was born in Cadiz, Spain?
A) Lee B) Early C) Meade D) Grant

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 January 03, 2017 meeting is Thursday, December, 29, 2016.

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

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/>

Operation Snowflake Please note the change in process below.



For weather related postponements/cancellations, please visit the CWRT website - www.cwrteasternpa.org - where any meeting change information will be posted. If you still have doubts, please call Ed Root at 610-417-6673.

HEAD COUNT FOR March 2017 by James Duffy

We had 51 attendees at the March meeting; thirty-four attended dinner and seventeen attendees walked in for the program only. **We are hoping your resolution for this year will be to attend the rest of our programs.**

In Appreciation of Milt Diggin's Presentation on Stealing Freedom Along the Border on March 07, 2017



Milt Diggin was thanked by Bob McHugh for his great presentation on March 07, 2017. Milt received a check for preservation in care of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Fredericksburg MD.



Book Raffle Winners for March 07, 2017



The winners of the March 2017 Book Raffle are (From left to right-, Terri Lynne Monroe Fred Bomberger, Terry Benner, Emerson Wagner ,Glenn Baumer, Colleen Gober , and Wayne Schaeffer.

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone for supporting the preservation cause.

Campaign Print Raffle Prizes

Civil War Roundtable Prizes for 2015 – 2016 Campaign Season

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Artist</u>
Grand	<i>Jackson and His Archangels</i>	Bradley Schmehl
Second	<i>The Vicksburg Campaign</i>	Ed Bearss
Third	<i>The Gettysburg Papers</i> 2 vols	Bandy & Freeland
Fourth	<i>The Civil War - A Narrative</i> 3 vols	Shelby Foote
Fifth	Mounted Artillery Artifact from Petersburg	Barry Arnold

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

ANSWERS FOR DO YOUR KNOW THE CIVIL WAR?

Quiz on page 5

1. A)
2. C)
3. C)

IN PREPARATION FOR OUR MAY ELECTIONS...JOE RIGGS,

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR REQUESTS

Volunteers and Assistants Needed

We desperately need assistance. Although we are in the 21st century, many of us remain embedded in the mid-20th. I am referring to our ability to employ modern technology in the operation of our round table. We are rapidly moving beyond receiving I.T. support from our grand kids. We require several folks to step up and maintain the current level of the Round Table.

Web Page Collaboration: For several years, Tony Major has maintained our website. Without any formal training, Tony managed the site and we all are thankful for his efforts. However, it is time for help and for his eventual replacement. I am requesting that anyone from the RT familiar with web design and maintenance to step forward.

Publicity: Bob McHugh has been in charge here for many years. Note that he currently holds the office of Regimental Commander with the responsibility of supplying a guest speaker every month

for our dinner meetings. This demanding and highly responsible position requires extensive time and effort. To ease his burden, we need someone wise in the ways of social media such as Facebook, Twitter and others plus the ability to charm the local news outlets to cover the RT and our many projects.

Company Commander: This third in command position has been vacant for several years. In addition to attending board meetings, it is the duty of the Company Commander to select and arrange field trips. Once field trips involved a 49-passenger bus, eating arrangements, motel reservations, itinerary and field guides. It was a daunting task, but one handled very nicely by past Company Commanders. We are attempting now to limit our field trips to a Saturday car pool road trip convoy. Is there a member interested in this position and willing to try something new?

For additional information or to volunteer, please contact Joe Riggs.
jorjriggs@gmail.com or call 610-797-5225

Slate of Elected and unelected Positions are Listed below- Those in bold are elected; all others are appointed.

