



July 2017 – Summer Campaign 40: Next Meeting on September 05, 2017

From the Brigade Commander: Ed Root

We ended our 39th Campaign year on a high note with good friend Eric Campbell.

It's always a special evening when one of our many National Park Service friends pays us a visit. The campaigns in the Shenandoah Valley continue to fascinate all Civil War "life time learners." Thanks to Eric our knowledge and understanding of Jubal Early's October 19, 1864 assault at Cedar Creek was greatly increased.

Thanks to Round Table members who volunteered on both June 17 & 18 at the Lehigh Valley Civil War Days in Whitehall. Barry Arnold, Kay Bagenstose, Jim Duffy, Bill Frankenfield, Tony Major, Ed Oechsle and Roger Tice all gave up all or parts of their weekend to help spread the word about the CWRT of Eastern Pa, Inc. and our activities. Neil and Kathy Coddington and all the folks at the Friends of Camp Geiger work hard every year to bring this event to the Lehigh Valley.

Our organization's 40th year is upon us! Bob McHugh has a wonderful lineup of speakers set for the 2017-18 year. You will not want to miss any of these programs! We start off the year at the Holiday Inn on September 5th when Bruce Venter will present Kill Jeff Davis; The Kilpatrick-Dahlgren Raid on Richmond, 1864. I've heard this program and it is excellent! Bruce's book is top notch scholarship as is his presentation.

Have you checked our website recently? If not, you are missing out on much. Paul Bartlett is doing a super job keeping the site fresh with news and information. Do yourself a favor and visit it frequently. We've also added to our research section which will help answer many of your questions about people, places and events during those turbulent years. <http://www.cwrteasternpa.org/>

Our next Executive Board meeting will be held at the Southern Lehigh Public Library at 3200 Preston Lane in Center Valley on Tuesday, August 1st at 7PM. All members are invited.

Many of you will travel over the summer visiting our country's many fascinating historic sites. Please consider writing a short review to share with your fellow history buffs. We can all learn from each other so let us all benefit from your knowledge and experience. Contact me at sartilly@hotmail.com

Membership dues for our 40th campaign are due! Avoid the rush and send your \$25.00 to CWRT of Eastern PA at Post Office Box 333, Allentown, PA 18105. Spread the word and enlist a friend. They'll thank you and you'll make Enlistment Officer Jeff Gates' job a tad easier in September!

Have an enjoyable and safe summer; see you on September 5th!!

DO YOU KNOW THE CIVIL WAR?

A Brain Stretching Quiz About the Blue and the Grey

Answers on Page 3

1. What was Company Q of the confederate Army?
A) Sick List B) Promotion List C) List of soldiers about to go home
2. Who was the last Confederate General to die?
A) George A Custer B) George Pickett C) Braxton Bragg D) Felix Robertson
3. What state were the Pelican Rifles from?
A) Florida B) Louisiana C) South Carolina D) Texas
4. Which Union General was called Old Brains?
A) Henry Halleck B) William Rosencrans C) George Meade D) U.S. Grant

Fall 2017 & Winter/Spring 2018 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:

James Duffy – 610-253- 4549 duffysocwk@aol.com

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/>

HEAD COUNT FOR June 2017 by James Duffy

We had 65 attendees at the May meeting; thirty-six attended dinner and twenty-nine attendees walked in for the program only. **We are hoping your resolution for this year will be to attend the rest of our programs.**

ANSWERS FOR DO YOUR KNOW THE CIVIL WAR?

Quiz on page 2

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

Campaign Print Raffle Prizes



Pictured Winners from L to R: Tim Billetti, Wayne Schaeffer, and Sherry Miller

Civil War Roundtable Prizes for 2016 – 2017 Campaign Season

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Winner</u>
Grand	<i>Jackson and His Archangels</i>	Sherry Miller
Second	<i>The Vicksburg Campaign</i>	Wayne Schaeffer
Third	<i>The Gettysburg Papers</i> 2 vols	Jan Fisher
Fourth	<i>The Civil War - A Narrative</i> 3 vols	Tim Billetti

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

In Appreciation of Eric Campbell's Presentation on June 06, 2017



**Bob McHugh thanks Eric Campbell for his talk on the Shenandoah Campaign.
In lieu of a plaque, Eric requested a donation be made to the Civil War Trust.**



Book Raffle Winners for June 06, 2017



The winners of the June 2017 Book Raffle are (From left to right-, Whitey Bubsing, Jerry Haas, Paul D'Angelou, Joe Riggs, Charlie Sago, and Tony Major.

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

2017-2018 Roster of Officers

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

Brigade Commander - Ed Root (Past Brigade Commander)

Regimental Commander - Bob McHugh (Past Brigade Commander)

Company Commander – Claire Kukielka/Barry Arnold

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 - Paul Bartlett/Tony Major (Past Brigade Commander)

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

Website – Paul Tony Major

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



Reminder: September 2017 Recognizes Our 40th Birthday Party and Recognition for Karl Lehr, an Important Benefactor

Road Trip to Future Destination



Claire Kukielka/Barry Arnold

Barry Arnold and I are coordinating a field trip to a CW historic site/ battlefield in late 2017 or 2018. We probably would make this a day trip rather than an overnight trip unless we get a strong indication you prefer an overnight trip. We are looking for suggestions as to where and when to go. If you could follow up with us ASAP, we can bring these suggestions to one of the early fall meetings for more discussion and begin our planning.

