



CAMPAIGN 33 - SKIRMISH 1

September 7, 2010 Program:

Robert E. L. Krick

The Battle of Glendale and its Preservation Today



We begin our 2010/2011 Campaign with one of our favorite speakers and battlefield guides Robert E. L. Krick. Bob, a graduate of Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg with a degree in history, has literally grown up on the Chancellorsville Battlefield. The son of acclaimed historian on the Army of Northern Virginia Robert K. Krick, Bob has been employed by the National Park Service as an historian at the Richmond National Battlefield since 1991. Prior to that, he has worked at the Custer Battlefield in Montana and the Manassas Battlefield in Virginia.

Bob has been widely published on Confederate topics writing articles in several of the popular Civil War essay books and Civil War and historical publications. His first book was a regimental history of the 40th Virginia Infantry for the Virginia Regimental History Series. His last work, ***Staff Officers in Gray***, published by the University of North Carolina Press, is destined to become the definitive work on the subject. We eagerly await his latest work, a study on one of the Seven Day's battles, the battle of Gaines's Mill. Bob is now one of the foremost experts on the Seven Day's battles, writing and leading many tours of the battlefields around Richmond.

This will be a most exciting and important meeting. Bob will talk about the protection of the Glendale Battlefield. As we all know by now a past member of our round table, the late Mr. Karl Lehr, left us a sizable sum of money and we put it to good use by donating it all to battlefield preservation. A good portion of that money was donated to the Richmond Battlefield Association and the Glendale Battlefield.

Join us on Tuesday September 7th to hear how the Glendale Battlefield will benefit from the generosity and foresight of Karl Lehr. His gift will benefit Civil War battlefields well into the future. **The deadline for dinner reservations is September 2, 2010. Contact one of the Brigade Clerks listed on page two below with your reservation.**

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2010/2011 CAMPAIGN SCHEDULE:

Tuesday September 7, 2010 – ROBERT E. L. KRICK

Author, Historian, Preservationist & Battlefield Guide
Topic: *The Battle of Glendale and its Preservation Today*

Tuesday October 5, 2010 – DON ERNSBERGER

Author & Historian
Topic: *Also for Glory: The Story of the Pettigrew -
Trimble Charge at Gettysburg*

Tuesday November 2, 2010 – STEVE WRIGHT

Author & Historian
Topic: *USS Dunlap (DD384) and the Battle of Vella Gulf
(WW II)*

Tuesday December 7, 2010 – CHARLIE ZAHM

Music Historian & Performer
Topic: *Civil War Music*

Tuesday January 4, 2011 – JEFF STOCKER & ED ROOT

Authors & Historians
Topic: *The 153rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry*

Tuesday February 1, 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 March 1, 2011 – DAVID W. WILLMANN CAPT

(Ret) USN
Historian & Battlefield Guide
Topic: *Staff Rides on Civil War Battlefields*

Tuesday April 5, 2011 – MIKE RILEY

Historian & First Person Impressions
Topic: *An Evening with General John Reynolds*

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.*

Karl Lehr, A Legacy of Honor, Commitment and Generosity

Long time Civil War Round Table of Eastern Pennsylvania member Karl passed away at the age of 93 on February 19, 2009. Karl led a full and distinguished life. Born in Allentown, he was a 1936 graduate of Muhlenberg College. During World War II, Karl held the rank of Technical Sergeant and was a part of history during three major invasions. As a member of the First



Signal Detachment on the *USS Ancon*, flagship for the landing at Omaha Beach, he was at Normandy on June 6, 1944. He had also taken part in the earlier landings at Sicily and Salerno, Italy in 1943. Karl later became Sergeant of the Eiffel Tower Guard and was a staff member of the U.S.

Army University in England. Post-war he was a Fulbright teacher in Cologne, Germany in 1957-58 and his teaching career in New Jersey and Illinois spanned 42 years.

Karl joined the Civil War Round Table of Eastern Pennsylvania about 30 years ago. He immediately became an active member serving on numerous committees. He was also a field trip co-chair and submitted items to our newsletter. Karl was generous in many ways including his time and knowledge. He spoke to our group on the subject of "From Pea Ridge to Atlanta" and became part of a Resource Committee of members who volunteered to speak to outside groups or share knowledge with those who needed assistance in a quest for information. He served on our Board of Directors and as such helped form our Preservation and Restoration Committee in 1983. Round Table records show Karl's commitment to historic preservation through signed petitions to save the Grove Farm at Antietam and monetary donations to various organizations as threats to our historic sites became known.

Karl may have left us, but his legacy of honor, commitment and generosity remains. His financial legacy to the Civil War Round Table of Eastern Pennsylvania is the amazing amount of \$123,955.31! The Board of Directors and the Preservation and Restoration Committee, led by Jack Minnich, determined to honor Karl in the best possible way and that is to further the cause of historic preservation. Consequently, we have added to Karl's legacy for a total of \$128,000. That money will be distributed by the Round Table in Karl's name to the following organizations:

Central Virginia Battlefield Trust <http://www.cvbt.org> \$53,000 to help save 93 acres on the Wilderness Battlefield.

Richmond Battlefield Association <http://www.saverichmondbattlefields.org> \$53,000 to help save 13 acres at Fussell's Mill and 4 acres at Malvern Hill.

