

**Cape May County Civil War Round Table  
Newsletter = April 2016**

**Meeting Dates for 2016**

- 21 April** – Speaker: Ed Bonekemper on *McClellan and Failure*. **Refreshments:** Jim Marshall
- 19 May** – Speaker: Brian Blake on *Union General Francis Barlow*. **Refreshments:**
- 16 June** – Speaker: Randy Drais on *Gettysburg*. **Refreshments:**
- 21 July** - Eugene D. (Gene) Schmiel on *The Life of Jacob Dolson Cox, Ohio Citizen*. **Refreshments:**
- 18 Aug** - **Refreshments:** Mike & Barbara Golla
- 15 Sept** – Speaker: Paul Kahan on *Lincoln's Secretary of War: Simon Cameron*. **Refreshments:**
- 20 Oct** – Speaker: Craig Swain on *South Carolina, Sumter and Charleston*. **Refreshments:** Pat Munson-Siter
- 7 Nov** = Tom Ryan to make a presentation on *Spies, Scouts and Secrets of the Gettysburg Campaign*. **Refreshments:** Lou Bishop
- ? Dec** = **Christmas / End of Year party**

**LIST OF LOCAL EVENTS!!!**

**If anyone knows of local Civil War related events for 2016, please contact the Secretary so the information can be added to future issues of the newsletter.**

**MAC in Cape May**

**HISTORY SPEAKS: Jan. 15-April 10, 2016**

From the Underground Railroad to Segregated Schools to Urban Renewal, Hear the Voices of Cape May's African-American Community. At the Carroll Gallery on the grounds of the Emlen Physick Estate, 1048 Washington St. Admission is free.

**Cold Spring Village**

**Free Village Sampler Weekend June 04 - June 05**

Free admission! Visit select buildings and learn about the trades and crafts of the 'age of homespun'! Take guided walking tours and special discounts at the Country Store. Enjoy children's crafts and family activities.

**Military Timeline Weekend June 18 - June 19**

An exhibition of various conflicts spanning several centuries including English Hundred Years War, Boer War, American Revolution and Civil War, World War II, Korean War and more!

**Revolutionary War Encampment September 10 - September 11**

The American Revolution comes to life with reenactors and encampments from both Loyalist and Patriot militia. Field camps, weaponry, programs and more.

**Civil War Weekend September 17 - September 18**

Re-enactors bring to life military encampments, demonstrations of infantry and artillery drill, weaponry, camp life and more throughout the Village. Vendors of reproduction period merchandise. Battle reenactment at 2pm both days.

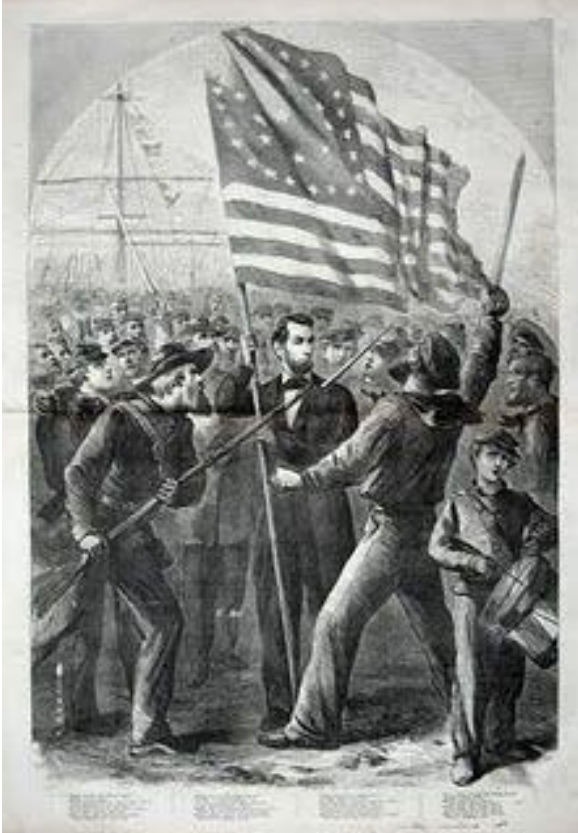
**Free Village Sampler Weekend September 24 - September 25**

Free admission! Visit select buildings and learn about the trades and crafts of the 'age of homespun'! Take guided walking tours and special discounts at the Country Store. Enjoy children's crafts and family activities.

