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September 2011 - Karl Lehr Memorial Dinner

**Karl Lehr,
A legacy of honor, commitment and generosity.**



Karl Lehr was truly a renaissance man. He was a teacher, veteran of World War II, a preservationist and a philanthropist. Joining our Round Table some 30 years ago he served our organization in many capacities. His commitment to historic preservation was done through voice, labor and monetary contributions. Karl led a full life and his passing at the age of 93 years

generated a final gift that will continue to benefit future generations of our great land. A combination of his bequest to our Round Table and matching grants from leading Civil War preservation organizations brought \$463,000 to the cause of historic preservation. We honor Karl's memory tonight at our inaugural "Karl Lehr Memorial Dinner."

Clark “Bud” Hall

Philadelphia Cavalry Officers in the Army of the Potomac: A Rare Breed Indeed!



We open our 2011/2012 campaign year with one of the leading historians and battlefield preservationists, **Mr. Clark “Bud” Hall**. Bud is a graduate of Kansas State University with a BA in history. He has completed graduate studies in history and law at Kansas State and the University of Virginia. Bud is a decorated Marine combat veteran who served as a tactical commander in Viet Nam. Bud’s career choice has been in the field of security and investigations for governmental and private corporations. He has conducted many high profile investigations for the U. S. Congress and the FBI.

Clark “Bud” Hall has written and lectured widely on cavalry operations in the American Civil War. He is the co-founder and past board member of the Chantilly Battlefield Association, the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites (now the Civil War Trust), and - his first love - the Brandy Station Foundation. Bud has been the recipient of numerous battlefield preservation awards, including the recent Ralph A. Happel Award from Central Virginia Battlefield Trust for his work in saving the Brandy Station Battlefield. He also received the Anne B. Snyder Preservation Award. Bud is one of the most popular speakers and battlefield guides in the Civil War community. When it comes to the battle of Brandy Station, they come to Bud Hall!

Bud will present a very informational and enjoyable program on the cavalry officers from Philadelphia in the Army of the Potomac. He will tell us why they were a “rare breed indeed!” This is our annual **Karl Lehr Memorial Dinner**, so we are looking for a good turnout. Be sure to get your dinner reservations in by **Thursday September 1st!** **As always, we urge you to invite family and friends.**

BRIGADE CALL – Mike Cavanaugh

Hope you had a good summer and were able to beat the heat. We ended the campaign year with an informative and enjoyable program by one of our favorite speakers and battlefield guides, **Frank O'Reilly**. Frank spoke about Robert E. Lee's last five years from Appomattox to Washington and Lee College in Lexington, VA. Lee played a major role in creating this fine institution. He also worked tirelessly in bringing our country back together.

We open our 2011/2012 campaign with one of the leading historians and preservationists in the country, **Mr. Clark "Bud" Hall**. Bud is the foremost expert on the Brandy Station Battlefield, the site of the largest cavalry battle on the North American Continent. For years, Bud has been the driving force in protecting the site from development. He recently received the Ralph A. Happel Award from the Central Virginia Battlefield Trust. Dr. Mike Stevens, president of the Trust stated, *Without this one man the Brandy Station Battlefield would be covered today with track houses and a race track*. Be sure to mark Tuesday September 6th on your calendar for a very enjoyable evening. This is also the annual **Karl Lehr Memorial Dinner**.

One of the highlights of the last campaign year was the very moving program presented by Colonel Ward Nickisch on his efforts to locate, recover, and identify MIA/POWs from all wars. For those who missed this great program, the colonel will be appearing on **Saturday September 17, 2011** at the **Berks County Agricultural Center**, 1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport, PA (off Route 61 near Reading). The center opens at 4 p.m. and the colonel's program begins at 5 p.m. For further information contact **Bernie Bingham** at **610.689.5040** or e-mail Bernieb65@aol.com.

REMINDER: Dues for the 2011/2012 campaign year are being accepted. It is \$25.00 for individuals and \$10.00 for full time students. Either complete the form in this newsletter and send it to: **Civil War Round Table of Eastern PA, Box 333, Allentown, PA. 18105**, or see Jeff Gates at the Membership Table at the September meeting. Our round table has openings for officers for the 2011/2012 campaign year. We need a Brigade Commander and a Company Commander. If you are interested see one of the officers at the September meeting. This is **OUR** round table and we want your support and input!

Officers 2011-2012 Campaign Year:

Brigade Commander-Position Open
Regimental Commander-Michael Cavanaugh
Company Commander-Position Open
Adjutant-Kathy Minnich
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Regimental Commander's Report-Mike Cavanaugh

2011/2012 PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

Tuesday September 6, 2011 – CLARK “BUD” HALL

Author, Historian & Battlefield Guide

Topic: *Philadelphia Cavalry Officers in the Army of the Potomac: A Rare Breed Indeed.*

Tuesday October 4, 2011 – LARRY DENTON

Author & Historian

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

Tuesday 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: *Diary of a Soldier in the 36th Indiana Infantry*

Tuesday February 7, 2012 – PAUL STILLWELL

(Special: Black History Month Presentation)

