



CAMPAIGN 35 - SKIRMISH 10

Annual Seligman Dinner: June 7th 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.

Frank A. O'Reilly

The Last Days of Robert E. Lee

We end the campaign year with our annual George Seligman Memorial Dinner. No person could end it better than one of our favorite speakers and battlefield tour guides, Frank O'Reilly. Frank, a graduate of Washington and Lee University in 1987, joined the National Park Service at the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania NMP. He worked briefly at Independence Hall in Philadelphia before returning to Fredericksburg in 1990. Frank is now the permanent historian for the "Stonewall" Jackson Shrine and also serves as a historical consultant for the City of Fredericksburg,



Frank's highly acclaimed book, *The Fredericksburg Campaign: Winter War on the Rappahannock*, received in 2003, a nomination for the Pulitzer Prize in Letters. The book also won the 2002 Capital District CWRT (Albany, NY) Book Award; the 2003 James I. Robertson Jr. Book Award; the 2004 Daniel Laney Book Award; and the 2004 Richard Barksdale Harwell Book Award. In 1993, Frank released another book on the Fredericksburg Campaign entitled *Stonewall Jackson at Fredericksburg*.

Frank has written numerous articles on the Civil War and Mexican War. He has also written introductions to several books, including Phil Sheridan's memoirs, William McCarter's *My Life in the Irish Brigade*, and the *History of the 1st Massachusetts Cavalry*. Frank is currently researching a book on the Battle of Malvern Hill and the Seven Days Campaign. He has appeared on many video documentaries and has lectured extensively on military history to audiences around the world. Frank

is one of the most popular battlefield guides in the country.

Robert E. Lee only lived five years after Appomattox but the example he set for the nation, and the South in particular, after a bitter and bloody war is a story unto itself.

We are ending the 2010/2011 Campaign with a bang. Frank O'Reilly is one of the highly regarded young historians in the country and we are honored that he has taken time from his busy schedule to visit us. Be sure to encourage your family and friends to join us, especially the students. **REMEMBER:** Call in your dinner reservations by **THURSDAY JUNE 2ND!**

Follow the Civil War Sesquicentennial On-Line: If you have access to the Internet, you can follow the events each day of what happened 150 years ago in both the New York Times and the Washington Post. Both papers are offering great articles on the Civil War and these are absolutely free. The New York Times website is www.Nytimes.com and just click on Opinion then Opinionator and Disunion and you will find a listing of the articles. The Washington Post web address is www.washingtonpost.com and then go to a House Divided. (Our thanks to The Cincinnati Civil War Round Table)

Visit Our Website:

The Civil War Round Table of Eastern PA, Inc. is proud of our Website. We are at the same web address, www.cwrteasternpa.org We strive to keep it current and updated. We feel that the design will make it easier to use. Our objective is to 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

LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE TICKETS FOR OUR JUNE PRINT RAFFLE!

You have one more chance to purchase tickets to win this framed, limited edition, print *Ranger Mosby* by Don Troiani.



While at the June dinner meeting, be sure to see Jack and Jeff at the Preservation table to purchase your tickets. In addition to the print, you will have a chance to win one of the following GREAT prizes:

2nd Prize – Reproduction Map, Battle of Sharpsburg, Md. Sept. 17, 1862. by Jed Hotchkiss. Stonewall Jackson's topographer.

3rd Prize – American Heritage Battle Maps of the Civil War by Richard O'Shea. Introduction by Robert K. Krick.

4th Prize – Great Battlefields of the World by John Macdonald.

5th Prize – Philadelphia in the Civil War 1861-1865 by Frank H. Taylor. First Edition, 1913.

Good luck to all!

Brigade Call: TUESDAY, June 7, 2011

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.

Speaker: Frank O'Reilly

The deadline for making dinner reservations is

Thursday, June 2, 2011

Please call one of the Brigade Clerks listed below:

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Book Raffle Winners



Photo by Jeff Heller

The book raffle winners for the May 2011 meeting were Phil Armstrong, Tony Major, Shawn Glancy, Charles McSorley and Terry Benner. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone for supporting the preservation cause!

Brigade Call-Larry Kern



E. A. "Bud" Livingston and Mike Cavanaugh

Photo by Jeff Heller

Our May meeting was attended by 71 members and guests. The speaker E.A 'Bud' Livingston is an author, tour guide and historian. He presented a program on General U.S. Grant and the first year of the Civil War. The talk was well received by all.

We also held election of officers for the 2011-2012 campaign year. The positions of Brigade and Company Commander remain open. Warren Beech stepped up to fill an empty slot on the board. Kay Bagenstose was elected to another term on the board.

We hope to see you all again in June.

Larry A. Kern

MISSED COLONEL NICKISCH?

On September 17, 2011, Colonel Nickish will be doing another presentation at the Berks County Agricultural Center in Leesport, Pa. Those who have seen his different presentations always learn something new.

More details will be in our Summer Newsletter.

LEHIGH VALLEY CIVIL WAR DAYS COMING IN JUNE

On June 11 and 12, 2011, Friends of Camp Geiger will sponsor their 4th annual Lehigh Valley Civil War Days, at the Whitehall Parkway Recreational Area on Church Street in Whitehall, PA. Come see what both military and civilian life was like during the Civil War. Union and Confederate camps (infantry, artillery, and cavalry) will be set up to depict camp life during the war. Battle scenarios will be held on both Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Cannon firing and cavalry demonstrations will also be held. Along with the military camps, a medical field hospital will be set up. Come see the instruments and medicines used to treat the soldiers. Talk with the camp cook and laundress to learn their roles in the war effort.

In addition to the military aspect of the war, learn what was happening on the home front while the men and boys were off to war. Activities (all day long) on our Historic Street will include a Lady's Aid Society display, popular parlor past times, an assortment of children's games, a display of products from the 1860s that are still found in our cupboards today, a woodwright and a quilting demonstration.

Lectures, period music and a fashion show will be held daily. A special appearance by Civil War author Scott Mingus on Sunday, June 12. Rumor has it that the President (Abraham Lincoln) will make a special guest appearance. Whitehall Township Historic Society and the CWRT of Eastern PA will have displays and information available.

Admission is free for spectators. Donations to benefit Civil War battlefield preservation will be accepted. In addition, two Civil War prints and tickets to an Iron Pigs game will be raffled off. A twilight concert featuring the Druckenmillers Old Time String Band will be held Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. .

Food is available.

Our Round table will have a table at this event and we need volunteers to man it. The more volunteers we get, the easier the task! Anyone willing to help should see Tony Major, or Mike Cavanaugh at the Dinner Meeting.

For additional information and directions, please visit our website at www.CampGeiger.org

Tuesday June 7, 2011 at the Four Points by Sheraton, 3400 Airport Rd., Allentown, PA

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