



Winter Campaign 38 December 2015

ATTENTION – ATTENTION – ATTENTION

The CWRT of Eastern PA, Inc. is preparing to saddle up and move

The CWRT of Eastern PA is ON THE MOVE.....PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW MEETING LOCATION

Be prepared to muster at our new meeting location on Tuesday, January 5th, 2016.

The Center at Holiday Inn Lehigh Valley

7736 Adrienne Drive Breinigsville, PA 18031 Phone 610-391-1000

The Holiday Inn is a great facility right off Rte. 100 and is easily accessible from anywhere in the Lehigh Valley via Rte. 22 or Rte. 78 east and west or Rte. 309 or NE Extension for north and south travelers.

Look for EVEN more details in our January newsletter.....

All members and guests of the Lehigh Brigade meet on the first Tuesday of each month (September - June) at the **The Center at Holiday Inn Lehigh Valley 7736 Adrienne Drive, Breinigsville, PA 18031**

I-78 West to exit 49A (Route 100 South) Once you are on 100 South, proceed to first traffic light - Penn Drive Turn right onto Penn Drive Take the first right onto Sycamore and follow to the stop sign Bear left and the Holiday Inn is straight ahead.

Route 22 West to I-78 West towards Harrisburg Take I-78 West to exit 49A (Route 100 South) Once you are on 100 South, proceed to first traffic light - Penn Drive Turn right onto Penn Drive Take the first right onto Sycamore and follow to the stop sign Bear to the left - the Holiday Inn is straight ahead.

Route 222 to Route 100 North Turn left onto Penn Drive at the traffic signal Take the first right onto Sycamore Drive and follow to the first stop sign Bear left and the Holiday Inn is directly ahead.

Here is their link: [Holiday Inn Conference Center Lehigh Valley in Breinigsville](#)

You can enter the address – 7736 Adrienne Drive Breinigsville, PA 18031 into your GPS or you can also find directions at <http://www.mapquest.com>

Please note there are multiple parking lots that you may utilize once you arrive.

About Our December Speaker....Charlie Zahm

****Of Special Interest****

This year should be a real treat with Charlie providing a musical tribute to the Irish Brigade, a first-person program which brings you right back into life as an Irish American fighting for the Union between 1861-65. This rendition will be narrated from the point of view of Capt. James Haggerty of the 69 NYSM (He died at First Bull Run).

MORE ABOUT Charlie Zahm: AND HIS Civil War Music

Charlie Zahm is of the most popular singers at Celtic and maritime music events in the Eastern United States. While Charlie Zahn is one States, several years ago Charlie's interest in the great collection of music from the War Between the States was sparked when friends in the Civil War community *finally* convinced him that with his wide array of Scottish, Irish and otherwise traditional American songs under his belt, he was more than halfway there to a strong Civil War repertoire-and that he would be a welcome addition to that community through his music. They were exactly right! Charlie's interest in history (in fact, one of his degrees is in history) led him to disciplined research of the period, and how it affected the body of music now so important to its proper understanding.

Further, after finding a photo of Col. Lewis Zahm of the Third Ohio Cavalry at a library in Ohio (pictured here), Charlie found the first of many family connections to the War. Col. Zahm-still much revered in Ohio-was the uncle of the first Charles Louis Zahm (and lent his name to the child, though it is now spelled differently), and Charlie is the fifth in line to hold that exact name; so he is actually, in part, named after a Civil War officer.

Charlie does his best to present these great songs with the honor due both them and the subjects they recollect. His 13th CD, "Americana," is heavily influenced by music of the War, and the collection of songs (clips of which can be heard elsewhere on this website) has proven a favorite of those who enjoy the study of this period. While Charlie can perform in civilian outfits comfortable singing songs of either side of the Conflict, Charlie also presents two distinct musical and historical explorations of the period both North and South.

Remember, you are welcome to wear your period garb if you wish for the holiday dinner.

Pix of Charlie in the 79th New York Highlander Program



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Charlie is a life-long student of all things Scottish, preparing a musical impression of the 79th New York Volunteers-the Highlanders-was a natural fit. Charlie's knowledge of this great regiment of well-traveled soldiers, as well as his grasp of Scottish history (the first few hundred men of the 79th were either Scottish or Scottish-American) help to bring the Highlanders alive through songs they sung or which relate to their experience.



Operation Snowflake



For weather related cancellations, please tune to either radio station WAEB AM (790 on your dial) or B104 FM. If you have computer access and don't want to listen through the many listings on the radio, go to www.waeb.com and click on "Operation Snowflake". Or can you visit the CWRT website - www.cwrteasternpa.org - where any meeting change information will be posted. If you still have doubts, please call Jeff Stocker at (work) 610-437-5664 or at (home) 610-867-5178.

