150th Anniversary of the American Civil War

Cape May County Civil War Round Table Newsletter
June 2012

2012 Meeting Schedule

Instructions on how to get to the new meeting location:

1) Turn into the County Complex at Crest Haven from the Parkway at Exit 11. Or turn east from Route 9 at the intersection by the Cape May County Park & Zoo and go straight across the Parkway to the Crest Haven Complex Road.
2) Turn left onto road that goes past the County Complex, Nursing Home, etc.
3) Make right at SECOND driveway on the right side of the road.
4) Park on the right / south end of the parking lot where the flagpole is. Go into the building to the right / south of the main administrative building.
5) Enter the building, walk down the hall to the far side of the building.
6) The Intermediate Meeting Room will be at the end of the hall, a little to the left. We should have a sign posted on or outside the door for the first meeting.

21 June: Presentation by Herb Kaufman: *Secrets and Spies.* **Refreshments: John Burke, Jim Underwood**
19 July: Presentation by MAC on: *The Victorian Civil War: Aftermaths.* **Refreshments: Pat Munson-Siter**
16 Aug: Presentation by Wendy Repici on *The Gettysburg Cyclorama Painting.* **Refreshments: Wendy & Lisa**
20 Sept: Refreshments: Marty Runner
18 Oct: Eric Buckland will be speaking to us on his research and books on the "Mosby Men." **Refreshments:**
15 Nov:
?? Dec:

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Business Meeting
17 May 2012

Pres. Burke called the meeting to order. We saluted the flag and held a moment of silence for those who stand in harm's way in order to protect our country.

Sec Munson-Siter read minutes, motion made to accept them as written, passed.

Treasurer Marshall had a correction for last meetings report, a donation of $50 for our speaker in April. Copy of the report is available for review.

The NJ Sequetennial Civil War Commission recently printed a new book on NJ troops in the Gettysburg Campaign. (More info later in this newsletter.) Exhibit is located at Morristown, NJ.

There being no further new or old business, the meeting was adjourned so the presenter could begin.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Munson-Siter
Secretary, CMCCWRT

AMERICANS for BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION

Important Civil War Events that Occurred in July

1861

11	Battle of Rich Mountain (now WV)
21	Battle of First Manassas (Bull Run)

1862

1	Battle of Malvern Hill (VA)

1863

1-3	Battle of Gettysburg
4	Vicksburg surrenders to Grant
13-16	New York City draft riots

1864

9	Battle of Monocacy (MD)
20	Battle at Peachtree Creek (GA)
22	Battle of Atlanta
24	Second battle of Kernstown (VA)
30	Battle of "The Crater" at Petersburg
30	Confederate cavalry burn Chambersburg (PA)

Reenactments and More July 2012

1 ★150	VA	Special anniversary activities at the Malvern Hill battlefield, part of the Richmond National Battlefield Park. Living history camps and demonstrations, ranger talks and tours. Free. www.nps.gov/rich
1	DC PA	Bus tour, "Three Decisive Days at Gettysburg: Day One," with Ed Bearss. A Smithsonian tour.Â 8 am-7 pm. $166. Tickets: residentassociates.org/ (click Civil War).
1	PA	"Songs and Stories of a Civil War Hospital," Civil War music and diary readings at Christ Church, 30 Chambersburg St, Gettysburg. 8 pm. Free. 717-334-5212.
1-3	PA	Walking tours, battle walks and "real time" anniversary programs at the Gettysburg National Military Park. Free. Times, details: nps.gov/gett or 717-334-1124 extension 8023.
4	VA	Lecture, "Harry Young, the Federal John Mosby," at the Sailor's Creek Battlefield State Park near Rice. 1 pm. Free. 804-561-7510.
5	MD	Lecture, "Surgeon General William Alexander Hammond," at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick. 7:30 pm. Free. www.civilwarmed.org or 301-695-1864.
6	VA	Walking, car-caravan tour, "The William Dinges Farm (Rienzi Knoll) at Cedar Creek." Meets at 7718 ½ Main St., in Middletown. 7 pm. Free. www.nps.gov/cebe
6	VA	Walking tour, “Breakthrough! Prospect Hill,” NPS ranger-led tour begins at Tour Stop 6, South Lee Drive, Fredericksburg. 7 pm. Free. www.nps.gov/frsp or 540-373-6122.
6-8	PA	Reenactment, "Battle of Gettysburg," big annual event with living history, live fire mortar demos and battles each day. More info, order tickets: www.gettysburgreenactment.com.
7	MD	Concert, "Salute to Independence" at the Antietam National Battlefield near Sharpsburg. 7:30 pm. Visitor center, some roads close at 3 pm. Free. www.nps.gov/anti
7	PA	"Songs and Stories of a Civil War Hospital," Civil War music and diary readings at Christ Church, 30 Chambersburg St, Gettysburg. 8 pm. Free. 717-334-5212.
7	PA	Living history, "Confederates Take the Shriver House," recreates Confederate takeover of downtown Gettysburg during the 1863 battle. 5-9 pm. $10/adult. www.shriverhouse.org
7	VA	Walking tour, "City Point and the Civil War," at City Point (Hopewell), part of the Petersburg National Battlefield. 7 pm. Free. www.nps.gov/pete
7	VA	"Civil War Scavenger Hunt," finding Civil War sites in Winchester area. www.runnersretreat.com or 540-665-8394.
7-8	FL	Living history, "Union Garrison," at Fort Clinch State Park near Fernandia Beach. Camps and demonstrations 9 am-5 pm Saturday, 9 am-noon Sunday. $2. 904-277-7274.
7-8	WV	Living history, "I Will Follow Them to the Death: Sheridan's Soldiers 1864," at the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. 10 am-4 pm. Free with park admission. www.nps.gov/hafe
7-8	MD	Battle anniversary programs at the Monocacy National Battlefield near Frederick. Living history, special tours and exhibits. Free. www.nps.gov/mono.
8	MD	Lecture, "From Seven Pines to Appomattox: The Florida Brigade of the Army of Northern Virginia," at the Antietam National Battlefield near Sharpsburg. 2 pm. Free with park admission. www.nps.gov/anti
11 ★150	VA	Lecture, "More Important Than Gettysburg: The Seven Days Campaign as a Turning Point," at the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond. 5:30 pm. Free. www.vahistorical.org
12	DC	Lecture, "Jeff Shaara on the Battle of Shiloh," at the S. Dillion Ripley Center, 1100 Jefferson Drive SW. $40. Tickets: residentassociates.org (click Civil War).