Civil War Preservation Trust <http://www.civilwar.org> \$22,000 to help save 10 acres at Manassas.

These three organizations have a proven track-record in successful historic preservation as well as the efficient use of donations. In many cases, they have entered into cooperative agreements. They are not competitors, but kindred souls serving a common cause. One result of their success is the ability to obtain matching grants. Because of those matching grants, Karl's gift to the Round Table has grown to \$463,000! We can think of no better way to remember and honor Karl Lehr than to preserve and protect the historic legacy of our nation for future generations.

The Civil War Round Table of Eastern Pennsylvania, Inc. is a non-profit organization formed in 1978 dedicated to serving the broad community's education needs concerning the American Civil War and to historic site preservation. Since its inception and prior to Mr. Lehr's gift, over \$120,000 (not including matching funds) has been raised to support numerous preservation and restoration projects. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in the Civil War. Our membership of over 175 consists of students, scholars and "just people" interested in learning more about the Civil War. Dinner meetings are held monthly from September through June in Allentown, PA and include a speaker on various topics of interest to Civil War/American history enthusiasts.

For more information, contact Jeff Gates at (610) 966-5773 or jefgates@ptd.net

IN MEMORIAM

John N. Lee

Longtime Round Table member, John N. Lee, 81 years, of Allentown, passed away July 31, 2010 at Luther Crest Nursing Home. He was the husband of Mary S. (Subers) Lee. He received his B.S. from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. John was in Asset Management for the former Meridian Bank now Wells Fargo for 29 years, retiring in 1990. From 1955 to 1961, he worked for the former Provident Bank in Philadelphia. He was the Past President of the Alumnae Club of the University of Pennsylvania. **John was also a member of the Civil War Roundtable of Eastern Pennsylvania, Inc.**, the Hiking Clubs of Philadelphia, Allentown, and Berks Co. and a member of the Activities Board of Luther Crest, Allentown. He was a member St. Stephens Episcopal Church, Whitehall. John honorably served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. The Round Table extends its sympathy to the Lee family.

Remembering Gene Salay

Gene Salay, a **CWRT of Eastern PA, Inc. member for many years**, passed away on June 24. Gene was 78-years-old and had been married for over 56 years to his wife Ellie. He was well known in the area as an advocate for Lehigh Valley veterans. Born in Bethlehem, Gene entered the Army during the Korean War and his service significantly impacted the balance of his life. On July 13, 1953 PFC Salay, then 21-years-old, was badly wounded and captured when Chinese soldiers overran his unit. He lost 28 pounds during his captivity, but survived to come home and had earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge and a Purple Heart.

Gene graduated from Moravian College in 1960 and worked in the Accounting Department for Bethlehem Steel. Retiring after 34 years in 1984, he volunteered at the Allentown Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic to help veterans get their benefits. Gene became the Director of Veterans Affairs for Lehigh County two years later, a position he held for 14 years. The state Department of Military and Veterans Affairs awarded him the Distinguished Service Medal for his work on behalf of veterans. He was also awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for championing preference for veterans in hiring.



Army Pfc. Gene Salay (right) with a South Korean interpreter in 1953 near the North Korean border.



Gene Salay presents a plaque to Bob Hope, making him an honorary member of the American Ex-Prisoners of War. Salay, a Korean War veteran and ex-POW, was adjutant for the group's Lehigh Valley chapter. He made the presentation in 1983 while Hope was performing at Lehigh University.

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: Larry Kern

Welcome to our new campaign year. We hope everyone survived our multiple heat waves this summer.

I'm sure all of you have heard of the passing of former member Karl Lehr. We are very grateful for the large and generous donation he left to our ROUND TABLE. With this gift and our yearly contribution, we were able to donate \$128,000.00 to three very worthy organizations.

We hope to see many of you on September 7th for our first meeting. Our speaker will be Robert Krick who will be speaking on the Battle of Glendale and its preservation.

See you then,
Larry Kern
Brigade Commander

RE-ENLISTMENT REPORT

It is re-enlistment time for the 2010-2011 campaign. We finished the previous campaign with 174 members. 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 his or her name and address along to me. I will send them a few complimentary newsletters and an introductory letter to the Round Table. Better yet, bring them to a dinner meeting.

The dues are \$25.00 for individuals, \$10.00 for full-time students. To avoid standing in line at the meeting, please mail your check payable to CWRT of Eastern PA, Inc. Thanks for your support.

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Summons to Volunteers:

Our intrepid group of brush cutters will return to the sacred field of Gettysburg on Saturday, October 9. Please join us as we return to the position of Stewart's Battery B, 4th U.S. Artillery that is now our officially adopted position. In our more than twenty-year history of brush cutting at Gettysburg, we had always acted as a Fire Brigade, stepping in where the Park officials needed us to perform our magic. Last year we selected Battery B, which was commanded at Gettysburg by Lt. James Stewart. Mother Nature continually assaults this field of valor, overgrowing it so that even the veterans would most likely never recognize it. We have fought nature thrice over the past years at this very location. But while we were not 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 October 9, 2010 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 from the Holiday Inn parking lot, just off I-78 in Fogelsville. We must use hand tools only, which the NPS will provide. Gas powered weed whackers are permissible, so it is okay 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 October 9! Be a part of preserving our historic sites!

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