Members are encouraged to participate; if you have Civil War garb / uniforms, please feel free to wear it! We would also appreciate members attending helping by handing out flyers as well as telling folks about our group. MAC says we can have people at non-Civil War oriented events too, and some of them are listed herein.

**The County Historical Society and Museum would like us to add that they are looking for volunteers to help with many aspects of their work – from helping in the library, working in the gardens, to acting as tour guides/docents in the museum. They also have lost a**

**huge amount of funding from the county; please support their fund raising efforts!!**



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**REMINDER: DUES ARE DUE!! Please send to the TREASURER, not the SECRETARY! \$30 for online newsletter; \$35 for snail mail newsletter**

Minutes of the Business Meeting

March 2016

President Runner opened the meeting. We saluted the flag and held a moment of silence for all veterans past and present. Pres. Runner reminded everyone there is a signup sheet for refreshments on the chair outside the meeting room. He also thanked members for the cards and phone calls he and his wife have received while his wife has been under medical care. He also had a number of guests, including several from the Board of Trustees from the CMC Museum, introduce themselves. (We had a full house!!)

Jim Marshall gave the treasurer's report. We have \$156 in preservation funds and over \$2,000 in our regular account. Motion made and passed to accept the report and file for audit.

There are several preservation projects pushing for funds, several of which include matching funds. There is one for the Slaughter Pen where organizations will donate \$25 for each dollar donated by the public; other current projects include Perryville (KY), Appomattox, South Mountain and Antietam. Motion made to donate \$25 each to Perryville, Appomattox, South Mountain and Antietam, with the remainder of the preservation funds on hand going to Slaughter Pen. Motion seconded and passed.

There were two books as well as two jars of locally made jelly as items to be raffled off tonight.

The Civil War Round Table gave thanks to the Cape May County Historical and Genealogical Museum for their efforts to publicize our meetings and events. Most of the guests tonight said they'd learned about the meeting due to that publicity.

There being no further business, President Runner closed the business meeting and introduced Scott Mingus, our guest speaker for tonight.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Munson-Siter



Civil War Timeline for April

**1860**

No Major Events

**1861**

- 6 Arkansas secedes
- 7 Tennessee negotiates alliance with

Confederacy

- 20 North Carolina secedes
- 21 Confederate legislators vote to move capital to

Richmond

- 23 Virginia secedes (after popular vote)
- 24 Union soldiers occupy Alexandria (VA)
- 6 Arkansas secedes

**1862**

- 4 Confederates evacuate Yorktown
- 5 Battle of Williamsburg (VA)
- 8 Battle of McDowell (VA)
- 15 Battle of Drewry's Bluff (VA)
- 23 Battle of Front Royal (VA)
- 25 Battle of Winchester (VA)
- 31 Battle of Seven Pines (Fair Oaks) (VA)

**1863**

- 1-4 Battle of Chancellorsville
- 10 Stonewall Jackson dies
- 16 Battle of Champion's Hill (MS)

**1864**

- 5-6 Battle of the Wilderness (VA)
- 6 Atlanta Campaign opens
- 7-19 Battle of Spotsylvania (VA)
- 11 Battle of Yellow Tavern (VA)
- 12-13 Second Battle of Drewry's Bluff (VA)
- 15 Battle of New Market (VA)
- 24 Battle of the North Anna River (VA)
- 25-27 Battle of New Hope (GA)

**1865**

- 10 Confederate president Davis captured in Georgia
- 26 Smith surrenders Trans-Mississippi Confederate army



Civil War Related Events

Most of these are from the Civil War Traveler website. Unfortunately the state of New Jersey still does not participate in this program, so you won't find any New Jersey events listed here. Those we know about will be listed in the "local events" section on page one.

