



Evening with General Winfield Scott Hancock

Speaker: John Deppen

We welcome this month Mr. John Deppen of Northumberland, PA. John will present to our round table his first-person portrayal of Major General Winfield Scott Hancock. In this program, John - in full uniform as the general - relates the story of the three critical days of the Battle of Gettysburg in July 1863, in which General Hancock played a decisive role. Legendary historian Ed Bearss called Hancock the finest combat officer of the entire Civil War. Following his first-person presentation, John then returns to discuss the rest of General Hancock's momentous life, including his little-known run for the White House in 1880.

John has presented this program to scores of Civil War round tables and historic organizations in five states. He also has made appearances at the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, Gettysburg NMP, and the American Civil War Museum and the Rupp House History Center in Gettysburg.

John is also a prolific writer. His articles and book reviews appeared in such publications as *Civil War Historian*, *Military Heritage*, *The Gettysburg Magazine*, *Blue and Gray Magazine*, *The Civil War News*, etc. He also writes for his hometown newspaper, *The Daily Item*.

John now serves as the Senior Vice Commander of the General John Hartranft Camp Number 15, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. You can be pretty sure to see John marching in the Remembrance Day Parade in Gettysburg every November.



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Join us on TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3RD for a most entertaining and informative program. This will also be dress-up night when members attend in Civil War period dress, military and civilian. This would be a great opportunity to bring the young folks to observe living history at its very best.

Summons to Volunteers!

After a more than one year hiatus, our Round Table takes to the sacred field of Gettysburg again. Please join us on Saturday, November 7, 2009! For the first time in our history the Round

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CAMPAIGN 32 - SKIRMISH 3
TUESDAY, November 3, 2009

Attention to Field Orders

All Members and guests of the Lehigh Brigade are ordered to the **Four Points by Sheraton, 3400 Airport Road., 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 John Deppen

The deadline for making dinner reservations is Thursday, October 29, 2009

Please call one of the Brigade Clerks listed below:

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Table has officially adopted a specific position. In our more than twenty year history of brush cutting at Gettysburg we have always acted as a Fire Brigade, stepping in where the Park officials needed us to perform our magic. The unit we've selected is Battery B, 4th United States Artillery, known as Stewart's Battery. Mother Nature has changed the field of valor greatly since 1863, overgrowing it so that even the veterans would most likely never recognize it. We have fought nature twice over the past years at this very location, but while we weren't looking the grass, weeds and saplings have returned.

It is important for visitors today to understand what occurred so long ago. With your help we can enable the Park Rangers to better interpret the bloody action of July 1, 1863.

The cutting will begin at 9AM on November 7, 2009 at Battery B's location on the Chambersburg Pike (U.S. 30), just West of Mrs Thompson's house. (Larson's Motel and Brew Pub.) Car pooling will be available, leaving at 6:30 AM sharp at the Holiday Inn parking lot, just off I78 in Fogelsville. We must use hand tools only, which the NPS will provide. Gas powered weed whackers are permissible so it's ok to bring one.

A volunteer signup sheet will be available at every meeting at the Preservation Table. Call Jeff Stocker with any questions, 610-867-5178.

See you at Gettysburg on November 7!
Be a part of preserving our historic sites!

2009-2010 Campaign Speakers

Tuesday October 6, 2009

JOHN V. QUARSTEIN - Director, Newport News Museums
Topic: *Prince John Bankhead Magruder, CSA*

Tuesday November 3, 2009

JOHN DEPPEN - Author & Living History Reenactor
Topic: *An Evening with General Winfield Scott Hancock*

Tuesday December 1, 2009

LARRY ALEXANDER - Author, Historian and Columnist
Topic: *Major Dick Winters and the Band of Brothers*

Tuesday January 5, 2010

ANDY JOHNSON - Researcher, Gettysburg Campaign
Topic: *Longstreet in East Tennessee*

Tuesday February 2, 2010

PETER COZZENS - Author, Historian
Topic: *The 1862 Shenandoah Valley Campaign*

Tuesday March 2, 2010

JOHN NAGY - Revolutionary War Author and Historian
Topic: *Rebellion in the Ranks: Mutinies in the American Revolution*

CWRT of Eastern PA, Inc. Newsletter via Email

The October issue of our newsletter marked a HUGE change in our distribution method. We attempted our first e mailing to 138 members and friends using their e addresses on file with the RT. Success using this method is unknown at this time because only 25 members notified us as receiving the October newsletter without any problems. We assume the remainder then received theirs okay; however, five or six of the 138 newsletters sent bounced and were returned to us an undeliverable. This suggests that the RT has the incorrect address and that we must make some corrections. It is extremely important that we have your correct email address on file with the round table. Please send your latest or preferred email address to Joe Riggs jorjriggs@ptd.net and Jeff Gates jefgates@ptd.net as soon as possible. Remember, **Members without computers or email access will continue receiving their newsletters by regular mail.**

We hope that you continue in your support of the CWRT of Eastern PA, Inc.

