



## CAMPAIGN 36

### June 2014 – Spring CAMPAIGN

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## June 03, 2014 PROGRAM REGISTRATION DETAILS

All Members and guests of the Lehigh Brigade are ordered to the Days Inn and Suites of Allentown, PA on June 03, 2014. **The deadline for accepting dinner reservations is Thursday, May 29, 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 warm temperate and fresh breezes with showers for the flowers, the weather seems to be flowering the battlefields and dazzling the visitors of the historical lands. June's meeting will be the "official" call for the end of the campaign year. Finally, we enjoy the walks of the battlefields and look back on May's meeting with Roger W. Arthur's antidotes on President Lincoln. So enjoy the coming summer and get your flowers and gardens growing, but don't forget the Rebel yell going to announce our June meeting!

So, this month we are endeared with the Terry Latschar's talk on Gettysburg. Terry will cover Tillie Pierce's "as a 15 year old" as she recalls, 30 years later, her eye witness accounts, which highlights the history of the horror of the battle of Gettysburg. 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 150<sup>th</sup> 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.

### ***The Annual George Seligman Dinner***

June 3th is our annual Seligman Dinner. As George Seligman passed away in 1985, many of you never had the pleasure to have known George. Every organization has one member who leaves an indelible imprint. It was George who led a small group of Civil War history enthusiasts from the rather formal setting of the Lehigh County Court House to the promised land of monthly dinner meetings and a membership that grew from dozens to hundreds. George, while our gregarious leader, always prodded others into the front, always encouraged others to step up and share the responsibility and the fun of being part of this wonderful round table. Our success over the years is due in part to the foundation and standard that George set.



## 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 Confederate general wore a scarlet-lined cape and an ostrich plume in his hat?
2. Who yelled "Chickamauga, Chickamauga!" as they charged at Missionary Ridge, in Chattanooga? Was it Union or Rebel troops?
3. The best-remembered couplet from "Barbara Frietchie," John Greenleaf Whittier's poetic account of a fictional incident during the Civil War, is the line Ms. Frietchie shouts at the soldier's marching past her house:  
*"Shoot, if you must, this old gray head,  
But spare your country's flag," she said.*

And what does the blushing leader call out to his troops?

**ABOUT OUR June 2014 PROGRAM SPEAKER, Terry Latschar**  
**AND HER TOPIC, Tillie Pierce**

Tillie Pierce was a 15 year old girl at the time of the Battle of Gettysburg. Hear her, 30 years later, as she recalls her eye witness accounts of the horrors of the Civil War as Terry Latschar brings Tillie to life.

Terry is a former Park Ranger at Gettysburg National Military Park; presently a Licensed Battlefield Guide. She has conducted seminar programs, military staff rides, appeared on Pennsylvania Cable Network, and served as an instructor for history teachers at the Governor's Institute. . Previously she was a Licensed Battlefield Guide for five years. She has conducted seminar programs; military staff rides, and is Co-Chair of the Women's History Symposium held annually at GNMP. Before working for the Department of Interior she was employed by the Department of Defense as a Ballistics Lab Technician testing Kevlar body armor. She received her education at Towson University and Penn State York. She has appeared on Pennsylvania Cable Network and has served as an instructor for history teachers at the Governor's Institute.





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## ANSWERS FOR DO YOU KNOW THE CIVIL WAR?

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1. **Jeb Stewart**
2. **Union troops, two months after they had suffered a defeat at Chickamauga**
3. ***"Who touches a hair of yon gray head Dies like a dog! March on!" he said.***



