



CAMPAIGN 34 (OUR NEXT CAMPAIGN YEAR REMAINS AT RISK!) - SKIRMISH 5

January 2012

Warren D. Beach

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



George P. Beach

We welcome the new year with one of our own members, Mr. Warren D. Beach. Warren is retired from the National Park Service after 38

years of dedicated service. He began his career as a ranger in Yellowstone followed by assignments in The Great Smokies and Hopewell Village near Birdsboro, PA. Warren spent time as an Interpretive Specialist at the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial in Indiana and as a Unit Manager at the Edison Museum in West Orange, New Jersey. Other exciting assignments included supervisory positions at El Morro National Monument in New Mexico, Morristown National Historical Park in Morristown, New Jersey - which included Washington's Headquarters - and Valley Forge National Historical Park, where he supervised all park operations. His last assignment, before retirement from the Park Service, was as the

Associate Regional Director for Operations in the Northeast Office in Philadelphia. During his career, Warren received two “Northeast Region Superintendent of the Year” awards, 1984 and 1994.

Warren’s first love, after retirement, is the 36th Indiana Volunteer Infantry formed in Henry County, Indiana, in 1861. Warren’s great grandfather, George P. Beach, served as a private in Company A. Although a private, George Beach left an extensive record of his Civil War service in the form of a diary and numerous notes and letters. Warren hopes to put it all in a published book down the road.

Warren’s program will relate the results of his research into his great grandfather’s Company A’s Civil War service, which included his two wounds and “a most embarrassing moment at the battle of Shiloh.”

Join us on Tuesday January 3rd for an informative and enjoyable evening following the Civil War career of a common Union soldier. Please remember to get your dinner reservations in early. The deadline is Thursday **December 29, 2011**. Guests are always welcome.

BRIGADE CALL – Ed Root



John Hay, (Mr. Jerry Carrier) with Mike Cavanaugh - Photo by Jeff Heller

War students are familiar with Hay as Abraham Lincoln’s secretary. Many of us were not aware of Hay’s career as a lawyer, diplomat, Secretary of State, author and journalist. He knew or rubbed elbows with many of the 19th Century’s powerful and famous. Jerry Carrier was certainly comfortable in Hay’s skin and it did seem as though it was Hay who was speaking to us.

Have you purchased your tickets for our Preservation Raffle? Don Troiani’s “Sons of Erin” is a print that will look great on your living room or den wall. A book of ten tickets can be yours for the low low price of \$5.00 There are no losers when we donate to historic preservation!

Sixty-six members and guests enjoyed a fascinating journey through the 19th Century through the life and times of John Hay, courtesy of Jerry Carrier. Most Civil



In addition to this fine print, you will also have a chance to win one of the following GREAT prizes! Second place, a four volume set of Battles and Leaders of the Civil War; Third place is a commemorative medallion about the Battle of Gettysburg, from a limited set of 5000, from the CW Library and Museum; Fourth place is a DVD regarding “Fredericksburg, Then and Now”, with a companion soft cover book, from CVBT. Fifth place is a three disc VCR set, "Guns of the Civil War", with 1 VCR regarding Civil War combat.

Along those lines the Central Virginia Battlefield Trust prominently mentions the CWRT of Eastern Pennsylvania in its end of year letter concerning the Wilderness Battlefield. “In September, we sold a 31 acre

tract of this 93 acre parcel to the NPS. With the proceeds of this sale, we were able to pay off or remaining debt on this project a full 3 years early. We were fortunate to secure both federal and state matching grants for this gateway to the Wilderness Battlefield! Our friends and partners at the Civil War Trust made a sizable donation, as did **the CWRT of Eastern Pennsylvania thanks to a bequest from one of their long time members, Mr. Karl M. Lehr...**” See www.cvbt.org for more info on the Central Virginia Battlefield Trust.

Lastly and most importantly, the clock is ticking. Our organization needs to secure our very existence by the end of January. We still need volunteers for a number of offices. Please see Mike Cavanaugh at the January meeting or email him at chief96pbi@rcn.com to find out what you can do to help and hopefully offer your services.

TUESDAY, January 3, 2011

Attention to Field Orders:
 All Members and guests of the Lehigh Brigade are ordered to the **Four Points by Sheraton, 3400 Airport Rd Allentown, Pa.**, on the above date.
 Sutler’s Call 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.
 Mess Call 6:30 p.m.
 Program7:30 p.m.
 SpeakerWarren D. Beach
The deadline for making dinner reservations is Thursday, December 29, 2011.
 Please call one of the Brigade Clerks listed below:
 Jeff Stocker -----610-867-5178 or jsmw@ptd.net
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Winter and Operation Snowflake

For weather-related cancellations, please tune to either radio station WAEB AM (790 on your dial) or B104 FM. If you have computer access and don’t want to listen through the many listings on the radio go to www.waeb.com and click on Operation Snowflake. Or, you can visit the CWRT

website – www.cwrteasternpa.org – where any meeting change information will be posted. If you still have doubts, please call Jeff Stocker at (work) 610-437-5664 or at (home) 610-867-517

REMINDER: Dues for the 2011/2012 campaign year were payable by the end of December. IF YOUR DUES FOR THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN YEAR WERE NOT PAID, YOU WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION LIST. Dues are \$25.00 for individuals and

\$10.00 for full time students. Either complete the form available on our Website www.cwrteasternpa.org and send it to: **Civil War Round Table of Eastern PA, Box 333, Allentown, PA. 18105**, or see Jeff Gates at the Membership Table.