Joe Riggs 610-797-5225 or jorjriggs@ptd.net



Support General Hancock!

Members are invited to attend the November 3rd meeting in Civil War period dress, military or civilian. We usually do this in December but since December is a World War II program we thought it best to do it in November. This will add to the presentation of John Deppen as Major General Winfield Scott Hancock. We are looking forward to a fun evening. Be sure to bring your camera!

Book Raffle Winners

The book raffle winners for the October 2009 meeting were **Mike Farris, Bill Frankenfield, Fred Bomberger, Ray Fulmer, and Bruce Rissmiller.** Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone for supporting the preservation cause!

Brigade Call

“Prince John” Magruder was one of the Confederacy’s lesser known lights. His role on the major stage of the Civil War took place early in the war. However, that role was an important one and certainly had an impact on the Peninsula Campaign of 1862 and George McClellan’s lack of success. John Quarstein in a most engaging and informative manner filled in the blanks for the seventy-seven members and guests in attendance on October 6. John Bankhead Magruder was one of the Civil War’s more interesting characters and if you missed John Quarstein’s presentation you missed a great evening. Make sure you’re in attendance on November 3rd as John Deppen brings “Hancock the Superb” alive. **Don’t forget, this will also be dress-up night and we are asking those who can, to attend the meeting in Civil War period dress, military and civilian. This would be a great opportunity to bring the young folks to observe living history at its very best. Also, don’t forget to bring your camera, along with a friend or two!**

The stars were in alignment on Oct 6th and all was well in the world of book raffles. Bill Frankenfield won again and then again although he graciously declined his second victory. Bill takes a lot of good natured heat for his tendency to win a book in the raffle every month. Well, it seems like every month, but it’s probably only 8 of 10 meetings a year. Bill is a great supporter of our Round Table and has been for years so give the lad a pat on the back. Maybe some of his luck will rub off....

Have you signed up for the November 7th brush cutting trip at Gettysburg? The men of Battery B, 4th U.S. Artillery are calling to us from across the great river to clear the field of action where they fought, bled and died on July 1, 1863. Consider this a morning of yard work with a real purpose! Can you spare a couple of hours to help preserve one of our nation’s most historic sites? Help us help the NPS historians interpret this important field. See Jeff Stocker at the November 3rd meeting for



details.

Dues are past due! Support your Round Table. See Jeff Gates at the November meeting.

Dinner reservations are due into our Brigade clerks by **Thursday, October 29 at the LATEST!** This isn’t rock-

et science folks, so give our volunteers a break by getting those reservations in as early as possible and don’t make us scramble on meeting night to accommodate those who forget. Thanks!

Have you purchased raffle tickets yet for the chance to win Don Troiani’s *Emmitsburg Road*?

Christmas is coming up and this is a perfect gift for your favorite Civil War buff. Be a part of historic preservation in action. See Jack or Jeff at the Preservation Table on the 3rd!



Trivia Question:

What does our Mast Head represent? Can you identify the photo? No one contacted me with the correct answer to this trivia question.

Correct answer:

The mast head is made up from The 147th PA monument. The marker is located on Pardee Field, Culp's Hill where the 147th stopped Stuart's Brigade on July 3rd. The photo is Lt. Col. Ario Pardee who was commander of the 147th. Pardee was from Hazleton, PA, and members of Company H of the 147th was made up from men of Lehigh and Berks counties.

I'm going to try one more time!

What two Confederate generals with the same last name were killed in action within three weeks of each other.

If you think you know the answer, the person who sends the first correct answer via e-mail to Tony Major at wamsr@ptd.net will be recognized at our next dinner meeting and will be awarded three free book raffle tickets. Please note, you must attend the meeting as a dinner participant or a walk in to win.

The correct answer will appear in our November Newsletter.

Hello, Hello, Please Note:

Please help us out by making your phone or e-mail reservation to Carol Detweiler or Jeff Stocker as soon as possible after you receive this newsletter.