Author, Historian & Authority on the U.S. Navy in WW II

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

Tuesday March 6, 2012 – DICK SIMPSON

Historian & Lecturer

Topic: *The Battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas*

Tuesday April 3, 2012 – MELISSA YIASKI-RABINSKY

First Person Impressions & Historian

Topic: *Meet Mary Todd Lincoln*

Tuesday May 1, 2012 – MATTHEW BOROWICK

Historian, Columnist for Civil War News

Topic: *Federal Failure, Southern Success:*

Leadership Lessons from Second Bull Run

Tuesday June 5, 2012 – JOHN HEISER

NPS Gettysburg Historian, Guide

Topic: *The 1913 Gettysburg Grand Reunion*

Do You **KNOW?**

THE CIVIL WAR

A brain-stretching quiz about the historic struggle between the blue and gray

1. What were “Beecher’s Bibles”?
2. When the anti-slavery guerilla leader John Brown raided the federal arsenal at Harper’s Ferry in 1859, looking for weapons to use for a slave uprising, about how many men joined him in the assault?
 - a. More than 100
 - b. 30 to 40
 - c. 15 to 20
 - d. He was alone
3. When he was running for president in 1860, Abraham Lincoln was called – among other things – “Old Abe”. Within two years, how old was he at the time?

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US Expedition Explores Sunken Civil War Vessels By Mark Dunphy

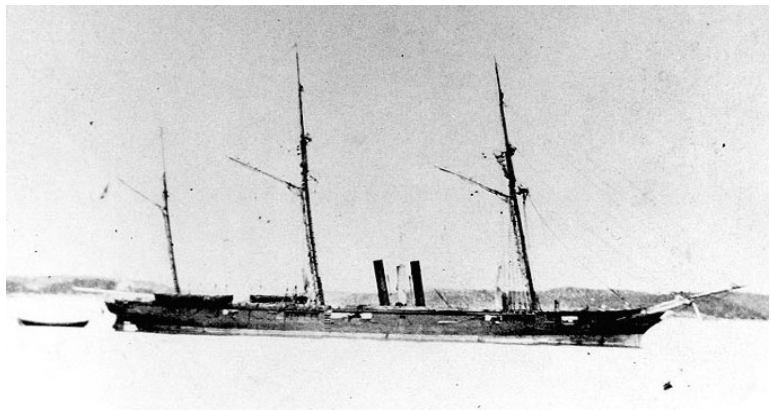
The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Navy embarked today on a two-day research expedition to survey the condition of two sunken Civil War vessels that have rested on the seafloor of the James River in Hampton Roads, Virginia, for nearly 150 years.

Using state-of-the-art sonar technology to acquire data, researchers will create three-dimensional maps of the two shipwrecks, USS Cumberland and CSS Florida, to analyze their current conditions and better understand the technological innovations of the time.

“The remains of the USS Cumberland and CSS Florida, preserved in the waters of Hampton Roads, remind us of the sacrifices made during the Civil War and give us a unique and rare opportunity to explore a pivotal chapter in our nation’s history,” said David Alberg, superintendent of NOAA’s Monitor National Marine Sanctuary. “NOAA is pleased to be part of a project that increases understanding of America’s maritime heritage.”



USS Cumberland



CSS Florida

USS Cumberland was lost on March 8, 1862, during the Battle of Hampton Roads, where she served in the U.S. Navy's North Atlantic Blockading Squadron. She sank after being rammed by the Confederate ironclad CSS Virginia (formerly USS Merrimack) and went down with more than 121 men.

CSS Florida was a Confederate commerce raider which had been captured by the U.S. Navy in Brazil. Towed to United States as a prize despite Brazil's protests, it was lost on Nov. 19, 1864, following a collision with a U.S. Navy troop ferry.

Both vessels are protected by federal law under the Sunken Military Craft Act of 2005, the Abandoned Shipwreck Act of 1987, and the Territorial Clause of the U.S. Constitution, which gives the U.S. government exclusive rights to its own property.

"We are extremely excited about this project," said Alexis Catsambis, underwater archaeologist and cultural resource manager of the U.S. Navy's Naval History & Heritage Command (NHHC). "The information collected during this project will really increase our understanding of the condition of these wrecks."

The last survey of the USS Cumberland took place in 2007. The expedition will be the first time the CSS Florida will be surveyed by the federal government.

In addition to archaeological and historic significance, this project will also develop education and outreach materials to expand public awareness of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, with sesquicentennial commemoration events throughout 2011.

"The more we learn about our cultural resources, the more we discover about our nation's history and the people who shaped it," said Rear Admiral Jay DeLoach, NHHC director. "The survey work on the USS Cumberland and the CSS Florida will not only improve our understanding of the vessels themselves, but it will help us gather information on the Civil War and the technological innovations of the time and allow us to bring those stories to the public in a way we have not been able to in the past."

The project will take place aboard a NOAA research vessel from the nearby USS Monitor National Marine Sanctuary, which was designated to protect the cultural heritage of its namesake, another shipwreck lost in the Civil War.

Artifacts from the USS Cumberland and CSS Florida, including gun and cannon parts, glassware, and a belt buckle are on permanent exhibit at the Hampton Roads Naval Museum in Norfolk, Va.

RE-ENLISTMENT REPORT

It is re-enlistment time for the 2011-2012 campaign. We finished the previous campaign with 149 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 jeffgates@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**

ANSWERS FOR DO YOU KNOW THE CIVIL WAR

1. **Rifles surreptitiously shipped by the rabidly abolitionist clergyman Henry Ward Beecher to groups opposing pro-slavery forces in the Kansas Territory in the 1850s; the weapons were packed in crates labeled "BIBLES"**
2. **c.**
3. **51**

Check out our website www.cwrteasternpa.org for 150th Anniversary events and programs.

Please fill out the enclosed Enlistment Form for our next Campaign. Dues are payable now!

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