



CAMPAIGN 33

## JULY 2010 SUMMER CAMPAIGN

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### Brigade Call by Larry Kern:



WE COMPLETED OUR 32ND ANNIVERSARY WITH 92 CIVIL WAR ENTHUSIASTS ATTENDING OUR GEORGE SELIGMAN MEMORIAL BANQUET. OUR PROGRAM FEATURED AN EXCELLENT LECTURE ON " CONFEDERATE GENERALSHIP DURING THE

PETERSBURG CAMPAIGN " BY THE RENOWNED AUTHOR AND HISTORIAN WILL GREEN. WILL, AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PAMPLIN HISTORICAL PARK IN PETERSBURG, VA. WE WERE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE HIM LEAD OUR ROUND TABLE. ON A TOUR A FEW YEARS AGO.

THANKS GO TO MIKE CAVANAUGH FOR THE TIME HE SPENT SELECTING OUR SPEAKERS THIS PAST YEAR. PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR THE SPEAKERS FOR OUR NEXT CAMPAIGN. A FAVORITE OF MINE WILL BE RETURNING THIS DECEMBER, CHARLIE ZAHM. YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS ONE.

DON'T FORGET MY CHALLENGE TO SIGN UP ONE NEW MEMBER THIS SUMMER, WITHOUT NEW MEMBERS WE CANNOT SURVIVE.HAVE A GOOD SUMMER AND SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER. LARRY KERN-BRIGADE COMMANDER

## **"Hook Trip" Report by Jeff Stocker:**

On a beautiful Saturday, June 12, six members of the RT had the pleasure of meeting long-time member Mike Snyder at Gettysburg and hearing (and



walking) his presentation of the fighting at the Wheatfield that took place on July 2, 1863. The tour, our annual ""Hook Trip," lasted just over two hours, and Mike took us to places that few groups go to. By dint of his excellent research and well-organized presentation, Mike managed to make sense out of the chaotic fighting that took place in that "maelstrom of death," covering ground that was fought over by Winslow's New York Battery, the brigades of General Caldwell's II Corps Union division, the 17th Maine Regiment of the III Corps and Confederates of Hood's and McLaws' divisions. He ended with a stirring description of the "Fight for the Colors," the struggle between Colonel Harrison Jeffords

and two of his men from the 4th Michigan Regiment to rescue their flag from some advancing Confederates.



A big round of applause was given to Mike for his phenomenal efforts and to the 20 members of the RT who purchased at least \$25 worth of print raffle tickets and thus qualified for the tour.

Stay tuned to next year's newsletter for details about any forthcoming "Hook Trip."

*Photos by Ed Root*

## **Company Commander's Report by Susan Kovacs:**

### **SPRING TRIP?**

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](mailto:suziek@rcn.com). Also, I welcome suggestions for a possible one night trip. Look forward to hearing from you.

## Regimental Commander's Report by Mike Cavanaugh:

### CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF EASTERN PA, INC.

#### 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 153<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

## June Print Raffle Winners



Photo by Ed Root

Winners were Ed Oechsle - *The Battle of the Crater*, Jack Minnich - *Don't Shoot That Boy*, Jim and Terry Monroe - grand prize - the Don Troiani print "Lions of the Round Top", Sherri Miller - *Custer*, and Jayne Holubowsky - *Generals in Bronze*. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone for supporting the preservation cause!

## Book Raffle Winners



Photo by Ed Root

The book raffle winners for the June 2010 meeting were Jayne Holubowsky, Sandra Todd, and Kim Wehrung. Winner of two books was Dr. Joseph Brewer (not pictured), who was a little camera shy. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone for supporting the preservation cause

For the past year, we have been distributing our newsletter to 80-85% of our members and friends via e-mail. As expected, we experienced several problems in our efforts, but things seem to be finally working correctly. What we desperately need now is your feedback and thoughts on this endeavor. Are you receiving our e-newsletter in a form you can read? Is it delivered on time with the USPS and e-mailings? What can we do to improve our newsletter? Please take a few minutes to acknowledge our efforts. **MOST URGENT: We must have your current e-mail address for important announcements and the email delivery of our newsletter.**

Feedback should be directed to Joe Riggs at 610-797-5225 of [jorjriggs@ptd.net](mailto:jorjriggs@ptd.net).

## ***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 fill out the form below 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

### ***ENLISTMENT***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you been a member? \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ How did you hear of this organization?

\_\_\_\_\_ What is your occupation/profession? \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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.**) | \_\_\_ **Individual (\$25.00)**      \_\_\_ **Full-Time Student (\$10.00)**      \_\_\_ **Tax Deductible Donation**

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

## **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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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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