Brigade Call

Warren Beach

I certainly hope you all mark your calendars for the December meeting of the CWRT. Charlie Zahn will be the program. He was with us last year and his mixture of humor and music was delightful. I am really looking forward to his program.

Reflecting On Our December Talk by Tony Major:

Sixty-six members and guests were on hand to hear Bruce Mowday's talk on his latest book *Pickett's Charge: The Untold Story*.



Author and speaker, Bruce Mowday, receiving a Plaque from Ed Oechsle and Warren Beach at the December Meeting.

Fall 2015 & Spring 2016 PROGRAM REGISTRATION DETAILS

All Members and guests of the Lehigh Brigade are ordered to the Days Inn and Suites of Allentown, PA which is located at 3400 Airport Road. **The deadline for accepting dinner reservations is this Friday, by noon on November 27, which is the Friday before the monthly meeting held on the first Tuesday of the month. Please contact our staff via e mail or by phone. ***Please try not to call on Thanksgiving day. E mails are always welcome regardless of the day.*****

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

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Do You **KNOW THE CIVIL WAR?**

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

1. What Camp did the Sweetwater Branch creek run through?
 - a. Camp Cedar
 - b. Camp Sweetwater
 - c. Camp Rapids
 - d. Camp Sumter
2. What was the name of the spring that just sprouted up out of the ground one day at Andersonville prison?
 - a. Hot Spring
 - b. Clear Spring
 - c. Providence Spring
 - d. Bed Spring
3. What nurse was known as the ‘dragon lady’?
 - a. Clara Barton
 - b. Dorothea Dix
 - c. Mary Walker
 - d. Louisa Mae Alcott

Save the Date for Gettysburg Brush Cutting by Ed Root

We have had great success the past two years helping to maintain the Gettysburg National Military Park for the benefit of all who visit that sacred field. Last year though our partnership with CWRT friends and family and Boy Scout Troop 89 of New Tripoli, Saucon Valley High School students in Bob McHugh's class and friends from the Whitehall Historical Society our Round Table mustered 52 hearty souls for a grand day working near the Leister Farm.

So circle, Saturday, April 23, 2016 for this year's adventure. You will have plenty of time to get in shape so no excuses. More details will be provided as soon as we determine a work site. We are also working on a special post work program to reward our great volunteers that you will not want to miss!!! Any questions, see Ed Root at any meeting.

Thomas Nast and the Civil War



Thomas Nast was a German born child with a flair for drawing. His doodling in school combined with poor grades were such that he quit school at age 13. His family sent him to The National Academy of Art where he honed his skills. He became a very famous illustrator who made a name for himself working first for *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Magazine*. Nast was assigned to cover the American [Civil War](#) for the magazine.

His drawings were spectacular. According to Union General Ulysses S. Grant, Nast was using his pen in place of the sword to influence the war. Nast was a crusader and his controversial drawings brought the wrath of persons far and wide. His advocacy against civil dishonesty and corruption were such that Grant said that Nast did as much as any man to help end the conflict. But the lasting legacy of Nast is not his grand Civil War drawings, but his drawings of Christmas and [Santa Claus](#).

ANSWERS FOR DO YOUR KNOW THE CIVIL WAR?

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1. d. Camp Sumter
2. c. Providence Spring
3. b. Dorothea Dix



Book Raffle Winners for November 2015



The book raffle winners for the November 2015 meeting were (front) Terry Bender (back – left to right) Sandra Todd, Joe Riggs, Rev. Craig Landis, Wade Cruse and Fred Bomberger. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone for supporting the preservation cause!

2014-2015 Campaign Print Raffle Prizes

Civil War Roundtable Prizes for 2015 – 2016 Campaign Season

Grand Prize

“Battery Longstreet (Battle of Antietam, September 17, 1862) – Numbered Print and Framed

2nd Prize

“General Meade’s Headquarters – Mrs. Lydia Leister House; Gettysburg, PA.) Ink Drawing print

3rd Prize

“Stonewall Jackson (2 volumes) – Lenoir Chambers

4th Prize

“Battle of Bull Run (collector’s edition) – William C. Davis

5th Prize

“Brawling Brass North and South – The Most Famous Quarrels of the Civil War” – Harold B. Simpson

REENLISTMENT REPORT

It is re-enlistment time for the 2015-2016 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**

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!

