



CAMPAIGN 33 - SKIRMISH 4

Charlie Zahm

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

An Evening of Folk and Civil War Era Music



Gettysburg – Three Days of Destiny, where he played the role of the singing soldier. Not only is Charlie a great soloist, he is also an accomplished guitarist flawlessly mastering the instrument. He also writes his own music and is a serious student of the history of music in the 18th and 19th centuries. There are very few pubs and musical events in the Delaware Valley that have not featured an appearance by Charlie Zahm at one time or another.

Be sure to mark your calendar for TUESDAY DECEMBER 7, 2010. We encourage our members to attend in period dress on this night. So put on those uniforms (Union or Confederate) and hoop skirts and relax for a great evening of lively and hand-clapping music. Be sure to include your family and friends on this night.

REMINDER: Reservations must be made by Thursday
December 2nd.

We welcome all to our December holiday program with balladeer Charlie Zahm. Charlie is one of the most popular soloists in the Delaware Valley. A master of folk and Celtic music, Charlie draws from a large selection of early American and Civil War music, which puts him in great demand at Civil War reenactments and concerts. He is also a frequent performer at Colonial and Revolutionary War events. He appeared in the film

Dinner 6:30 p.m. - \$24.00

Program only 7:30 p.m. - \$5.00

(No reservations required)

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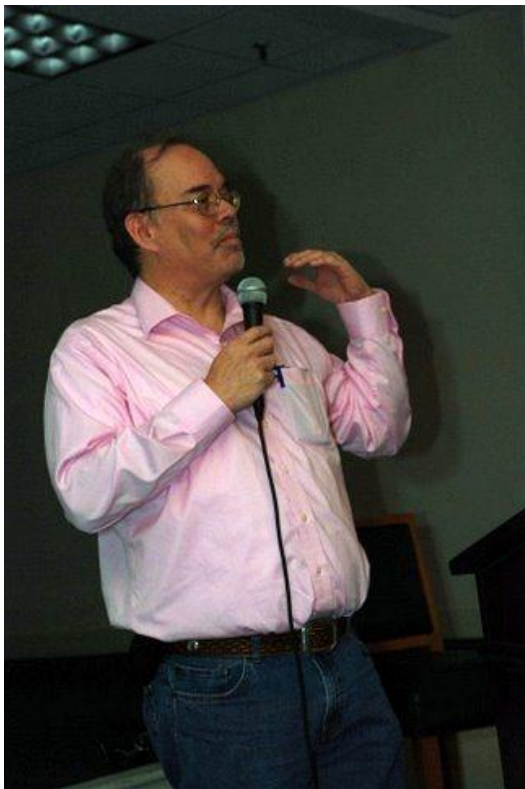
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BRIGADE CALL: Mike Cavanaugh for Larry Kern



Fifty-eight members and guests heard Steve Wright of Philadelphia, present a power- point program on *The USS Dunlap ((DD 384) and the Battle of Vella*

Gulf. The USS *Dunlap* was Steve's father's ship in the Pacific during World War II. The little known battle in August 1943 was a clear victory for the American destroyers. Good job Steve!

Back by popular demand! Balladeer **Charlie Zahm** will entertain us at our December meeting. It is a great night to relax and enjoy a variety of folk and Civil War music. **We encourage our members to attend in period dress – hoop skirts and uniforms (Union and Confederate) welcome.** Don't miss this one. It's a good night to invite family and friends.

Company Commander Susan Kovacs appeals to the membership to see if anyone is interested in a spring field trip in March or April 2011. The trip would be a tour of the **Manassas Battlefield** on a Saturday. The next day would include a stop at the **National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico, VA.** At Manassas, we would visit the site of the land purchased with our gift to the CWPT from the Karl Lehr bequest.

The 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War is almost upon us. We hope that the interest generated by the many events and special programs coming our way over the next four years will have a positive impact on our Round Table. On April 16-17, 2011, one of the first events of the Lehigh Valley Civil War Commemoration will be **"A Community Divided: Civil War Living History Weekend."** More details to follow in upcoming newsletters.

Regimental Commander's Report: Mike Cavanaugh

2010/2011 CAMPAIGN SCHEDULE:

Tuesday December 7, 2010 – CHARLIE ZAHM

Music Historian & Performer

Topic: *Civil War Music*

Tuesday January 4, 2011 – JEFF STOCKER & ED ROOT

Authors & Historians

Topic: *The 153rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry*

Tuesday February 1, 2011 – WARD B. NICKISCH COL.