12 MD Lecture, "Surgeon General Joseph K. Barnes," at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick. 7:30 pm. Free. www.civilwarmed.org or 301-695-1864.

13 VA Car-caravan tour, "The Running Fight on the Valley Pike," on the Cedar Creek battlefield. Meets at the Wayside Inn, 7783 Main St, Middletown. 7 pm. Free. www.nps.gov/cebe

13 VA Walking tour, "Looting and Bombardment of Fredericksburg," NPS ranger-led tour begins Princess Anne and William streets, Fredericksburg. 7 pm. Free. www.nps.gov/frsp or 540-373-6122.

13-15 MD Reenactment, living history, bus tour and more, "Retreat Through Williamsport (1863)," in and near Williamsport. Bus tour, "Retreat of the Wagon Train of Wounded," 2-6:30 pm Friday ($30). Reenactment at noon Saturday. Much more: www.williamsportretreat.com

14 DC Discussion, "President Lincoln's 1862 Emancipation Decisions," at the Lincoln Chapel, New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, 1313 New York Ave NW. 10 am-noon. Free. www.lincolngroup.org

14 VA Car-caravan tour, "Brandy Station Battlefield: Buford Knoll & Yew Ridge," begins 10 am at the Graffiti House in Brandy Station. $10. brandystationfoundation.org

14 VA Walking tour, "Charge of the 1st Maine Heavy Artillery," one of the deadliest events of the war, at the Petersburg National Battlefield. 7 pm. nps.gov/pete

14 NC Living history, "Yellow Fever, 1862: Wilmington, Fort Fisher and Civil War Medicine" with tours and talks at the Fort Fisher State Historic Site in Kure Beach. 4 pm. Free. 910-458-5538.

14 NC Living history, "From Slaves to Soldiers: The African American Experience in NC During the Civil War," at the Bentonville Battlefield near Four Oaks. 10 am-4 pm. Free. 910-594-0789.

14 NC Lecture, "The Burnside Expedition," at the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort. 3 pm. Free. www.ncmaritimemuseums.com.

14 MD Music, "Rally Round the Flag! â€“ Civil War Tattoo Ceremony," at the Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine in Baltimore. 6 pm. Free. www.nps.gov/fomc

14 MD Lecture, "The Civil War Soldier and His Quilt," at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick. 2 pm. Free with museum admission. www.civilwarmed.org or 301-695-1864.

14-15 PA Living history at the Pennsylvania Memorial and Pitzer Woods in the Gettysburg National Military Park. Free. www.nps.gov/gett

14-15 VA Living history, artillery at Hazel Grove and Fairview on the Chancellorsville battlefield. Free. www.nps.gov/frsp

14-15 MD Living history, "Brady's Sharpshooters Weekend," camp and demonstrations at the Antietam National Battlefield near Sharpsburg. Free with park admission. www.nps.gov/anti

14-15 MD Living history, "Thunder on the Mountain," artillery demonstrations on South Mountain, Fox's Gap, Reno Monument Road, near Middletown. Firings at 11 am, 1 and 3 pm Saturday, 11 and 1 pm Sunday. Free. 301-791-4767.