The Popcorn Chronicles

By Susan Keenan



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The following is an excerpt from my book-in-progress, THE POPCORN CHRONICLES. In this piece, Daniel Lee, having recently enlisted in the army, writes to his Aunt Sally Dawson in Chicago, telling her of the wonderful reception

the troops received in Binghamton, NY. Kindly note that the word “cars” was often used to refer to trains.

April 1, 1863

Dear Aunt Sally,

Please do, dearest Aunt, accept my apologies for not having written to you in several weeks. The fact is, all these changes in my life have kept me quite focused on completing the many annoying details of selling the farm, so that I can move on, and not look back with any regrets. Now, as a union soldier about to do my duty for God and country, I feel there will be time for little else but the performance of my military duties.

May I inquire about the health of my dear cousin Violet? Your last correspondence advised of her unidentified illness, and I send my sincere wishes that little Violet shall have recovered completely.

My new life as a soldier is only a few days old at present, yet the sights I have seen, the places I've traveled in such a short period of time! Surely it is a wonder of our modern age, that travel by rail car can transport man and materials so efficiently. In spite of being crammed in a car with other lads in the regiment, our suffering was tolerated and soon alleviated. Indeed, the time seemed to truly speed by, just as did the rural scenes of our native state, or perhaps we soldiers managed to make it pass more agreeably by singing one rousing, patriotic rendition after another. In loud voices we sang “Rally Round the Flag, Boys,” and the current favorite, “Battle Hymn of the Republic.”

Upon our arrival in Binghamton, after many stops at local towns to pick up more recruits, a very welcome sight greeted us as we most willingly left the confines of our car.

A smiling group of matrons stood together on the platform, each wearing a patriotic cockade affixed to her bosom. Shortly we learned that we were in the honored presence of the Binghamton Sanitary Commission, and that our regiment was to be their most welcomed dinner guests.

A strange sight we made, a bunch of ragged farmers following respectfully behind our hosts as if they were indeed our most honored commanders. Lacking only was the roll of drums and the bugle's call.

Our strange brigade marched directly to the town hall, where such a sight as I have never seen greeted us.

Inside the hall was warmth and light, bouquets and wreaths, and streamers in red, white, and blue. As we entered, women in crisp, white aprons were filling the tables with bowls and platters of steaming food. The wonderful aroma of it all brought tears to our eyes, for who, at that moment, did not remember a fond mother or grandmother, and the aromas of her kitchen?

We joyously sat down to a groaning board of tender roast beef, chicken pot pie, sausages, roasted potatoes and yams, and hard boiled eggs. All the platters were trimmed with greens which we also eagerly devoured. There were baskets heaped with hot biscuits, which we lathered with freshly churned butter, and also huge loaves of hearty country bread. Large pitches of cold spring water stood on each table. Just when we thought we could hold no more, trays of peach preserves appeared, and pies of every kind. Last of all, a bevy of sweet-faced young women carried out a huge layer cake, decorated gaily with our honored flag's colors.

After our delightful repast, most of the lads remained at the tables as if in a stupor. Indeed, moving freely was definitely hampered by our overly-full stomachs. But rise we soon had to, for we were scheduled to move out at dawn. Tables and chairs were removed so the lads could spread out their blanket rolls on the floor. So complete was our comfort, there was almost no conversation; yet I was certain we would speak often of this night in the months to come.

Our regiment is presently headed for Philadelphia, where we shall join forces with one of our New York state regiments. In the meantime, your letters, if you will be so kind to write, should reach me at Pvt. Daniel Lee, U.S. Army 85th Regiment, Company C.

Please accept my fondest wishes to you, and it is sincerely hoped that this letter finds you well and eagerly anticipating the end of winter, whose cruel grasp holds residents of your fair Chicago much longer than is decent.

Your loving nephew,

Daniel L.

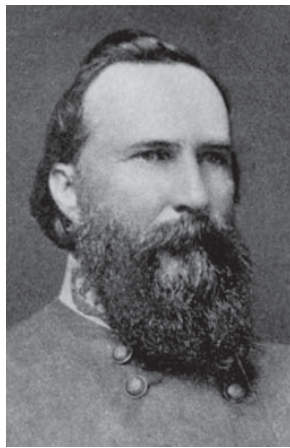
Longstreet Society Seminar 2009 to be held at Gettysburg, PA

Gainesville, GA, September 08, 2009 – The Longstreet Society has announced plans to hold this year's seminar, Not Yet Two O'Clock: Longstreet at Gettysburg in Gettysburg, PA on November 14 and 15, 2009. Leading tours of Little Round Top and Pickett's Charge

will be Dr Carol Reardon, Professor of Military History at Penn State and author of Pickett's Charge in History and Memory and Wayne Motts, Licensed Battlefield Guide and Executive Director of the Adams County Historical Society. Presenters include Civil War Historian Ron Hawkins who will discuss the famous Gettysburg countermarch and Dr John Latschar, Superintendent of Gettysburg National Military Park who will talk about the battlefield then and now. The weekend will also include a battlefield maintenance project on Friday, November 13 for anyone who is in town early, a silent auction, social hour and most meals.

