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E. A. "Bud" Livingston

General U. S. Grant in the First Year of the Civil War

We welcome an old friend back to our round table, E. A. Bud Livingston. Bud is a past president and past vice-president of the Civil War Round Table of New York. He has been a strong supporter of this organization for many years in their education and preservation efforts. Bud has authored the highly acclaimed book, *President Lincoln's Third Largest City: Brooklyn and the Civil War*. He also authored a featured article for *Blue and Gray* magazine entitled, "New York City and the Civil War."

Bud, a retired teacher, has taught and lectured on the American Civil War at a host of colleges and universities. There are few Civil War round tables in the northeast where Bud has not delivered a program on a variety of subjects (including baseball!). He is now the only historian to offer tours of Civil War Brooklyn and New York City. These tours take you to places you would not find on your own.

Bud will talk about General Grant and his part in the first year of the Civil War. This fits in nicely with the



Brigadier General U.S. Grant in 1861

beginning of the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the war. We are all familiar with Grant's generalship at Vicksburg, Chattanooga and the 1864 Overland Campaign in Virginia, but how did he perform in 1861 and early 1862? Join us for an informative and enjoyable evening. Family and friends are always welcome and we encourage you to call in your dinner reservations early. **REMEMBER: The deadline for calling in reservations is Thursday April 28th.**

TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR SUPPORTING OUR JUNE PRINT RAFFLE!

We need you to support our print raffle so we can continue to support our various Preservation projects.

You have a chance to win this framed, limited edition, print *Ranger Mosby* by Don Troiani. Depicting Ranger Mosby sitting astride his horse, somewhere in the Shenandoah Valley, surrounded by his staff, questioning two Union soldiers.



While at our May dinner meeting, be sure to see Jack and Jeff at the Preservation table to purchase a packet of ten tickets for only \$5.00. Tickets will remain on sale until the drawing takes place is at the June 7th dinner meeting. Time is running out for purchasing 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, April 5, 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: E. A. "Bud" Livingston

The deadline for making dinner reservations is Thursday, April 28, 2011

Please call one of the Brigade Clerks listed below:

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April Meeting Book Raffle Winners



Photo by Jeff Heller

The book raffle winners for the April 2011 meeting were (front) Sherri Miller, David Hohe, (rear) Kim Jacobs, Ron Wasson and Ed Root. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone for supporting the preservation cause!

Brigade Call-Larry Kern



Colonel Nickisch and Mike Cavanaugh

Photo by Jeff Heller

There were 61 present on Tuesday evening to listen to Ward B Nickisch, Colonel U.S. Army, retired, present his program entitled, Fallen, But Not Forgotten.

Colonel Nickisch is in charge of a team of about a dozen experts in various fields as they labor in many locations around the world where our troops have fought. Their mission is to locate and recover the remains of missing servicemen and attempt to identify these remains in order to return them to their loved ones back home. He often will hire local people to assist him. Some of the oldest remains he helped to recover were soldiers from the war of 1812, uncovered during construction on a site in Canada. Ed Root recently visited the site at the National cemetery located in Bath, New York.

The most significant discovery made was the 19 W.W. II Marines from Carlson's Raiders found on Makin Island in The Pacific. Surprisingly, they were located with the help of a local native who originally helped in their burial. He also worked on the Monitor recovery remains. The Colonel works out of Washington for the Central Identification Lab, U.S. Army, located in Hawaii. The driving force for his team is taken from the Soldiers Creed, "I will never leave a fallen comrade behind".

His talk was outstanding and was enthusiastically received by those in attendance. He was given a standing ovation by the audience at the conclusion of his talk.

See you in May,

Larry Kern, Brigade Commander



Three photos above were taken at the National Cemetery located in Bath, New York by Ed Root

Regimental Commander's Report- Mike Cavanaugh:

Tuesday June 7, 2011 – FRANK O'REILLY Author, Historian & Battlefield Guide Topic: The Last Days of Robert E. Lee: From Appomattox to Lexington.

See you in September!

Stuart's Ride Field Trip – First Defenders CWRT

As you know, we were forced to cancel our field trip because we did not get sufficient members to sign up. For those of you who want to take a trip, we found out that our friends at the First Defenders CWRT are running a one day trip covering J.E.B. Stuart's activities in the Gettysburg Campaign, including Westminster, MD, Hanover, PA, Carlisle, Hunterstown, and Gettysburg. You'll be visiting many back road places that most folks never see.

Date: June 11, Tour Cost: 75.00, Guide: Eric Wittenberg, Leaves: Wyomissing at 7:00AM, Returns: Approximately 9:30PM, A box lunch and water will be provided during the tour and there will be a buffet style dinner stop in York on the way back to Wyomissing.

Checks: payable to First Defenders CWRT to the attention of Joseph Schaeffer at Heartland Settlement Co. 55 Commerce Drive, Wyomissing, PA 19610. Call or write Joe at 610-478-1717 / jschaeffer@heartlandsettlement.com if you have any questions or for directions to departing site. There are a limited number of seats available, so first come first served.

