

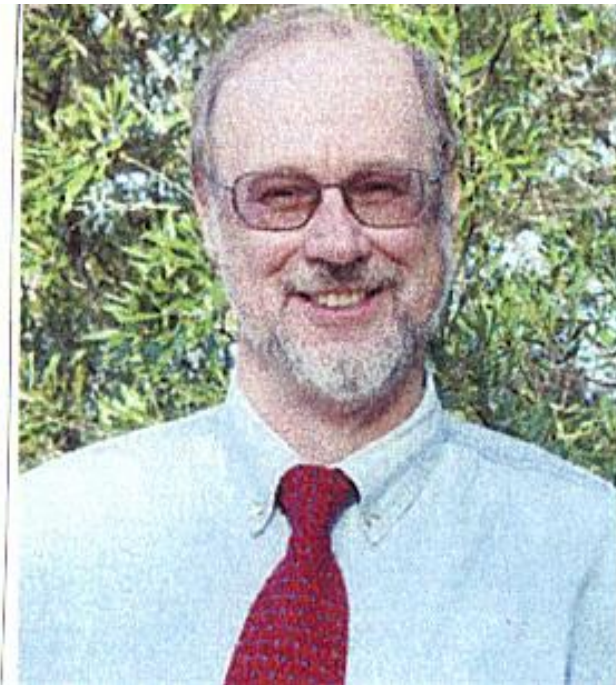


CAMPAIGN 32 - SKIRMISH 10

June 1, 2010 Program:

A. Wilson Greene

Confederate Generalship During the Petersburg Campaign



To end the 2009/2010 Campaign, we welcome back an old friend of our round table A. Wilson Greene. Will received his BA at Florida State University and did his graduate studies at Louisiana State University. He served with the National Park Service for fifteen years before leaving to serve as the first executive director of the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites (now the Civil War Preservation Trust). In January 1995,

Will became the president and CEO of the Pamplin Historical Park and the National Museum of the Civil War Soldier in Petersburg, Virginia. Will now lives in Walden, Tennessee, with his wife Maggie but he still commutes to Pamplin Park.

Will Greene has authored numerous books on the Civil War. The most recent, *Civil War Petersburg: Confederate City in the Crucible of War* was awarded the Austin Civil War Round Table's Daniel M. & Marilyn W. Laney Book Prize for 2007. This award is given for distinguished scholarship and writing on the military and political history of the Civil War. Another very well received work, *Breaking the Backbone of the Rebellion: The Final Battles of Petersburg* went into its second printing in 2008. Will is now under contract with the University of North Carolina Press to write a three volume history of the Petersburg Campaign. The first volume is due in 2013.

Will Greene is one of the most popular speakers on the Civil War circuit. We are delighted he will be closing out our 2009/2010 Campaign year. Copies of Will's books will be available for sale. Also at the June dinner meeting, we honor the late George Seligman, who was a driving force in the creation of our round table. Be sure to get your dinner reservations in early due to the Memorial Day weekend. As always, friends, family, and students are most welcome.

TUESDAY, June 1, 2010

Attention to Field Orders:

All Members and guests of the Lehigh Brigade are ordered to the **Four Points by Sheraton, 3400 Airport Rd., Allentown, Pa.**, on the above date.

Sutler’s Call 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Mess Call 6:30 p.m.

Program7:30 p.m.

SpeakerA. Wilson Greene

The deadline for making dinner reservations is

Thursday, May 27, 2010.

Please call one of the Brigade Clerks listed below:

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Nomination of Officers:

In compliance with the by-laws of the Civil War Roundtable of Eastern PA, Inc., we submit the following list of officers and directors for your consideration. **Because our May meeting was cancelled, voting will take place at the June 2010 meeting.**

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Regimental Commander’s Report-Mike Cavanaugh

We were very disappointed that we were forced to cancel the May dinner meeting. Dr. McPherson called on Sunday afternoon and informed us that he was fighting walking pneumonia with not much hope of getting any better by Tuesday. In addition, he was instructed by his doctor not to travel. We fully understood his situation and wished him a speedy recovery. We made several calls in hopes of finding a comparable replacement, but it was just too short notice. My wife Susan and I went to the Four Points Sheraton on Tuesday night to meet anyone who was not informed of the cancellation. We were able, however, to contact all who signed up for dinner by phone and a general email was also sent to the entire

membership. Most of those who showed up that night were walk-ins who were not members or who did not have email addresses on file. **This is a good example of how important it is that Joe Riggs has your correct email address. If he does, be sure to check your email a day or two before the dinner for any unexpected developments.** Contact him at jorriggs@pdt.net. Also, check our web site at www.cwrteasternpa.org under “Calendar” and radio station WAEB for cancellation notices.

We move on into our June meeting with our good friend **Will Greene**. Hope to see you all on **TUESDAY JUNE 1ST**.



VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

The CWRT of Eastern PA, Inc. will set up an information booth on Saturday and Sunday at Camp Geiger and we need volunteers to help man the table. All day, half day, or just a few hours is fine. See Mike Cavanaugh at the June meeting or contact him at 610.867.8231 or chief96pbi@rcn.com if you can help. Sign-up sheets will also be available at the meeting. Help raise funds for preservation and have a great time at the *Lehigh Valley Civil War Days* event.

