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From the Brigade Commander

Welcome to Campaign 46!

Inside this issue, you'll find everything you need to mark up your calendar for the year's lecture schedule and other Civil War-related learning opportunities, discover how your Campaign 45 membership fees and donations have been put to good use, check out Civil War book titles scheduled for release in September, and more.

The biggest change you'll notice this campaign year is the format of our Print Raffle. Responding to feedback from members, we've opted this year to offer fewer items, each one of greater value, versus many items of varied value. I think you'll be impressed with the selection. We'll be sure to run a photo (and description) of the print raffle items in next month's newsletter.

Barry

The Civil War Round Table of Eastern Pa., Inc. is a proud leader of America's battlefield preservation movement. It has been designated by the American Battlefield Trust (ABT) as a Top 300 Lifetime Donor, a Brigade member of the Color Bearer Society, and a member of ABT's 25-Year Club, all in recognition for its loyal and general support of battlefield preservation.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **Our 46th Campaign Year!** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Join us for:**“Gettysburg Chaplains” with
Rev. Dr. Nancy Hale
Tuesday, September 5, 2023**

Most military clergy who served during the Civil War were regimental chaplains and accompanied armies on campaigns; others were assigned to post and field hospitals.

Rev. Hale’s presentation will share the stories about some of the chaplains who were present at the battle of Gettysburg, e.g., how they experienced the battle and its aftermath while doing their best to care for the men in their regiments and the sacrifices made by some of these heroes of the faith.

Rev. Hale is a United Methodist minister. She is also a Civil War re-enactor who spends as much time as she can in Gettysburg. She participates in the 100 Nights of Taps program at the National Cemetery in Gettysburg in the summer. She is the author of “Faith and Duty: A Novel of the Civil War.” Three of her ancestors fought at Gettysburg. Her two sons served in the military.

SIGN UP TODAY ...

to attend “Gettysburg Chaplains” with speaker Rev. Dr. Nancy Hale.

Dinner & lecture fee: \$30 ★ Lecture-only fee: \$5
As always, all fees are payable at the door.

Delta Hotel by Marriot

7736 Adrienne Drive • Breinigsville

Dinner start: 6:30 PM ★ Lecture start: ~ 7:15 PM

Deadline to reserve a spot for dinner:

Friday, September 1 by/before 12:00 p.m.

To register, contact Jim Duffy
(duffysocwk@aol.com) or 610-253-4549
(email preferred).

**Walk-in lecture reservations are
NOT required!**

More about our June, 2023, meeting

★ 27 dinner attendees and 15 lecture walk-ins

★ June book raffle: \$107

Both the book raffle and print raffle are important fundraisers that fuel our battlefield preservation and conservation efforts, and we thank all participants for their support throughout Campaign 45. Total proceeds were \$1,012.

June book raffle winners:

l-r: Bill Frankenfield, Wayne Schaeffer, Sherri Miller, Brian Smith, Frank Whalen, Gary Schnell



June’s speakers (below), Gretchen and James Kennedy presented “Mourning Customs and History: ‘Til Death Do Us Part.”



◀ The Kennedy’s are standing behind a 19th century casket that includes a space to stow ice that was used to slow decomposition of the corpse

while it was on display in the parlor of the family’s home.

Member News

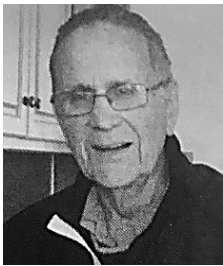
Congratulations to Round Table member **Kay Bagenstose** for being honored in the latest edition of *Hallowed Ground* (an American Battlefield Trust (ABT) publication) as a member of the Patriot Brigade, which includes individuals who have made **200 or more donations** made to the ABT!

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Thus far, Campaign 46 donations made to our Roundtable include members **John and Marie Maly, Lewis Fickett III, and William Fincke**. First-to-the-table with early re-enlistments include **Lewis Fickett II and William Fincke**.

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We were saddened to learn of the deaths of Round Table members **Joseph G. Brewer and Frederick N. Schwenk Jr.**



Joe was a long-time Round Table member and financial supporter; he was very active in our Round Table when conservation field trips were first formed to visit places like Gettysburg National Military Park and South Mountain State Battlefield (Maryland). Joe's daughter, Cynthia, notified us by mail of his death, which occurred on April 21, 2023. Joe's legacy to our Round Table has been capped off by his children's generous donation of about a dozen large and mostly framed Civil War prints and roughly 70 book titles related to the Civil War. Our Round Table will be able to use many of these items to generate funds that will ultimately be donated to Civil War preservation and conservation efforts.



