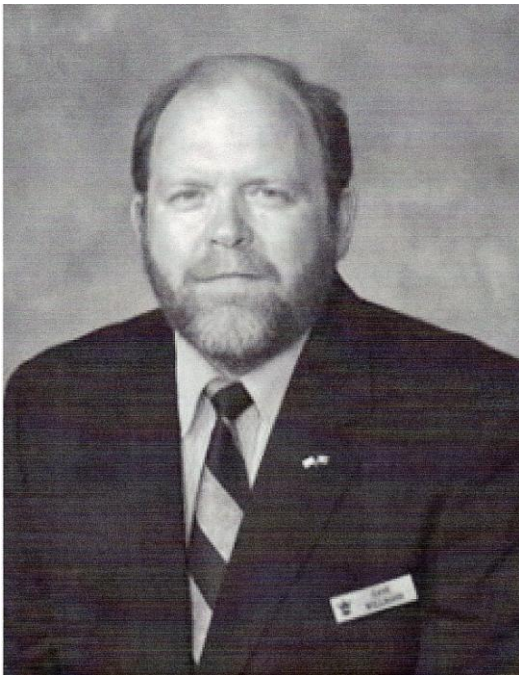




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Tuesday March 1, 2011 – DAVID W. WILLMANN CAPT (Ret) USN
Historian & Battlefield Guide
Topic: STAFF RIDE: A Study In Leadership
at the Four Points by Sheraton, 3400 Airport Rd., Allentown, PA



Leading off the month of March, we welcome retired Navy captain David W. Willmann. Captain Willmann is the Contract Faculty Instructor for the Army War College in Carlisle, PA and a professor at the Navy War College in Newport RI. He is a 1973 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Analytical Management and graduated from the U. S. Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, CA with a Master of Science in Computer Systems Management.

Captain Willmann completed a thirty -year active career in the U. S. Navy in July 2003. He had 3,000 flying hours in helicopters in a variety of test and operational assignments. His previous faculty experience included four years as a Naval Flight Instructor and five years at the U.S. Army War College as the Senior Navy Representative.

As an independent contractor, Captain Willmann provides Leadership Staff Rides to the Civil War Battlefields of Gettysburg, Antietam, and Manassas for various organizations. He has been leading these rides for the War College for over ten years. Captain Willmann has taken military, government, political, business, and educational leaders to the battlefields. He has found that the leadership principles that were the focus of the original staff ride concept are applicable across the spectrum of organizations and their quest to develop their future leaders.

Captain Willmann is married to the former Patricia Ryan Reidy of State College, PA and they have three children. They live in Carlisle, PA.

Join us for a most informative and enjoyable evening. Captain Willmann will be concentrating on the 1862 Antietam Campaign and, we're sure he will offer a new perspective on the battle.

Be sure to get your dinner reservations in early and, as usual, bring a friend or family member.

STAFF RIDE: A Study in Leadership

In the summer of 1906, the assistant commandant of the General Service and Staff School, Maj. Eben Swift, and twelve of officer-students at Fort Leavenworth boarded a train for Georgia. So began the first "staff ride" for instructor, and students at what is now the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. Since then, staff riding as a technique of furthering the military education of professional Army officers has been employed at the Army War College, the Staff College, and elsewhere.

Those turn-of-the-century staff rides stressed those "elements still important in battle ... leadership and the psychology of men in combat." The participant in a properly conceived and conducted historical staff ride will be rewarded by an enhanced understanding of those key elements and of the essential fact that battles are not systematic, logical undertakings but rather activities of men with all their frailties and strengths.

Take Gettysburg, for example. The resolution, initiative, and courage of Colonel Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain of the 20th Maine reflect valuable principles for study by today's leaders. These leadership principles transcend technological advances and have no historical bounds, no binding parameters of geography and time.

Staff rides represent a unique and persuasive method of conveying the lesson of the past to the present-day leadership for current application. Properly conducted, these exercises bring to life, on the very terrain where historic

Winter and 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, you

Officers 2010-2011 Campaign Year:

TUESDAY, March 1, 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.

Program 7:30 p.m.

Speaker: DAVID W. WILLMANN CAPT (Ret) USN

The deadline for making dinner reservations is

Thursday, February 24, 2011

Please call one of the Brigade Clerks listed below:

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encounters took place, examples, applicable today as in the past, of leadership tactics and strategy, communications, use of terrain, and, above all, the psychology of men in battle. This historical study, particularly with personal reconnaissance, offers valuable opportunities to develop professional leadership for all professions.

CAPTAIN (Ret) Dave Willmann has been leading staff rides for the U. S. Army War College for over 10 years. He has taken military leaders, government leaders, political leaders, business leaders, educational leaders, young college and high school leaders, and many more on rides to the civil war battlefields of Antietam, Gettysburg, and Manassas. He has found that the leadership principles that were the focus of the original staff ride concept are applicable across the spectrum of organizations and their quest to develop their future leaders.

