



CAMPAIGN 34 - SKIRMISH 3

November 2011

Michael A. Riley

An Evening with General John Reynolds



**Michael A. Riley
as General John F. Reynolds**

Our program for November will be the country's foremost authority on General John Fulton Reynolds, Mr. Michael A. Riley. Not only does Mike Riley bear a striking resemblance to the general, but, through many years of research and contact with the remaining Reynolds family, he has become Reynolds' leading biographer. His book, *For God's Sake, Forward! Gen. John F. Reynolds, USA* is considered required reading on the general.

Mike has served as historical consultant and actor's double in Ron Maxwell's Civil War epic movie *Gettysburg*. He also appeared as General Reynolds in the award-winning *Gettysburg, Boys in Blue and Gray* by Luminence Films. Mike educates Civil War organizations, historical groups, college students, and school children

with his living history portrayals. He also teaches several Civil War history classes.

Mike actively participates in many Civil War reenactments. He can be seen in Gettysburg in November on Remembrance Day Weekend, marching with the Union generals in the annual parade. Mike is a member of the 30th Pennsylvania Infantry, Company E, as was his great-grandfather John B. Riley. While he was employed as a historical consultant for Dale Gallon Historical Art in Gettysburg, he was also asked to pose for several of Mr. Gallon's paintings. Mike also writes essays for publication.

In the early 1980's, the homestead of General Reynolds in Lancaster, PA, was an adult bookstore. Mike began a crusade to save the home of the valiant Civil War general by educating the local public about the heroic military career of their native son. Mike will bring us up-to-date on the status of the General Reynolds house.

Join us for what will be an enjoyable and informative evening. This program will be a treat for students in the family and their friends. As usual, all guests are welcome. Mike Riley will have copies of his book for sale.

REMINDER: Get your dinner reservations in by THURSDAY OCTOBER 27th!

BRIGADE CALL – Kathy Minnich

58 members joined us in October to hear civil war author Larry Denton's talk on one of the least discussed and researched topics of the civil war. Could it have been prevented? It was very thought provoking and exceptionally enjoyable to hear many unfamiliar facts regarding the opposition for the war.

There are many hard working individuals that you see every month checking people in, selling tickets, books, etc. and all of the behind the scenes activity such as the membership, website, newsletter compilation, hotel liaison, bookkeeping and of course speaker scheduling. I want to thank all of those folks that do this year after year and have for many years.

I have a very serious issue to discuss with you. We are at a cross roads in the organization. The organization has been run by a select few people for 20 plus years. The dedication from all has been outstanding; however many of us can no longer continue to run the organization and are stepping down. We are relying on you, the members, to stand up and take it from here. The Treasurer and Speaker positions are examples of positions not filled for the next campaign year. If we do not fill these positions by the end of the calendar year to begin transition, the Round Table will have no choice but cease to exist. There will be no one to write the checks and get the speakers! It will be a very sad day for all of us, but we will have no choice. Please take action and take it from here!

6th Pennsylvania Cavalry (Rush's Lancers) Display – Mike Cavanaugh

In response to our fine September program on Rush's Lancers by Bud Hall, member **Major Peter Chace** treated us to a display of his collection of artifacts of the famous Pennsylvania cavalry unit. The highlight was a rare original lance along with CDV photos of members of the unit. Peter supplied to members an eight page hand-out on the history of the unit. We thank Peter for taking the time and effort to present his display and we encourage other members to do the same. Let us know in advance what you would like to present and how much table room you would need. Contact Mike Cavanaugh at 484.225.3150 or chief96pbi@rcn.com

SUPPORT PRESERVATION, PURCHASE PRINT AND BOOK RAFFLE TICKETS!

YOUR BRIGADE NEEDS HELP!

This article appeared in our last newsletter and our sense of urgency was spelled out in Kathy's Brigade Call article. If you want this Round Table to continue, the time for action is NOW!

Unless more members come forward to assist in the running of your Brigade, the continuation is in jeopardy. It should be obvious to most, if not all of you, that your Brigade has been functioning by the work and dedication of very few people. The problem is that they are getting tired and want to step down. A word of caution, and advice, members need to come forward and indicate a willingness to help keep your Round Table going.

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

The time for action is now. Please consider this request and indicate your willingness to help to any Board Member. Another thought would be for those interested to be guests at our Board meeting. We meet at the Southern Lehigh Public Library, 3200 Preston Lane, Center Valley, PA 18034. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 29th, starting at 6:00pm. Time is running out! By showing your willingness to help now, current board members/officers will be more than willing to train and mentor anyone who wishes to serve."

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 October meeting.

Do You **KNOW?**

THE CIVIL WAR

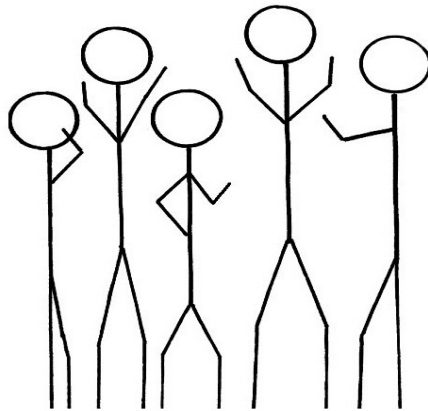
A brain-stretching quiz about the historic struggle between the blue and gray

1. **Abe Lincoln and Jefferson Davis had some things in common – three of these four, in fact. Which statement *isn't* true?**
 - a. They were born in the same state
 - b. Each suffered the death of a young son while in office
 - c. They assumed the presidency at the same age
 - d. Each studied at West Point

2. **Lincoln's vice president during his first term was Hannibal Hamlin. Which state was he from?**

Answers on page 5

Book Raffle Winners



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The book raffle winners for the October 2011 meeting were Durrell Hollenbach, Dave Keehn, Bill Frankenfield, Ed Mulligan and Stan Schwartz. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone for supporting the preservation cause!

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 jefgates@ptd.net

ENLISTMENT FORM

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. Only d. is untrue (Davis was a West Pointer, Lincoln wasn't) a. (Kentucky) b. (Willie Lincoln, at 11, and Joe Davis, at 5) c. (52)
2. 2. Maine

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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