14-15 MD Reenactment at Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 N Market St, Frederick. Military and civilian camps, exhibits and demonstrations. Battles 2 pm each day. $3. www.rosehillmuseum.com.

14-15 MD Open House at the Surratt House Museum in Clinton. Free tours. Noon-4 pm. Music at 4 pm Saturday. www.surratt.org.

18 PA Living history, "General Daniel Harvey Hill in the Seven Days Battles," at the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg. 6:30 pm. Free. www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org

19 MD Lecture, "Major Jonathan Letterman, MD," at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick. 7:30 pm. Free. www.civilwarmed.org or 301-695-1864.

19 VA "Fireside Stories at Ben Lomond: Forgotten General E.K. Smith" historians discuss Confederate Gen. Kirby Smith, at Ben Lomond Historic Site, 10321 Sudley Manor Drive, Manassas. 6-7 pm. Free (donations welcome). 703-367-7872.

20 150 VA Lunch talk, "The Silk Dress Balloon," at the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond. Noon. Free. www.moc.org.

20 VA Car-caravan tour, "The Tragic Deaths of Stephen Ramseur and Charles Lowell: Examples of a Generation Lost," on the Cedar Creek battlefleld. Meets at the parking lot for Belle Grove, 336 Belle Grove Road, Middletown. 7 pm. Free. www.nps.gov/cebe

20 VA Walking tour, "Stunned at Cedar Mountain," NPS ranger-led tour begins at US 15 and General Winder Road, south of Culpeper. 7 pm. Free. www.nps.gov/frsp or 540-373-6122.

21 MD Lecture, "Illinois Cavalry Units in the Maryland Campaign," at the Antietam National Battlefield. 2 pm. Free with park admission. www.nps.gov/anti

21 PA Symposium, "Common Ground on Seminary Ridge," at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. Lectures, music, art, dance and more. $50 includes all. www.commongroundonthehill.org

21 PA Seminar, "Strategy of Gettysburg and the Fog of War," lecture and field program in Gettysburg. Details, registration: www.gettysburgfoundation.org

21 PA "Songs and Stories of a Civil War Hospital," Civil War music and diary readings at Christ Church, 30 Chambersburg St, Gettysburg. 8 pm. Free. 717-334-5212.

21 VA Symposium, bus tour and reception, "Anguish and Freedom: The Yankees Descend upon Culpeper," includes morning symposium and afternoon bus tour with evening reception focusing on slavery and African Americans in Culpeper County during the war. $50 symposium, $60 bus tour, $50 reception. Register online: www.fowb.org

21 VA "They Also Served – Animals in War," special program at the Petersburg National Battlefield. 1 pm. Free with park admission. www.nps.gov/pete

21 VA "Shenandoah Moonlight Ball," instructional Civil War period dances with music at the First Presbyterian Church, 116 Loudoun St, Winchester. 6-10 pm. Free. www.winchesterva.gov/parks

21 VA Living history, "Civil War Hut Construction," at the site of a winter Confederate camp on the grounds of Montpelier, home of James Madison, near Orange. 10 am-4 pm. www.montpelier.org or 540-672-2728.

21 VA Boat tour, "Potomac River Blockade," includes surviving batteries that enforced the Confederate blockade (September 1861-March 1862). 10 am-1 pm. $30 includes lunch. Reservations: 703-792-4754.

21 VA Walking tour, Fort Huger, 15080 Talcott Terrace in Isle of Wight County on the James River near Smithfield. 10 am. Free.