1 **PA** Living history camp and demonstrations at the Gettysburg NMP (Spangler Spring). Free. [nps.gov/gett](https://nps.gov/gett)

1 **MD** Ranger-led all-day hike on the Antietam National Battlefield near Sharpsburg. Segments begin at 9:30 am and 1:30 pm. Each covers about 3 miles. Free with park admission. [nps.gov/anti](https://nps.gov/anti)

1 **VA** Reenactment, "Civil War Weekend," in Buchanan. Breakfast in historic building 8-10 am, 9 am church service and 1:30 pm battle. [townofbuchanan.com/event/buchanan-civil-war-history-weekend-2](https://townofbuchanan.com/event/buchanan-civil-war-history-weekend-2)

4-5 **VA** Anniversary living history and tours at the Cold Harbor battlefield part of the Richmond NBP near Richmond. Candlelight tour 6-9 pm Saturday. Free. [nps.gov/rich](https://nps.gov/rich)

6 **PA** "Inspired by Gettysburg," the Gettysburg NMP artist-in-residence at the Lincoln Railroad Station in Gettysburg. 5-8 pm. Free. [nps.gov/gett](https://nps.gov/gett)

7 **MD** "Women of Antietam," a "porch program" at the Newcomer House on the Antietam Battlefield, 18422 Shepherdstown Pike, Keedysville. 11 am and 1:30 pm. Free. 240-308-1740.

7 **VA** Living history walking tour, "Battle of Smithfield," meets at the Isle of Wight Museum, 103 Main St, Smithfield. 2 pm. Free. [historiscisleofwight.com/events.html](https://historiscisleofwight.com/events.html)

7 **VA** Walking tour of Fort Huger near Smithfield. Explore the Confederate James River fort, 15080 Talcott Terrace, Isle of Wight County. 10 am. Free. [historiscisleofwight.com/events.html](https://historiscisleofwight.com/events.html)

7 **VA** "Propaganda in the Civil War," special ranger program at the Petersburg National Battlefield in Petersburg. 2 pm. Free with park admission. [nps.gov/pete](https://nps.gov/pete)

7-8 **PA** Living history camp and demonstrations at the Gettysburg NMP (Pitzer Woods/Pennsylvania Memorial). Free. [nps.gov/gett](https://nps.gov/gett)

8 **VA** "The Role of Women in the Civil War," special ranger program at the Petersburg National Battlefield in Petersburg. 2 pm. Free with park admission. [nps.gov/pete](https://nps.gov/pete)

13 **VA** Walking tour, “Historic Cemeteries,” at the Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park in Bristow. 7 pm. Free. donations encouraged. 703-366-3049.

13-15 **VA** Reenactment, “Battle of New Market,” on the historic battlefield in New Market. Friday tour 2-4 pm (registration limited). Weekend camps and demonstrations 10 am-5 pm. Battles at 2:30 pm Saturday, 2 pm Sunday. \$8/adult. [vmi.edu/vmcw](http://vmi.edu/vmcw)

14 **NY** Walking tour, “History of the West Point Foundry,” major Civil War cannon manufacturer. Begins 11 am at the Preserve parking area, 68 Kemble Ave, Cold Spring. [scenichudson.org/events](http://scenichudson.org/events)

14 **MD** Hikes, a series of guided two-hour walks through the Monocacy National Battlefield in Frederick. Free. See [nps.gov/mono](http://nps.gov/mono) for details.

14 **VA** Living history, “Warrenton, the War, and After,” at the Old Jail Museum in Warrenton. 7:30 pm. Fee charged. [mosbyheritagearea.org](http://mosbyheritagearea.org)

14 **VA** Lecture, “Women Who Fought in the Civil War,” at the Museum of the Confederacy in Appomattox. 11 am. Free with admission. [acwm.org](http://acwm.org)

14 **VA** Tour, “United States Colored Troops at the Siege of Petersburg,” special ranger-led program at the Petersburg National Battlefield in Petersburg. 10 am-2 pm. Free with park admission. [nps.gov/pete](http://nps.gov/pete)

14-15 **MD** Living history, “At Twilight’s Last Gleaming,” artillery demonstrations at Gathland State Park near Burkittsville. Camps 10 am-4 pm each day. Demonstrations at 11 am, 1 pm and 3 pm. Free. 301-432-8065.