After graduating from Muhlenberg College and Lehigh University, **Fred** worked as a high school teacher and, later, taught at Cedar Crest College. He also served as a high school sports coach. After retiring from teaching, he held assistant principal and principal roles at area high schools and junior high schools. Following his retirement, Fred volunteered at Grandview Hospital and worked at Landis Supermarket. Fred enjoyed Civil War history, genealogy, golfing, reading, traveling, jigsaw puzzles, and high school and Muhlenberg College sports events.

Fred died on August 8, 2023. A celebration of his life will be held on October 21 (1 PM) at Trinity Lutheran Church, 19 S. Fifth Street, Perkasio. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Trinity Lutheran Church Education Fund, 19 S. Fifth St, Perkasio, Pa. 18944. **We will share news of any donations made to our Round Table in Fred's honor with his family.**

Campaign 45 in Review: Preservation Donations

This year, donations made for Civil War preservation efforts are be more diverse than usual. Which, in a way, is quite exciting. Here's the list of beneficiaries:

- All of our speakers receive a **\$50 honorarium**; the majority of these individuals designated their fee to a nonprofit organization with a connection to the Civil War.
- **\$2,000** was donated to the American Battlefield Trust for battlefield acreage preservation.
- Funds were donated to the Laurel Hill Cemetery and the Union League in conjunction with our Campaign 45 field trip.

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Campaign 45 in Review: Preservation Donations (continued)

- The Round Table Board of Directors voted to donate last June's book raffle proceeds (\$107) to the campaign to purchase the sword and also transferred funds donated by many of you (\$5,500) to the Grand Army of the Republic Museum for purchase of the sword.

We thank you once again for showing your dedication to our Round Table's mission, especially since one still-ongoing effort hits so close to home—Jonathan Taylor was a Bethlehem native when he left to join his regiment. You'll find an update on page 7 about the campaign to raise the needed \$9,000 to bring home Captain Taylor's sword.

“President Andrew Johnson’s Swing around the Circle (in Philadelphia) - August 28, 1866

Sunday, September 10, 2023, 1 PM start

Speaker: Michael Wunsch

Holmesburg Methodist Church (Church Hall), 8118 Frankford Ave. (in Northeast Philadelphia)

FREE OF CHARGE!



You're invited to a G.A.R. Museum & Library Open House event that will be held on Sunday, September 10, 2023, beginning at 1 PM. Learn about the “Union Party” (Johnsons’) administration’s post-Civil War Reconstruction policy in relation to the northern states and the former Confederacy and the fierce opposition to this policy from elements of the radical Congress and other politicians and the press.

Johnson's train tour (speaking campaign) to gain support for his mild Reconstruction policies and his preferred candidates in the forthcoming midterm Congressional elections took on a form—one that Andrew Johnson, historians contend, never recovered from politically.

To attend virtually, send an email request for a “virtual” seat to garmuslib1866@gmail.com, and you will receive a link by return email to access the presentation (and a password to enter the virtual presentation space) within 24 hours of the presentation.

Campaign 46 Lecture Schedule

The list below represents our lineup of Campaign 46 speakers and the titles of their presentations. (You'll find information about the September lecture on page 2 of this newsletter). For more details, watch for monthly newsletters or visit our Round Table's website www.cwrteasternpa.org/.

October 3, 2023	"The Battle of Seven Pines (Fair Oaks) Va.: The Turning Points of the Civil War"	Victor Vignola
November 7, 2023	"Walk a Mile with Lincoln (November 19, 1863)"	Linda Clark
December 5, 2023	"A Soldier's Civil War Christmas"	Michael Jesberger
January 2, 2024	"Thirteen Months in Dixie OR the Adventures of a Federal Prisoner in Texas"	Steven Knowlton
February 6, 2024	"Cedar Mountain"	M. Chris Bryan
March 5, 2024	"Women Combat Soldiers in the War"	James Hedtke
April 2, 2024	"Fort Sumter's Long Shadow: Mr. Lincoln Calls for an Army, and Northern States Respond."	Leon Reed
May 7, 2024	"Point Lookout Confederate POW Camp"	Bradley Gottfried
June 4, 2024	"Who is James Longstreet?"	Lt. General James Longstreet, CSA, and his wife, Helen Dortch Longstreet

We Are SO Close to Being Able to Bring Home the Sword of Captain Jonathan K. Taylor!