For the Civil War Round Table presentation, CAPT (Ret) Willmann will focus on the Maryland Campaign of 1862, which included the battle of Antietam. After a brief introduction and personal background, he will review the briefing he presents to the various groups of staff ride participants in preparation for their daylong bus ride and walk of the South Mountain, Harpers Ferry, and Antietam battlefields. The focus of his presentation will be on enduring leadership principles that were used by the senior leaders of the 1862 campaign and are still applicable in today's busy and modern world.

can 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.

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Brigade Call-Mike Cavanaugh:

Ice and snow forced us to cancel our February meeting. This was, of course disappointing, but necessary in order that we not put our membership and speaker in danger. We are happy to report that we were able to reschedule our February speaker, Colonel Ward Nickisch, to April 5th. We thank Mike Reily and round table member Warren Beach for their cooperation in moving their dates to the fall. Full details on the schedule changes will be in our next newsletter.

Our March 1st meeting is one you will not want to miss. Retired navy captain David Willmann will talk about his experiences in leading staff rides on Civil War battlefields. Captain Willmann is currently a Contract Faculty Instructor for the Army War College in Carlisle, PA. He is a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy and spent over 30-years active duty in the U. S. Navy. He had been leading staff rides for the past ten years on battlefields such as Gettysburg, Manassas, and Antietam. His program will key on the 1862 Maryland Campaign. **SEE YOU ALL ON TUESDAY MARCH 1ST!**

A report from our brigade commander Larry Kern has him doing well and hopes to be back in the ranks by March or April. The hip operation went well and he is beginning therapy.

Regimental Commander's Report- Mike Cavanaugh:

CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF EASTERN PA, INC.

2011/2012 CAMPAIGN SCHEDULE

Tuesday March 1, 2011 – DAVID W. WILLMANN, CAPT (Ret) USN,
Historian & Battlefield Guide

Topic: *Staff Rides on Civil War Battlefields*

Tuesday April 5, 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 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

Summer Maneuvers

Tuesday September 6, 2011 – CLARK "BUD" HALL

Author, Historian & Battlefield Guide

Topic: *Battle of Brandy Station*

Tuesday October 4, 2011 – LARRY DENTON

Author & Historian

Topic: *Could the Civil War Have Been Prevented?*

Thursday November 1, 2011 – MIKE REILY

Historian and First Person Impressions

Topic: *An Evening with General Reynolds*

Tuesday December 6, 2011 - JERRY CARRIER

Professional Actor & Historian

Topic: *Meet John Hay*

Tuesday January 3, 2012 – WARREN BEACH

National Park Service (Retired) & Historian

Topic: TBA

Tuesday February 7, 2012 – PAUL STILLWELL

(Special: Black History Month)

Author, Historian & Authority on the Navy in WW II

Topic: *Vice Admiral Sam Gravely, the Navy's First Black Admiral*

Tuesday March 6, 2012 –

Topic: TBA

Tuesday April 3, 2012 –

Topic: TBA

Tuesday May 1, 2012 –

Topic: TBA

Tuesday June 5, 2012 -

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Gettysburg Update:

Victory at Gettysburg! Power's Hill Land Preserved!

The Civil War Trust meets its \$75,000

Fundraising Target for 5 Acres at Power's Hill. Back in October of 2010 we announced a new campaign to save five important acres at Power's Hill on the Gettysburg Battlefield.

From this location, Union artillery batteries were able to pour a devastating fire into Confederate forces attacking Spangler's Spring and Lower Culp's Hill on July 3, 1863. The fire was so intense that one Confederate called it "Artillery Hell."

The great news I would like to share with you today is that we have now reached our fundraising goal for this tract. We have "taken that hill!" and saved

another five acres of this majestic battlefield.

As always, we could not have reached this goal without your donations and support. Right from the beginning, you stepped forward with your hard earned dollars so that we could put this exposed land into the saved column. For that, I am eternally grateful. Even better news is that this important section of Power's Hill will now be a place where you and future generations will be able to walk the very ground that played such a significant role in the Battle of Gettysburg. This is what you and I do. We save Civil War battlefields.

With gratitude,

Jim Lighthizer

President, Civil War Trust

From the Editor: Joe Riggs

This Month in 1861--March

Federal properties and military installations continue to fall to Confederate forces. Fort Sumter at Charleston, S.C., under the command of Major Robert Anderson, defies

Southern demands for surrender. The highlight of the month for the North is the Inauguration of Abraham Lincoln as our 16th President on March 4. His Inaugural speech follows:

Lincoln's Inaugural Address, 1861

President Abraham Lincoln delivered his first Inaugural Address on March 4, 1861 in Washington, D.C.