14-15 **PA** Living history camp and demonstrations at the Gettysburg NMP (Spangler Spring/Pitzer Woods/Pennsylvania Memorial). Free. [nps.gov/gett](http://nps.gov/gett)

14-15 **VA** Living history at Belle Grove Plantation, 9221 Belle Grove Drive, King George. Military and civilian camps and demonstrations 9 am-4 pm both days. Period wedding followed by “Gone with the Wind” Ball Saturday night. Advance tickets \$5/daily living history, \$55/ball. [mkt.com/belle-grove-plantation-bed-and-breakfast/civil-war-weekend-living-history](http://mkt.com/belle-grove-plantation-bed-and-breakfast/civil-war-weekend-living-history)

14-15 **VA** Anniversary living history and tours at the Drewry’s Bluff battlefield, part of the Richmond NBP on the James River south of Richmond. Free. [nps.gov/rich](http://nps.gov/rich)

19 **DC** Book talk and reception, “A Self-Made Man, The Political Life of Abraham Lincoln,” at President Lincoln’s Cottage in Washington. 6 pm reception, 6:30 pm talk. \$10 each. [www.lincolncottage.org](http://www.lincolncottage.org)

19-20 **PA/VA** Seminar and tours, “Stonewall Jackson in the Valley,” includes tour stops at Front Royal, Winchester, Port Republic and more. Based in Chambersburg (PA). [civilwarseminars.org](http://civilwarseminars.org)

20 **VA** Lecture, “Metallurgy in the Civil War,” at the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond. Noon. Free with admission. [acwm.org](http://acwm.org)

20-22 **VA** North-South Skirmish Association’s National Competition, live-fire historic weapons, at Fort Shenandoah near Winchester. Free for spectators. [n-ssa.org](http://n-ssa.org)

21 **PA** “An Evening with the Painting,” after-hours, behind-the-scenes extended tour of the Gettysburg Cyclorama in the Gettysburg NMP visitor center. 6 pm. \$20/adult. Tickets: [gettysburgfoundation.org](http://gettysburgfoundation.org)

21 **VA** Soldier-led walking tours of Fort Ward in Alexandria. 90-minute living history tours 10 am and 2 pm. Free. [forward.org](http://forward.org)

21 **VA** Van tour, “Battle of Williamsburg,” begins at Lee Hall in Newport News. 9 am-3 pm. \$45. [leehall.org](http://leehall.org)

21-22 **PA** Living history camp and demonstrations at the Gettysburg NMP (Spangler Spring/Pennsylvania Memorial). Free. [nps.gov/gett](http://nps.gov/gett)

21-22 **VA** Reenactment, “Fort Pocahontas,” annual event at the site on the James River off Route 5 between Richmond and Williamsburg. Camps and demonstrations, fort tours 10 am-4 pm each day. Battles at 1 pm each day. \$10/adult. [fortpocahontas.org/reenactments.html](http://fortpocahontas.org/reenactments.html)

25-26 **VA** Anniversary living history and tours at the Gaines’ Mill battlefield, part of the Richmond NBP near Richmond. Free. [nps.gov/rich](http://nps.gov/rich)

26 **VA** Living history, period cooking demonstrations at the Virginia Museum of the Civil War/New Market Battlefield in New Market. 10 am-4 pm. Free with park admission. [vmi.edu/vmcw](http://vmi.edu/vmcw)

27-28 **VA** Stonewall Jackson Symposium in Lexington. Details: [stonewalljackson.org](http://stonewalljackson.org)

28-29 **PA** Living history camp and demonstrations at the Gettysburg NMP (Spangler Spring/Pennsylvania Memorial/Meade's Headquarters). Free. [nps.gov/gett](http://nps.gov/gett)

28-29 **VA** Living history, infantry and artillery camp and demonstrations at the Manassas National Battlefield (Chinn Ridge). 11 am-3 pm. Free. [nps.gov/mana](http://nps.gov/mana)