Though a mere piece of forged metal, Captain Taylor's sword is a part of the legacy of our nation's defining conflict; working to bring it back to the place from which Captain Taylor left to meet his destiny is a meaningful venture that the CWRT of Eastern Pa., Inc. is more than proud to sponsor—and one that fits well with our mission. If we are successful, all of us would benefit in the knowledge that we are making it possible for Bethlehem School District students to explore, at a uniquely personal level, the motivation of an individual who once lived in their city and, possibly, become motivated themselves to develop a greater understanding of the American Civil War.

**If every Round Table member were to donate \$25 (or best offer)
this September, we would have the funds needed to complete the purchase
of the sword by the end of the month!**

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(Bringing Home Jonathan Taylor's sword – continued)

A date for installation of the sword display at the school and a ribbon-cutting ceremony is currently under discussion. Ultimately, the sword will be permanently transferred to its owner: The G.A.R. Civil War Museum and Archive in Philadelphia.

If you're still thinking about participating in this worthy effort, or if you might like to make a subsequent donation, we'd like to remind you that CWRT of Eastern Pa., Inc. is a not-for-profit organization (EIN# 23-2660123), and all donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. To ensure your donation is properly assigned, you should indicate "Sword" in the lower left-hand "For" or "Note" section of your check, make the check payable to "CWRT of Eastern Pa., Inc.," and mail it to P. O. Box 333, Allentown, PA 18015.



Gettysburg's Evergreen Cemetery with Guided Tour and Barbecue Lunch Saturday, October 7, 2023

by Claire Kukuieka

Evergreen Cemetery—formerly called Citizen's Cemetery and Ever Green Cemetery—is a historic 29.12 acre rural cemetery located just outside Gettysburg Borough, in Cumberland Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania. It is part of the Gettysburg Battlefield Historic District and is surrounded

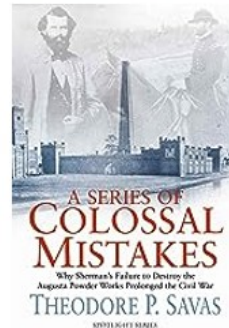
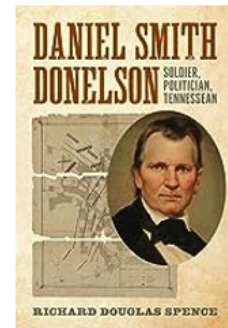
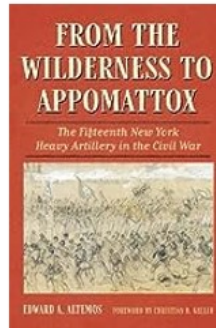
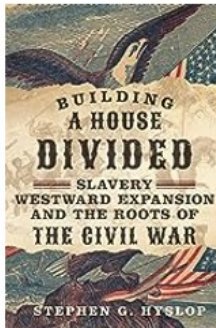
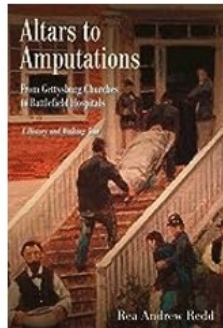
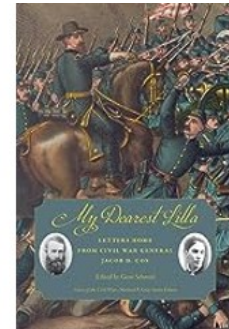
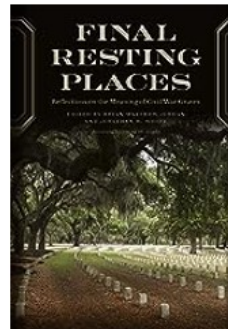
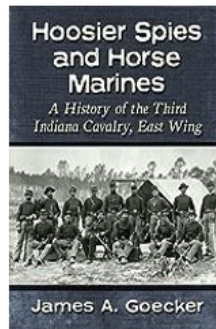
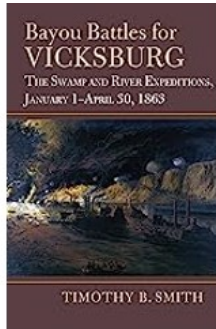
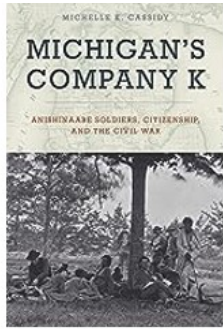
by Gettysburg National Military Park and Soldiers' National Cemetery.

Our plan is to meet at approximately 10:30 a.m. in the parking lot of the Delta by Marriot Hotel and carpool. We will arrive around lunchtime. After lunch, we will tour the Gate House Museum and view the grave sites of Jennie Wade and John Burns. Nearby is where Abraham Lincoln gave his Gettysburg Address.