		757-357-0115.
21	VA	Van Tour, "Stuart's Ride Around McClellan," the Confederate cavalryman's 1862 adventure. Leaves from Lee Hall in Newport News. 8 am-4 pm. $50. www.leehall.org or 757-888-3371.
21	VA	Walking tour, "Their Stifled Strength: African Americans in Richmond." Begins at the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond. 10:30 am. $9. More info, tickets: www.moc.org.
21-22	VA	Anniversary commemoration of the Battle of First Manassas with living history camps and demonstrations (10 am-4 pm Saturday, 10 am-2 pm Sunday) and special ranger talks and tours at the Manassas National Battlefield Park. Free with park admission. www.nps.gov/mana
21-22	PA	Living history, "19th Century Base Ball Tournament," at Hickory Hollow Horse Farm, 301 Crooked Creek Road, Gettysburg. gvbbt.wordpress.com
21-22	MD	Reenactment, "Battle of Funkstown" with street and set-piece battles. Living history camps and demonstrations, sutlers and music all weekend. www.funkstown.com (click Day in the Park)
21-22	MD	Living history and special exhibit, "Technology of War," at the Antietam National Battlefield near Sharpsburg. Free with park admission. www.nps.gov/anti
21-22	MD	Living history, camps and demonstrations at Union Mills Homestead near Westminster. Donation asked. www.unionmills.org.
21-22	MD	Living history, "Children's Civil War Experience Weekend" with special hands-on activities and games at the Pry House Field Hospital Hospital Museum in Keedysville. 11 am-4:30 pm. www.civilwarmed.org or 301-695-1864
22	DC PA	Bus tour, "Three Decisive Days at Gettysburg: Day Two," with Ed Bearss. A Smithsonian tour.Â 8 am-7 pm. $161. Tickets: residentassociates.org (click Civil War).
22	MD	Book talk, *Antietam: A Milestone Anniversary,* by author of *Death in September,* at the Antietam National Battlefield near Sharpsburg. 2 pm. Free with park admission. www.nps.gov/anti
22	VA	Living history, "D.H. Hill: Christian General and Confederate Scapegoat," at Mt. Zion Church Historic Park, 40309 John Mosby Highway (US 50), Aldie. 1-5 pm. $3 donation suggested. www.nvrpa.org
22	VA	Music, "97th Regimental String Band" at the Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. 7:30 pm. $10, reservations suggested. 703-437-1794.
22	VA	Book talk, *Battle of First Bull Run — An Illustrated Atlas and Battlefield Guide,* at the Manassas Museum. 2 pm. Free. www.manassasmuseum.org
25-29	PA MD	Seminar, "Antietam: The Bloodiest Day," lectures and tour of the Maryland Campaign, based in Chambersburg. www.civilwarseminars.org.
26	MD	Lecture, "The Maryland Campaign and the Field Hospitals in the Middletown Valley," at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick. 7:30 pm. Free. www.civilwarmed.org or 301-695-1864.
27	VA	Walking, car-caravan tour, "In the Path of War: The Historic Daniel Stickley Farm at Cedar Creek." Begins at the CCBF visitor center, 8437 Valley Pike, Middletown 7 pm. Free. www.nps.gov/cebe
27	VA	Walking tour, “Jackson at Moss Neck,” NPS ranger-led tour begins near Route 17 and Burma Road, 6 miles east of New Post near Fredericksburg. 7 pm. Free. www.nps.gov/frsp or 540-373-6122.
27-28	VA	Lecture/tour, "The Battle of Second Manassas," with John Hennessy. Lecture 6:30 pm Friday at the Hill School in Middleburg. Battlefield tour from the Rector House 8 am-3 pm Saturday. Talk and tour: $75. Details, reservations: www.mosbyheritagearea.org
28	PA	Seminar, "Strategy of Gettysburg and the Fog of War," lecture and field program in Gettysburg. Details, registration: www.gettysburgfoundation.org
28	PA	"An Evening with the Painting," a special look at the famous Cyclorama at the Gettysburg National Military Park. 5 pm. $20. **www.gettysburgfoundation.org**
28	PA	"Songs and Stories of a Civil War Hospital," Civil War music and diary readings at Christ Church, 30 Chambersburg St, Gettysburg. 8 pm. Free. 717-334-5212.
28	VA	Lecture, "Marines in the Civil War," at the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico. 1 pm. Free. www.usmcmuseum.com
28	VA	Car-caravan tour, "Brandy Station Battlefield: Beverly Ford & St. James Church," begins 10 am at the Graffiti House in Brandy Station. $10. brandystationfoundation.org
28	VA	Anniversary commemoration of the Battle of the Crater at the Petersburg National Battlefield. Living history, ranger walks and talks. 9 am-5 pm. Free with park admission. www.nps.gov/pete
28	VA	Lecture, "One of the Very Best Regiments — the 83rd Pennsylvania Infantry Marches off to War," at the Historic Blenheim Civil War Interpretive Center. 2 pm. Free. 703-591-0506.
28	VA	Boat tour, "The Civil War on the James," includes Dutch Gap, Trent's Reach and more. Leaves from Deep Bottom Park, southeast of Richmond. 8-10 am and 10:30 am-12:30 pm. $45/person. Details, reservations: 804-938-2350.
28	VA	Living history, "Rendezvous at Rector's Crossroads," Civil War-oriented stories and tours of the town and nearby Goose Creek Bridge. Meet at Rector House, 1461 Atoka Road, Marshall. 11 am-5 pm. $5/adult. www.mosbyheritagearea.org
28-29	MD	Living history, "Artillery and Infantry At Antietam," camps and demonstrations all weekend at the Antietam National Battlefield near Sharpsburg. Free with park admission. www.nps.gov/anti
28-29	MD	Living history, "At Twilight's Last Gleaming" camps and demonstrations at Gathland State Park, 900 Arnoldstown Rd. near Burkittsville. 10 am-4 pm Saturday, 10 am-3 pm Sunday. Free. 301-791-4767.
28-29	PA	Lecture and book signing series at the Gettysburg National Military Park. Details, schedule: www.gettysburgfoundation.org
29	DC VA	Bus tour, "Brandy Station and the Loudoun Valley," with Ed Bearss. A Smithsonian tour.Â 8 am-7:30 pm. $171. Tickets: residentassociates.org (click Civil War).
29	VA	Lecture, "The Potomac Frontier: The Mosby Heritage Area in the Winter of 1861-1862," at the Graffiti House in Brandy Station. 2 pm. Free, donations welcome. brandystationfoundation.org
30	VA	Walking tour, "Remember the Glorious Dead: The Battle of the Crater," at Blandford Church in Petersburg. 6:30 pm. Free. www.nps.gov/pete