28-30 **MD** Memorial Day at the Antietam National Battlefield and Sharpsburg. Saturday parade in town and 1 pm Monday ceremony at the battlefield. Details: [nps.gov/anti](http://nps.gov/anti)

28-30 **VA** Memorial Day Weekend living history programs at Pamplin Historical Park near Petersburg. Free with park admission. [pamplinpark.org/events.html](http://pamplinpark.org/events.html)

29 **VA** "Union Aid Organizations During the Petersburg Campaign," special ranger program at Grant's Headquarters at City Point in Hopewell. 1 pm. Free. [nps.gov/pete](http://nps.gov/pete)

30 **VA** Memorial Day observance at the Groveton Confederate Cemetery near Manassas. Noon. Free. [nps.gov/mana](http://nps.gov/mana)



**2015 Another Exceptional Year for Civil War Trust and Battlefield Preservation NATIONAL NONPROFIT LEADS EFFORT TO PRESERVE BATTLEFIELD LAND AND CELEBRATES CONCLUSION OF \$52.5 MILLION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

(Washington, D.C.) – As the final year of the Civil War's sesquicentennial came to a close, the Civil War Trust, America's premier battlefield preservation organization, announced the successful conclusion of another year of historic land conservation. Through the generosity of individual donors, coupled with strategic partnerships with government officials and nonprofit

groups across the country, the Trust protected nearly 1,700 acres of land in 13 states during 2015. In addition, the conclusion of the Trust's four-year capital campaign raised an unprecedented \$52.5 million — more than 30 percent above the original goal — resulting in more than 10,000 acres of preserved hallowed ground.



*Jim Lighthizer speaking at press event at Antietam in 2015. (Civil War Trust)*

“Our achievements this year highlight more than ever the incredible contributions of devoted Americans nationwide,” noted Trust President James Lighthizer. “The private citizens who band together in support of preservation have saved more American history, educated more Americans, and created a more lasting legacy than ever before in this country.”

Working closely in cooperation with willing landowners and preservation partners, the Trust completed 40 transactions at 29 battlefield sites: Elkin's Ferry, Ark.; Sand Creek, Colo.; Chickamauga, Ga.; Mill Springs and Perryville, Ky.; Antietam and Monocacy, Md.; Lexington and Concord, Mass.; Brice's Cross Roads, Champion Hill and Corinth, Miss.; Princeton, N.J.; Wyse Fork, N.C.; Gettysburg, Pa.; Chattanooga, Shiloh and Stones River, Tenn.; Cedar Creek, Chancellorsville, Cold Harbor, Gaines' Mill, Glendale, Kernstown, Second Deep Bottom, Third Winchester, Trevilian Station, White Oak Road and Williamsburg, Va.; and Shepherdstown, W.Va.

The Trust was able to celebrate several landmark successes in 2015 in conjunction with nationally renowned preservation advocates. Deputy Secretary of the Interior Michael Connor joined the Trust to announce the protection of 44 acres at the epicenter of Antietam National Battlefield. U.S. Congressman Harold “Hal” Rogers participated in a ceremony trumpeting the conservation of 118 acres at Mill Springs battlefield in Kentucky. And Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell commemorated the 150th anniversary of Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House, praising preservation achievements at that site.

“Our Civil War and other battlefields are hallowed places where we honor the fallen and come to better understand the forces and events that shaped the course of our nation,” Secretary Jewell noted in her April remarks. “Partnerships with states, nonprofit organizations like the Civil War Trust, and stakeholders at the federal level have made it possible to permanently protect and interpret these places for generations of American people.”

The Trust also announced the completed restoration of 56 acres at Brandy Station battlefield’s Fleetwood Hill and the transfer of 11 acres to Vicksburg National Military Park. In January, the Trust made its second largest acquisition in its history, permanently protecting the site of Gen. Robert E. Lee’s headquarters during the Battle of Gettysburg. These transactions helped bring the Trust’s total preservation achievements to more than 42,000 acres saved in 22 states.

