

**Cape May County Civil War Round Table Newsletter
July 2017**

Meeting Dates for 2017

- 20 July:** Mr. Rich Chimeminto of Cape May's MAC will be lecturing about Civil War music. **Refreshments:** Hank and Charlie
- 17 August Refreshments:** Barbara Golla and Bev L.
- 21 September**
- 19 October**
- 16 November: Refreshments:** Lou Bishop
- ?? December**

LIST OF LOCAL EVENTS!!!

If anyone knows of local Civil War related events for 2017, please contact the Secretary so the information can be added to future issues of the newsletter.

Cold Spring Village

- **Civil War Weekend = 16 – 17 September**

Visitors can tour Union and Confederate camps and meet authentically clad and equipped military and civilian reenactors who will discuss the everyday lives of Civil War soldiers and the roles civilians played in supporting them.

Cape May County Historical Society & Museum

hosts

"The Wit and Wisdom of Abraham Lincoln"

The Museum of Cape May County

will host a free lecture that will bring to life the wit and wisdom of one of our nation's greatest presidents, Abraham Lincoln.

Lincoln was a self-taught man who began life in poverty and through hard work and study rose from a rail splitter to the Presidency of the United States, where he undertook the task of holding the nation together throughout the constitutional crisis of the American Civil War.

In his portrayal of Lincoln, historian Bob Gleason will talk about the formative years of this great man through his courtship and marriage to Mary Todd, the development of his abolitionist viewpoint and Lincoln's first trip to Congress. Gleason will expand upon how Lincoln raised himself up from humble beginnings to become the man who united a splintered nation and reaffirmed our dedication to freedom, democracy and equality.

Offered by **The Museum** as part of its mission in educating, sharing and preserving history, this program is funded by the Horizons Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities and is produced by the American Historical Theatre.

This free lecture takes place Sat., July 15 at 7 p.m. inside Military Room of **The Museum's** historic barn, 504 Route 9 North in Cape May Court House. For additional information please contact The Museum at 609-465-3535 or visit www.cmcmuseum.org.

Cape May County Historical Society & Museum

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!! They are also always ready to welcome new members as well.

Stone Harbor Library

Monday, 17 July at 6pm; author Jerry McNeff will be speaking about his book *Battlefield Blunders tp Business Bullets*. Mr McNeff takes five events from the Civil War and analyzed them to identify leadership failures from those events. You will learn more about the Civil War while at the same time enhancing your management skills.

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Sorry, I had to miss the last meeting, and no one else seems to have taken notes as to what happened, so there are no minutes for the June meeting. However, John wants to remind everyone that dues are still due, and a number of members have not yet paid their dues.

One reminder: Please, if you go to a Civil War related event of ANY type, please write up a few paragraphs on it for me! If you read a book on the Civil War, write a book review for me! Putting together 8 pages of info a month all by myself ... well, let's just say I'd really appreciate anyone pitching in and helping me out by writing up reviews of books, re-enactments, visits to Civil War related museums, and so on. PLEASE!!!



Civil War Events in August

1861

- 10 – Battle of Wilson's Creek (MO)
- 11 – Union Soldiers Occupy Hatteras Island (NC)

1862

- 9 – Battle of Cedar Island (VA)
- 29 – 30 – Second Battle of Manassas/Bull Run (VA)

1863

- 21 – Burning of Lawrence (KS) by Quantrill

1864

5 – Battle of Mobile Bay (AL)

Civil War Re-enactments, Lectures, other Events in August 2017

2 **MD** Lecture, "Water to his Front, Water to his Rear: Robert E. Lee Defends the Confederate High Water Mark at Sharpsburg, September 17, 1862," at the Jacob Rohrbach Inn, 138 W Main St, Sharpsburg. 7 pm. Free. jacob-rohrbach-inn.com

4 **VA** Ranger program, "Salem Church Inside and Out," parking at New Salem Church, 4044 Plank Road, Fredericksburg. 7 pm. Free. nps.gov/frsp

5 **PA** Living history, "Songs and Stories of a Civil War Hospital," at Christ Lutheran Church, 30 Chambersburg St, Gettysburg. 7:30 pm. Free. christgettysburg.org/songs-and-stories-of-a-civil-war-hospital