Founders' Days 2012 at the Cape May Historical Society & Museum

Friday, June 22nd

1pm: Cape May County Clerk Rita Fulginiti and her staff will present an exhibit and program on the 15 year debate on where to locate the seat of the County Government. Dennisville or Goshen? We know what happened – but how did it happen?
4pm: Welcome and Reception at the Museum. Refreshments will be served.

Saturday, June 23rd

9 to11 am – Self guided tour of local cemetaries. We will provide a map and list of names to be found in each cemetery; you can decide which ones you want to visit.
11am: Ralph Boerner will present *"The Ecology of Atlantic Coast Barrier Islands*." Learn the REALLY OLD history of this area.
12 noon: Rededication of the monument to the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims. Originally located at mile marker 7.9 on the Parkway, this past winter it was moved to the County Museum.
12:30 pm Lunch Break
1:30pm: Genealogy workshop at Society Library with genealogist Lois Broomell and Library Coordinator Sonia Forry. They will discuss the materials available at the library and will assist in any research you wish to make.
3:00 pm: Laurie Thomas will discuss the Dutch Heritage of Cape May County, including the Anglicization of many names.
4:00pm: Glenn Bingham will discuss how to use old deeds, including how to find the location of old homesteads, farms, etc.
6:00 pm: Old style NJ BBQ dinner, tickets cost $25 through the Historic Society.

There will be a Book Sale, information tables set up by various local historically inclined groups, and genealogy books and forms for sale.

All events except the BBQ dinner are free and open to the public. For more information call 609-465-3535 or check the CMCHGS's website at cmcmuesum.org

June 2012 = 150 Years Ago This Month

Bad news continued for the Confederates in the West as the Mississippi River stronghold at Fort Pillow was abandoned June 3-4 followed closely by the battle and fall of Memphis June 6.

Things were different in the East as Stonewall Jackson finished up a successful campaign in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley and Robert E. Lee took command of the Confederate forces around a beleaguered Richmond. By the end of the month, Lee was on his way to legendary status after whipping Gen. George McClellan's Union army during the Seven Days Battles and reversing the course of the war in the East.

The Mississippi River (TN)

- A 5-mile hike along the Confederate-built 1861 earthworks is set for June 2 at the Fort Pillow State Park. tn.gov/environment/parks/FortPillow
- Mud Island River Park in Memphis hosts living history, talks, music and more June 9-10 commemorating the Mississippi River battle. mudisland.com/c-3-mississippi-river-museum.aspx

The Shenandoah Valley (VA)

NPS ranger-led tours highlight the commemoration of the end of Stonewall Jackson's famous 1862 Shenandoah Valley Campaign.

- Free tours are set for June 8-9 covering the anniversaries of the Battles of Cross Keys and Port Republic. An evening of living history, talks and music is scheduled on the Cross Keys battlefield June 9. shenandoahatwar.org
- A reenactment of both battles is set at the nearby Cedar Creek (1864) battlefield near Middletown June 9-10. cedarcreekbattlefield.org

Richmond (VA)

- Lots going on with final events scheduled commemorating the Battle of Seven Pines/Fair Oaks (May 31-June 1, 1862) and Lee taking command (June 1, 1862). www.co.henrico.va.us/ rec/ recreation-centers-facilities/ dabbs-house-museum.html and nps.gov/rich
- The Richmond National Battlefield Park is going all out commemorating the Seven Days Battles (June 26-July 1, 1862). Free ranger-led anniversary date tours and talks commemorate the Battles of Beaver Dam Creek (June 26), Gaines' Mill (June 27), Glendale (June 30) and Malvern Hill (July 1). Living history weekends with more talks and tours are set June 23-24 at the Gaines' Mill battlefield and June 30-July 1 at the Glendale and Malvern Hill battlefields. Lectures and bus tours also are scheduled during the anniversary commemorations. See nps.gov/rich for a complete list.

