



CAMPAIGN 36

May 2014 – Winter CAMPAIGN

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May 06, 2014 PROGRAM REGISTRATION DETAILS

All Members and guests of the Lehigh Brigade are ordered to the Days Inn and Suites of Allentown, PA on May 06, 2014. **The deadline for accepting dinner reservations is Thursday, May 01, 2014.**

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

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Brigade Call

Civil War Round Table of Eastern, PA, Inc.

Robert Ashcraft

The spring season has sprung before us with beautiful warm winds, the weather seems to be greening the cover of the battlefields with flowers pushing through. May's meeting will be the "official" call for spring flowers. Finally, we enjoy the walks of the battlefields and look back on April's meeting with Elizabeth Dinger. Her topic of "The Siege of Petersburg – The Stories Cemeteries Tell" will spark the spring in the ole Civil War crowd. So enjoy the spring and get your flowers and gardens started, but don't forget the Rebel yell going to announce our May meeting!

So, this month we are endeared with the Roger W. Arthur's talk on President Lincoln. Roger will cover Lincoln's "Wit and Wisdom" from the inspiration from "New Birth of Freedom of 1863", which highlights the history of the bicentennial celebration on Lincoln's efforts. Hopefully everyone enjoyed the brush cutting at Gettysburg Park on Saturday, April 26th. Also this year, we will be looking at the Civil War Trust's Antietam Campaign and the four battlefields in Virginia that need 318 acres preserved (<http://www.civilwar.org/battlefields/antietam/antietam-2013/>).

As always, I want to remind every person that our website (<http://www.cwrteasternpa.org/>) archives all the past newsletters, lists our meeting times, membership application, a collection of other civil war related sites for research, the civil war's 150th anniversary locations to visit and last but definitely not least is our Preservation Front. Our Preservation Front contains not only our latest updates, but also trusts that have been setup to support the preservation of the civil war battlegrounds. So during this 2013-2014 campaign Year, don't forget to remember the soldiers that fought and died in the civil war. Please, not only do your part, but also help us to preserve the battlefield lands where our ancestors fought.

From PA Access for Historical Records: Tim Gruber, PAHR Access spokesperson

The following is from Tim Gruber of Pennsylvania Historical Record Access. This organization has worked diligently to get death certificates placed on-line. As any of you who work on historical or family research know, this will be an invaluable aid. Our CWRT has supported this effort.

The initial batch of **Pennsylvania state death certificates** is **now online through Ancestry.com** (as of April 18th). Remember only birth and death certificates that are open records will be online (50 years for death certificates and 105 years for birth certificates). The overall schedule is:



PA ACCESS for Historical Records Continued

1906-24 death certificates – April 2014

1925-44 death certificates – June 2014

1945-63 death certificates – November 2014

1906 birth certificates – March 2015

Pennsylvania residents (and only Pennsylvania residents) have **free access** to this particular database as they do with other Pennsylvania State Archives records already scanned and made available online by Ancestry. Free access for Pennsylvania residents is accomplished by registering online at no cost through this link (please be sure to read the instructions carefully): <http://www.portal.state.pa.us/>. Pennsylvania residents that already have a subscription to Ancestry do not need to do anything as long as they continue to have a subscription to Ancestry.

Out of state residents **do need** a subscription to Ancestry to access these records. However, many libraries and research centers everywhere provide free access to Ancestry. After three years the records will be moved to the Pennsylvania State Archives website and be free to all.

Thank you for your help in getting the PA state law changed that made this possible. Without your help we would still be stuck with the old extremely restricted access to Pennsylvania state birth and death certificates and wishing it were different. For more information please visit www.pahr-access.org. Good luck in your searches and keep in mind mistakes in indexing (most especially on Ancestry) and the original certificates are to be expected.

About our Meetings:

Location of all meetings

Days Inn and Suites of Allentown (formerly Four Points Sheraton)

3400 Airport Road, Allentown, PA

Format of all meetings

Sutler's Call

6:00-6:30 pm

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)

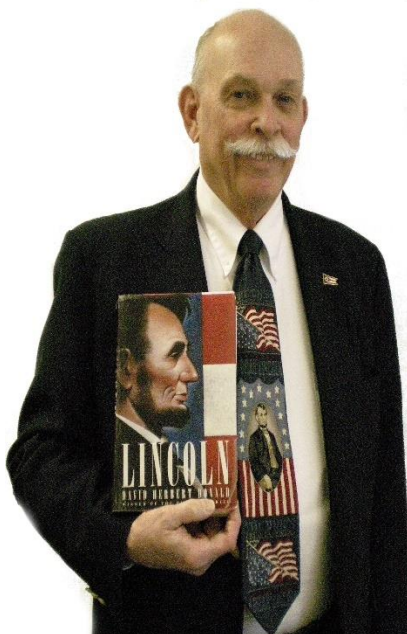


Do You **KNOW THE CIVIL WAR?**

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

1. Which Union soldier rose to brevet major general at age 20, the youngest ever to hit any rank of general?
2. How long was Sherman's March to the Sea, the scorched-earth drive that followed the taking of Atlanta?
 - a. 99 miles
 - b. 150 miles
 - c. 300 miles
 - d. 666 miles
3. In November 1864, a late-in-the-war Confederate plan called for agents to burn which northern city? (The plan fizzled.)
 - a. Boston
 - b. Chicago
 - c. New York
 - d. Hartford