Brigade Commanded - Ed Root (Past Brigade Commander)

Regimental Commander - Bob McHugh (Past Brigade Commander)

Company Commander - OPEN

Paymaster - Jim Duffy

Adjutant - Kay Bagenstose

Director - Kim Jacobs

Director - Ed Oechsle

Director - Barry Arnold - terms ends 2018

Director - Bill Frankenfield - term ends 2018

Quartermaster - Tony Major (Past Brigade Commander)

Publicity - Bob McHugh, We would like someone to take/help Bob with this position) OPEN

Website - Tony Major (We would like someone to take this position or at least help)

Newsletter - Claire Kukielka

Membership - Jeff Gates (Past Brigade Commander)

Preservation - Kim Jacobs

Photographer - Jeff Heller (Past Brigade Commander)

Past Brigade Commander - Bob Ashcraft

Librarian - Kay Bagenstose

Brigade Clerks - Ed Oechsle, Carol Detweiler, Jim Duffy

Remember, the election is in May and the installation is in June.

**Another Opportunity to Attend An Informative Program:
Please Note the CWRT of Eastern PA is a Cosponsor**


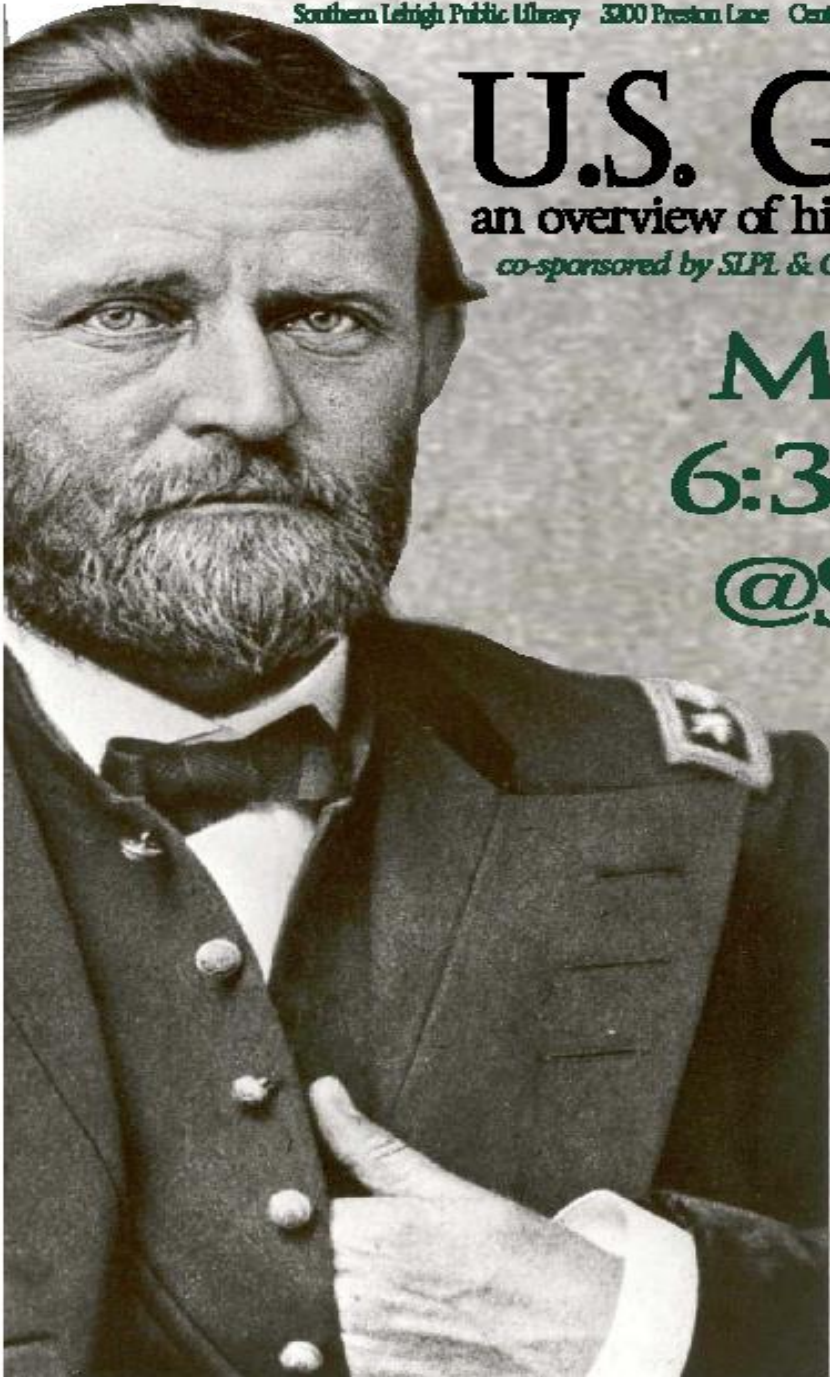
Southern Lehigh Public Library 3300 Preston Lane Center Valley, PA 18034 solehipl.org (610) 282-8825