### Remembering the Battle of Seven Pines: May 31, 1862-June 01, 1862

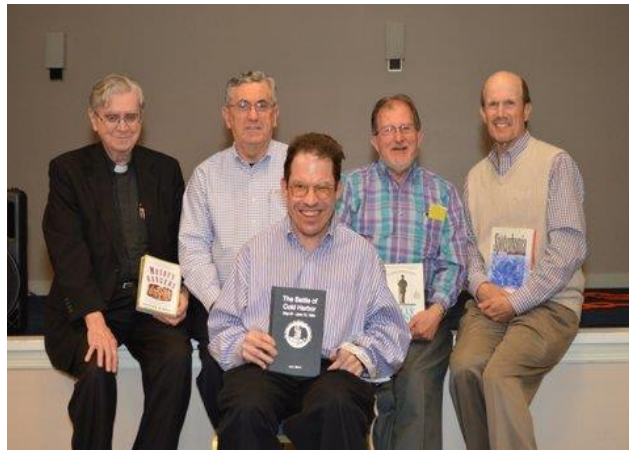
From: <http://www.civilwar.org/battlefields/seven-pines/maps/sevenpinesmap2.html>

On May 31, Gen. Joseph E. Johnston attempted to overwhelm two Federal corps that appeared isolated south of the Chickahominy River. The Confederate assaults, though not well coordinated, succeeded in driving back the IV Corps and inflicting heavy casualties. Reinforcements arrived, and both sides fed more and more troops into the action. Supported by the III Corps and Sedgwick's division of Sumner's II Corps (that crossed the rain-swollen river on Grapevine Bridge), the Federal position was finally stabilized. Gen. Johnston was seriously wounded during the action, and command of the Confederate army devolved temporarily to Maj. Gen. G.W. Smith. On June 1, the Confederates renewed their assaults against the Federals who had brought up more reinforcements but made little headway. Both sides claimed victory. Confederate brigadier Robert H. Hatton was killed.





## **Book Raffle Winners for May 2014**



### **May Raffle Winners:**

The book raffle winners for the May 2014 meeting were (front) Shawn Clancy; (back – left to right) Monsignor Mulligan, Edward Mulligan, David Hohe and Bob Ashcraft. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone for supporting the preservation cause.



**CONGRATULATIONS AND REMEMBER THIS IS THE LAST MONTH FOR THE YEAR TO  
SUPPORT PRESERVATION, BY PURCHASING 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 preservation.**

*Contributed by Tony Major*

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**Follow Up on BRUSHCUTTING Excursion on Saturday, April 26, 2014**

**At GETTYSBURG NMP submitted by Ed Root**



Forty preservation and conservation minded stalwarts travelled to Gettysburg on a beautiful Saturday morning to help maintain the Gettysburg battlefield. The original goal was to clean up brush along the fence line of the McPherson Barn and around the monuments to the 143rd and 149th Pennsylvania Infantry. Because the Civil War Round Table of Eastern Pennsylvania, Inc. and our partner groups mustered a record number for this venture we also took on the task of adding a top level to a fence line between the Chambersburg Pike and the Railroad Cut.

Many of the volunteers left from the Rte. 100 parking lot where Tony Major organized car pools. Members Kay Bagenstose, Bill Frankenfield, Jeff Heller, Dick Jacoby, Bob McHugh, Ed Oechsle, Ben Pattison Ed Root all participated. Whitehall Historical Society members led by Pat Matthews and Saucon Valley High School students led by Bob McHugh attacked the brush along the fence and the barn with a vengeance. Boy Scout Troop 89 from New Tripoli led by John Duffy and directed by Dick Jacoby did a fine job on the fence line and then added their numbers to the work around the barn.



## Brushcutting Continued:



After three hours of rewarding labor a free book raffle was held as a token of thanks to all those who made the trek. Dick Jacoby gave a talk about the 6th Wisconsin Infantry and their July 1 morning assault of the Railroad Cut and Ed Root related the story of the 149th Pennsylvania Infantry and the saga of its Color Guard on the afternoon of that bloody day. Brigade Photographer, Jeff Heller recorded it all for history.

A note of appreciation and thanks was received from Amanda Whitmore, Adopt A Position Coordinator at Gettysburg, Her note ended with; "Let me know when you all would like to come back!"

Please check out our website at <http://www.cwrteasternpa.org/> for some of Jeff's photos of the day.

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