NPS summer season begins

Summer season for all the Civil War National Parks begin this month with additional ranger tours, living history programs and other special activities. Select your park and see the schedules at nps.gov

Cedar Creek Battle App

The 1864 battlefield at Cedar Creek (VA) is the subject of the Civil War Trust's newest Battle App for iPhone or Android play. The tour, with video, maps and historical information, is narrated by NPS park ranger Eric Campbell. It's free. Link from civilwar.org/ aboutus/ news/ news-releases/ 2012-news/ cedar-creek-app.html

Gettysburg tours

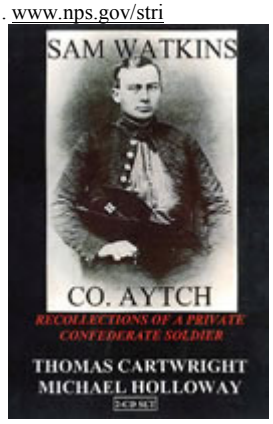
Monument at Gettysburg

Ed Bearss will lead tours covering all three days of the Battle of Gettysburg this summer. The "Three Decisive Days at Gettysburg" Smithsonian tours are scheduled for July 1 (Day 1), July 22 (Day 2) and Aug. 5 (Day 3). They are sure to fill up fast. Register: civilwarstudies.org

Hallowed Ground lantern tours at Stone's River

Ranger-led evening lantern tours through the Stone's River National Cemetery (Murfeesboro TN) are scheduled June 16, July 7 and 21, Aug 4 and 18, and Sept 1. Reservations are necessary. Call 615-893-9501. www.nps.gov/stri

"Co. Aytch" CD released



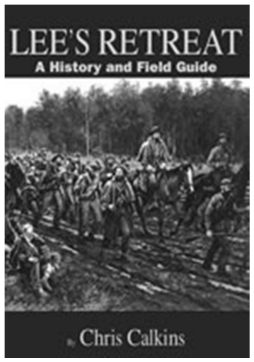
A two-disk set has been released based on Sam Watkins' famous book "Co. Aytch." The Confederate soldier's memoir is regarded as one of the finest personal accounts of the war. The CD set is narrated by Franklin (TN) historian Thomas Y. Cartwright with music by Michael Holloway. It's available for $24.99 from www.lotzhouse.com

"Smart" Parking at Gettysburg

There are times during the summer season when all the parking lots at the Gettysburg National Military Park visitor center and museum are full. The Gettysburg community will be testing this year a "smart parking" program with electronic signs along Route 15 that direct visitors to satellite locations outside the park with shuttles to the visitor center.

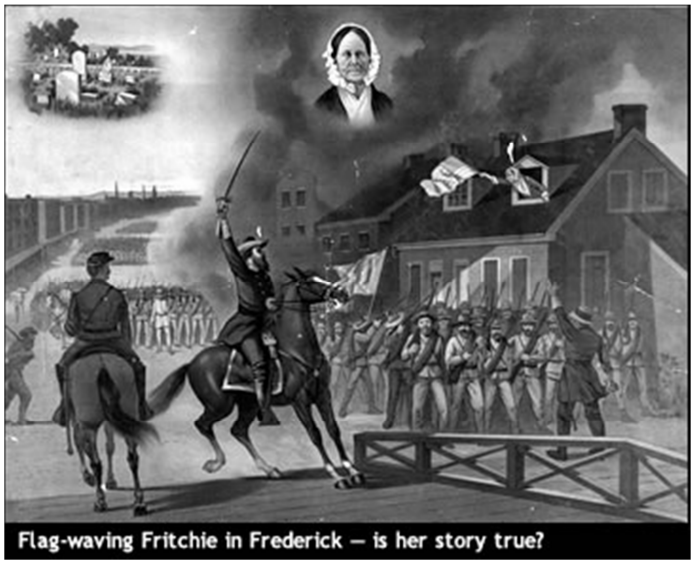
npsgnmp.wordpress.com/ 2012/ 01/26/ smart-parking-coming-to-gettysburg-this-summer

Lee's Retreat field guide now half price



Lee's Retreat: A History and Field Guide by Chris Calkins is now just $6 through the CivilWarTraveler.com bookstore. The guide, published in 2000, is a mile-by-mile tour following Robert E. Lee's soldiers from Petersburg to Appomattox in April 1865. Changes to the tour, including the opening of High Bridge and the Five Forks visitor center, are outlined in an insert included with the book. civilwartraveler.com/books

Exhibits


Flag-waving Fritchie in Frederick – is her story true?

- "The Barbara Fritchie Phenomenon" opens at the Museum of Frederick County History in Frederick (MD) June 1 and continues through 2012. www.hsfcinfo.org
- "Battle Colors of Arkansas," at the Old State House Museum in Little Rock AR continues through Feb. 1, 2013. www.oldstatehouse.com
- "Valley of the Shadow," art and artifacts opens June 16 at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown (MD). Continues through July 28. www.wcmfa.org/exhibits.cfm
- "Civil War in 3-D" opens June 22 at the South Carolina Relic Room in Columbia (SC). It continues through June 2, 2013. www.crr.sc.gov
- "Lincoln, The Constitution and the Civil War" June 15-July 30 at the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield (near Springfield MO). www.nps.gov/wicr
- "Collecting the Civil War" at the Manassas Museum (VA) June 29-Oct. 28. www.manassasmuseum.org