The Trust’s Campaign 1776 project, the first-ever national initiative to preserve and interpret the battlefields of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, celebrated its one-year anniversary in November 2015. In June, Campaign 1776 launched a fundraising campaign for one critical acre of land adjacent to Minute Man National Historical Park in Concord, Mass. and contributed to a grant for archaeological study of the land that revealed crucial new information about the Battles of Lexington and Concord. A ribbon cutting ceremony also applauded the transfer of 4.6 acres of land to Princeton Battlefield State Park.

“Many of our Revolutionary War battlefields were lost long ago — buried beneath the concrete and asphalt of Brooklyn and Trenton and consumed by the sprawl of Boston, New York and Philadelphia,” said Jack Warren, executive director of the American Revolution Institute of the Society of the Cincinnati. “Those unspoiled landscapes that remain are precious reminders of the struggle to achieve independence and create a republic dedicated to the liberty of ordinary people. No organization is better equipped to lead us in this work than the Civil War Trust.”

In addition to its land acquisition successes, the Trust promoted greater appreciation and understanding of America’s defining conflicts through its innovative educational programs and digital offerings. In 2015, the Trust website received almost 8 million unique visitors, a 36 percent increase over 2014. The Trust’s 360 battlefield panoramas allowed viewers to digitally tour historic sites from anywhere, and a new animated map video depicts the entire Civil War with vivid and engaging details. The Trust’s Teacher Institute, an annual gathering to enrich the

Civil War for educators across the country, celebrated its most-attended program to date. Additionally, the Trust launched its Generations Program in June, a new series of events and online resources designed to provide parents, grandparents and other adults with the tools to share history with young people in their personal lives.

“The online and mobile technology the Trust produces creates a richer experience for battlefield visitors, and also helps bring the education and interpretation tools of the Trust into the home and classroom,” said Lighthizer. “Our videos, apps, and particularly the new Generations program all help ensure today’s youth understand the importance of preserving battlefields for tomorrow.”

The Trust also earned accolades for its sound fiscal management and commitment to top-notch donor relations, renewing its Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance accreditation and receiving a prestigious Top-Rated Award by GreatNonprofits, the leading provider of user reviews about nonprofit organizations. In addition, the Trust maintained its 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America’s leading charity evaluator, for a sixth straight year — an honor attained by only 3 percent of charities assessed by that organization. Further, the Trust’s membership magazine, Hallowed Ground, again earned top honors for outstanding quality through the APEX Awards for Publication Excellence — its seventh-consecutive Grand Award.

The Trust’s preservation success in 2015 would not have been possible without the dedication of Trust partners, including: American Battlefield Protection Program, National Park Service, Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council, Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site (N.C.), Boyle County Fiscal Court (Ky.), City of Chattanooga (Tenn.), City of Franklin (Tenn.), County of Chesterfield Parks and Recreation (Va.), Department of Agriculture Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program, Georgia Battlefields Association, Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission (W.Va.), Kentucky Heritage Council, Madison County Fiscal Court (Ky.), Louisiana Office of State Parks, Maryland Department of Transportation, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Municipality of Princeton (N.J.), New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs-Historic Preservation Division, North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission-Bureau for Historic Preservation, Pulaski County Fiscal Court (Ky.), State of Colorado, Tennessee

Historical Commission, Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission, Tennessee Department of Transportation, Town of Lincoln (Mass.), Virginia Department of Historic Resources, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and Virginia Department of Transportation.

Numerous organizations also contributed to these preservation successes, including: Aversboro Battlefield Commission, Brandy Station Foundation, Brice's Cross Roads National Battlefield Commission, Busch Properties, Inc., Franklin's Charge, Central Maryland Heritage League, Central Virginia Battlefields Trust, The Colorado Trust, The Conservation Fund, Department of Arkansas Heritage, Friends of Minute Man National Park, Friends of Shiloh National Military Park, Friends of Vicksburg National Military Park and Campaign, Friends of Wilderness Battlefield, Georgia Piedmont Land Trust, Gettysburg Foundation, Glorieta Battlefield Preservation Society, HTR Foundation, Historic Virginia Land Conservancy, History Colorado, The Joseph Henry Edmondson Foundation, The Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership, Kernstown Battlefield Association, Land Conservancy of Adams County, Land Trust for Tennessee, Land Trust of the Eastern Panhandle, Lyndhurst Foundation, Manassas Battlefield Trust, Maryland Environmental Trust, Maryland Historical Trust, Mill Springs Battlefield Association, National Parks Conservation Association, New Mexico Land Conservancy, Nevada County Depot and Museum, North Carolina Coastal Land Trust, Petersburg National Battlefield Foundation, Piedmont Environmental Council, Princeton Battlefield Society, Richmond Battlefields Association, Riverview Foundation, Save Historic Antietam Foundation, Silver Companies, Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation, Shepherdstown Battlefield Preservation Association, Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association, Trevilian Station Battlefield Foundation Trust for Public Land and Wallace Foundation.