Book Raffle Winners



Photo by Jeff Heller

The book raffle winners for the December 2011 meeting were (left to right) Gerry Sherwin, Claude Kohl, Lance Nothstein, Bob Strangfeld, Ed Oechsle, and Lamar Hartline. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone for supporting the preservation cause!

Do You **KNOW THE CIVIL WAR?**

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

- 1. When it was clear that a war was underway, Lincoln called for volunteers to fight the Southerners. At that stage, for how long were men expected to sign up?**
 - a. Three months
 - b. Twelve months
 - c. Twenty-four months
 - d. Thirty-six months

- 2. During the course of his career, Robert E. Lee went by several nicknames. In fact, at one time or another he was called all but just one of these. Which?**
 - a. “Uncle Robert”
 - b. “Marse Robert”
 - c. “Rapid Robert”
 - d. “Ace of Spades”
 - e. “Granny”

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War in Earnest – The Civil War in 1862

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***Key Moments and Commanders of the
Gettysburg Campaign***

***National Park Service Winter Lecture Series
2012***

Saturdays and Sundays, 1:30 p.m.

Gettysburg National Military Park

Museum and Visitor Center

1195 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg, Pa.

Week #1

Saturday, January 7

1862: - *Opening Moves in the Western Theater – Forts Henry and Donelson* - Matt Atkinson

Sunday, January 8

1862: - *1862: The Skirmishing is Over* - Bill Hewitt

Week #2

Saturday, January 14

1862: *The Young Napoleon Part 2– George McClellan in 1862* - D. Scott Hartwig

1862:– *USS Monitor: The Ship That Launched a Modern Navy* - Karlton Smith

Week #3

Saturday, January 21

1862: *The Guns of 62 – Artillery on the 1862 Battlefields* - Tom Holbrook

Sunday, January 22

1862:– *USS Monitor: The Ship That Launched a Modern Navy* - Karlton Smith

Week #4

Saturday, January 28

1862: – *Shiloh* - Matt Atkinson

Sunday, January 29

1862: – *Iuka & Corinth* - Angie Atkinson

Kim Jacobs – *The USS Lehigh*



Seaman Kim Jacobs

photo by Jeff Heller

Kim Jacobs attended our December dinner meeting wearing the uniform of a regular sailor, who works hard and many hours, given food and water, and shares in funds realized when the cargo is sold after the capture of an enemy ship.

By Tony Major

Kim is a member of The *USS LEHIGH*, a Civil War Navy Re-enactment & Living History group. The officers and crew are located in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware. They portray the *USS LEHIGH*'s ship's company during the Civil War (1861-1865).

The *USS LEHIGH* was a PASSAIC class monitor, an improved designed of the original USS Monitor. The members are all interested in Civil War naval history telling (via living history) the stories of the US Navy's ships, sailors and marines during that period as authentically as possible to local community events, schools, universities and libraries. They are a member unit of the Navy & Marine Living History Association ([NMLHA](#)) and offer enlistment to people of all ages, gender, and races. Interested parties may apply to serve as Sailors, Marines or Civilians.

The US Navy had a critically important role in supporting the Union during the war and was involved in many major battles.

Members/historians share this rich history with the public, dressed as the crew of that period and portraying the famous and not so famous characters who helped to make our country's history. If this sounds interesting to you and you

would like more information, feel free to talk to Kim, or you can contact one of the following: Lt. Commander Bruce W. Tucker (New Jersey) btucker718@aol.com or Fleet Surgeon Donald Fischer (Pennsylvania) fichburn2@aol.com .

Nearly 6 Years After Being Vandalized, Statue Honoring 4th New York Battery Returned To Pedestal At Gettysburg National Military Park

Nearly six years after a statue honoring the 4th New York Battery's role at Gettysburg was vandalized, it has been repaired and returned to its pedestal. Monument preservation staff at [Gettysburg National Military Park](#) reset the bronze figure of an artilleryman onto the pedestal of the 4th New York Battery monument, also known as "Smith's Battery," on November 28.

Back in February 2006 vandals pulled the

bronze figure off its base, and the bronze head of the artilleryman was stolen along with parts of the rammer. Earlier this year, park staff created a new bronze head for the artilleryman, allowing the park to return the figure to its pedestal at Devil's Den on the Gettysburg battlefield after more than five years.

Gettysburg National Military Park is a unit of the National Park Service that preserves and protects the resources associated with the Battle of Gettysburg and the Soldiers' National Cemetery, and provides an understanding of the events that occurred there within the context of American History.

ANSWERS FOR DO YOUR KNOW THE CIVIL WAR

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

Remember, if you dues for the current Campaign Year are not paid by December 31st, you will not be receiving future Newsletters!

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