Registrations fees for the seminar are \$155 for members, \$185 for new members (includes 1 year membership), and \$135 for life members. Registration fees do not include hotel rooms. The seminar is headquartered at The Best Western Gettysburg Hotel but those who attend the seminar are, of course, free to choose another hotel.

The Longstreet Society was formed in 1994 to honor the life of Lt. Gen. James Longstreet, CSA. It is headquartered in Gainesville, GA and is restoring the general's old Piedmont Hotel in Gainesville. The Society also contributes to the maintenance of Longstreet's grave in Alta Vista Cemetery and hosts a newsletter and website focused on Longstreet's life and military history. Besides these annual seminars which take place at various battlefields on which Longstreet saw service, the Society hosts an annual Bivouac at The Piedmont and invites friends and neighbors to visit the hotel and enjoy supper and games.

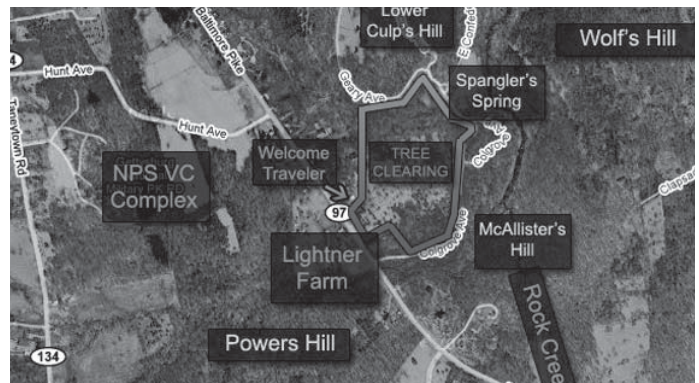


From the *The Gettysburg Quarterly* The official newsletter of Gettysburg National Military Park Fall 2009

Spangler's Spring rehab work will reveal an area so exposed that a Confederate soldier called it
"Artillery Hell."

Battlefield rehabilitation work continues this fall with the planned removal of nonhistoric trees to the west of Spangler's Spring and work in other areas of the battlefield. Six acres of trees will be removed, provided soil conditions are dry enough or cold enough this fall and winter. The goal is to re-open the fields that exposed Confederate troops in and around Spangler's Spring area to heavy fire from 28 Union guns – 18 of them concentrated on and around Power's Hill alone. Confederate regiments engaged the Union positions here on the far right flank of the Union line during a seven hour engagement on July 3, 1863, that started before dawn. One of Confederate General George Stewart's men called the area "artillery hell" because of the intense artillery fire they were exposed to, leading them to stop their attack and withdraw, changing Lee's plans to attack both flanks on the third day of the battle.

Since the battle era, trees have grown up and obscured the open view of Spangler's Spring from the west, making it hard to understand the battle action. The majority of Culp's Hill was wooded at the time of the battle and the National Park Service continues to preserve more than 90 acres of historic woodlots on Culp's Hill.



RE-ENLISTMENT REPORT

It is re-enlistment time for the 2009-2010 campaign. We finished the previous campaign with 179 members. Once 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 their name and address along to me. I will send them a few complimentary newsletters and an introductory letter to the Round Table. Or better yet, bring them to a dinner meeting.

We need your help with insuring that we have your current e-mail address.

Please note: If dues are not paid in full by the end of November, you will no longer receive a copy of our newsletter

The dues are \$25.00 for individuals, \$10.00 for full-time students. To avoid standing in line at the meeting, please fill out the form on page 6 and mail it with your check payable to **CWRT of Eastern PA, Inc.**

Thanks for your support.

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

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Enlistment Form

Name _____
Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail address _____

How long have you been a member? _____ How did you hear of this organization? _____

What is your occupation/profession? _____

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

Dues (Please make checks payable to CWRT of Eastern PA, Inc.)

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Mail this form to CWRT of Eastern PA, Inc., P.O. Box 333, Allentown, PA 18105

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