5 **VA** Conference, "Cavalry in the Valley," at the Mimslyn Inn in Luray. 9 am-4 pm. \$35. shenandoahatwar.org

5 **VA** Walking tour of Fort Huger, a Confederate fort on the James River, 15080 Talcott Terrace, Isle of Wight County, near Smithfield. 10 am. Free. historicisleofwight.com

5 **VA** Talk and walking tour, "Battle of Smithfield," begins at the Isle of Wight Museum, 103 Main St, Smithfield. 2 pm. Free. historicisleofwight.com/events.html

5-6 **WV** Living history, "Under Fire: Hold the High Ground, 1862," at the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. 11 am- 4 pm. Free with park admission. nps.gov/hafe

9 **MD** Lecture, "Evading Capture: Union Cavalry Escape from Harpers Ferry, September 14, 1862," at the Jacob Rohrbach Inn, 138 W Main St, Sharpsburg. 7 pm. Free. jacob-rohrbach-inn.com

11 **VA** Car-caravan tour, "'A Volley of Minie balls for their breakfast': The Second Battle of Winchester." 10 am-noon. Free, registration suggested. More info, registration: 540-740-4545 or shenandoahatwar.org

11 **VA** Special event, “Overnight Stay at the Pringle House Hospital,” at Ben Lomond Historic Site in Manassas. Includes special tours, campfire and breakfast. 8 am-8 pm. \$100. Reservations: 703-366-3049.

11-12 **PA** Annual “Music Muster” at the Gettysburg NMP. A variety of Civil War music at the visitor center and other places on the battlefield. Free. nps.gov/gett

12 **VA** Campfire program, “Aftermath: The Wounded and the Dead,” at the Fredericksburg (NPS) visitor center. 8 pm. Free. nps.gov/frsp

12 **VA** Ranger program, “The Defense of Thoburn’s Redoubt,” the Battle of Cedar Creek. See nps.gov/cebe for location on Bowman’s Mill Road in Warren County. 7 pm. Free.

12 **PA** Living history, “Songs and Stories of a Civil War Hospital,” at Christ Lutheran Church, 30 Chambersburg St, Gettysburg. 7:30 pm. Free. christgettysburg.org/songs-and-stories-of-a-civil-war-hospital

12-13 **VA** Living history, “The Long March North to Gettysburg,” Confederate and Union camps at Mt. Zion Historic Park in Aldie. 9 am-5 pm Saturday, 10 am-3 pm Sunday. Free. 703-327-9777.

13 **VA** Living history, “Union Artillery Demonstration,” at the Petersburg National Battlefield. 1-4 pm. Free with park admission. www.nps.gov/pete

16 **MD** Lecture, “The Woman Soldier at Antietam,” at the Jacob Rohrbach Inn, 138 W Main St, Sharpsburg. 7 pm. Free. jacob-rohrbach-inn.com

18 **VA** Living history, “Attention-Company!” Civil War drills explained at the Belle Grove Plantation House, 336 Belle Grove Road, near Middletown. 7 pm. Free. nps.gov/cebe.

19 **PA** “Evening with the Painting,” special tour of the Battle of Gettysburg Cyclorama at the Gettysburg NMP visitor center. 6-7:30 pm. \$20/adult. gettysburgfoundation.org

19-20 **VA** Civil War Weekend in Winchester and on the Kernstown battlefield. Special tours at the Stonewall Jackson Headquarters and the battlefield. Tours 10 am and 2:30 pm. Jackson seminar Saturday. kernstownbattle.org

20 **MD** Lecture, “Clara Barton and the Missing Soldiers Office,” at the Pry House Field Hospital Museum in Keedysville. 3 pm. “Pay What You Please” event. civilwarmed.org

20 **VA** Lecture, “Virginia’s Infantrymen: From Civil War to World Wars,” Sailor’s Creek Battlefield State Park near Crewe. 2 pm. Free. dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/sailors-creek#general_information

22 **DC** Book talk, Stanton: Lincoln’s Civil War Secretary, at the McGowan Theater at the National Archives in Washington. Noon. Free. archives.gov/calendar Live streaming: youtube.com/watch?v=7f790k-7HC8