Invitation from Colleague, Carl Barna

Carl Barna wanted to extend an invitation of all members to join the Lehigh Valley American Revolutionary Round Table. Call 610-253-1222 extension 1 or e mail AndrewZF@northamptonctymuseum.org



Programs: 2017 – 2018 Campaign

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
September 5, 2017	Bruce Venter	“Kill Jeff Davis: The Kilpatrick-Dahlgren Raid on Richmond, 1864”
October 3, 2017	Chris Bryce	“Grant’s Crossing of the James and the battle for Petersburg”
November 7, 2017	David Dixon	“The Lost Gettysburg Address”
December 5, 2017	Tim Smith	“Early Photography of the Gettysburg Battlefield”
January 2, 2018	TBD	
February 6, 2018	Jim Remsen	“Embattled Freedom: Chronicle of a Fugitive-Slave Haven in the Wary North”
March 6, 2018	Tom McMillan	“Gettysburg Rebels: Five Native Sons who Came Home to Fight as Confederate Soldiers”

April 3, 2018

Dave Bastian

“Grants’s Canal: The Union’s
Attempt to Bypass Vicksburg”

May 1, 2018

Carleton Young

“Voices From the Attic: The
Williamstown Boys in the Civil War”

June 5, 2018

Dennis Frye

“September Suspense:
Lincoln’s Union in Peril”

A Women’s Place: Story taken from Wikipedia



Pauline Cushman, Union Spy

From Smithsonian Magazine



Pauline Cushman in Union Uniform

by Matthew Brady

Early life

Harriet Wood was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on June 10, 1833, the daughter of a Spanish merchant and a Frenchwoman (daughter of one of Napoleon Bonaparte's soldiers). Harriet and her brother William were raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Pauline Cushman's parents moved there to set up a trading post with Native Americans. In 1862, she made her stage debut in Louisville, Kentucky, a then Union-occupied city. Later, she would travel to New York where she would take the stage name Pauline Cushman. Over the course of her life, Cushman was married to Jere Fryer, Charles C. Dickinson, and August Fichtner. She had three children: Charles, Ida, and an adopted daughter, Emma.

Career as a spy

After a Northern performance, Cushman was paid by two local pro-Confederate men to toast Confederate President Jefferson Davis after a performance. The theatre forced her to quit, but she had other ideas. She had decided to ingratiate herself with the rebels by making the toast, while offering her services to the Union as a spy.

By fraternizing with rebel military commanders, she managed to conceal battle plans and drawings in her shoes, but was caught twice in 1864 and brought before Confederate General Braxton Bragg, tried by a military court, and sentenced to death by hanging. Though she was already ill, she acted worse off than she was. The Confederates had to postpone her execution. Cushman was spared hanging by the invasion of the area by Union troops. She was also wounded twice.

Some reports state that she returned to the South in her role as a spy, dressed in male uniform. She was awarded the rank of Brevet Major by General James A. Garfield, and made an honorary major by President Abraham Lincoln for her service to the Federal cause, and became known as "Miss Major Pauline Cushman." By the end of the war in 1865, she was touring the country giving lectures on her exploits as a spy.

Later life

Because her undercover activities on behalf of the government were secret, there is a lack of corroborative information about her life at this time. After the war, however, she began a tour celebrating her experiences as a Union spy. In 1865, a friend, Ferdinand Sarmiento, wrote an exaggerated biography titled *The Life of Pauline Cushman: The celebrated Union Spy and Scout*, detailing her early history, her entry into the secret service notes, and memoranda.

She lost her child to sickness by 1868, and married again in 1872 in San Francisco, but was widowed within a year. Sources state that in 1879 she met Jere Fryer, and moved to Casa Grande, Arizona Territory, where they married and operated a hotel and livery stable. Jere Fryer became the sheriff of Pinal County. An adopted daughter, Emma, died, and the Fryers separated in 1890. By 1892, she was living in poverty in El Paso, Texas. She had applied for back pension based on her first husband's military service which she received in the amount of \$12 per month beginning in June 1893. Her last few years were spent in a boarding house in San Francisco,

working as a seamstress and charwoman. Disabled from the effects of rheumatism and arthritis, she developed an addiction to pain medication, and on the night of 2 December 1893 she took a suicidal overdose of morphine. She was found the next morning by her landlady.

Death and Legacy

She died as Pauline Fryer at the age of sixty. The time of her Civil War fame was recalled at her funeral, which was arranged by members of the Grand Army of the Republic; Cushman was buried with full military honors. "Major" Cushman's remains now rest in Officer's Circle at the Presidio's National Cemetery. Her simple gravestone recognizes her contribution to the Union's victory. It is marked, "Pauline C. Fryer, Union Spy."

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

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 get involved: ___public functions ___political action ___preservation ___living history ___ Other: _____(Please 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, Inc., P.O. Box 333 ALLENTOWN, PA 18105**

Dues are payable now!