Fellow citizens of the United States: in compliance with a custom as old as the government itself, I appear before you to address you briefly and to take, in your presence, the oath prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, to be taken by the President "before he enters on the execution of his office."

I do not consider it necessary, at present, for me to discuss those matters of administration about which there is no special anxiety, or excitement.

Apprehension seems to exist among the people of the Southern States that by the accession of a Republican administration their property and their peace and personal security are to be endangered. There has never been any reasonable cause for such apprehension. Indeed, the most ample evidence to the contrary has all the while existed and been open to their inspection. It is found in nearly all the published speeches of him who now addresses you. I do but quote from one of those speeches when I declare that "I have no purpose, directly or indirectly, to interfere with the institution of slavery where it exists. I believe I have no

lawful right to do so, and I have no inclination to do so." Those who nominated and elected me did so with full knowledge that I had made this and many similar declarations, and had never recanted them. And, more than this, they placed in the platform for my acceptance, and as a law to themselves and to me, the clear and emphatic resolution which I now read: "Resolved: that the maintenance inviolate of the rights of the States, and especially the right of each State to order and control its own domestic institutions according to its own judgment exclusively, is essential to that balance of power on which the perfection and endurance of our political fabric depend, and we denounce the lawless invasion by armed force of the soil of any State or Territory, no matter under what pretext, as among the gravest of crimes."

I now reiterate these sentiments; and, in doing so, I only press upon the public attention the most conclusive evidence of which the case is susceptible, that the property, peace, and security of no section are to be in any wise endangered by the now incoming administration. I add, too, that all the protection which,

consistently with the Constitution and the laws, can be given, will be cheerfully given to all the States when lawfully demanded, for whatever cause — as cheerfully to one section as to another....

I hold that, in contemplation of universal law and of the Constitution, the Union of these States is perpetual. Perpetuity is implied, if not expressed, in the fundamental law of all national governments. It is safe to assert that no government proper ever had a provision in its organic law for its own termination. Continue to execute all the express provisions of our National Constitution, and the Union will endure forever — it being impossible to destroy it except by some action not provided for in the instrument itself.

Again, if the United States be not a government proper, but an association of States in the nature of contract merely, can it, as a contract, be peaceably unmade by less than all the parties who made it? One party to a contract may violate it — break it, so to speak; but does it not require all to lawfully rescind it?

Descending from these general principles, we find the proposition that in legal contemplation the Union is perpetual confirmed by the history of the Union itself. The Union is much older than the Constitution. It was formed, in fact, by the Articles of Association in 1774. It was matured and continued by the Declaration of Independence in 1776. It was further matured, and the faith of all the then thirteen States expressly plighted and engaged that it should be perpetual, by the Articles of Confederation in 1778. And, finally, in 1787 one of the declared objects for ordaining and establishing the Constitution was “TO FORM A MORE PERFECT UNION.”

But if the destruction of the Union by one or by a part only of the States be lawfully possible, the Union is LESS perfect than before the Constitution, having lost the vital element of perpetuity.

It follows from these views that no State upon its own mere motion can lawfully get out of the Union; that Resolves and Ordinances to that effect are legally void; and that acts of violence, within any State or States, against the authority of the United States, are insurrectionary or revolutionary, according to circumstances.

I therefore consider that, in view of the Constitution and the laws, the Union is unbroken; and to the extent of my ability I shall take care, as the

Constitution itself expressly enjoins upon me, that the laws of the Union be faithfully executed in all the States. Doing this I deem to be only a simple duty on my part; and I shall perform it so far as practicable, unless my rightful masters, the American people, shall withhold the requisite means, or in some authoritative manner direct the contrary. I trust this will not be regarded as a menace, but only as the declared purpose of the Union that it WILL Constitutionally defend and maintain itself....

My countrymen, one and all, think calmly and WELL upon this whole subject. Nothing valuable can be lost by taking time. If there be an object to HURRY any of you in hot haste to a step which you would never take DELIBERATELY, that object will be frustrated by taking time; but no good object can be frustrated by it. Such of you as are now dissatisfied, still have the old Constitution unimpaired, and, on the sensitive point, the laws of your own framing under it; while the new administration will have no immediate power, if it would, to change either. If it were admitted that you who are dissatisfied hold the right side in the dispute, there still is no single good reason for precipitate action. Intelligence, patriotism, Christianity, and a firm reliance on him who has never yet forsaken this favored land, are still competent to adjust in the best way all our present difficulty.

In YOUR hands, my dissatisfied fellow-countrymen, and not in MINE, is the momentous issue of civil war. The government will not assail YOU. You can have no conflict without being yourselves the aggressors. YOU have no oath registered in heaven to destroy the government, while I shall have the most solemn one to “preserve, protect, and defend it.”

I am loathe to close. We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature.

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