23 **MD** Lecture, “From Dred Scott to Secession,” at the Jacob Rohrbach Inn, 138 W Main St, Sharpsburg. 7 pm. Free. jacob-rohrbach-inn.com

25 **VA** Ranger program, “Voices from the Valley: What Soldiers Wrote Home at Cedar Creek,” meets at the 8th Vermont monument, 8739 Valley Pike, near Middletown. 6 pm. Free. nps.gov/cebe

25 **VA** Book talk, *To the Bitter End: Appomattox, Bennett Place and the Surrenders of the Confederacy*, at the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond. Noon. Free with admission. acwm.org

25-27 **VA** Anniversary commemoration, “Battle of Second Manassas,” at the Manassas National Battlefield. Ranger-led tours and living history. nps.gov/mana

25-27 **VA** Civil War Weekend with living history and more in Manassas. Rail car burning Saturday evening. Free. manassasmuseum.org

26 **MD** Living history, “Ship’s Company,” Union navy at the USS *Constellation*, Inner Harbor, in Baltimore. 10 am-4 pm. Free with admission. historicships.org/constellation.html

26 **VA** Bus tours, “Rebellion in Richmond covers slave rebellions, Revolutionary War events, Civil War and Civil Rights. 9 am and 1 pm. Free (reservations necessary). nps.gov/rich

26 **VA** Movie, “Ride with the Devil,” outdoor event at the Museum of the Confederacy in Appomattox. 8pm. \$5/donation. acwm.org

26 **VA** “Civil War Bugling,” at the Petersburg National Battlefield visitor center. 10 am-4 pm. Free with park admission. nps.gov/pete

26-27 **MD** Living history, artillery and infantry demonstrations at the Antietam National Battlefield in Sharpsburg. Demonstrations 11 am, 1 pm and 3 pm Saturday; 11 am and 1 pm Sunday. Free with park admission. nps.gov/anti

26-27 **VA** Anniversary “same time” walking tours of the Kettle Run battlefield at the Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park in Bristow. 1-4 pm. “Jackson at Bristoe Station” Saturday night tour 7 pm. \$5 suggested donation. 703-366-3049.

27 **VA** Lecture, “I am a good old Rebel,’ Warrenton’s W.H.F. Payne,” at the Graffiti House (Brandy Station Battlefield), 19484 Brandy Road, Brandy Station. 2 pm. Free. brandystationfoundation.com

27 **VA** Living history, “Confederate Artillery Demonstration,” at the Petersburg National Battlefield. 1-4 pm. Free with park admission. nps.gov/pete

27 **VA** Anniversary “same time” walking tour of the Bull Run Bridge battlefield. Begins 9 am at Liberia Plantation House in Manassas. Free. 703-366-3049.

30 **MD** Lecture, “These Honored Dead,” at the Jacob Rohrbach Inn, 138 W Main St, Sharpsburg. 7 pm. Free. jacob-rohrbach-inn.com



New Book Chronicles Thirty-Year Struggle to Save America’s Civil War Battlefields

Book explores emergence of the Civil War Trust from humble beginnings to become the national champion for historic battlefield preservation

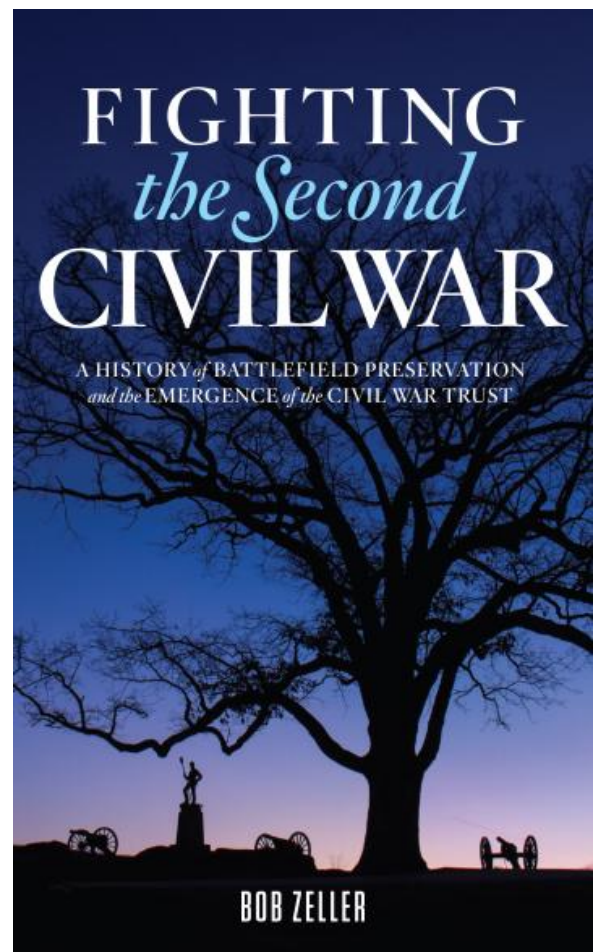
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(Washington, D.C.) – In commemoration of its 30th anniversary, a new book explores the work of the Civil War Trust – the most successful nonprofit battlefield preservation organization in American history.