Company Commander's Report: Susan Kovacs

Several members have expressed interest in a spring 2011 field trip. As you may remember, the last trip was canceled due to lack of participation. In order to make the trip cost effective, at least 25 participants must be confirmed. If you are interested, please contact Susan Kovacs at 610-867-8231 or email at suziek@rcn.com. I also welcome suggestions for a possible one-night trip, and I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Brigade Call: Ed Root

June 1 is our annual Seligman Dinner. As George passed away in 1985, many of you never had the pleasure to have known him. 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 of over 30 years is

due in part to the foundation and standard that George set. A tip of the kepi to George is in order!

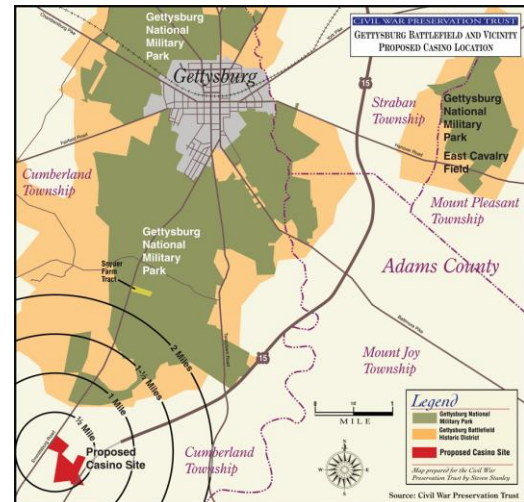
Our Spring Preservation raffle is at hand. This is your last chance to win great prizes for the 2009-2010 Campaign. Don Troiani's print, *Lions of the Round Top*, was released in 1995. This sold out print is valued on the secondary market unframed at over \$1,000! In addition, the following autographed books will also be included: *Generals in Bronze* by Bill Styple, *Don't Shoot That Boy* by Tom Lowry, *Custer* by Jeffry Wert, *The Battle of the Crater* by Bill Marvel and signed by our very own Mike Cavanaugh.



On top of all this, Mike Snyder will lead all those who purchase \$25.00 worth of tickets on a tour of Brooke's Brigade assault at Gettysburg. Mike's tour on

Saturday, June 12, will follow the route of Brooke's regiments from the point where they began their attack in Trostle's woods to their line of monuments on Brooke Ave. where it ended. Along the route, we'll discuss some of the previous fighting that took place and examine some of the little known monuments in this area of the battle field. We will meet in the "old" Cyclorama parking lot at 9:30 AM sharp. A packet of ten tickets is a bargain for only \$5.00 and all proceeds benefit historic preservation! See Jack and Jeff at the Preservation Table to get your tickets!

The 2nd Battle of the Casino continues at Gettysburg. Go to the Civil War Preservation Trust website at <http://www.civilwar.org> to learn more and help fight this latest intrusion on the sacred field.



As we come to the end of another successful campaign year please look around you at the many volunteers who help make this organization go. In addition to our officers and directors who meet monthly to plan out ten banquets a year, your fellow members take care of membership, the website, newsletter content and distribution, meeting publicity, the book raffle, the preservation table, and hotel liaison duties. All these things do not just happen by some miracle each month. We are always looking for those members who wish to help keep this one of the best round tables in the country. See Joe Riggs if you can give us a hand. Thank you and have a safe and happy summer!

A Report from the Field . . .Part 2

The 18th Annual Sarasota Civil War Symposium by John Hildebrandt-Ohio Member CWRT of Eastern PA, Inc.

On Saturday morning, Dale Phillips, Superintendent of George Rogers Clark National Historical Park in Vincennes, Indiana, gave a presentation on the Red River Campaign of 1864. Outside of the Civil War community—and even among enthusiasts—the campaign is little known. It was a disaster for General Nathaniel Banks and the Union Army and showed how a much smaller force, if properly led, can beat a larger one. The campaign ended Nathaniel Banks' career. Confederate General Richard Taylor saved the Red River Valley of Louisiana and Texas and its cotton and cattle for the Confederacy.

Phillips also told an amazing story about a Union soldier from upstate New York who was wounded in the campaign and later died of dysentery in a hospital in New Orleans. The soldier is buried in the national cemetery there. Recently, the family visited the cemetery and asked to see the grave. They told the cemetery officials they wanted a new headstone. When the family looked at the headstone they noticed the first name was different. They wanted to change it to the soldier's real name: a female name. This soldier was a woman, the oldest of 11 children, from a farm in New York State, who went off to fight for the Union in 1862. For two years she kept her identity a secret. Her descendants recently discovered a box of her letters and papers. She had been a brave soldier who fought in many battles. In the end, they decided to put the soldier's male name on the new headstone to honor the cause that she served and the men she fought and died with. Phillips told an amazing story, and he told it well.