GREAT NEWS!!!

PROPOSED GETTYSBURG CASINO LOCATION REJECTED

BY PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Civil War Trust praises board for its enduring commitment to protecting this hallowed ground

(Harrisburg, Pa.) – Following today's decision by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board to reject a second proposal to bring casino gambling to the doorstep of Gettysburg National Military Park, Civil War Trust president Jim Lighthizer issued the following statement:

“Both personally, and on behalf of our members, I would like to thank the members of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board for their thoughtful deliberation and insightful decision. By stating that the hallowed ground of America's most blood-soaked battlefield is no place for this type of adults-only enterprise, they have reiterated the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's commitment to its priceless history and upheld its obligation to protect such sites from wanton and unnecessary degradation.

“This is a great day, not just for Gettysburg, but for all historic sites. However, we must remember that this proposal was just a symptom of a larger problem — the numerous irreplaceable sites similarly besieged by ill-considered development. I am confident that those seeking to protect priceless treasures of our past will be empowered by this victory for historic preservation, and I hope that its spirit will be carried forth in other communities facing similar questions of encroachment.

“Sadly, this was not the first time that the Gaming Board was forced to weigh the possibility of gaming with a Gettysburg address. Now that two such proposals have been denied — clearly demonstrating the resonant power this iconic site and the widespread desire to protect it — I sincerely hope that those would seek personal profit and financial gain will think twice about trading on the blood of 50,000 American casualties.

“Now, as ever, the Civil War Trust and its allies stand ready to work on behalf of Gettysburg and the other deathless fields that shaped the legacy of our nation, particularly as we begin the sesquicentennial commemoration of the American Civil War. We are exceptionally pleased to have the support and cooperation of visionary government bodies, like the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, that understand the singular significance of such sites to aid our efforts.”

Since it was announced last year, the proposal to open Mason-Dixon Gaming Resort a scant half-mile from Gettysburg National Military Park has drawn immense opposition — an early April survey by a nationally renowned polling and research firm found that only 17 percent of Pennsylvanians supported the idea, with 66 percent actively opposed and 57 percent indicating that such a facility would be “an embarrassment” to the Commonwealth. Tens of thousands of petitions were submitted against the project and nearly 300 prominent historians united to urge its rejection, as did the national leadership of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund and the American Legion. Other prominent Americans who lent their name to the campaign to protect Gettysburg include Susan Eisenhower, Emmy-winning filmmaker Ken Burns, two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author David McCullough, Medal of Honor recipient Paul W. Bucha, renowned composer John Williams and entertainers Matthew Broderick, Stephen Lang and Sam Waterston. In 2005, citing public outcry, the Gaming Board likewise rejected a plan to construct a casino one mile from the edge of the national park.

The Civil War Trust is the largest nonprofit battlefield preservation organization in the United States. Its mission is to preserve our nation’s endangered Civil War battlefields and to promote appreciation of these hallowed grounds. To date, the Trust has preserved more than 30,000 acres of battlefield land in 20 states—including 800 at Gettysburg. Learn more at www.civilwar.org.

A Community Divided: A Civil War Living History Weekend April 16-17



Despite torrential rain and heavy winds, A Community Divided: Living History Encampment in Bethlehem’s Colonial Industrial Quarter managed to stay afloat. Saturday many spectators braved the gray, chilly morning to line Main Street to watch the 153rd PA march into town led by two of Bethlehem’s mounted police. More than a few stepped forward to

sign recruitment papers when President Lincoln (portrayed by Bob Costello of New Jersey) called for volunteers to preserve the Union. The new recruits and other spectators followed the 153rd PA down into the camp and stayed until the rain moved in. When the sun came out on Sunday, the area was filled with folks who came to visit the Union camp, listen to period music and lectures and peruse the displays of fashion and material culture. Pictures of the event along with video from Patch.com can be found on Historic Bethlehem's Website, www.historicbethlehem.org. Click on the icon for Facebook and it will take you to the Historic Bethlehem fanpage.

Events like this one succeed because of the collaboration and hard work of many individuals. Thank you to Roundtable members, Jeff Stocker, Mike Cavanaugh, and Patricia McAndrew who braved the weather to speak at the living history's Lyceum tent and to Ed Root, Tony Major, Jim Duffy, and Ed Oechsle for all their help in everything from stacking hay to pitching tents. And a special thanks to Roundtable member Jeff Heller for serving as our unofficial event photographer. He took over 200 pictures of the living history. We were happy to see some other familiar Roundtable faces among the visitors. All in all, the event was a great way to kick off the 150th Commemoration cycle. Submitted by Kathleen Coddington
(Editor's Note: Kathie and Neil Coddington did a wonderful job coordinating the Living History Event in Bethlehem this past weekend. Please let them know how much you appreciate their hard work!!!)

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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

Tuesday May 3, 2011 at the Four Points by Sheraton, 3400 Airport Rd., Allentown, PA

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