Fighting the Second Civil War: A History of Battlefield Preservation and the Emergence of the Civil War Trust, by Bob Zeller, is a pointedly human story of how a grassroots citizens group founded in 1987 has grown to save more than 70 square miles at 132 American Civil War, Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battlefields.

“The journey is filled with wide-reaching advocacy fights, infuriating setbacks, and a few heartbreaking losses, but

battlefield preservation in the last 30 years is an absolute success story,” said James Lighthizer, who has served as president of the Trust since 1999.

The many preservation battles highlighted include the fight against building a mall at the Manassas battlefield in the mid-1980s as well as Disney Corporation’s bid to build Disney’s America theme park nearby. The book details both victories and losses at Franklin, Tennessee, where preservationists have been wildly successful reclaiming developed land to build a battlefield park while literally only yards away, the county government is busy adding new buildings on core battlefield land.

At Gettysburg, the greatest of all American battlefields, the book chronicles two fights against casino projects as well as the Trust’s multi-million-dollar acquisition of one of the battlefields most important spots: Robert E. Lee’s headquarters, and its remarkable transformation back to its wartime appearance.

And at Princeton, where George Washington charged on horseback to lead his troops to their first victory over British regulars in the field, the book recounts several long-running struggles to preserve the battlefield stretching over almost 50 often-tumultuous years.

“The history is written in the story-telling style of the best battlefield tour guides and Ken Burns’ *The Civil War*,” said the author, Bob Zeller. “Battlefield guides make history come alive with human and personal stories from the generals to the foot soldiers. My goal was to produce a narrative history that illuminated the movement in the same way.”

The story starts in 1987 in Fredericksburg, Virginia, with the founding of the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites (APCWS). The fledgling organization, formed by eight concerned historians and Civil War devotees, saved its first land in 1988. Every year since then, the movement has saved new battlefield land.

The book brings the history alive with the characters and personalities such as FBI agent Clark “Bud” Hall, who comes upon two seemingly forgotten Civil War memorials in the woods behind a house in rapidly developing Chantilly, Virginia, a moment that changed his life.

From its modest start, the Trust has grown to become an efficient, highly rated non-profit that on average makes three real estate purchases every month, adding more than 2,000 new acres every year. It has expanded its mission to include protection of the battlefields of the American Revolution and the War of 1812 – transforming these forgotten sites into heritage tourism destinations.

The Civil War Trust is as dedicated to teaching history as it is to land acquisitions and offers a rich variety of educational offerings and programs, including the Trust’s feature-packed website, Civilwar.org, and its award-winning magazine, *Hallowed Ground*.

“We’ve learned a lot since the early days, that preserving hallowed ground isn’t just about the land itself, but about teaching future generations of the defining events of our nation,” added Lighthizer. “These battlefields are outdoor classrooms, sites for reflection, and memorials to all those who have served in the American military.”

“And as we preserve the fields where our forefathers fought and died and their history, we decided we ought to write our own history as well, because it’s really a story worth telling.”

Available where ever books are sold, or at
www.knoxpress.com

FIGHTING THE SECOND CIVIL WAR

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Timeline: 30 Years of Battlefield Preservation

A brief timeline highlights of the Civil War Trust's greatest efforts

APCWS founders Will Greene, Bob Krick, Gary Gallagher and Denis Frye on the Antietam Battlefield in June 1988.