ABOUT OUR MAY 2014 PROGRAM SPEAKER, ROGER W. ARTHUR AND HIS TOPIC, THE WIT AND WISDOM OF LINCOLN



An interest in history is something I have had since childhood. I studied it in college, taught it in school, read monographs of many prominent historians, read many of the original documents and have visited most of the important Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt and Civil War sites throughout the country. I currently teach Modern American History at Bishop Shanahan High School in

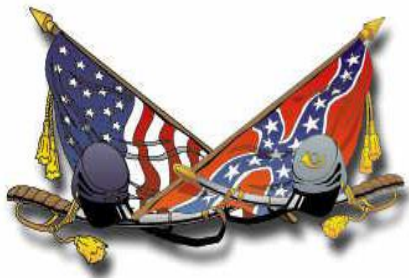
Downingtown, PA. In the evenings in the Spring and Fall I offer a variety of adult enrichment courses at the Chester County Night School and, from time to time, at Manor College and the Mainline School Night. These include The War of the Rebellion, "Discover Mr. Lincoln," "Meet Colonel Roosevelt,"

The American Revolution, World War II and Presidential Greatness. I often speak to Civil War Round

Tables, libraries, colleges and community groups. In February 2009 I gave a series of Lincoln

Lectures at the Chester and Delaware County Libraries to commemorate the bicentennial of Lincoln's

birth. In the spring of 2013 the Marple Library in Delaware County will offer a four part series: "1863: a New Birth of Freedom."



ANSWERS FOR DO YOU KNOW THE CIVIL WAR?

1. Galusha Pennypacker
2. c.
3. c.

Remembering Chancellorsville, Wikipedia

The **Battle of Chancellorsville** was a major battle of the American Civil War, and the principal engagement of the **Chancellorsville Campaign**.^[4] It was fought from April 30 to May 6, 1863, in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, near the village of Chancellorsville. Two related battles were fought nearby on May 3 in the vicinity of Fredericksburg. The campaign pitted Union Army Maj. Gen. Joseph Hooker's Army of the Potomac against an army less than half its size, Gen. Robert E. Lee's Confederate Army of Northern Virginia. Chancellorsville is known as Lee's "perfect battle" because his risky decision to divide his army in the presence of a much larger enemy force resulted in a significant Confederate victory. The victory, a product of Lee's audacity and Hooker's timid decision making, was tempered by heavy casualties and the mortal wounding of Lt. Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson to friendly fire, a loss that Lee likened to "losing my right arm."

The Chancellorsville Campaign began with the crossing of the Rappahannock River by the Union army on the morning of April 27, 1863. Union cavalry under Maj. Gen. George Stoneman began a long distance raid against Lee's supply lines at about the same time. This operation was completely ineffectual. Crossing the Rapidan River via Germanna and Ely's Fords, the Federal infantry concentrated near Chancellorsville on April 30. Combined with the Union force facing Fredericksburg, Hooker planned a double envelopment, attacking Lee from both his front and rear.

On May 1, Hooker advanced from Chancellorsville toward Lee, but the Confederate general split his army in the face of superior numbers, leaving a small force at Fredericksburg to deter Maj. Gen. John Sedgwick from advancing, while he attacked Hooker's advance with about 4/5ths of his army. Despite the objections of his subordinates, Hooker withdrew his men to the defensive lines around Chancellorsville, ceding the initiative to Lee. On May 2, Lee divided his army again, sending Stonewall Jackson's entire corps on a flanking march that routed the Union XI Corps. While performing a personal reconnaissance in advance of his line, Jackson was wounded by fire from his own men, and Maj. Gen. J.E.B. Stuart temporarily replaced him as corps commander.

The fiercest fighting of the battle—and the second bloodiest day of the Civil War—occurred on May 3 as Lee launched multiple attacks against the Union position at Chancellorsville, resulting in heavy losses on both sides. That same day, Sedgwick advanced across the Rappahannock River, defeated the small Confederate force at Marye's Heights in the Second Battle of Fredericksburg and then moved to the west. The Confederates fought a successful delaying action at the Battle of Salem Church and by May 4 had driven back Sedgwick's men to Banks's Ford, surrounding them on three sides. Sedgwick withdrew across the ford early on May 5, and Hooker withdrew the remainder of his army across U.S. Ford the night of May 5–6. The campaign ended on May 7 when Stoneman's cavalry reached Union lines east of Richmond.