On the Web

- Civil War Widows Pension Digitization Project at the National Archives www.youtube.com/watch?v=rWV9ObQUDRc
- Liljenquist Family Civil War Civil War Photo Collection (Library of Congress) Click to view on YouTube

Books

New Jersey at Gettysburg Guidebook, maps and locations of monuments, njcivilwar.com

New Jersey Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee Announces it's Fourth Publication:

New Jersey at Gettysburg Guidebook

New Book on New Jersey's Gettysburg Experience

Written for the casual visitor or the serious student of the battle

New Jersey at Gettysburg Guidebook –
NJ Civil War 150 Committee

NEWS FROM THE CWT

Battlefield Coalition Unveils Findings of Year-Long "Wilderness Gateway Study"
COOPERATIVE EFFORT PROVIDES FRAMEWORK FOR BALANCING PRESERVATION, DEVELOPMENT AROUND NATIONAL PARKS

(Orange County, Va.) – After more than a year of public meetings and intense research, the Wilderness Battlefield Coalition today announced the findings of its study of the Wilderness Battlefield gateway region. The study, the result of a cooperative effort between local officials, landowners, and the preservation community, offers a mutually beneficial blueprint for balancing conservation with economic development. The study was unveiled at Germanna Community College during a series of meetings with local partners and members of the media.

"We began by lobbing volleys at each other," said county Board of Supervisors chairman Teel Goodwin. "Now that the smoke has cleared, it is time to find common ground to meld a future that we all can share. The study sheds light on these opportunities. Economic development and preservation can find a harmonious path if we work together for the best interest of Orange County."

In recent years, Orange County made headlines due to a controversial proposal to build a Walmart superstore on part of the historic Wilderness Battlefield on the eastern edge of the county. Members of the preservation and conservation community advocated that an alternate site further from the battlefield would protect the battlefield's historic resources and still meet the county's goals for economic growth. Ultimately, Walmart decided to pursue an alternative location three miles from the battlefield – a decision that was supported by the preservation community and unanimously approved by the board of supervisors.

Believing that advance planning and better communication would prevent future conflict, in March 2011 the Wilderness Battlefield Coalition began work on a study investigating opportunities for broadly beneficial land use strategies in the Wilderness Battlefield gateway region. With the study now completed, the member groups of the coalition — including Friends of the Wilderness Battlefield, the Civil War Trust, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Piedmont Environmental Council and National Parks Conservation Association — have officially endorsed its findings.

"This study was born out of our longstanding vision that Orange County's combination of scenic beauty, historic connections and strong sense of identity combine to make a one-of-a-kind community," said Friends of Wilderness Battlefield president Zann Nelson. "These unique attributes have informed our past and, if embraced, can continue to shape our future in profound ways."
The Wilderness Battlefield Gateway Study was underwritten through generous grants from the National Park Service, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and member groups of the Wilderness Battlefield Coalition. The group contracted with Hill Studio, a consulting firm with considerable experience in land-use and development, transportation, community design and other related areas, to begin the work. The project's goals were ambitious: determine how to establish the area around the intersections of Route 3 and Route 20 as a gateway to the region's cultural and natural resources; define appropriate development patterns that encourage development supportive of heritage tourism, and provide opportunities to grow businesses that can thrive with minimal impact to natural, cultural and scenic resources. The findings of the study are opinions and conclusions of the consulting team and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Department of the Interior, the coalition, or individual participating stakeholders

"This study unequivocally demonstrates that preservation and development need not be mutually exclusive," said project manager Glenn Stach, RLA. "Nor is there ever a single ideal solution for achieving this balance. Instead, we sought to provide a framework and array of options for the community to weigh as it develops a cohesive path forward."

Through a series of stakeholder meetings with residents, landowners, developers, county officials and other relevant parties, the team weighed many potentially competing interests, looking for common ground and shared vision. The goal was to provide a widely acceptable vision that would avoid situations whereby important land use decisions were contemplated in isolation, resulting in a patchwork of growth that neither meets the community's underlying economic development goals or address its one-of-a-kind assets. This process of building consensus was an important step in a community that had previously been bitterly divided on questions of appropriate development.

One area of particularly broad appeal within the study is its emphasis on finding opportunities for Orange County to strengthen its financial footing. According to the report's findings, currently the county experiences a retail and restaurant sales leakage — meaning the amount that residents are spending at business outside their immediate community — of $87.3 million. There is room for improvement in this category through the creation and expansion of business catering to residents and visitors alike.

To fill this retail need, the Gateway Study advocates pursuing conservation of significant lands, that protect sensitive cultural resources and create a framework of open-space and outdoor recreation. These patterns reserve land set back from Route 3, to accommodate appropriately-scaled development, keynoted by a mixed-use village that brings together visitor-focused retail and support services, second-floor residential, and local goods and services important to residents. These and other patterns represented in the study focus infrastructure and reinforce the address of east Orange County as it looks to the future, while protecting its history.
"The gateway study has taken steps to reflect the priorities of local stakeholders, and shows how a range of services and industries can co-exist to create a vibrant growth area that is compatible with its surroundings," said County supervisor Jim White. "It is encouraging to see the gateway study's vision for economic vitality and the study's analysis of alternative ways to enhance a destination for visitors and residents."