Civil War Trust

1980's

1987

July 1987: Initial membership meeting of APCWS.

1988

June 1988: Volume 1, Issue 1 of *Hallowed Ground* newsletter.

October 1988: First victory! The Coaling at Port Republic donated to APCWS.

October 1988: Manassas Stuart's Hill controversy resolved in Congress.

1989

March 1989: APCWS gets its first employee, executive director A. Wilson Greene.

As secretary of the interior from 1989 to 1993, Manuel Lujan (left) oversaw creation of the American Battlefield Protection Program and issuance of the Report of the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission. In 2006, he received the organization's Lifetime Achievement Award – named for the man who had served as his NPS chief historian, Edwin C. Bearss.

1990's

1990

November 1990: Congress creates Civil War Sites Advisory Commission.

1991

May 1991: American Battlefield Protection Foundation (later the Civil War Trust) formed.

July 1991: NPS's American Battlefield Protection Program established.

October 1991: Dedication ceremony at Hatcher's Run, first battlefield interpreted under APCWS ownership.

December 1991: Civil War Trust completes its first acquisition, 40 acres at Antietam.

1992

July 1992: Congress approves Civil War commemorative coin sales to fund battlefield preservation.

1993

July 1993: CWSAC releases landmark report on the state of the nation's battlefields.

1995

January 1995: Civil War commemorative coin designs unveiled.

February 1995: First informal trustee discussions of merger potential.

March 1995: Civil War Discovery Trail guidebook published.

1996

March 1996: First major education program, Civil War Explorer, launched.

April 1996: Civil War Trust hosts first Park Day volunteer event.

April 1996: First membership conference held in Nashville, Tenn.

1997

August 1997: Civilwar.org launch brings organization to the Internet.

1998

March 1998: Representatives of APCWS and CWT formally meet to discuss merger.

November 1998: First Civil War Trust photo contest.

1999

November 1999: Final board meetings of APCWS and CWT held to officially vote on merger.

December 1999: Jim Lighthizer begins tenure as president of the Civil War Preservation Trust.

In July 2002, CWPT “went to war” against a developer who sought to build 2,350 residences and 2.4 million square feet of commercial space on hallowed ground at Chancellorsville. The plan sparked massive community outcry, including hundreds of protestors at a candlelight vigil in the now outside a county board of supervisors meeting. The Coalition to Save the Chancellorsville Battlefield ultimately brokered a win-win-solution and, in 2006, the Trust’s 215-acre First Day at Chancellorsville battlefield park opened to the public.

Jamie Betts Photo

2000’s

2000

June 2000: CWPT buys Cross Keys Widow Pence Farm at auction.

2002

July 2002: Lighthizer “declares war” on Chancellorsville development plans.

November 2002: Permanent federal matching grants program authorized.

2004

September 2004: Win-win solution announced for First Day at Chancellorsville site.

2005

March 2005: National Geographic features major article on plight of battlefields.

November 2005: Franklin, Tenn., symbolically demolishes downtown Pizza Hut.

2006

August 2006: Developer illegally lays utility pipe through Harpers Ferry NHP.

October 2006: ABPP announces \$2 million grant for Slaughter Pen Farm.

December 2006: First Gettysburg casino proposal defeated.

Through the end of 2016, the Trust had protected more than 2,500 acres associated with the 10-month siege of Petersburg, Va., but nearly 80 percent of that land was outside the authorized boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield. However, after many years of advocacy by the Trust and other conservation groups, Congress voted to expand the park boundary, meaning this important land can become the property of the American people.

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2010’s

2010

April 2010: Virginia creates first state-level battlefield matching grant program.

November 2010: Heritage tourism revolutionized with the first Battle App® guide.

2011

January 2011: Organization simplifies its name to Civil War Trust.

January 2011: Facing opposition, Walmart relocates from Wilderness Battlefield.

April 2011: Sesquicentennial commemoration begins.

April 2011: Second Gettysburg Casino proposal defeated.

2014

November 2014: Campaign 1776 launches.

December 2014: Congress expands matching grant program to fund Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battlefield acquisition.

2015

May 2015: Campaign 150 concludes, having raised \$52.5 million for preservation.

Next issue: President Lolli will have an article on this year's re-enactment of the Gettysburg Conflict!



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