(Ret) US ARMY

Senior Member U. S. Delegations for POW/MIA

Recoveries

Topic: *Fallen, But Not Forgotten: The Search & Recovery of POW/MIAs from Past Wars*

Tuesday March 1, 2011 – DAVID W. WILLMANN CAPT

(Ret) USN

Historian & Battlefield Guide

Topic: *Staff Rides on Civil War Battlefields*

Tuesday April 5, 2011 – MIKE RILEY

Historian & First Person Impressions

Topic: *An Evening with General John Reynolds*

Tuesday May 3, 2011 – E. A. (BUD) LIVINGSTON

Author, Historian & Past President New York CWRT

Topic: *U. S. Grant and the First Year of the Civil War*

Tuesday June 7, 2011 – FRANK O'REILLY

Author, Historian & Battlefield Guide

Topic: *The Last Days of Robert E. Lee: From Appomattox to Lexington.*

Visit Our Newly Designed Web Site:

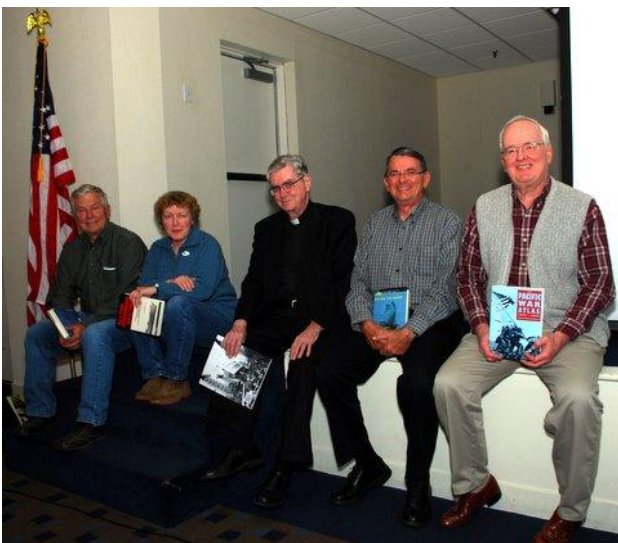
The Civil War Round Table of Eastern PA, Inc. is proud of our newly designed Website. We are at the same web address www.cwrteasternpa.org. We have redesigned it to make it easier to update, so that we can bring you more up to date resources and news. We

would love to get your feedback. If you have any suggestions or comments regarding the site, or any problems using it, please let me know.

Tony Major - wamsr@ptd.net

Company Commander's Report: Susan Kovacs

Book Raffle Winners



The book raffle winners for the November 2010 meeting were Jim Jenks, Sherri Miller, Monsignor Mulligan, Tony Major and Lee Kreidler. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone for supporting the preservation cause.

The 153rd Pennsylvania Infantry: Jeff Stocker



The following is a letter written by an officer in the 153rd Pennsylvania that was printed in the Easton Express' May 20, 1863, edition, regarding the regiment's participation in the Battle of Chancellorsville. Addressed to the editor of the Express, and incorrect in some minor details, it is an excellent first-person account of the fighting that the soldiers from Northampton County engaged in on the afternoon of May 2, 1863. It is presented here without any correction, just as it appeared in the newspaper more than 137 years ago:

"I am grieved and surprised to hear that there are men at home who are willing to injure the reputation of our regiment by the circulation of slanderous reports which are utterly without foundation. No men situated as the 153d, could have accomplished more or behaved better.

Before the enemy opened upon our front, he had cast eighteen regiments extending for a mile and half, upon our flank and partly in our rear, and then threw his massed troops and heavy columns upon the front of our brigade. The fire from the attack in front was very severe, and at the same time we were enfiladed by a fire passing through our lines from right to left. It was impossible for our brigade successfully to resist this furious and well planned attack from the whole of Jackson's corps. We were in a single line of battle, the men scattered two or three paces apart, so that it was impossible for them to support each other more than skirmishers could. We had two guns of three inch caliber, and ten cavalry under the command of a Sergeant. The other regiments in the brigade (old troops) saw that resistance was hopeless, fell back taking the artillery with them. Had the 153d left with them, a plain statement of the facts would justify them for considering our situation, out-flanked as we were, overwhelmed by ten-fold our number, massed for a crushing attack, almost surrounded, and an enfilading firing without artillery, it is absurd to look for anything but defeat and capture.-Had we stood till every man died in his tracks we could have accomplished nothing. But the 153d did stand alone. I saw men among them smiling and joking in that hail of bullets, ball and shell, with all the cool unconcern of veterans. Not a man fired until the order was given. My company's fire was resumed till the enemy was within fifty yards of our line, and it was then delivered with cool and careful aim, told well in the ranks of the enemy. After the second fire, it became a hand-to-hand fight, with pistols and clubbed muskets, and our men gave them as good as they got. Had we met only a thin scattered line of battle, we might at this game bravely held our ground, but before long the weight and pressure of the masses of the enemy forced us back, and the order was given to retreat. Our men even fought as they fell back, and some were then taken prisoners. One of our Captains captured by the collar, and his surrender demanded, but he fought himself loose and escaped. We fought in the woods and the thick heavy undergrowth in our rear was fairly mowed down by the flanking fire of the enemy....R."

RE-ENLISTMENT REPORT

It is re-enlistment time for the 2010-2011 campaign. We finished the previous campaign with 174 members. 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 mail your check payable to CWRT of Eastern PA, Inc. Thanks for your support.

Jeff Gates (610) 966-5773 or jefgates@ptd.net

ENLISTMENT

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

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