The Civil War Trust is the largest and most effective nonprofit organization devoted to the preservation of America's hallowed battlegrounds. Although primarily focused on the protection of Civil War battlefields, through its Campaign 1776 initiative, the Trust also seeks to save the battlefields connected to the Revolutionary War and War of 1812. To date, the Trust has preserved more than 42,000 acres of battlefield land in 23 states. Learn more at [www.civilwar.org](http://www.civilwar.org).

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**NOTE:** And this group has been a part of this; we've sent out quite a bit of preservation funds over the past year or two!!! And here's something on the Civil War Trust being a good group to donate to, as they get very high marks on the way they handle money donated to them...

**Civil War Trust Earns Sixth Consecutive 4-Star Rating  
From Charity Navigator  
AMERICA'S LEADING CHARITY WATCHDOG  
RECOGNIZES GROUP FOR ITS CONTINUED  
OUTSTANDING FISCAL MANAGEMENT**

(Washington, D.C.) – For the sixth consecutive year, the Civil War Trust, the nation's largest nonprofit battlefield preservation organization, has earned a coveted 4-star ranking from Charity Navigator, America's leading charity evaluator.



“Savvy donors are demanding more accountability, transparency and quantifiable results from the charities they choose to support with their hard-earned dollars,” noted Charity Navigator Founder and Chairman of the Board John P. Dugan, in a letter to the Trust dated April 1, 2015. “This “exceptional” designation from Charity Navigator differentiates Civil War Trust from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust.”

The Trust continues earning accolades for its sound fiscal management and commitment to top-notch donor relations. Only three percent of charities assessed by Charity Navigator have earned this consistent level of recognition. After evaluating recent financial and other documents, the watchdog group gave the Trust an overall rating of 94.62 on a 100-point scale.

“Receiving Charity Navigator’s 4-star rating for the sixth consecutive time is a testament to this organization’s constant effort to be the best possible steward of our members’ donation dollars, while providing the utmost accountability, honesty and

integrity.” Trust president James Lighthizer said. “Our proven history of producing tangible results — permanently protecting more than 41,000 acres of historic hallowed ground — continues to inspire confidence and commitment in our supporters.”

This is only the most recent accolade acknowledging the accountability and integrity of the Trust. In October, GreatNonprofits, the leading provider of user reviews about nonprofit organizations, named the Trust a Top-Rated 2014 Nonprofit. According to GreatNonprofits, recipients of their Top-Rated Nonprofit awards are chosen based on the large number of positive reviews garnered by the organization in online media. These testimonials from volunteers, donors and clients provide an in-depth picture of individuals’ personal experiences with the nonprofit.

“Savvy donors want to see the impact of their donations more than ever,” said Perla Ni, CEO of GreatNonprofits, “People with direct experience with the Civil War Trust have voted that the organization is making a real difference.”

In addition, the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance has renewed the Civil War Trust’s accreditation, showing that the Trust continues to meet the twenty standards in the categories of governance and oversight, measuring effectiveness, finances, and fundraising.

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Information about the 4-star ranking of the Civil War Trust by Charity Navigator is available at [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org). User reviews and further details about the Civil War Trust’s designation as a Top-Rated 2014 Nonprofit by GreatNonprofits are available at [www.greatnonprofits.org](http://www.greatnonprofits.org). To find out more about the Trust’s Better Business Bureau accreditation visit [www.give.org](http://www.give.org).

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