With careful planning related to siting, screening and other considerations, additional residential hamlets of single unit homes and major business campuses may also be appropriate, following the establishment of the village. All told, the report estimates that even the most aggressive forecast for development would only absorb less than 30 percent of currently undeveloped land in the gateway area, but would still address the varying desires of residents, landowners, historians and outdoor enthusiasts.

To demonstrate the many avenues and opportunities available to Orange County as it weighs strategies for continued growth, the study includes three scenario concepts illustrating various compositions of the development patterns and tools recommended in the report. But those involved in the process emphasize that the next step need not necessarily be the wholesale adoption of any single concept plan —

elements from each scenario may be combined to create a mutually beneficial consensus plan compromise. Using the findings of the Gateway Study, stakeholders will now embark on a second phase in the process, moving toward a single, comprehensive preferred alternative. The continuation of the planning process will center on a two-day work session, where experts will be on hand to help the diverse interests at the heart of the Gateway Study draft a detailed, consensus-based design blueprint for the project area. Once complete, this cooperative effort will evolve still, as the participants begin the work of transforming shared ideas into shared realities.

"The gateway study has created a dynamic new dialogue among the many stakeholders who have a vested interest in the decisions which will shape the future of the Route 3 Corridor," said local landowner Chip King. "I feel the options for growth, that were explored during the gateway study, offer a rare opportunity toward reaching a WIN-WIN solution that will benefit all the residents of Orange County."

The Battle of the Wilderness, fought May 5–6, 1864, was one of the most significant engagements of the American Civil War. Today, the battlefield is protected and administered by the National Park .comService. Orange County's rich heritage also includes sites significant to earlier Native American inhabitants and the one-time western outpost of European civilization in Virginia, a German settlement established by early British colonial leader Alexander Spotswood, as well as the 19th century gold mining industry.

The full text of the Wilderness Gateway Study, as well as additional supplementary materials and endorsements from the preservation community, is available online at www.wildernessgateway.org.

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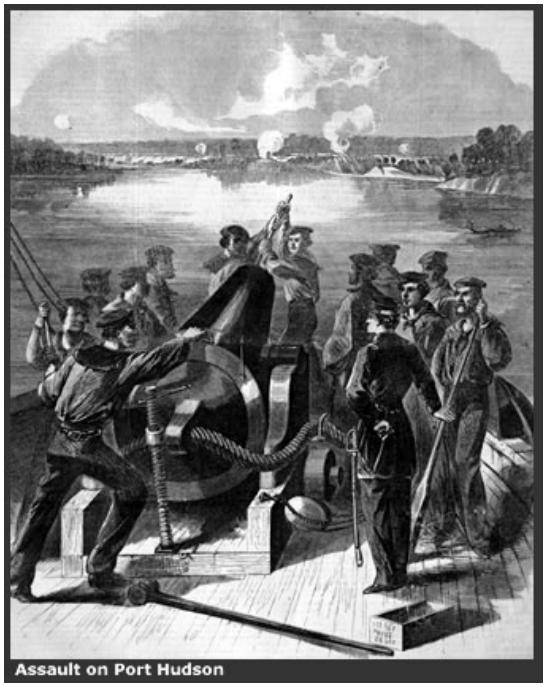
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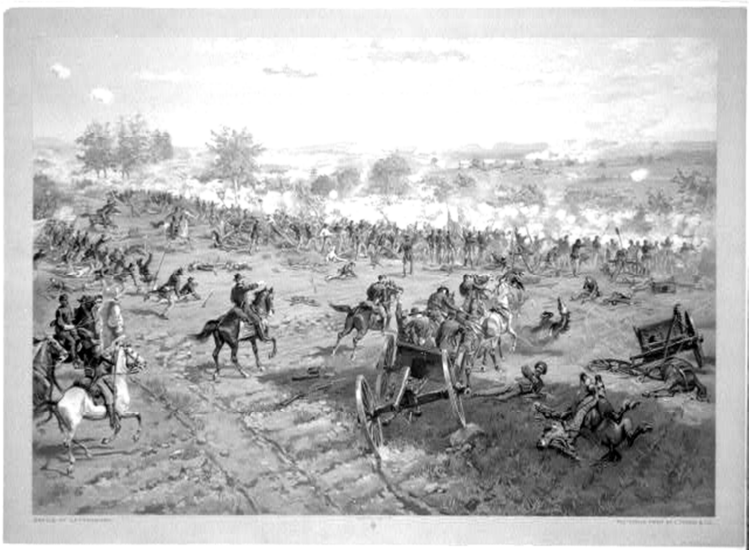
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