LEHIGH VALLEY CIVIL WAR DAYS

1864 – THE CHANGING FACE OF WAR

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Neil Coddington

WHAT: Annual Lehigh Valley Civil War Days at Whitehall Parkway Recreational Area.
This year's theme is "1864 – The Changing Face of War."

WHERE: Whitehall Parkway Recreational Area, South Church Street, Whitehall Township, Pennsylvania

WHEN: Saturday – Sunday, May 31 – June 1, 2014 from 9:00 AM to 9:45 PM on Saturday and from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM on Sunday, rain or shine

SPECIFIC BATTLE REENACTMENTS WILL TAKE PLACE EACH DAY ALONG WITH FIGHTING IN THE TRENCHES

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Battle re-enactments
 - 10:45 AM – Upton's Attack on the Mule Shoe – Saturday
 - 1:45 PM – Attack at Cold Harbor – Sunday
 - Behind the scenes tour of the trenches on the hour starting at 12:00 noon
 - Medical demonstrations
 - Camp life scenarios
 - Ration call
 - Mail call
 - Firing demonstrations
 - Historic street featuring:
 - Field Hospital
 - US Sanitary Commission
 - US Sanitary Commission Cook and Quartermaster
 - Children's Games
 - Period School
 - Children's Recruiting Center
 - Cake Walk – 1:30 PM – Saturday & 11:00 AM – Sunday (proceeds go to preservation)
 - Artillery demonstration 4:00 PM and 8:45 PM Saturday
 - Entertainment at the Lyceum featuring:
 - Jeff Stocker – discussion of the 153rd Pennsylvania Infantry – 12:30 PM Sunday
 - Kent Courtney – Civil War era music both days
 - Jason Wilson – discussion of Pennsylvania's attempt to preserve Civil War Battle Flag
 - Evening concert – 7:00 PM - Saturday
 - Other discussions and period music
- Sutlers and food are available both days. Both Union and Confederate living historians will be available to answer questions. **CONTACT: Rob Martin (610) 419-9641 or email friendsofcampgeiger@gmail.com**



Book Raffle Winners For April 2014



The book raffle winners for the April 2014 meeting were (left to right) Bill Frankenfield, Samuel Parker, Chuck Cannon, Joe Riggs and Edward Mulligan. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone for supporting the preservation cause!

A Message From A Colleague:

My name is Alison McElwee and am working with J.D. Petruzzi and Michael Frost Beckner to help promote our To Appomattox Kickstarter Campaign. Today being April 9th, what an auspicious date to start! And next week we launch our Kickstarter crowdfunding effort to bring that story back to life.

J.D. said you might be interested in following our project, commenting on our efforts on your website and ultimately supporting it when our Kickstarter launches on April 16th. Because we share the same audience and passion for the Civil War, J.D. thought we would be a good match. "To Appomattox is America's own personal story. Cast with many of today's most popular actors and musical talent, the miniseries portrays our Nation's painful recapture of its soul. I am leading a team of respected historians who have helped to keep the production true to history, while dramatically bringing to life the Civil War's most well-known participants and common soldiers. It can only happen with yours and your readers' support! " To view the Appomattox official website: <http://www.toappomattox.com/>



**CONGRATULATIONS AND REMEMBER YOU SUPPORT PRESERVATION,
WHEN YOU PURCHASE PRINT AND BOOK RAFFLE TICKETS!**

Burnside's Bridge by Don Troiani

This valuable print, Burnside's Bridge, signed by artist Don Troiani, is first prize in our June Raffle. The framed value in the secondary market for this print is currently \$600.00. This will be a great addition to your collection.

Second prize - Official General Ulysses S. Grant Bowie Knife - "The Siege of Vicksburg" by the Franklin Mint with a Certificate of Authenticity

Third prize - "Illustrated History of the Civil War" - 3 volume set

Vol. 1 - "Arms and Equipment of the Union" Vol. 2 - "Arms and Equipment of the Confederacy"

Vol. 3 - "Illustrated Atlas of the Civil War"

Fourth prize - "Grant and Lee" - William M. S. Rasmussen and Robert S. Tilton - Published by Virginia Historical Society - 9" X 12"

Fifth prize - Three rare pamphlets on the USS Monitor:

"The Man Who Made the Monitor; John Ericsson, Engineer and Visionary" - American Swedish

Historical Museum, Philadelphia 2003

"Monitor Builders: A Historical Study of the Principal Firms and Individuals Involved in the Construction of the USS Monitor" - National Park Service and NOAA, 1988



Raffle Continued:

"Ironclad Captains: The Commanding Officers of the USS Monitor" - William S. Still – National Marine Sanctuary, April 1988

Stop by and see Jim Duffy at the Preservation Table during any meeting to purchase print raffle tickets. A book of 10 tickets is only \$5.00! We all win when we donate for the benefit of historic preservsation.

Contributed by Tony Major

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