The Battle of Nashville - December 16, 1864

December 15-16, 1864

<http://www.civilwar.org>

In a last desperate attempt to force Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman's army out of Georgia, Gen. John Bell Hood led the Army of Tennessee north toward Nashville in November 1864. Although he suffered terrible losses at Franklin on November 30, he continued toward Nashville. By the next day, the various elements of Maj. Gen. George H. Thomas's army had reached Nashville. Hood reached the outskirts of Nashville on December 2, occupied positions on a line of hills parallel to those of the Union, and began erecting fieldworks. Union Army Engineer, Brig. Gen. James St. Clair Morton, had overseen the construction of sophisticated fortifications at Nashville in 1862-63, strengthened by others, which would soon see use. From the 1st through the 14th, Thomas made preparations for the Battle of Nashville in which he intended to destroy Hood's army. On the night of December 14, Thomas informed Maj. Gen. Henry W. Halleck, acting as Maj. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's chief of staff, that he would attack the next day. Thomas planned to strike both of Hood's flanks. Before daylight on the 15th, the first of the Union troops, led by Maj. Gen. James Steedman, set out to hit the Confederate right. The attack was made and the Union forces held down one Rebel corps there for the rest of the day. The attack on the Confederate left did not begin until after noon, at which point a charge commenced on Montgomery Hill. With this classic charge's success, attacks on other parts of the Confederate left commenced, all eventually successful. By this time it was dark and fighting stopped for the day. Although battered and with a much smaller battle line, Gen. Hood was still confident. He established a main line of resistance along the base of a ridge about two miles south of the former location, throwing up new works and fortifying Shy's and Overton's hills on their flanks. The IV Army Corps marched out to within 250 yards, in some places, of the Confederates' new line and began constructing fieldworks. During the rest of the morning, other Union troops moved out toward the new Confederate line and took up positions opposite it. The Union attack began against Hood's strong right flank on Overton's Hill. The same brigade that had taken Montgomery Hill the day before received the nod for the charge up Overton's Hill. This charge, although gallantly conducted, failed, but other troops (Maj. Gen. A.J. Smith's "Israelites") successfully assaulted Shy's Hill in their fronts. Seeing the success along the line, other Union troops charged up Overton's Hill and took it. Hood's army fled. Thomas had left one escape route open, but the Union army set off in pursuit. For ten days, the pursuit continued until the beaten and battered Army of Tennessee re-crossed the Tennessee River. Hood's army was stalled at Columbia, beaten at Franklin, and routed at Nashville. Hood retreated to Tupelo and resigned his command.



[Battle of Nashville - December 15, 1864](#)

Winter Lecture Series 2016:
Reconstruction, Reconciliation, and Remembrance:
The Aftermath and Legacy of the Civil War- January Activities

The Series is held at 1:30 p.m. on weekends in the Gettysburg NMP Museum and Visitor Center

Sat. Jan. 9 Jubal Early and the Molding of Confederate Memory

Join Park Ranger Matt Atkinson and explore the post-war life of former Confederate General Jubal A. Early. During the Civil War Early saw extensive service in most of the major campaigns of the eastern theater. Known for his profane and blunt personality, he served as a writer and editor of the *Southern Historical Society Papers*, and played a major role in shaping how southerners remembered Gettysburg, Robert E. Lee, and what became known as “*The Lost Cause*.” By laying aside the sword and taking up the pen, Early made a direct impact on how generations of Americans would understand the Civil War. - **Matt Atkinson, GNMP**

Sun. Jan. 10 Louisiana Radical: James Longstreet and Reconstruction (1866 - 1875)

Follow the career of former Confederate General James Longstreet from the end of the Civil War to Reconstruction-era New Orleans. Park Ranger Karlton Smith will shed light on Longstreet's post-war politics, his role in shaping reconstruction in Louisiana, his involvement with some of the era's major players, and his participation in the Battle of Liberty Place. - **Karlton Smith, GNMP**

Sat. Jan. 16 Power and Distorted Relationships: The Psychology of the “Loyal Slave” and “Mammy” In the final days of the American Civil War, previously isolated slave populations found the opportunity to run toward Union ships or infantry encampments. Likewise, as federal forces moved onto these plantations and publicly read the Emancipation Proclamation, newly freed slaves migrated in great numbers to the nearest city where the Freedman's Bureau worked to reunite scattered families and provide various forms of social or economic support. Southern planters watched their slaves leave with dismay, having lived under the delusion that their "human property" saw them as patriarchs who provided daily protection from birth to death. Their “defections” stripped away any pretense of the master-slave relationship. Join Ranger Troy Harman and explore the shattered notions of the “loyal slave” and “Mammy” following the end of the war and the transformation of southern society.— **Troy Harman, GNMP**

Sun. Jan. 17 The Long Road to Reconciliation- Veterans and the Record of War

Following the conclusion of the Civil War, surviving Union and Confederate veterans returned home to face an unknown future. United by the shared experience of war, these former soldiers bonded through veterans organizations. In 1866, Union veterans established the Grand Army of the Republic. In 1889 former Confederates banded together to create the United Confederate Veterans. Both groups endeavored to “right the record” of the conflict. Park Historian John Heiser will examine how these two groups, through their newspapers, regimental histories, and reunions helped to shape our interpretation of the war. - **John Heiser, GNMP**

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