Also on Saturday Joseph Glatthaar, the Alan Stephenson Distinguished Professor of History at the University of North Carolina, gave a presentation titled "New Insights on the Army of Northern Virginia: A Statistical Perspective." Two years ago Glatthaar published a landmark study of the ANV using a unique statistical sample he developed with the help of a professor of political science at the University of Houston. They created a representative sample of 600 ANV soldiers, then Glatthaar sliced and diced the data from a number of perspectives: age, birthplace, economic status, enlisted vs. officer, slave holder vs. non-slave holder, education level, branch of service, year of enlistment, religious affiliation, marital status, and casualty status by year, branch of service, state of birth, etc. This statistical analysis was the basis for his 2008 book: *General Lee's Army: From Victory to Collapse*.

Glatthaar shared many unique insights into Lee's army. Approximately 200,000 soldiers served in the ANV during the four years of its existence. Of those, 25% or 50,000 were killed in action or died of disease, a sobering statistic. Killed and wounded by branch of service is interesting: Infantry – 41.0%, Cavalry – 19.3%, Artillery – 22.0%. An officer in the ANV was 2.5 x more likely to be a casualty than an enlisted man. Infantry constituted 92.4% of those KIA. Glatthaar used a number of charts and graphs in his presentation since he was presenting numeric data. It was not your typical Civil War presentation.

The symposium concluded with a roundtable discussion among the faculty on some of their "most memorable moments" on the Civil War Trail. Charles Roland believes Shiloh is the best preserved Civil war battlefield, mostly an accident of location as "it was out of the way in 1862 and it is out of the way in 2010." He considers it the most beautiful of all fields. For Dale Phillips, it is Chickamauga, what he calls "a soldier's field," and noted that outside of Gettysburg it has the most monuments of any Civil War battlefield.

Ed Bearss told the story of leading a bus tour at Gettysburg in the late 1970s. It was raining and no one wanted to get off the bus. Then out of the back of the bus came a shout: "I'll show you how to do it." It was a Marine, a Vietnam Veteran, a double amputee. He got off

the bus and with his crutches set off to walk Pickett's Charge. He walked the entire field, even dragging himself over the fence at the Emmitsburg Road, where he fell to the ground. Then got up and walked to the top of the ridge.

Terry Winschell loves to visit Shiloh, Pea Ridge, and Antietam, which he believes are the best preserved of the major battlefields. "Parks belong to the veterans," he said. "We need to keep faith with the veterans who fought at these places."

Jack Davis noted he did not visit Shiloh until 1991. He arrived late in the day and walked the park alone, until he met up with an inquisitive fox which followed him along.

Representatives of Broadfoot Publishing also attended the symposium and put together a nice display of Civil War books for sale, many of them specialty titles. They also carried a number of books from faculty members (and at good prices).

Don Ernsberger, author of a new book on Gettysburg, *Also For Glory: The Story of the Pettigrew Trimble Charge at Gettysburg*, the story of Pickett's Charge from the perspective of General Isaac Trimble and General James Pettigrew's brigades, was also at the symposium and offering his book for sale. I was able to connect him with a good friend whose ancestor fought with the 7th North Carolina, a regiment which "made it to the wall" at Gettysburg. Don is a resident of Lansdale, Pennsylvania and a former history teacher.

Most attendees register for all sessions, but there is the option to pick and choose. My brother, Robert, who lives in nearby St. Petersburg, drove down for the day to attend the Friday session.

The CWEA is headquartered in Winchester Virginia, and operated by Bob Maher, a well known organizer of Civil War tours. The CWEA typically organizes and leads upwards of 35 battlefield and campaign tours a year, many if not most focusing on the Civil War but also the Revolutionary War, the Indian Wars, and even World War II. Given my day job—I work every weekend late April through October—I have not had the opportunity to participate in many battlefield tours. The cost for the full program at this year's symposium was \$435.

The Helmsley Sandcastle is an interesting property. Built in the 1950s or early 60's, it is a charming piece of Old Florida, now surrounded by high rise hotels and condo buildings (there is a Ritz Carlton next door). One expects to see Connie Stevens or Troy Donahue lounging around the pool. Prices are reasonable and food and service are good. The Helmsley is located on Lido Key, just a short walk from the famous Lido Beach. A short walk in the opposite direction takes you to a scenic state park at the tip of the key. A slightly longer walk, or a very short drive, is Armand Circle, a fashionable retail and restaurant area. It is truly a delight, lots of unique shops, great little restaurants, and it's very pedestrian friendly.

If your spouse or significant other is not all that interested in our shared passion, there are lots of other activities available. Marie enjoys reading by the pool, walking the beach, knitting by the pool, and shopping at Armand's Circle. She does join the group for the Thursday evening pool reception.

The symposium has been held at the Helmsley for 18 consecutive years, and it is booked for next year's event: January 19-22, 2011. It often sells out. If you are interested in attending, contact the CWEA at www.cwea.net

It would be great to share next year's symposium with some fellow members of the CWRT of Eastern Pennsylvania, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hildebrandt

DINNER MEETING June 1, 2010

Reservation Deadline Thursday, May 27, 2010

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The "Dictator" siege mortar at Petersburg.

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