The historic gatehouse is being restored to its original colors. Mr. Brian A. Kennell, superintendent of Evergreen Cemetery, is working to raise funds through the sale of the latest edition of his book, "Beyond the Gatehouse: Gettysburg's Evergreen Cemetery." Plans are also in place to improve the cemetery grounds, which will include the addition of a garden.

Attendees should plan to arrive in Gettysburg for a 1:00 p.m. lunch, which will be followed by a two-hour tour (2:00-4:00 p.m.). Eighteen people signed up for this event last spring; I will be contacting those folks to confirm they still wish to attend. We would like to keep the attendance to approximately 20, so we do have room for a couple of others to attend. If you are interested, please contact me at clkuk@ptd.net.

September, 2023, Civil War Book Releases



Bayou Battles for Vicksburg: The Swamp and River Expeditions, January 1-April 30, 1863,
by Timothy B. Smith | Sep 1, 2023

Michigan's Company K: Anishinaabe Soldiers, Citizenship, and the Civil War, by Michelle K Cassidy
| Sep 1, 2023

Hoosier Spies and Horse Marines: A History of the Third Indiana Cavalry, East Wing,
by James A. Goecker | Sep 1, 2023

Final Resting Places: Reflections on the Meaning of Civil War Graves, by Brian Matthew Jordan,
Jonathan W. White, et al. | Sep 1, 2023

Ink, Dirt and Powder Smoke: The Civil War Letters of William F. Keeler, Paymaster on the
USS Monitor, by Charles W McLandress | Sep 7, 2023

My Dearest Lilla: Letters Home from Civil War General Jacob D. Cox, by Gene Schmiel |
Sep 18, 2023

Altars to Amputations: From Gettysburg Churches to Battlefield Hospitals: A History and Walking
Tour, by Rea Andrew Redd | Sep 22, 2023

Building a House Divided: Slavery, Westward Expansion, and the Roots of the Civil War,
by Stephen G. Hyslop | Sep 26, 2023

From the Wilderness to Appomattox: The Fifteenth New York Heavy Artillery in the Civil War,
by Edward A. Altemos | Sep 26, 2023

Daniel Smith Donelson: Soldier, Politician, Tennessean, by Doug Spence | Sep 26, 2023

A Series of Colossal Mistakes: Why Sherman's Failure to Destroy the Augusta Powder Works
Prolonged the Civil War, by Theodore P. Savas | Sep 30, 2023

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CAMPAIGN 46 MEMBERSHIP FORM (2023-2024)

Please complete the form below and mail it along with your Campaign 45 dues to **CWRT of Eastern Pa., Inc., P. O. Box 333, Allentown, PA 18105**. Make your check payable to: "CWRT of Eastern Pa., Inc."

<p>Select one: <input type="checkbox"/> I am reenlisting for Campaign 46 <input type="checkbox"/> I am a new recruit</p>	<p>Indicate your membership preference: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual: \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time student: \$10</p>
<p>(Please print clearly, ESPECIALLY your email address!!)</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Mailing address:</p> <p>Email address: _____ Phone number: _____</p>	
<p>I am including a donation (in addition to my membership dues) \$ _____. <i>Your donation will be used by the CWRT of Eastern Pa., Inc. to benefit preservation efforts related to the Civil War, e.g., supporting the vital work of museums and saving battlefield acreage from developers.</i></p>	
<p>(NEW RECRUITS): Please tell us about your American Civil War interests and experiences:</p> <p>How did you hear of the CWRT Round Table of Eastern Pa.?</p> <p>Are you a reenactor (Yes/No)? If yes, unit(s)?</p> <p>Use the space below to share name(s)/unit(s) of ancestor(s) who fought in the Civil War:</p>	
<p>(NEW RECRUITS <u>AND</u> REENLISTERS): Do you have a particular interest in the Civil War? If yes, please elaborate in the space provided below:</p> <p>Are you willing to speak to groups on some aspect of the Civil War (Yes/No)?</p> <p>Are you interested in participating in Round Table activities? If yes, please specify below: <input type="checkbox"/> public functions <input type="checkbox"/> political action <input type="checkbox"/> preservation <input type="checkbox"/> living history <input type="checkbox"/> other (note below):</p>	
<p><i>Sending newsletters and other information to our members via email speeds the distribution process and allows us to divert more funds to preservation and conservation. By providing us with your email address, you are giving the CWRT of Eastern Pa., Inc. permission to contact you and/or send information to you via email. We rarely have a need to contact our members by phone, but having this information on file is occasionally very helpful. IMPORTANT NOTE: The CWRT of Eastern Pa., Inc. will NEVER share your contact information unless it has obtained your permission in advance to do so.</i></p>	

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