U.S. GRANT

an overview of his life and life lessons
co-sponsored by SLPL & Civil War Roundtable of Eastern PA

**May 1
6:30PM
@SLPL**

Please register at solehipl.org
in person at the library
or by phone (610) 282-8825



SLPL and Civil War Roundtable of Eastern Pennsylvania are proud to present Kenneth J. Serfass, a USMC Veteran and long time Civil War reenactor, as General U.S. Grant. Ken has been a student of Grant all his life. He has appeared nationally on television and film and has been featured at numerous speaking engagements.

CWRT of Eastern PA, Inc. – SPRING FIELD TRIP – April 1, 2017
Potomac River Crossings, Lee's Retreat from Gettysburg, 1863
Itinerary: George Franks – Guide

- 7:15 a.m. Car pool meets in the parking lot in front of the Holiday Inn, routes 78 & 100 (same location as our monthly dinner meetings). Depart for Williamsport, MD no later than 7:30 a.m. General directions: Follow I-78 West to I-81 South into Williamsport.

Holiday Inn Conference Center Lehigh Valley
7736 Adrienne Drive
Breinigsville, PA 18031

- 9:50 a.m. – Arrive Williamsport Visitor Center, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park.
10:00 a.m. (Restrooms available) Meet up with our guide, George Franks.

Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Website
<https://www.nps.gov/choh/index.htm>

205 W. Potomac St.
Williamsport, MD 21795
(301) 582-0813

- 10:00 a.m. **Tour Stop #1: CUSHWA BASIN – EWELL'S CORPS JULY 13 – 14 CROSSING OF THE POTOMAC**

- 10:45 a.m. Drive 15 minutes to George Frank's homestead at the Donnelly House, Falling Waters 1863 Battlefield. George's book, *The Battle of Falling Waters 1863*, will be available for purchase. There is a \$5.00 fee to cover maintenance and map handouts. Bring good boots or walking shoes for the noon hike plus rain gear depending upon weather conditions.

14906 Falling Waters Road
Williamsport, MD 21795
(301) 379-0330

- 11:00 a.m. **Tour Stop #2: FALLING WATERS BATTLEFIELD**

- 12:00 p.m. Proceed 2 miles to the end of Falling Waters Road. Limited Parking. A 3/4 mile walk over uneven ground to the river crossing. Not handicap accessible.

- 12:20 p.m. **Tour Stop #3: FALLING WATERS PONTOON BRIDGE POTOMAC RIVER CROSSING – GENERAL LEE WITH LONGSTREET AND HILL'S CORPS**

- 1:30 p.m. **Lunch:** Vince's New York Pizza,

17520 Virginia Ave, Halfway, MD 21740

- Afternoon options for individual car pools: A.) Proceed back home following lunch or
B.) Proceed to the Antietam battlefield (12 miles) for afternoon tour, museum, or Visitor Center stop.
April 1st is Civil War Trust Park Day.

ANTIETAM NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD – 5831 Dunker Church Road, Sharpsburg, MD 21782
Website: <https://www.nps.gov/anti/index.htm>

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